

# Ohio Quibbler

## November President Message/Head Mistress

The word Gratitude comes to mind for the month of November. Being grateful and showing kindness should be something we all strive for daily. This month try and remember what you are grateful for and smile it's contagious. I want to say Thank you to the individuals and auxiliaries who participated in the domestic violence awareness challenge. If you or your auxiliary did participate, please, make sure I get a copy of your picture and you will receive a special something from me at the Mid-winter conference. This year the Mid-winter conference will be held on January 11-14 , 2024. Information will be available on the VFW Department of Ohio Auxiliary Website ([www.vfwauxoh.org](http://www.vfwauxoh.org)) on November 8th.

I know that some of you have been told that it is all about the party or that you don't learn anything at conference or convention, but I ask you, what do you want to get out of coming and participating?

- ☐ Do you want a party? You are bound to find one.
- ☐ Do you want to know how we spend the money and why? Come to a council meeting. listen to the budget updates and how much we've spent to date.
- ☐ Are you looking for sisters and brothers throughout the state to SWAP auxiliary ideas and become life-long friends? We've got that Jan 11-14th in Columbus Ohio.
- ☐ Are you or your auxiliary struggling with the dashboard or Malta? Join us for a Q & A training session on how to navigate through the website.
- ☐ Do you have a new secretary that needs help with putting together great minutes, a good book, and the importance of delegates? Our Department Secretary will be there to give instruction with a Q & A
- ☐ Do you have a treasurer that could benefit from the new book- keeping program through Malta? Never fear training with our Department Treasurer Tracy and how she can help make your auxiliary treasurer happier.
- ☐ Do your trustees struggle with Audits? No worries a step- by-step guide on how to do an audit and not have it sent back by our department audit chairman Becky Greene.

If you haven't been to a conference, and you can, go. You won't regret it and I will look forward to seeing you. November is about our Veterans and saying THANK YOU. I challenge all of you to participate in your post or in your communities to honor and thank our Veterans.

# President's Message Con't

Our membership is moving a long and I couldn't be more excited to see all the new members and possible involvement in our auxiliary. Reach out to your new and continuous members asking for help. They may not want to hold an office, but they may have the time to crochet a blanket, bake a pie, or volunteer for an hour at a poppy drive. It's not always that new members don't want to get involved. It's just many of them have NO idea what the auxiliary does, and if they frequent your canteen and they hear other members making harsh remarks about the auxiliary or certain members and that may be one of the problems. Negativity breeds negativity, and we all know that this world does not need any more negativity. This world needs our magic right now. Every smile, good deed, or kind word has a ripple effect. Be that kind of magic for our Heroes and communities.

Thank you for everything that you do daily to make this organization better than we exist. Remember, together we rise because together we can do anything.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours and remember our heroes deployed.

Loyally Serving,  
Shannon Stanley  
Department President



# Membership & OFFICERS

All officers on all levels **MUST HAVE THEIR DUES PAID** no later than December 30th. If the dues are not paid, the member can no longer hold that office.

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU LOSE IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR VFW AUXILIARY DUES?**

- .Cancer Grants.
- .Unable to attend meetings.
- .Unable to sign in at the canteen.
- .If you are an Officer, you will be removed.
- .Individual Auxiliary incentives (cheaper hall rental, etc.

Have you paid your dues? If so, thank you! If not, please pay your dues! Consider purchasing a Life Membership so you don't have to worry about paying your dues each year. Contact your Auxiliary Treasurer or login to MALTA to pay your dues online today!



# Safety Tips for The Holidays

## 10 Ways to Stay Safe as You Deck the Halls this Holiday Season

The holiday season is here, and the American Red Cross wants everyone to stay safe from home fires as they decorate their homes for the upcoming festivities.

Decorations like trees, lights and candles increase the risk of home fires during the holidays—with Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day being the top three days for home candle fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The Red Cross wants people to stay safe from home fires—the nation's most frequent disaster—by testing their smoke alarms and practicing their home fire escape plan with free resources at [redcross.org/homefires](https://www.redcross.org/homefires). In addition, you can follow these 10 simple safety tips as you put up lights and ornaments:

- 1.all holiday light cords to make sure they aren't frayed or broken. Don't string too many strands of lights together—no more than three per extension cord.
- 2.are buying an artificial tree, look for the fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat.
- 3.getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and water it to keep it fresh. Bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.
- 4.using older decorations, check their labels. Some older tinsel is lead-based. If using angel hair, wear gloves to avoid irritation. Avoid breathing in artificial snow.
- 5.decorating outside, make sure decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.
- 6.using a ladder, be extra careful. Make sure to have good, stable placement and wear shoes that allow for good traction.
- 7.'t use electric lights on metallic trees.
- 8.'t forget to turn off all holiday lights when going to bed or leaving the house.
- 9.children, pets and decorations away from candles.
- 10.hanging stockings on the fireplace mantel, don't light the fireplace.



# Getting Your Car Ready for Winter

Lights Check your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and interior lights. Be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary.

Windshield Wipers You can quickly go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid in a single snowstorm. Make sure your vehicle's reservoir is full of high-quality "winter" fluid with de-icer before winter weather hits. Make sure defrosters and all windshield wipers work and replace any worn blades. Consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice.

Cooling System Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle, and that it meets the manufacturer's specifications. See your vehicle owner's manual for recommendations. Check the cooling system for leaks, test the coolant, and drain or replace the old coolant.

You may also want to visit your mechanic for a tune-up and ask them to check for leaks, badly worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements.

Stock Your Vehicle Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including:

- a snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper;
  - abrasive material (sand or kitty litter), in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
  - jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers);
  - blankets for protection from the cold; and
- a cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine.

Gas Up or Plug It In Keep your gas tank close to full whenever possible.

For electric and hybrid-electric vehicles, decrease the drain on the battery. In general, lithium ion batteries have reduced energy at lower temperatures. Additionally, most all vehicle batteries will use battery power for self-heating in low temperatures. The battery drain due to heating can be minimized by keeping your electric vehicle as warm as possible during freezing temperatures. common way to do this: plug your vehicle in at night during the winter, keeping the battery temperature in its optimal ranges.

Plan Your Route Check your local weather and traffic reports before heading out. If your roads are not in good shape, consider postponing non-essential travel until the roads are cleared. If you do have to go out, make sure you are prepared in case you become delayed while traveling. If making a long road trip when winter weather is forecasted, consider leaving early or changing your departure to avoid being on the roads during the worst of the storm.

Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go—even if you use a GPS—and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time. On longer trips, plan enough time to stop to stretch, get something to eat, check your phone, and change drivers or rest if you feel drowsy.

## Chad Hoke-District 3 Auxiliary President

Chad joined the VFW Auxiliary under Post 9936 in December of 2015 and became a life member in December of 2016. He received his eligibility under his Grandfather Joseph Luckoski who served in the United States Navy during WWII. Since he has joined, he has held the office of Auxiliary Secretary from 2016-2017, 2019-2023, Jr. Vice President from 2018-2019 and Sr. Vice resident from 2019-2023. On a District level Chad attended his first District meeting in 2018 and started out as a Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2019, then was elected as Jr. Vice President in 2020, Sr. Vice President in 2021, and President in 2022. This is Chad's 2<sup>nd</sup> year as District 3 President.

Chad has two female beagles that he and his Spouse Ryan rescued named Benson & Rollins whom he passionately calls his babies. Chad enjoys throwing darts in his spare time along with relaxing at home.



## Marie Popick-District 6 Auxiliary President

Marie is a life member of the Minerva Post 4120. She joined the Auxiliary under her father Thaddeus Feser, who served in the Navy during the Cuban Military Operation.

Marie has been the VFW Post 4120 Auxiliary President for the last 8 years; a position she currently holds he has held many chairmanships on post and district levels.

Marie has been a Software Quality Engineer for the last 20 years, working with various Information Technology Teams. This experience keeps her focused-on TeamWork for the VFW Auxiliary.





## **Legislative Program**

### **November 2023 Newsletter – Aunt Bettie Has a message for you all.**

Good Day to you ALL in the State of Ohio.

Congrats to District 5 for being the 1<sup>st</sup> District to be 100% reported in this program. Congrats to District 2 for being 2<sup>nd</sup> District to be 100%. Who will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> District to be 100%. Some are so close right now so let's get those reports reported either by inputting them on the website dashboard or filling out the report form and email it to me. If you choose to mail it, I accept those too. If you are watching how each House is doing right now Gryffindor is leading the pack in auxiliaries that have been reported. Ravenclaw next, with Hufflepuff coming right behind, Slytherin I know you will sneak by them all. A total of 153 auxiliaries were reported for the State of Ohio. We still need 65 auxiliaries to report to be 100% can we do it, yes, we can.

Early voting is going on right now until November 6, 2023. Are you a registered voter? If so, go VOTE before or on November 7, 2023. It's your right so go do it. Don't forget to ask a Veteran if they need a ride to the polls to vote, if so offer to take them and after words go get coffee. Remember the Vote in Honor of a Veteran Stickers is fillable on the website. Here's a way to get your youth involved by passing them out, filling them out with their veterans' names on them. That is a report too. Show me how you used the stickers this year.

Contacting your legislators on Veterans issues is in full force. Each district is doing awesome with contacting them by any means necessary. Continue letting them know what matters here in OHIO. Email, send letters, send post cards, make phone calls to them. Attend a Town Hall meeting, Meet N Greet, or anywhere the legislator is to make contact with them to talk about Veterans issues. Keep up the great job advocating for our Veterans and our Veterans Families. Don't forget to Report, Report, Report.



November 11 Veterans Day a day to Honor our Veterans. Thank you all for everything.



# CHAIN OF COMMAND

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Report to the District President with problems



## DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Assists *Auxiliary Presidents* in finding solutions to problems. If you are not sure of the answer or action to be taken, contact the *Department President*



## DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Will work along with the *Chief of Staff* to help find solutions to the problems the *District Presidents* have reported. Will contact the *National Office* with any problems or actions that cannot be taken care of on the Department level

PLEASE DO NOT deviate from  
this CHAIN OF COMMAND  
Following this will make it  
easier for ALL of us!

## Eligibility Requirements for VFW Auxiliary Membership:

Members must be at least 16 years old.

Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife
- Widower/Widow
- Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers
- Sons/Daughters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters
- Brothers/Sisters

Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

**Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant.**

Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting:

**National Archives and Records Administration**

Phone: 1-866-272-6272

Online:

**Veterans Service Records:**<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

**4-Step Veteran Request Process:**<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

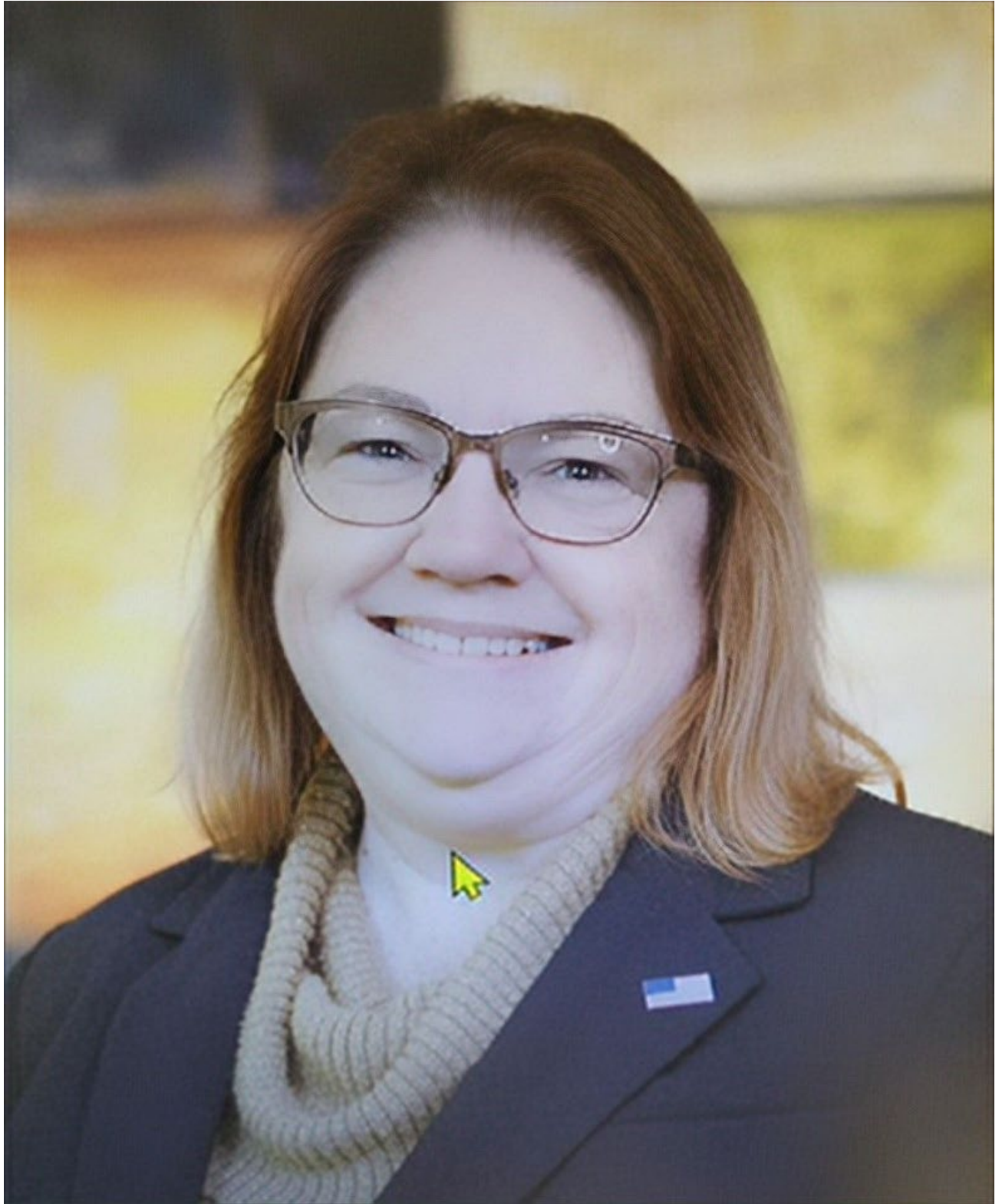
**Military Records Request Using Standard Form 180 (SF-**

**180):**<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

If you have membership questions or need more information, please contact us at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org).



Meet your Candidates for  
Department Guard 2024-2025



Becky Greene



Dear Auxiliary Members,

The members of Globetrotters Auxiliary 6428 and District 4 proudly announce our endorsed candidate, Becky Greene, for the office of Department Guard at the June 2024 Department Convention.

Sister Becky is a life member of Globetrotters Auxiliary 6428 in Addyston, Ohio. She joined the Auxiliary in 1995 under the eligibility of her ex-husband, a Persian Gulf War veteran.

Becky has held various Auxiliary offices including Treasurer (2005-2011, current) and President (2001-2002 and 2011-2013), receiving the Outstanding Auxiliary President award in 2002. Becky served as District President 2013-2014 and ended as Department Outstanding District President.

On Auxiliary and District levels she has held the following chairmanships: Americanism, Veterans and Family Support, Hospital, Cancer, Membership, Legislative, Buddy Poppy/National Home and Mentoring. Becky has served the Department as Patriotic Instructor/Americanism chairman, Cancer chairman, VFW-PAC chairman and currently serving her second term as Audit Chairman. She is honored to be serving this year as the National Assistant Conductor.

We believe in Becky and know she has the ability and knowledge to serve as Ohio's next Department Guard. Therefore, we respectfully ask for your support and vote for our endorsed candidate, Becky Greene, for the office of Department Guard at the June 2024 Department Convention in Sandusky, Ohio.

Sincerely,

Marcia Tenhundfeld  
President Aux. 6428

Shelby Duncan  
President District 4

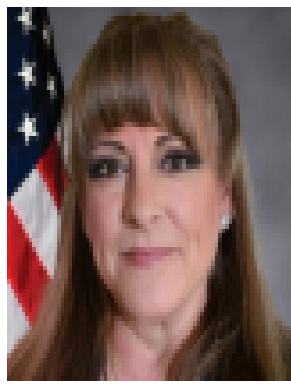
Sherry Long, Past D-4 President

Gale Baynes, Past D-4 President





Lisa Rashley



District 1 Auxiliary Sisters & Brother are proud and excited to introduce our candidate, Lisa Rashley, for the office of VFW Department of Ohio Auxiliary Guard.

Lisa is honored to receive her eligibility through her husband Paul Rashley, who served 27 years in the Army. She is also the proud stepmom to Matt Rashley, who is active Army, currently stationed in Alaska.

Lisa and her husband are Life Members at 2984 in Northwood, Ohio and she is currently on her 2nd term as District 1 President. Lisa also serves as the Webmaster for the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary and Ohio's VFW Charities.

Lisa joined the Auxiliary in October 2018 in Southern California. She was elected Auxiliary President and Department of California District 3 Junior Vice President for 2019-2020. Lisa made "All State President" her first year as Auxiliary President. The following year Lisa moved up to Department of California District 3 Sr. Vice President (2020-2021) before moving to Ohio. Lisa has held all program chairmanships at the auxiliary level and most at the district level.

In December 2020 Lisa and her husband moved back home to Ohio, after being on the west coast for over 30 years. Lisa was honored to be elected Department of Ohio District 1 Sr. Vice President for the 2021-2022 year, then moved up to District 1 President for the 2022-2023 term. At the 2022 June Convention, Lisa was honored by receiving Ohio's "Outstanding District President" award.

Lisa and her husband enjoy volunteering at the auxiliary level, and like to lead by example. Lisa has the support of her husband, family, her Auxiliary and her District Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers. There is no doubt that Lisa will serve as the Department of Ohio Guard with the same dedication and devotion she has shown at the Auxiliary & District levels.

We are proud to ask for your consideration of our candidate, for the office of Department Guard at the 2024 June Convention. Thank you.

  
Christine Taylor, Past Department President

  
Kathy O'Brien, Past District President

  
Past District President, Pat Jones

  
Past District President, Linda Tower

  
Donna Westrick, Past District President

  
Julie Pavez, 2984 Auxiliary President

Meet your Candidates for  
National Councilmember Area D 2024-2026



Teresa Singh

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Ohio Auxiliaries,

My name is Teresa (Terry) Singh, I am a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary 3809 since 1989. I am a candidate for National Council Member Area D at the June convention, 2024 being held in Sandusky, Ohio.

I joined the auxiliary under the eligibility of my father, a WWII Navy veteran. I am married to a retired Navy veteran Mark and I have 1 daughter, 2 sons and 4 grandsons. I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with an Associate Degree in Accounting. I have been employed with Kost USA for over 20 years as the Operation Support Specialist.

I have held various auxiliary offices including Treasurer and President of my Auxiliary. On the District level I received the Outstanding District President 2016-2017. When I was your Department President 2021-2022 I also received the Circle of Excellence for our Department for all the hard work you did. I have held several chairmanship on all 3 levels.

I believe with my knowledge of this organization I will serve well this Department as your next National Council Member Area D. I will be your voice to continue for us to serve our auxiliary and veterans for the better cause. I have the endorsement of my home auxiliary 3809 and District 4.

I would greatly appreciate and the honor of having your vote at the Department Convention in June, 2024 as your next National Council Member Area D.

Loyally

Teresa (Terry) Singh

*Gaby Winstead*

*Past Auxiliary President 3809*

*Jim Robinson President Post 3809*

*Patricia Friant Past Dist 4 President*

*Linda Osborne Dist 4 Treasurer*

*Mary Lou Past D4 President*

*Marilyn McGeorg Past D4 President*



# Nomination form for Outstanding Auxiliary Members for the Ohio Quibbler

\*Members being nominated have a chance to be spotlighted in the monthly Ohio Quibbler

Name of Auxiliary Member being nominated: Julie Force

Name of Member NOMINATING: Lisa Rashley

District 1 Auxiliary 7424 Date of event: Nov 2023

## Details of Outstanding Act/Event:

I have an auxiliary member that I would like to shine the spotlight on. Julie Force joined auxiliary 7424 Wauseon during the 22-23 term. This term, Julie has been voted in as Auxiliary 7424 Jr. Vice, a Trustee and holding a handful of chairmanships. In District, Julie was voted in as Conductor.

This Auxiliary Sister has taken on fundraising for her auxiliary and National Home, Volunteering for Auxiliary Outreach and teaching our Youth. Her current projects... Mentoring our Youth, Helping the kids make Christmas cards to be sent to our troops and veterans and participating in the #FandFChallenge with her grandchildren. (Flags & Flowers) Julie partnered up with the F & F team to assemble hundreds of the red carnations, purchasing the Flags and then placing those Flags & Flowers on hundreds of veteran's grave sites within her D1 area.

I cannot wait to see what Julie accomplishes while moving up the chairs within her Auxiliary and throughout District 1!

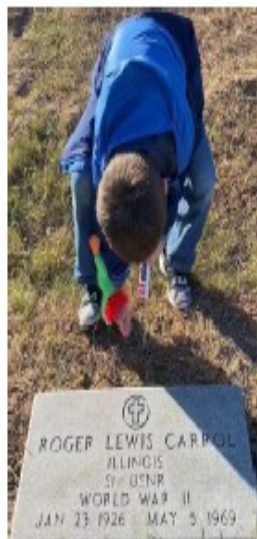


Photo attached: yes yes no no

Date submitted to Dept Historian: November 6, 2023

How Nomination was submitted: Email

# VFW DISTRICT 8

## STUFF SANTA'S SACK WITH TOYS



VETERANS HELPING AT CHRISTMAS. PLACE A BOX IN YOUR POST TO COLLECT TOYS! DISTRICT 8 IS ASKING YOU TO COLLECT TOYS FROM NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 1. PLEASE REMEMBER DONATIONS OF MONEY IS ALSO BEING ACCEPTED AND TOYS WILL BE BOUGHT. CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO VFW DISTRICT 8 (IN MEMO PUT TOY DRIVE). ALL TOYS WILL BE STAYING IN OUR DISTRICTS 4 COUNTIES. WE WILL HAVE PICK UP LOCATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING POSTS ON DECEMBER 2

SUMMIT COUNTY AT CUYAHOGA FALLS POST 1062 FROM 10:30-NOON. 1581 MAIN ST, CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44221

PORTAGE COUNTY AT MOGADORE POST 8487 FROM 12:30-2:00  
385 RANDOLPH RD, MOGADORE, OH 44260

TRUMBULL COUNTY AT NILES POST 2074 FROM 3:00-4:30  
140 HIGGINS AVE SE, NILES, OH 44446

MAHONING COUNTY AT AUSTINTOWN POST 4237 FROM 5:00-6:30  
4150 MAHONING AVE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44515

YOU CAN ALSO BRING THEM TO THE DISTRICT 8 MEETING ON DECEMBER 3RD AT THE NEWTON FALLS POST 3332.

MONEY DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO: LEIGH ANN ZIGLER,  
PO BOX 163, BROOKFIELD, OHIO 44403.



# VFW AUXILIARY

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## Calendars

District - Department - National

### District / Department Calendar

Oct 7 - Afghanistan War Began, 2001

Oct 12 - Columbus Day

Oct 13 - US Navy Established, 1775

Oct 14 - District 2 Fall Fundraiser, Delphos Post 3035 - \$40 Donation; Gun Raffle - \$10 & Games

Oct 23 - Grenada Campaign Began, 1983

Oct 24 - United Nations Day

Oct 27 - Navy Day **Fly The Flag**

**Nov 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Nov 7 - Election Day

Nov 10 - USMC Established, 1775

Nov 11 - Veterans Day **Fly The Flag**

WWI Armistice Signed, 1918

Nov 21 - Grenada Campaign Ended, 1918

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day **Fly The Flag**

Nov 25 - District 2 Christmas Party. Delphos Post 3035, Reservations: call the Post 419-692-8816 or Drew at 440-779-3984 ; \$10 person/\$15 couple; Meal - Drink ticket - Cash bar

Dec 3 - District 2 Meeting, St Marys Post 9289 , 10 AM

### Department Calendar

[VFW Department of Ohio \(vfwoh.org\)](https://vfw.org/podcast)

### National Calendar

<https://vfw.org/podcast>

Oct & Nov - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

VFW Podcast, 10 AM

### Future National Conventions

Louisville, KY - July 27 - Aug. 1, 2024

Columbus, OH - Aug. 9-14, 2025

Salt Lake City, UT - Aug. 15-20, 2026

Milwaukee, WI - July 31 - Aug. 5, 2027

San Antonio, TX- Aug. 5-10, 2028



### District Auxiliary Officers • 2023– 2024

President: Kristina Smith

Senior Vice President:  
Robin Hagaman

Junior Vice President: Judy Voelker

Chaplain: Robert Boroff/Smith

Guard: Raelen Hoblet

Secretary: Roberts Zizelman

Treasurer: Darlene Beck

Conductress: Judy Voelker

Color Bearer 1: Jackie Johnson

Color Bearer 2: Mary Ann Mahlie

Color Bearer 3: Melissa Fischer

Color Bearer 4: Susan Siefker

Chief of Staff: Kathy Correll

Trustees

1 Year: Earlene Miller

2 Year : Nancy Clark

3 Year : Cathy Hughes

## DISTRICT 2 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kristina Smith

### Greetings Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters!

I want to start by thanking all of you for your support for my family and myself during the past month, it was not an easy month. Also a huge shout out to Robin and Judy for helping me out so much with official visits and more.

We are getting closer to official visits being completed. With that coming to an end, it brings closer the deadline to complete your I-990. We have heard of a few issues that are arising on the IRS website, if you are running into issues that you cannot figure out please reach out to one of us.

There is less than 2 weeks to go until the District Fall Fundraiser! Are you ready to have a great time, win some amazing prizes and raise money for 4 great causes? If you do not have your ticket to the event yet get with Robin, Judy, Missy or myself. \$40 donation or table of 8 for a \$300 donation. There are also gun

raffle tickets available for a \$10 donation. All Auxiliaries recieved gun raffle tickets to sell, please reach out to one of us to pick up sold and unsold tickets. Everyone was also given a small poster to hang on the canteen and around your town, please make sure they are up.

Department is having the second zoom training session on October 7. I will put a decree up on the District Facebook Page with week with the link.

Please don't forget that the Hospital Chairman are collecting winter items for the VA. And District is collecting for the Veterans Food Pantry in Lima. Let's make sure that we do all we can to make sure as many Veterans have a good Holiday Season as possible!

I hope that everyone has a safe and fun Halloween!

Mischief Managed,

*Kristina A. Smith*

REPORT FROM CANDY WARD, D2 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

District 2 VFW Auxiliary Membership Report 10/3/2023

WOW #3035 Delphos is now 100.37% With 15 new life members.

NOW is the time to convert to a life membership or join life, dues will only be raising in the coming year.

Membership  
MATTERS

Which Auxiliary will join them being 100% before November?

District 2 is still leading the State of Ohio Auxiliary at 88.22%

District 2 needs 556 more new members or existing to pay their dues to be 100%

I am still working on Members at Large for Ohio to see if District 2 can transfer any of them to 1 of our Auxiliaries in District 2, have only to check out members in the Sidney area now.

If I or any of the Line Officers can help you PLEASE reach out to us, we are in this together!

Candy

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Con	Annual New	Annual Re	Annual Co	Current To	Deceased	Prior Total	Current Percent
1080-Bellefontaine	0	0	74	0	1	39	114	0	174	65.52%
1182-Forest	0	0	46	1	0	23	70	0	90	77.78%
1275-Lima	0	0	307	1	1	12	321	3	368	87.23%
3035-Delphos	15	0	509	0	0	13	537	1	535	100.37%
3740-Ottoville	1	0	352	0	0	0	353	2	366	96.45%
5135-Coldwater	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	1	51	49.02%
5713-Celina	4	0	661	1	0	1	667	4	678	98.38%
5803-Van Wert	1	0	173	3	2	12	191	2	208	91.83%
6515-Pt Recovery	6	0	217	6	0	27	256	0	373	68.63%
6772-Spencerville	0	0	290	5	0	22	317	0	362	87.57%
8445-Wapakoneta	2	0	403	6	0	0	411	4	422	97.39%
9142-Ottawa	1	0	214	1	0	2	218	1	247	88.26%
9289-St Mary's	2	0	361	0	0	0	363	1	409	88.75%
9381-Ada	1	0	106	0	0	0	107	0	127	84.25%
9547-Leipsic	2	0	49	0	0	0	51	0	122	41.80%
9648-Columbus Grove	2	0	160	0	0	0	162	2	187	86.63%
Total - OH	37	0	3947	24	4	151	4163	21	4719	88.22%
Grand Total	37	0	3947	24	4	151	4163	21	4719	88.22%
									556	

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Conti	Annual New	Annual Re	Annual Co	Current To	Deceased	Prior Total	Current Percent
Total - DOH01	25	2	2198	45	7	406	2683	18	8294	82.96%
Total - DOH02	37	0	3947	24	4	151	4163	21	4719	88.22%
Total - DOH03	23	1	3687	58	11	307	4087	16	5304	77.06%
Total - DOH04	14	0	1594	23	0	212	1843	13	2301	80.10%
Total - DOH05	8	2	1549	60	3	524	2146	29	8116	68.87%
Total - DOH06	8	1	1312	25	3	74	1423	8	2255	63.10%
Total - DOH07	23	2	2879	54	3	275	3236	14	4045	80.00%
Total - DOH08	14	1	1318	26	2	181	1542	6	2252	68.47%
Total - DOH09	37	2	3822	85	7	434	4427	14	5270	84.00%
Total - DOH10	10	0	1894	31	6	48	1989	15	2838	70.08%
Total - DOH11	17	0	2441	84	3	123	2668	9	3632	73.46%
Total - DOH12	3	0	1123	31	7	76	1240	8	1922	64.52%
Total - OH	239	11	29513	546	56	2843	33208	218	42754	77.67%
Grand Total	239	11	29513	546	56	2843	33208	218	42754	77.67%



# District 2 VFW Auxiliary

## President

*Kristina Smith's*

## 2023-2024 Project



## COMBATING SUICIDE



### *The Smile Lines Project Summary*

"My Smile Lines Project is a traveling fine art exhibition of 52 portraits documenting the resilience of US Armed Service Members. Most creative endeavors have motivation as their muse, whether it is the influence of a beautiful model or a personal challenge. My motivation is my love of life, my desire to paint and the fact that 22 Veterans a day are killing themselves. A portrait to me is an approachable, timeless introduction to a unique personality. Because everyone is different, there will be 52 individual smiles.

Each 16" x 20" oil painting will be accompanied by a statement from interviews giving additional insight into each volunteer's life skills and experience. The Smile Lines Project is created to celebrate resilience. Through sharing their lines of wisdom, 52 service members representing the 50 states, Puerto Rico and D.C. will

offer insight into their smile lines.

Through paint and words I will exhibit a conversation about the skill sets inherent in overcoming life's challenges. The project is anonymous allowing these veterans to speak freely and deeply about his or her life. No one's service can be weighted against another's. At the end of the tour of the country each painting will be returned to the model with my gratitude.

My project includes the creating of each oil portrait, the framing, insurance, exhibiting, logistics and promotion of the exhibition throughout the country.

By funding the Smile Lines Project you are investing in the creation of an exhibition of Wisdom, Courage and Strength.

Thank You!

Suzanne Gallagher, S. Betz Gallagher, [The Roseae Room](#)  
Olde Towne East, Columbus, Ohio 43215



**COMBATING SUICIDE**

### The SMILE LINES PROJECT

combats suicide of veterans  
through a living art exhibit  
celebrating resiliency.

## DEVELOPMENT PHASE

The Smile Lines Project content is being created, i.e. 40 of the 52 paintings are complete. The paintings are framed and the statements of Resiliency that accompany each is well documented. Public viewings are underway and being courted even as the project is in progress. These interactions are cementing the appeal and appropriate venues where the show can appear going forward. Resources are sought to support the completion of the paintings from assisting with travel expenses to paint out of town volunteers along with the painter's dedicated time and materials. The topic of making archival prints to host the project at multiple viewing sites is also being investigated and would potentially require additional support.

*"Remember to ask for help... it is a sign of strength."*

*- Karing R., US Navy*

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VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE**

**BE A FRIEND - SAVE A LIFE**

**VA**

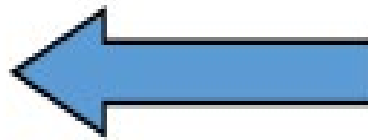


# Suicide Prevention

 **Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

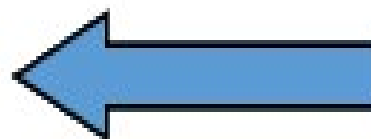


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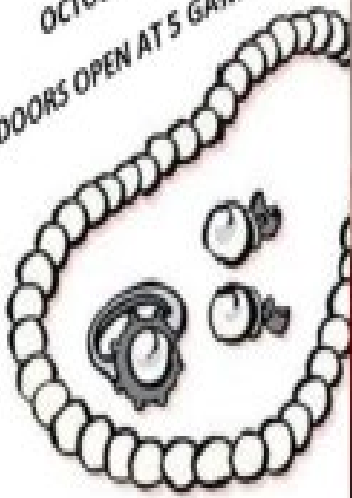
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DISTRICT 2  
FALL FUNDRAISER  
DELPHOS VFW



OCTOBER 14, 2023  
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567-242-8371



WILL THOMPSON  
614-595-1448

# ALLEN COUNTY AREA

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

330 N. Elizabeth St., Lima, OH 45801

6:30PM



# COMING SOON

## RESTORING HOPE

MEETING WILL BE THE  
2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH AT  
6:30 PM

330 N. ELIZABETH ST.  
LIMA, OH 45801

POINTS OF CONTACT

KRISTINA SMITH  
419-778-9319  
BUTCH BREWER  
567-242-8371



HOLD ON. PAIN ENDS.

# SPOUSES HELPING SPOUSES

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

4-7 PM

PIZZA BAKED SPAGETTI, BREADSTICK,  
MINI SALAD BAR & DESERT

\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS UNDER 10

DINNER OPEN TO PUBLIC  
CARRYOUT AVAILABLE

VFW POST 1275

124 E. ELM STREET

LIMA, OHIO



## LIMA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS FOR 2023



Remember, over 350 Veterans a month go without that little bit extra that some of us take for granted. Let's brighten their daily lives. Please bring your non-perishable foods or personal care items to our ***District Meeting***. Ask your Auxiliary or VFW Post for a donation.

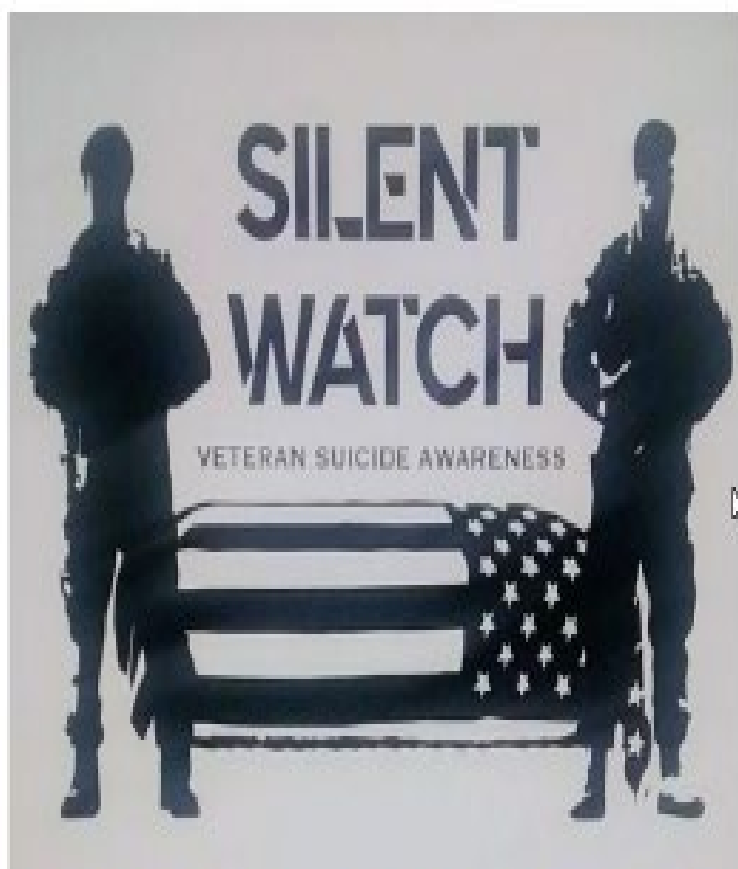
Toilet Paper  
Kleenex  
Shaving Cream  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Soap

Paper Towels  
Full Size Body Wash or Shampoos  
Disposable Razors  
All Purpose Cleaners  
Food Items  
Monetary Donations

### DISTRICT 2 FACEBOOK PAGE ([District 2 - VFW Department of Ohio | Facebook](#))

Keep checking the D2 Facebook page! There are extraordinary posts on our social media page, far too many to place in the **V1D2** monthly newsletter; and the content is timely! There is new content nearly every day. At your next meeting, pass out slips of paper with the page's address on them. We currently have only about 10% of District 2 members checking out this resource.





**Thank you to all the Counties and Posts that observed the Silent Watch!**



**Shelby County Veterans Services - Court House Square  
Sidney, Ohio**



***The Women Veterans Call Center*** is your resource for information about a variety of services and benefits that you have earned and deserve through your military service. The Women Veterans Call Center can be your first call to find out how VA can help you. No question is too big or too small, and every question is important. Examples of questions the Women Veterans Call Center can help with are:

- How to reconnect with VA health care if you applied a long time ago but never used your benefits
- How to connect with your local women's health contact including your local Maternity Care Coordinator or Women Veterans Program Manager who will assist in coordinating all the services you need
- How to find out what you are eligible for (including general questions about disability ratings) and other VA benefits like employment, education, and home loans
- How to refill your prescription or make an appointment

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**855-829-6636**

***MEMBERSHIP***

has been and must be our  
**Number One** priority.



**WE'RE LOSING  
OUR ROOTS.**

**PLEASE,  
RENEW YOUR  
VFW / AUXILIARY  
MEMBERSHIP  
TODAY.**

**\*\*\* DISTRICT 5 EVENTS \*\*\***

BELLAIRE VFW POST #626 Will be holding a Euchre Tournament on Saturday November 4th. Sign ups are from 5p - 6p the Tournament starts at 6:30p. It will be \$25 to enter which includes food. Covered dishes are appreciated and Non players can eat for \$5. Open to members & guests

MARIETTA VFW POST #5108 Are having a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Randy Myers Saturday November 4th from 5p - 7p \$10 per person. Proceeds will go to Randy for his medical bills & expenses.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE VFW POST #5356 Is inviting all World War 2 Veterans to attend their Veterans Day Dinner on Saturday November 11th from 2p - 4p. For info call Joe 740-238-1253 or Bobbie Jo 614-315-4967

ZANESVILLE VFW POST #1058 Is looking for World War 2 Veterans to ride on their float in the Veterans Day parade on Sat. November 11th. Parade starts at 11a

MARIETTA VFW POST # 5108 There will be a Veterans Day Parade in Marietta on Saturday November 11th at 10am. Ceremony at 11am and a Free meal will be provided at the Ronnie Davis Memorial VFW Post #5108 following.



Get Out and VOTE!

VFW Post 5356

Honoring our Veterans every day.



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**Joe Petro**  
A UNITED STATES VETERAN  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary vfwauxiliary.org

I VOTE IN HONOR OF

**Bill Jones**  
A UNITED STATES VETERAN  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary vfwauxiliary.org

I VOTE IN HONOR OF

**Spooky Weber**  
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**Bob Infante**  
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We thank you all for what you have done for all of us.

I VOTE IN HONOR OF  
UNITED STATES VETERANS

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# The Owl

Who's watching.

## News from District 9

September, 16 Department President Shannon Stanley, and Auxiliary brothers & sisters from District 9 attended POW/MIA Remembrance Dinner at Norwalk Post 2743. We also had the Post 2743 Poppy Girl Ireland Pelham. It was a wonderful evening.

## September 23 Founders Day

We had 6 auxiliaries represented 2742, 2947, 3341, 2529, 1662, 9871 Great job.

## September 24.

Auxiliary 1238 from Bellevue visited Dom Plus at OVH and delivered some treats and cards to welcome fall. They stayed 2 hours and learned about the veterans.

## October 5,

There were three members from the district that clean the greenhouses at OVH. Kay Collins, Ernie Isaac and Rose Isaac. They cleaned until the 6<sup>th</sup>.October

## October 7<sup>th</sup>

## District 9 annual Fall Fest

Every auxiliary dress in their team colors. We played bingo. Had lots of game food. Chinese auction and baskets. We had 9 Auxiliaries attended along with Sr.Vice Commander Orville Platta, Past district Commander Terry Stanforth called Bingo while Jr. Vice Commander Chris Loman checked cards.

Hopefully everyone had fun. We also had a great treat from Big D#9 Becky Green ,who came all the way from Cincinnati area to spend time with us. Thank You Becky,

## October 13<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary 2858 Candie Cunningham Does 2 Legacy interviews One is Oral Kirby and the other is Linda Kimmet. If you have time visit Seneca County VFW Auxiliary Post 2858 Tiffin,Ohio and view them. There are photos from old scrapbooks <https://fb.watch/nFM2VuaAGD/> and <https://fb.watch/nFMNp4z9mc/>



Auxiliary 1238 in Bellevue had a craft show October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Auxiliary 2529 in Sandusky had a craft show October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Now for future things going on mark your calendar

November 4<sup>th</sup>

Norwalk Post 2743 is having a craft show. 10:00am- 3:00pm

Elyria Post 1079 is having a craft show 10:00am-3:00pm

November 17<sup>th</sup>

Tiffin Post 2858 is having a feather party 5:00pm-?

If you want to see your Post here send your information to me [KimPriceaux@q.mail](mailto:KimPriceaux@q.mail) or

[kpspd14@hotmail.com](mailto:kpspd14@hotmail.com)

# *Join us for a Benefit in Memory of Karen Austin*



Where:  
VFW Post 2743  
140 Milan Ave, Norwalk



When:  
Saturday, December 9th  
2:00 - 7:00 pm



What:

Taco bar, Bingo, raffle baskets,  
and much more



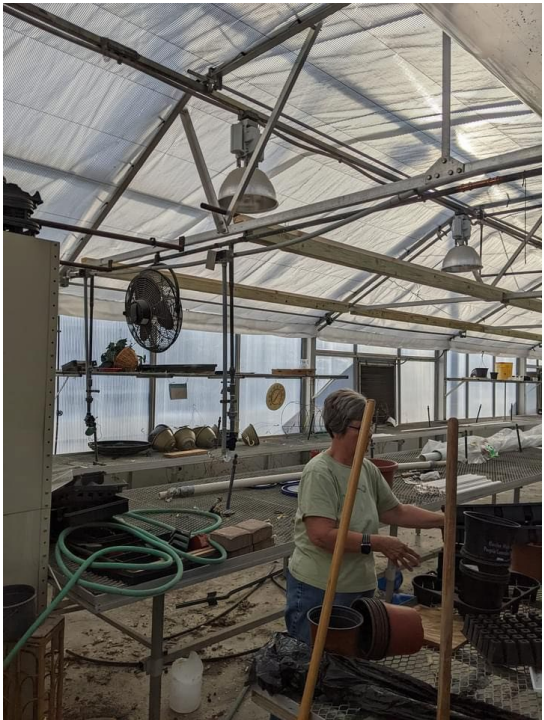
Donation of \$20 at the door for  
taco bar and bingo games

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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## Athens Area Stand Down 2023

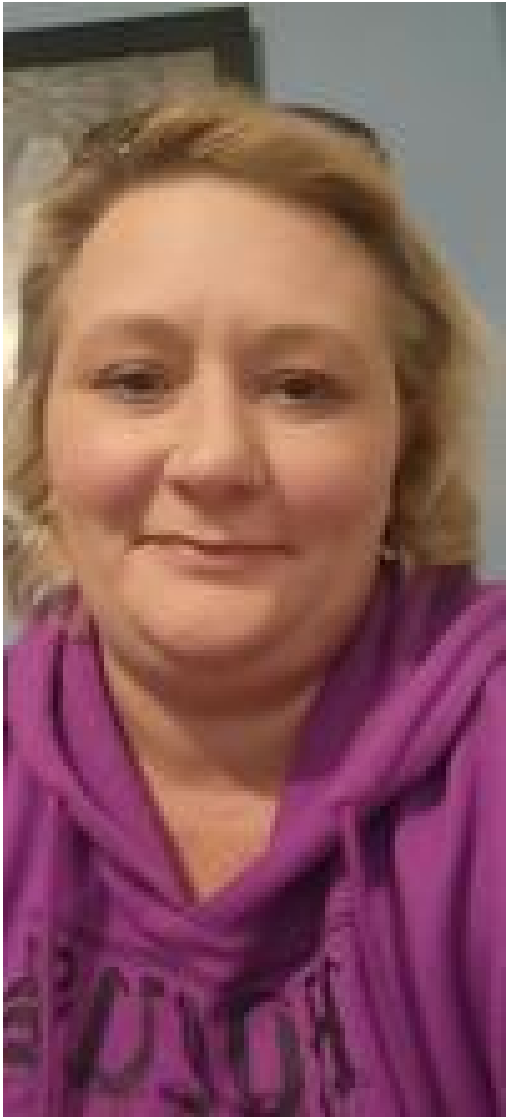


## Athens Area Stand Down 2023





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Down 2023





## Historian & Media Relations Promotion #2 October 2023

Diana Morris

2023 - 2024 National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador

[benthere@netzero.net](mailto:benthere@netzero.net)

Today's events are tomorrow's history because every picture tells a story. Make this Program Year the time to refresh your storytelling skills. Our job as the Historian is to capture the Auxiliary year and share it with all our members and our communities through photos and videos. According to Article VIII, Section 822 (722) of the *Podium Edition's Bylaws and Ritual*, "The Historian shall collect all authentic material pertaining to the history of their Auxiliary, carefully compile the same, and submit a report at the end of the year."

Let's begin to learn the art of communication through photos. Our Auxiliaries are well-worth preserving. If we band together to preserve our history while sharing it with new members, our organization will never become irrelevant. The work of your Auxiliaries is important! How does your Department preserve your Department history? Is this task left up to just one person within your Auxiliary or your Department? Where is the best place to maintain those paper and printed pictures for long term preservation? Have you considered looking at electronic record options that can also preserve our history for a long time? This is possibly a discussion to have within your Department. Photographs can open the door to the past as well as our future. The past will take your members back in time, but into the future due to the advancement in technology that changes for the better every day.

Share those stories/interviews of our longtime (Legacy) members. They can bring back the days of old. Consider utilizing your Auxiliary social media. Use it to promote the Auxiliary Programs. Use a newsletter to keep members informed. Get an article published in your local newspaper. Believe it or not, this does grab a non-member's attention toward what your Auxiliary is doing in your community. After your Auxiliary completes a Program project, take a moment to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What led you to reach out in this project? It is through stories that we stay connected. If you share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our organization's capacity for preserving our Auxiliary memories.

Are you beginning to reclaim your Auxiliary history and heritage? Have you begun doing those video interviews? Many have shared how excited their Auxiliary members are about these interview videos. I am certainly happily amazed at the interest and excitement. However, I must also request that you get a photo release signed by the Auxiliary member whom you will be interviewing.

Remember to document every video interview from your Auxiliaries. The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman should keep a total combined list of every Auxiliary in your

Department that completed a video interview and completed an entry form, which are available in MALTA Member Resources. The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman will email their list to National Headquarters, [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org), by April 30, 2024. National will issue a citation to the Auxiliary for their participation directly.

Since the video interview is a new concept this Program Year, many additional questions have been asked.

### **WHO SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED?:**

Any longtime member in your Auxiliary that has been extremely beneficial as a mentor and/or has a long history of aiding our veterans and their families. Ask them about the experiences. Be sure to ask them what being a member of the VFW Auxiliary family means to them. Be creative, use your imagination. Do a trial run, check the audio and the lighting. Be careful of unflattering shadows. Check the settings on your equipment, make sure it is set up properly before you begin. Be clear when you are speaking; don't talk too fast. Give your member time to answer fully and without interruption; make sure to engage with your member by keeping eye contact, smile and stay interested. This is their story! You are the film director!

### **HOW DO I RECORD AND SUBMIT THE VIDEO?:**

You have several ways to record and submit your videos. The easiest way is to do the videos with your phone or tablet. Using your phone doesn't take a lot of experience. Phones are now designed to serve as multiple devices; just be familiar with your equipment. The audio on many smart phones has also become more advanced. You can also consider posting your videos on your Auxiliary social media pages (Facebook, etc). This would allow other members of your Department to see them, enjoy them and learn from them. Also, the use of your Department social media page not only publishes what you do, but gives even a small Auxiliary within your Department a significant voice. They sometimes feel "overlooked."

You should put the interviews on a thumb drive to share with me, but when sending these thumb drives to me, don't forget to also complete and send the National Historian Award #1 Form. There are many different thumb drives available to purchase, including some that you can plug right into your phone.

Don't forget that the Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman is to capture photos of our National President during her Official Visit. Then, send a PowerPoint presentation to me with a minimum of five photos, and no more than, of her visit to your Department. Please be certain these photos are clear and tell a story. Submit it on a thumb drive to me by April 30, 2024. The PowerPoint from each Department will be combined into a single presentation and shown at the National Convention. A copy of the single presentation will be presented to National President Carla to keep.

I would also like to encourage your Auxiliaries to bring out those old Historian photo albums at one of your Auxiliary meetings. All the reminiscing will surprise you. There will be more laughs

from your younger members and many starry eyes from your older members.

A final thought as this year moves forward...**Take those photos; Do those interviews.** Let's continue preserving our heritage and history, one camera SAVE button at a time. Until later, Happy fall, y'all!



## Janet S White

Janet S. White, 85, of Malta, passed away on Mon, Oct. 30, 2023 at her residence. She was born on Oct. 11, 1938 in Malta, Ohio to the late Edgar and Lola Williams Matheney. She worked as a secretary and was the assistant Commissioner for the Morgan County Common Pleas Court. She was a member of the Malta United Methodist Church, the VFW 4713 Auxiliary where she was the past president and served on several national committees, the American Legion Post 24 Auxiliary, OES Valley Chapter and was the past president of the Morgan Athletic Boosters.

She is survived by 2 sons, Dale White of Delmar, Maryland and Jerry (Melanie) White Jr. of Salisbury Maryland, 2 daughters, Debra (Mike) Sebach of Salisbury, Maryland and Rita Harris of Malta, 2 sisters, Lois Davis of Flagstaff, Arizona and Joan Thomas of New Lexington, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Gerald "Jerry" White, a brother, Wayne Matheney and a sister, Leatha Ortega.

Services will be held on Tues, Nov. 7, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Matheney Funeral Home in McConnelsville with burial following in the Malta Cemetery. Friends may call on the family on Mon, Nov. 6 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the White Sebach Family Scholarship benefiting high school students at 1324 Belmont Ave. Suite 401 Salisbury, MD 21804 or to the Shriver's Hospice Foundation

To send a note of condolence to the family go to [www.matheneyfh.com](http://www.matheneyfh.com).





## Americanism 2023 – 2024

Bulletin #2

### Congratulations to the following Districts and Auxiliary

District 5 is the only district at 100% & has over \$29,980.00 dollars reported.



District 9 has over 26,980 hours reported.



District 8 has sent in 220 reports so far, the only district to hit 3 digits in reports.



Auxiliary 8586 District 10 for a special point of emphasis on the Prisoner Of War /

Missing In Action (POW/MIA) program at a school function.



We have 2 major patriotic dates coming up this month and next month. ***Please, if everyone would just walk up to a veteran and thank them for their service, something our veterans should hear more often.*** Then report it, and we can hit 100% before December if you do this on Veterans Day.

### **Auxiliary Traditions.**

#### **Entering a Meeting**

- At a local Auxiliary meeting, you will enter the meeting room and once the doors are closed, all members must show a current dues card.
- At Department and National meetings, your card will be asked for at the door.

## **Showing Proper Respect to the Flag**

- During our Ritualistic meeting, the President will say "Salute" when the flags enter and leave the room, as well as when we say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem. Salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart.
- During Auxiliary meetings, the heart salute shall be used at all times where the salute is used.
- A member who is also a veteran may use the military salute.
- When the Flag is displayed AND the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the Flag and salute.
- When the Flag is NOT displayed and the national anthem is played and/or sung, all present should face the music and salute.
- Members should stand when the flags are moving.

## **Patriotic dates before the next bulletin.**

### **Marine Corps Birthday – 10<sup>th</sup> November 1775**

### **Veterans Day - November 11**

Veterans Day is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans.

Originally called Armistice Day in 1926 through a congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later.

Congress decided to make the day an occasion to honor **all those** who have served America. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

### **Pearl Harbor Day - December 7**

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Japanese bombers staged a surprise attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii. In a devastating defeat, the United States suffered 2,403 casualties and destruction or damage to nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight battleships and more than 300 airplanes. Japanese losses were less than 100 personnel, 29 planes, and five midget submarines.

The day after the attack, before a joint session of Congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan. President Roosevelt's message conveyed the national outrage over the Pearl Harbor attack by pronouncing December 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy."



FDR was furious at Japan's confidence in their "inevitable triumph" of the United States. On December 8, 1941, the United States declared war against Japan; on December 11, Germany and Italy declared war against the United States.

Today, the USS Arizona Memorial on the island of Oahu honors the lives lost on the day of the attack. Visitors to the memorial reach it via boats from the naval base at Pearl Harbor.

### **US National Guard Birthday – 13<sup>th</sup> December 1636**

### **Space Force Birthday – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Your District Americanism chairs are listed below, if you have any questions, feel free to call them or me.

***District 1: - Jeanne Laney***

***District 2: - Kathy Correll***

***District 3: - Donna McDuffy***

***District 4: - Shelby Duncan***

***District 5: - Dan Weber***

***District 6: - Sara Russo***

***District 7: - Susan Poole***

***District 8: - Beth Clark***

***District 9: - Darla Lowe***

***District 10: - Jackie Garra-brant***

***District 11: - Sandra Carpenter***

***District 12: - Jane Hopfinger***

Thanks,

Dave Sargent

VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio Americanism & Patriotic Instructor Chairperson

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"Buddy" Poppy & National Home 2023 2024

Bulletin Pack #2

**CONGRATULATION TEAM O H I O WE HAVE 122 AUXILIARIES 100% REPORTED IN BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME AS OF 11-8-2023 WE ARE HALF WAY THERE OF BEING 100% REPORTED FOR O H I O!!!**

Remember is you filled out your obligation report and paid your Health and Happiness, made a donation to any of the National Home funds and donated or bought poppies you are reported. The only thing you need to do is get on the web page and report it or email or mail me a copy plus give Department a copy. It's that easy.

We still have 31 Auxiliaries that only need one more report, 34 that need 2 more reports and 32 that still need 3 reports.

District #1 needs poppy report from 606, 2489, 5654, and 9963. 8218 needs National Home and poppy report.

District #2 needs 6772 National Home report and 9381 Health and Happiness report.

District#3 needs reports from 1031, 3438, 3660, 4615, 4874, 5018, 5436, 8066, 8312, 8437, 9684.

District #4 needs reports from 4369, 6562, 7496, 7596, 8287, 9094, 9622.

**District #5 100% reported GREAT JOB!!!**

District #6 needs reports from 66, 1445, 3124, 3747, 4111, 5047, 5532, 5647, 7079, 7490, 9795, 9904.

District #7 needs reports from 943, 1056, 1082, 1089, 1863, 2133, 3345, 3863, 4358, 5137, 5563, 6519, 6846, 7647, 7754, 7939, 8548.

District #8 needs reports from 3307, 4237, 9571, 9716.

District #9 needs reports from 3341, 3343, 6067, 6273, 6941, 7572, 8686, 9340.

District #10 needs reports from 1078, 2842, 3313, 4027, 5101, 7201.

District #11 needs reports from 870, 1380, 1516, 2505, 3297, 3320, 3426, 3762, 3764, 4719, 4931, 7005, 7941, 8736, 8794, 9473.

District #12 needs reports from 108, 3467, 4464, 4736, 5299, 8850, 9092, 9866, 9893.

The Facebook page that has the Chairmen's reports is [VFW Dept. Ohio Auxiliary Chairmen Resources](#).

I post once a week with updates on each Auxiliaries reporting to me on the Facebook page above plus your District President gets a copy and your District Chairperson. So, if you have any question, please feel free to reach out to. I am human and make mistakes. If I missed an auxiliary contact me and I would be glad to correct it.

Please find attached to this bulletin information about a Centennial Garden the National Home is creating for the 2025 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. You can purchase a brick for only \$500 and be a part of this once in a life time opportunity to secure your place in history. More information on flyer. Also attached is an update from the National Home of the Ohio house budget and information.

You will find information about the Buddy Poppy contest at Mid-winter. [Please look it over closely because the Category have change from National.](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your District "Buddy" Poppy & National Home Chairperson or myself:

District One: Krissy Mozena

District Two: Robin Hagaman

District Three: J.B. Kyne

District Four: Marcia Tenhundfeld

District Five: Caroline Gottke

District Six: Kathy Chambers

District Seven: Mary Lynn Church

District Eight: Cindy Clemons

District Nine: Paula Platte

District Ten: Kathleen Mosier

District Eleven: Alicia Lemaster

District Twelve: Michelle Bloss

Let's make "Buddy" Poppy & National Home to be the first to hit 100% in O H I O. Keep those reports coming TEAM O H I O!!!

God Bless Our Veterans!

Darla Lowe

VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio "Buddy" Poppy & National Home Chairperson

10701 Portland Rd.

Castalia, Ohio 44824

419-357-2220

[lowedarla@gmail.com](mailto:lowedarla@gmail.com)

## National Home Receives Charity Navigator Rating

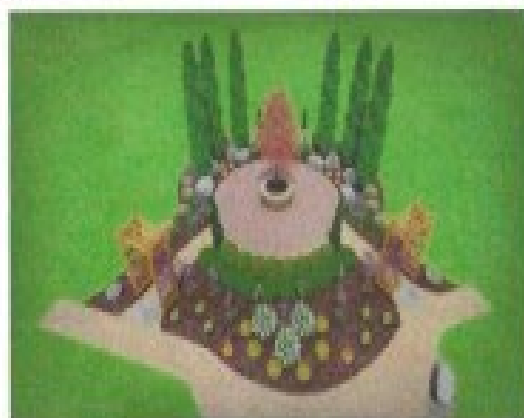
We're excited to share some news! VFW National Home has been evaluated by Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most trusted nonprofit evaluator, and earned a Four-Star Rating! This is the highest possible rating on Charity Navigator.

Charity Navigator's third-party accreditation validates our organization's operational excellence.

This milestone achievement for us couldn't have happened without you and your support. Thank you for being part of our family as contributors, funders, and volunteers. Your trust and support help us make a difference for the veterans and families we serve.

You can learn more about Charity Navigator and our rating [at charitynavigator.org](https://charitynavigator.org).

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission!



## Celebrate the upcoming VFW National Home Centennial in style with a personalized engraved brick in our 2025 Centennial Garden

Whether it's to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or simply leave your mark on this historic occasion, our 8x8 engraved bricks offer a timeless way to do just

that. And for a limited time only, you can secure your place in history for an unbeatable price of only \$500.

Our bricks are made from the highest quality materials and engraved with the latest technology, ensuring that your message will last for generations to come. Not only will your brick be a lasting tribute to your contribution to celebrate our 2025 centennial anniversary, but it will also add to the beauty and legacy of the garden for years to come.

With only a limited number of bricks available, now is the time to act. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Order your personalized engraved brick today for only \$500 and be a part of history. Visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/vfwnationalhome> to order your brick today.





# **“Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Award for Auxiliaries No. 1**

*Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year*

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1. Most outstanding use of the “Buddy”® Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program.
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that uses the “Buddy”® Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding use of the “Buddy”® Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
“Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2024**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the Auxiliary used the “Buddy”® Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Lisa Jackson for judging.

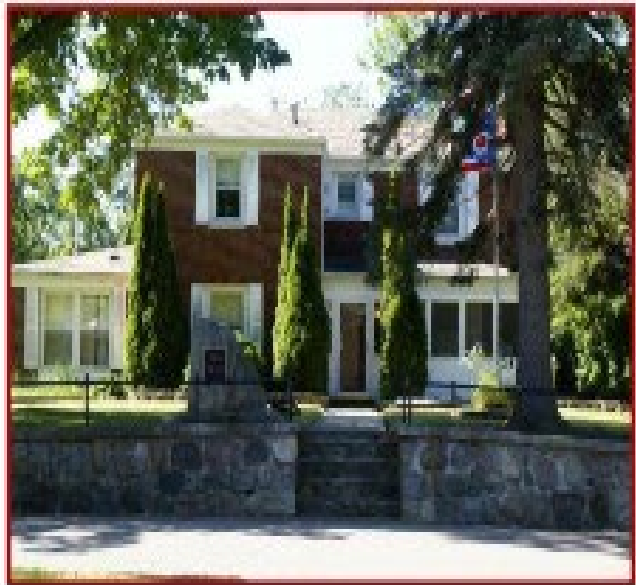
**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to National Headquarters will not be processed.

October 30, 2023

For: Ohio House



Dear Department Officers:

Enclosed is your Ohio house fund report for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This report shows the quarterly beginning fund balance, plus revenue, less expenses, and the current fund balance. This report will be sent to you each quarter. Please note that the fund balance disclosed within this report is unaudited and is subject to change. If changes are made, we will indicate on subsequent reports what those changes are.

Please accept a sincere "thank you" to all the members from Ohio for their hard work and support for the VFW National Home for Children. The funds and commitment you have made to support your Ohio Home have made it an attractive and very pleasant haven for our families and you all can be very proud of that.

As always, we will be sure to communicate with you regarding other projects and special needs to assist you with your planning. Your continued support of your Ohio Home is very much appreciated. We hope this report is useful to you, and if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

*Richard Stiver*

Richard Stiver  
Facilities Director

CC: District 4 Board Trustee



VFW NATIONAL HOME  
OHIO HOUSE FUND REPORT  
1ST QUARTER  
JULY 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

CATEGORY	DATE	REPAIR/PURCHASE	REVENUE	EXPENSES	FUND TOTAL
BEG. BALANCE	7/1/2023				\$29,425.29
REVENUE					
Post 1148	7/27		500.00		
Aux 9871	8/8		200.00		
Post 66	8/8		500.00		
Post4713	8/8		1,500.00		
Post 4027	8/25		3,000.00		
Post 1066	9/27		2,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUE					\$7,700.00
EXPENSES:					
Maintenance	7/30	Deliver Mulch		42.00	
Purchase	8/30	Install new microwave		233.73	
Purchase	8/30	Generator Service		253.02	
House Sponsoship	9/30	Quarterly Transfer		1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$1,528.75
FUND BALANCE					\$35,596.54
Note: The fund balance disclosed within this report is unaudited and is subject to change. If changes are made, we will indicate on subsequent reports what those changes are. If you have any questions about this report please contact us.					



## **“Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Award for Auxiliaries No. 2**

### *Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year*

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2. Most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their community and/or other Veterans Service Organizations about the VFW National Home.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community and/or other Service Organizations about the VFW National Home. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their community and/or other Service Organizations about the VFW National Home. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the hosted activity and/or event that educated their community and/or other Service Organizations about the VFW National Home. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home for Children Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Lisa Jackson for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home for Children Chairman is to email National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

## Lesson Plan-2

### Extension/Revitalization 2023-2024

VFW Department of Ohio Auxiliary-

Hogwarts Magical Academy for Professors & Wizards.

The VFW Department of Ohio Auxiliary Professors cannot stress enough how much Magical information you will learn in the National Bylaws Podium Edition. Be sure to order new rituals as soon as possible for your current officers or download the new booklet. The ritual is available to order at the VFW Store, but at this time of the year they could be on backorder. They should be available soon.



KEEP THESE SECTIONS MARKED AS A HELPFUL TOOL,  
especially if you are seeing some **RED FLAGS**.

#### **Bylaws ( Quick References )**

Section 101: Eligibility

Section 201: Formation of new auxiliaries

Section 208A & B: Auxiliaries disbanding

Section 209: Suspensions

Section 210: Required meetings per year

Section 211: Standing rules

Section 212: Quorum

Section 303: Delegates (District) 1 delegate and 1 alternate per 15 members

Section 304: Delegates (Department) 1 delegate and 1 alternate per 30 members

Section 305: Delegates (National) 1 delegate and 1 alternate per 50 members

Section 506: District Dues

Section 507: District Quorum

Section 604: Department Quorum

Section 801: Officer eligibility

Section 802: Elective officers

Section 803: Appointed officers

Section 814: Audits

Section 902: Meeting etiquette

Section 907: Official visit

Section 909: Children attending meetings

Section 912: Politics

Section 915: Solicitation of funds

Section 916: Rules of order (Robert's Rules)

Section 1001: Official look

## **BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS ( YELLOW SECTION )**

Page 11: Secretary minutes

Page 15: Chain of command

Page 16: Record retention Guide

Page 18: Treasurer guidelines

Page 21: Relief fund guideline

Page 23: Trustees

Each of the 12 District Presidents were asked at the beginning of the year to select a Mentoring Revitalization Team of 3. Reach out to the professors in your District. If you notice changes within your Auxiliaries, you can utilize your District Professors/District Chiefs Wizards

for help. You can also get assistance from Department Professors, who receive guidance from our National Chief Professor, Penny Hurt.

I encourage our Auxiliary Post Professors/Presidents to have your auxiliary members fill out the Health Checkup Questionnaire at your meeting. This is on Malta, under the Member Resources/Extension & Revitalization. Many members don't like change, but change is good, when it's for the RIGHT REASONS.... OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY!!! Who knows, maybe a different meeting day or time will bring more attendance as well as holding different events will bring some new members of all generations. Then, you can start mentoring them to become possible officers and get excited to take some positions that you are struggling to fill. It may get more members who want to help with reporting programs or become chairmen.

**REMINDER...** If you have attended any Council of Administration Trainings/School of Instruction on any level or logged into any of the ZOOM meetings each month that Department President or Treasurer have been holding, you can report it on the dashboard under Chief of Staff/Extension.

I've created a survey (this is your homework) for Auxiliary Presidents to complete by April 15, 2024, as well as a separate survey for District Chief of Staff to complete after each District meeting. These are optional but will help bring awareness and raise some **RED FLAGS** that can hopefully turn into **GREEN FLAGS** after some mentoring. We can't help you if we don't know. The surveys are available on the Department of Ohio Auxiliary website, [www.vfwauxoh.org](http://www.vfwauxoh.org) ... Go to Login, Members Only, 2023-2024 Programs, Extension & Revitalization Program.

Remember that the holidays are coming up. Please pray for our Military, their families and our Veterans. Please check on each other, and BE KIND!

Class dismissed,

Missy Wagoner

Department of Ohio Auxiliary Chief of Staff/Extension 2023-2024

AKA- Professor Dumbledore





# Historian/Media Relations

## Bulletin #2

GREETINGS #TEAMOHIO! Pita Skeeter here again, with updates on reporting HOUSE on their journey to Ohio's Excellence Awards! To date, out of the 219 Auxiliaries in #TEAMOHIO, 141 auxiliaries are already 100% in the Historian/Social Media Program...CONGRATULATIONS!!! But the job is not complete until the end of the program year in April 2024. Remember, Historians are the Record-keepers & Storytellers for our organization.

What a great job so far with our S.N.A.P project!!! I've seen lots of permission forms and I am very happy that so many are actually doing this! Reminder to use the #S.N.A.P.: Stop Now Ask Permission especially with all of the HOLIDAY EVENTS coming up in November & December! Make sure to have plenty of photo releases at your functions. Remember to be KIND, COURTEOUS, and RESPECTFUL when taking pictures at your events. Always review any photos before uploading them onto your website or social media pages. Keep the signed photo releases in a safe place-Auxiliary office, Secretary/Treasurer's books for safe keeping. We must always keep proper records to protect our auxiliaries, adults & children.

Don't forget to visit the Department Website ([vfwauxoh.org](http://vfwauxoh.org)), VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio Facebook page and the VFW Dept. Ohio Auxiliary Chairmen Resources pages to make sure to have the most updated photos, ideas and showing Auxiliary PRIDE!

### Legacy Member Interviews

I am so excited that so far, two Legacy Member interviews have been reported so far-GREAT JOB District 9 Auxiliary 2858 for being the 1<sup>st</sup> to share their Legacy Member Interviews with our Department!!!\*\*

Remember the new Historian Award for interviewing a Legacy Auxiliary Member and send in your video with the form filled out to the Department Historian by March 31, 2024 (the award form is attached in the bulletin). Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries for the most outstanding video interview with a VFW Auxiliary legacy (longtime active) member will be awarded at the National Convention in Louisville, KY in 2024.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that submits a 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Auxiliaries must send the entry form and the 3-5 minute video interview to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention. Auxiliaries are to send this completed form and video to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024.



## REPORTING

I would like to remind everyone that when emailing your Historian/Social Media reports, that you are using the correct email address and ANY reports sent to any of my previously used addresses will NOT be accepted. Also, PLEASE fill out your reports legibly! I sometimes cannot read the email address or person reporting's handwriting. If there is an issue, I am unable to contact you via email. If this happens, the District President will be notified of the issues. The correct email address is:

[katherinematesicvfwauxa@gmail.com](mailto:katherinematesicvfwauxa@gmail.com)

I can't wait to see all the fun events & travels Flat Shannon & Flat Carla will experience this year! Remember to answer the 5 W's and email me the photos (a report will only be accepted once I receive the photos reported on). There are a handful of auxiliaries with reports unaccepted on the dashboard because they were missing something. PLEASE check your emails for the rejection as to why it was rejected. Many of them were rejected because you stated there was a photo-but a photo needs to be emailed and until that picture is emailed to me your report will not be approved. The District Historians and District Presidents are aware of these unfixed reports to date. You can email or text me your photos (I try to use the pictures in our monthly Ohio Quibbler). You've done the work...You deserve the credit!

### District Historians:

So far only a few District Historians have sent me their DISTRICT newsletters. Here is the schedule of when EACH District newsletter is due to me by:

December 1

March 1

June 1

Remember to not overthink writing your newsletter-this is all about sharing information and spotlighting what is going on in YOUR District! Remember to take a lot of pictures of YOUR District President & the events going on there!

Make sure to visit our department website & Facebook page to view the monthly Ohio Quibbler and share it at your monthly auxiliary meeting! If you want to see something in particular with the newsletter, feel free to text or email me with your ideas/information.

Loyally Yours,

Pita Skeeter aka

Kathy Matesic

Department Historian/Social Media Chairman



## Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

*Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year*

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1. Most outstanding video interview with a VFW Auxiliary legacy (longtime active) member.

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**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form and video to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the VFW Auxiliary legacy member interviewed.

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Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

April 30, 2024 • The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form and video to National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Diana Morris for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 • The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form and video. (National does not need video's)

Forms sent directly to National Headquarters will not be processed.



**2023-2024**  
**Historian/Media Relations**  
**Activity Report REVISED**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AUXILIARY \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
# PROJECTS \_\_\_\_\_ # of Aux Members \_\_\_\_\_ # HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ # MILES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL MONEY SPENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Historian/Media Relations: (1) project needed to be 100%**

**Historian:**

1. Number of Auxiliary MEMBERS that utilized any of the Historian material/resources available in MALTA \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Number of Auxiliary MEMBERS that created a Historian's book documenting the previous year by any means \_\_\_\_\_

**Media Relations:**

3. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Media Relations material/resources available in MALTA  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
4. Did your Auxiliary send a monthly or quarterly newsletter to each of their members via printed mail or emails?  
\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
5. Does your Auxiliary have their own Auxiliary Facebook page \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Does your Auxiliary have a joint Facebook page WITH their VFW Post \_\_\_\_\_ Website WITH their VFW Post \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Number of Auxiliary Members that held/attended a Media Relations "how to" training to educate their members (example: how to log in to MALTA, email, navigate Facebook and other social media) \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Did your Auxiliary practice S.N.A.P and use the fillable press/media release form from [vfwauxiliary.org/resources/](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/) \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**5 Ws of Photos: Who What Where When Why MUST INCLUDE PHOTOS FOR REPORTING**

10. Has your Auxiliary taken pictures of/with the Department President? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
10 a Have you answered the 5 ws of the picture and sent in a report? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
11. Has your Auxiliary taken pictures of/with the Department President? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
11 a Have you answered the 5 ws of the picture and sent in a report? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  
12. Did your Auxiliary submit a 3-5-minute video & entry interviewing a Legacy Auxiliary member? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**Remember before sending in entry/interview the Dept Historian must sign off on the entry by March 31, 2024**

Describe your project below. Send this form along with any documentation you may have (copies of pictures, articles, flyers, poster, etc.) Use extra Paper if you need more room

Kathy Matesic  
2338 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street Lorain, OH 44055  
(440) 396-0789  
[katherinematesicvfwaux@gmail.com](mailto:katherinematesicvfwaux@gmail.com)

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Brochure Order Form

UNPARALLELED SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is pleased to offer the following brochures to our members at no charge. Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Fillable/printable copies are also available in MALTA/Member Resources: Historian & Media Relations, Membership and Scholarships.

### Membership Brochure (includes application)



### Fact Sheet



### Patriotic Art & 3-Dimensional Art Brochure



Please indicate the quantity requested below. Order quantity is not to exceed 50 copies of each.\*

\*Please contact National Headquarters should you need larger quantities for a recruiting event.

#### Brochure

#### Quantity

Auxiliary Membership Brochure (includes application)

Auxiliary Fact Sheet

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure & 3-Dimensional (2 sided)

#### MAIL BROCHURES TO:

First and Last Name

Address

City  State  ZIP

Daytime Phone (  )  Email

Auxiliary Number  Member Number

Submit order forms to:

VFW Auxiliary, Attn: Brochure Orders, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 or email to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) with "Brochure Order" in the subject line.

Note: VFW program brochures (including "Buddy@ Poppy", Teacher of the Year, Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy) can be ordered from the VFW Store at [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org) or by calling 1.833.VFW.VETS.





Hospital

Bulletin #2  
November 11, 2023



I would first like to say **Thank You For All You Do to Serve Our Veterans**

We start out November thanking all the veterans and currently serving military for what they have done to serve our country. We take them to lunch, have a ceremony, and acknowledge our gratefulness because this is a special day to recognize those who are still among us.

With the holidays coming soon we must remember those who are not able to be home with family due to being hospitalized or in a long term care facility whether it be a VA or non-VA facility. See if you can visit in person yet, some have been allowing visitors and activities again so if you can get in please do. They miss seeing new people and old friends so share your holiday cheer.

I have received a lot of reports for donating to the VA Hospitals ,that is awesome the things you can still do. Don't forget maybe after the Holidays celebrating something New ...a non-traditional funday for the dreary winter days that will soon be coming.

It's time for decorating , see if you can come in and help decorate the facility, make something for each veterans room to put some cheer, little plants, pots of flowers(fake), crafting gifts, anything you can and are allowed to do will always make someone's day because they know you care.

Did you know that the Ohio Veterans Home is celebrating it's 135th Birthday  
November 13 10:00 AM Sandusky Veterans Home Great Room

In 1886, a group of citizens led by I.F. Mack of Sandusky, successfully petitioned the State Legislature to establish a home for Ohio's honorably discharged Civil War veterans. These veterans, because of incapacitating disease, wounds, or other cause, were unable to earn a living. Governor J.B. Foraker appointed a commission charged with selecting a site and arranging for construction of the home.

This commission became the first Board of Trustees. Members I.F. Mack, Sandusky; P.I. Brown, Zanesville; W.P. Orr, Piqua; Thomas Dill, Mansfield; and Thomas Paxton, Cincinnati, met on June 3, 1886 and elected Mr. Mack chairman and Mr. Brown secretary.

A contract was entered into with the City of Sandusky deeding approximately 100 acres to the State. Construction was completed and on November 19, 1888, under the supervision of General Manning F. Force, the first 17 men were admitted to the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home. Since that day, more than 50,000 veterans have been admitted to residency.

Have a safe and blessed Holiday Season .....I shall see you in January in all my attire to reward you for your hard work and dedication this year.....

Rose Isaac Madam Poppy Pomfrey Hogwarts Hospital  
co4ro@aol.com  
419-341-4870

On the next page you will find my Update for Donations and Reports. The Auxiliaries listed are not 100% so this is what they may need. If you see Auxiliaries missing then it's because they are 100% reported... again update is for what your District needs to be reported as 100%



**District 5**

All Auxiliaries are 100 % paid for Hospital Donation !!!!!

All Auxiliaries are 100% Reported with 1 or more projects!!!!!!

District 1 All Auxiliaries are 100% paid for Hospital Donation  
606, 2489, 3360, 5087, 5645, 8218, 9963 Still needs 1 report

District 2 9831 still needs Donation  
3035 Still needs 1 report

District 3 3438, 3660, 4615, 5436, 8066 Need Donation made yet & No report yet  
5434, 7741, 8673, 9582, 9684, 9936 Made Donation still need 1 report  
(underlined still needs verified received by Dept.)

District 4 7496, 7596, 8287 Need Donation Made (underlined donation made needs verified by Dept.)  
6069, 6562, 6979, 7340, 7596, 8202, 8287, 9094 Need 1 report

District 6 66, 3463, 3747, 7079, 9795, 9904 No Donation made & No Report yet  
232, 1445, 3124, 7490 Donation received still need 1 Report  
5532 No donation yet but has 1 report

District 7 1089, 1863, 3863, 4358, 5563, 6519, 7754 No Donation made & No Report yet  
943, 1056, 2133, 4953, 5137, 6846, 7939, 8548 Donation received still need 1 Report  
7647 No donation yet but has 1 report

District 8 3307, 4237 No Donation made & No Report yet  
9716 Donation made still need 1 Report (underlined donation made needs verified by Dept.)  
1062, 9571 No donation yet but has 1 report

District 9 6941 No Donation made & No Report yet  
451, 1079, 2529, 2947, 3341, 8686, 9871 Donation made still need 1 Report  
(underlined donation made needs verified by Dept.)  
9340 No donation yet but has 1 report

District 10 2842, 3313, 5101 No Donation made & No Report yet  
1078, 4027, 7201 Donation received still need 1 Report

District 11 3268, 3297, 3320, 3426, 3762, 4931 No Donation made & No Report yet  
1078, 4027, 7201 Donation received still need 1 Report

District 12 108, 3467, 3477, 4464, 8850 No Donation made & No Report yet  
4736, 5299, 9866, 9893 Donation received still need 1 Report  
9092 No donation yet but has 1 report





## TEAM STANLEY

Legislative Program 2023 – 2024

Bulletin # 2 – November 10, 2023

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

I know we all are getting ready for the holidays. We all have busy lives with our families and jobs. Can we take a moment to remember our Veterans past, present, future and still missing. They gave all for us to be able to live the lives we are so able to live today.

**\*\*\*National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland\*\*\*** In Sherry Howland letter out, she says Our work as Auxiliary members is supporting America's Heroes and their families requires a deep understanding of those Legislative issues that affect each of them. Through our efforts as a team and working with our VFW members, we can make a positive impact on the U.S. Senators and members of Congress, as well as our State Legislators to benefit all our veterans and their families. Legislative VFW Priority Goals can be found on the VFW website – [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under the Advocacy Tab. This is only a brief look at a few of our organization's goals. Much more information on priority goals to benefit our veterans and their families may be found on the VFW website and in the MALTA member Resource. As you visit the resources for information, it is clear to see we have a lot of work ahead of us.

So, with that being said from our National Ambassador I know we all have done something in this program that can be reported to me by now. One thing that **CAN NOT** be reported is working the Election Polls. I will not accept that as a report. Now if you went to vote, take a veteran to polls to vote, and registered people to vote I can accept and approve that for a report. Did you use the Vote in Honor of a Veteran stickers? If so, tell me how you used them, take a picture of how you used them, and most of all send them to me so you can report it for this program. We are coming to the end of half the program year. If you are having problems getting your report done and sent to me, give me a call and I will help you.

As of this bulletin District 5 was the first one 100%. District 2 is the second one to be 100%. Who will be next to be 100%? The following Districts are so close **Districts 1,4,8**, if your District is not here could get a hold of me, I would kindly appreciate it. Department has each District broke down into Houses this program year and this is how each one is doing so far **Ravenclaw – (43 Aux.) Gryffindor – (45 Aux.) Hufflepuff – (41 Aux.) Slytherin – (24 Aux.)**. District Chairman can you please send me a report on what you have promoted with this program when you do your District Meetings? Thank you.

Can we get the State of Ohio 100% by the end of December 2023? YES, We can I know we can. If you need help remember I am just a phone call, text, or email away. So, report, report, report and look forward to seeing everyone in January @ Department of Ohio Mid-Winter 2023 - 2024 where we will have some fun.

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TEAM STANLEY  
Legislative Program  
2023 – 2024 Report Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Projects \_\_\_\_\_ # Hours \_\_\_\_\_ # Miles \_\_\_\_\_ Total Money Spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Legislative (1) Project needed to be 100% with National – (1) Projects for Department of Ohio.**

1. How many Auxiliary members utilized any of the Legislative material/resources available in Malta Resources? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of auxiliary members who subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly E-Newsletter?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of Auxiliary members that promoted, participated in and or hosted activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of Auxiliary members that promoted, participated, or co-hosted with their VFW Post, activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of Auxiliary members who contacted their legislators on veterans issues by any means (example: emails, letters, postcards, phone calls, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators (examples: legislative conference, town halls, meet and greets, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did your Auxiliary promote the Get Out and Vote? \_\_\_\_\_ How did you promote the Get out and Vote?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please Report ALL of your Auxiliary Legislative Activities. Send copies of all that you feel may help benefit others so that we can share. Use a separate sheet of paper to tell what you have done in this program.

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## Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

### Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

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1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that educated their community on veteran Legislative issues. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Legislative Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.

## Mentoring for Leadership

### Bulletin # 2

Auxiliary mentoring is an important part of maintaining a health and viability of each auxiliary.

Mentoring is to embrace new members and ideas. Take time to explain the programs: listen to new ideas and teach members to take on leadership roles. Encourage success.

You do not have to be a certain age in the auxiliary for a long length of time. What you must do is embrace and promote the CARE concept.

C- Catch the members when they first join. Decide now that when a new member is recruited that you or someone needs to contact that member and let them know they are important to the auxiliary.

A- Ask them to participate. It is important to ask those new members to participate and whatever is coming up in your auxiliary. They need and want to be asked.

R- Remember what it felt like when you were new, Be the person who gently says, "let me tell you about why we do it this way so you can do it better next time".

E- Engage them in a program that fits them. VFW auxiliary has many different programs to become involved in. To help that new member find his or her place, you must get to know them.

You are a true leader when you help your auxiliary become successful. Remember leadership is not about you, it's all about the people you serve.

Sandra Smith-Graves

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# Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members No. 1

*Nomination Form 2023-2024*

1. Citation awarded to the first, second and third place VFW Auxiliary member in each Department with the most unique and/or creative way to mentor a member to become a leader.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to the  
Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Member ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Share why the nominee deserves to receive the Mentoring for Leadership Award.**

Describe what the nominee has done to deserve this award. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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April 30, 2024 – Up to three nominations from each Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman are due to the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish by April 30, 2024.

Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed.



# Mentoring for Leadership

## Auxiliary Award No. 1 Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most unique activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees while using and promoting VFW Auxiliary resources and learning material
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that has an activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that has the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

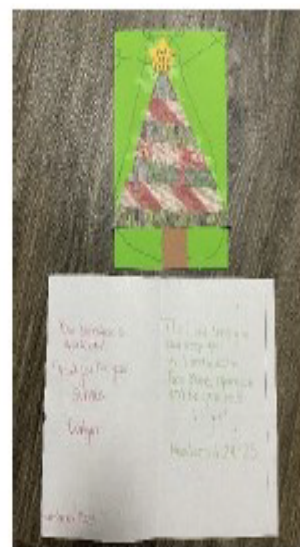
Forms sent directly to National Headquarters will not be processed.



## Youth Bulletin 2

We have been very impressed with some of the ways your auxiliaries have been getting your youth involved! We love seeing and sharing your pictures as well as ideas with the other auxiliaries, so keep up the great work!

Challenge #1 (Part A) is well underway, and several auxiliaries have sent Christmas cards to Misty. We appreciate ALL your help with this challenge as well as the hard work that your youth have done! The cards are creative and colorful with a small note inside. The veterans all over the state of Ohio are going to enjoy them! If you have not mailed your cards, you may still do so... we are need of a lot more, but Misty's class is working hard on them as well. A special surprise for the ones who participated along with extra house points! 😊 Here are a few samples:



## Patriotism through Literacy

A reminder for reporting in this program. The books donated to get credit for this project must be patriotic. It is wonderful that some of you are donating to your local book boxes and community groups. However, this program is specific to educate our Youth with patriotic information.

Some resources for this are to contact your History or English teacher in your schools. Work with your scholarship chairman to provide a thank you gift to teacher who helped participate in our various contests.

Remember, literacy does not mean books alone. Encourage students to sign on to some of the many Historical Websites. As we know, our young people become computer savvy at a young age. Some of these websites are interactive and make learning fun. The list of sites has been updated to include some of our upcoming Holidays.

Here is a list of some examples, but there are many more available. Please make sure you preview the video or activity for age-appropriateness before using it with the youth.

- Veterans Day: <https://youtu.be/U4ZjoJCQvXA>
- Martin Luther King Day: <https://youtu.be/p1dlQo3cVBI?si=qxfVC3u9m9W9Xs6>
- George Washington's Birthday: <https://youtu.be/2X9f2waOKU8?si=ABX5uKwY1aNVdYfa>
- Lincoln's Birthday: <https://youtu.be/iEhrjO2ej88>
- President's Day: <https://youtu.be/mrYroJ495q8>



### Get Excited for the Red White Blue - Tricia Pisegna

There are many incredibly talented young people in our communities and limited resources for them to be recognized for these talents. Check out the amazing winner from the past year on the *VFW Dept. Ohio Auxiliary Chairmen Resources* page on Facebook. The outline for the program is:

- The Auxiliary sponsors a contest for students in grades K-8 and 9-12. Each entry to be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretations, and entertainment value.
- The winning entry for each group is submitted to the Department Chairman for further judging. **Deadline is April 30, 2024.**
- One entry from each age group will be submitted to the National Organization.
- District judging is optional.
- All entries must be "YouTube" ready.
- See your District Chairman, Malta or the Department of Ohio/National Auxiliary website for entry forms.

### Illustrating America - Misty Smith

This is another opportunity to celebrate the artistic talents of our youth. It allows them to create a piece of art displaying how they view America. The outline for the program is:

- The contest is open to all students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- It should be 2-dimensional on canvas or paper. If it is a paper entry, it must be matted on white. The back should be reinforced with a heavy paper as well. Mounted or floating mats may also be used.
- There is a long list of media on the entry form that can be used including paint, pencil, and markers.
- The art cannot be smaller than 8" x 10" or larger than 18" x 24" not including the mat.
- See your District Chairman, Malta, or the Department of Ohio/National Auxiliary website for entry forms.

The deadline for entries to the local VFW Auxiliary is March 31st. The winning entry for each group is submitted to the **Department Chairman for further judging by April 15th**. District judging is optional. One entry from each age group will be submitted to the National Organization.



### Youth Supporting our Veterans

This is when your Auxiliary is working with or recognizing any group of young people or individual who works with or supports our Veterans fulfills this project. The chairman or coordinator of the project needs to report the number of youth and whether you provided a citation to them.



## **Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups**

- Creating a Youth Group is the Auxiliary developing a consistent group and engaging with them in our programs. These young people do not need to be related to our Veterans nor do they need to be eligible for VFW Auxiliary membership.
- Sponsoring a youth group is taking another group and working with them on projects. These projects can support our Veterans and/or engage them in one of our programs.
- Working with a Youth Group is helping another youth group complete a community service activity that may be unrelated to our programs.

## **Want to earn extra points for your house? Here's how... complete one or more of these challenges by getting your youth involved!**

### **Challenge #1**

- **Part B: Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans**
  - Have some of your youth create at least 10 homemade Valentines for the veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home and the veteran hospitals in Ohio. Some 4 x 6 inch cards, heart stickers, and various colors of paper hearts were given to the District Chairmen to get you started as well. Please send the cards to Misty by January 15<sup>th</sup> or give them to her at Midwinter, so that her class can create any additional ones needed to ensure each veteran receives a card.

### **Challenge #2: Involving our Youth with another Program Chairman**

We need to involve our youth in as many aspects of the VFW Auxiliary programs as possible. Not only to teach them about Veterans but to help them learn to serve their communities. Be their role models and introduce them to others who will lead them on a positive path. Help them make the world a better place by showing them that they matter, and they can make a difference. Some examples of this might be asking the Student Council students to set up a voting registration booth for seniors who have turned 18 or having children pass out flags and/or poppies in a parade.

### **Challenge #3: Youth Mental Health Awareness**

This is very near and dear to the hearts of Trish, Misty, and Shannon (our President). It is encouraging our members to promote and encourage Suicide Awareness as well as Mental Health in our youth. All three of us have personal experiences with this, so you can reach out to us if you need ideas. Some auxiliaries have already reported and will earn extra house points. Yay!

The auxiliaries do a wonderful job promoting this with veterans, but we want to challenge them to facilitate awareness in our youth as well. Misty sees it firsthand in her classroom and trauma has become a big issue in the schools, which can lead to mental health issues as well. COVID, school shootings, trafficking, and sexual abuse have resulted in additional anxiety and depressive conditions. We want to reach our youth before they feel like suicide is the only answer.

Be on the lookout for some resources on the *VFW Dept. Ohio Auxiliary Chairmen Resources* Facebook page to help you with this challenge and better prepare you for facilitating mental health awareness with our youth! Here is where Luna (Misty) comes back in... she is very forgetful in the movies and loses lots of things like her shoes and wand. The members at the School of Instruction were asked to help Luna find her shoes and wand, just as we want to help the veterans who are "lost" when they return home or the children in our schools and homes who need our help!



### Few Tips or Reminders

- If you send a hard copy report – please send it to one of the Youth Co-Chairmen ONLY. Do NOT send it to both of us please.
- If you enter information on the new reporting website, please do NOT send us a hard copy.
- Please make sure you fill out all of the information on the report form including the auxiliary, district, number of miles, number of hours, dollars spent, and a **description** of your activity.
- When you give copies of reports to the district reps during official visits, please write already sent or some indication that the report has already been sent or put online. This will ensure that they do not duplicate ones you have already reported.
- In order to receive credit for an activity in the Youth Program, you must have already completed the activity.
- If you make a donation, the report CANNOT be approved until the Department has received the money and notified us.
- Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Young American Creative Art donations go to **Scholarship**, not the Youth Program.

We are always here to help you, so please reach out! If you can't find something, have a question, need an idea or just someone to listen, please let us know. As Madam President says, "We Rise Together!"



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## AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

First of all, let me thank you for all the reports. I love reading what everyone is doing in their Auxiliary. Please read what qualifies for the Auxiliary Community Outreach. I am getting so many reports that do not qualify. We all work hard for our Auxiliaries and I wish I could count everyone's reports. This program is confusing to so many. My best effort to explain it is a quote "people helping People" we have to help another organization with their project it cannot be another VFW. It also cannot be donations of money or items! This is donating time and energy to help another non-profit organization succeed in their project. It must be voted across the Auxiliary floor, which must be recorded in your minutes, you have to represent the auxiliary by wearing an auxiliary shirt.. All organizations are struggling to get volunteers. This is a good way to show the community that our organization is not just serving the Post that we care enough to help with others. I am also challenging everyone in the Department of Ohio Auxiliary to write an essay on what you did to promote this project, how did it make you feel, and what does auxiliary outreach mean to you. My award this year will be this on our Facebook page at the end of the year to give others ideas on what they can do for Auxiliary Community Outreach in the future.

### **What's considered Auxiliary Outreach**

When an entire Auxiliary volunteer for an organization outside of their own, if the project was approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project.

Examples include:

- Participation in walks that benefit other organizations as an event spotter, water station volunteer, timekeeper, etc. (walking or running in the race is not part of Auxiliary Outreach.)
- Working with local police on child ID kits.
- Working with firefighters on fire safety and prevention.
- Working with EMTs to host CPR training.
- Working with parks and recreation departments to plant trees, adopt-a-park initiatives and develop community art installations.
- Volunteering at an animal shelter.
- Serving food at soup kitchens.
- Delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

### **What's Not Considered Auxiliary Outreach**

- **Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary Programs.**
- Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered outreach service. Examples of projects that do not qualify include:
  - Repairs or maintenance of the Post Home,
  - Cooking or serving a meal for a Post or Auxiliary Fundraiser.



- “Buddy” Poppy distribution.
- VFW or Auxiliary meetings, Conventions, Conferences or School of instruction.
- Church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community (e.g., usher, elder, deacon, minister, etc.

#### What Does Qualify VS. Does Not Qualify as Auxiliary Outreach

QUALIFIES	DOES NOT QUALIFY
Spending time in a local homeless shelter kitchen serving meals, bussing tables or cleaning up.	Taking comfort items to the local USO.
Working with the police or fire department on bicycle or home safety training class.	Donating trophies to a youth sports group.  Hosting a luncheon/dinner for a local community club.
Your auxiliary approves helping a local cancer group setting up their event or manning a booth.	Sending an Auxiliary check to support a charity that organized a walk-a-thon or run.
Volunteering with the garden club to clean up local parks.	Collecting clothing and comfort items for homeless veterans at the Post Home. (This would be Veterans & Family Support.)
Help a youth group collect food donations for local pantry.	Passing the collection basket at church services.

I got the last information off the National Ambassador’s information a lot is directly typed the same to explain this to everyone better. Please keep sending in your reports and make sure you are doing what needs to be done for the projects to count. Please don’t hesitate to call me with questions. I am here to help mentor and guide you. I’d rather you call and ask if it qualifies if you are uncertain then to snail mail the project and it be rejected, I don’t want you to waste money on stamps.

Loyally,  
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## BULLETIN #2

### MEMBERSHIP

Hello District Wizards,

Can you believe it we are in November? There is only 1 more month to the end of the year to collect those dues. We are sitting at 84.50% as of 11/15/23.

Here is the break down for each house:

Slytherin = 76.77

Gryffindor = 89.84

Hufflepuff = 80.24

Ravenclaw = 81.85

Your House needs to be 95% or higher to earn 50 points towards the Membership House Cup Award by November 30, 2023.

Reminder: ALL officers (all levels) MUST pay their dues by December 31, 2023 to remain an officer or they will be removed from office.

Have you reached out to those members that haven't paid their dues? Instead of just sending the dues reminder out by itself – get some holiday cards or print out your own holiday card – add your dues reminder in there. Everyone will think it's just a holiday card and not just a reminder.

Have you paid any member who are in the hospital/nursing home their dues out of your relief fund? Do you know of any member who had fallen on hard times due to loss of employment, health issues? This is what your Relief Fund may be used for.

Reach out to the members who haven't paid their dues yet, you might just learn by talking to them that they are having financial problems. Let them know your auxiliary is there to help cover their dues so they may remain an active member.

You don't want a member to lose their cancer grant because they couldn't pay their dues for whatever reason.

Just because your auxiliary is recruiting new members, you don't want to forget about your current members. Your auxiliary needs to retain them so they can mentor the new members on how our organization works in supporting our veterans. Does your auxiliary have any lapse members? The time is now to find out why they let their membership lapse. Is if there's any thing you can do to get them to return to our organization.

If you need any help with membership, please reach out to me while Becky is out for the time being. We are here to help in any way possible for your House to reach 100 %+ in membership.

We are anxiously waiting to celebrate OHIO being 100%+ in membership this year. We know it takes a lot of time and dedication, but it can be done. It's not just the Treasurer and/or President's duty – ANY member can help by reaching out. Especially if you know them personally – just say "I paid my dues for next year, have you?" or better yet go ahead and pay it forward – pay their dues. What a great feeling to be knowing you paid their dues.

Remember why we join the auxiliary --- it's to support our Veterans.

Becky and I want to wish you and your family the Happiest of Holidays.

We are sending prayers to you if you lost a loved one or if you or your family are ill.

Until next time,

Terry Singh

Becky Abbott

## BULLETIN 2

### Scholarship

By now you have received your Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Essays in your Auxiliaries or Posts. Please get them judged as soon as possible and get them to your District Chair as soon as possible. The District Winners for Voice of Democracy must be in the VFW Voice of Democracy Chairman's (Jerry Constable) hands no later than December 12, 2023, and for Patriots Pen Must be in the VFW Youth Chairman's (Andrew Leidigh) Hands no later than December 8, 2023.

VFW Scholarship Chair/Jerry Constable

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VFW Youth Chair/Andrew Leidigh

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Andrew recommends that the Patriots Pen Essays be sent by UPS or Fed Ex due to continuing issues with mail service in his area. I would suggest that you do the same with the Voice of Democracy entries to avoid issues and be able to track the packages.

A reminder that when you are doing online reporting you should be only reporting 1 project per report and including dollar amounts and check numbers or receipt numbers on the reports if applicable.

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, just call or e-mail me, I try to answer as soon as I can.

Cathy Hughes

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Veteran and Family Support  
Bulletin 2

As Veterans Day has come and gone, I look forward to getting a lot of reports. Did you have a luncheon at your post for your veterans to thank them, did you go to a nursing home and have a little ceremony for the veteran and give them a certificate and a snack, did you go in a Veterans Day parade or a ceremony in your town? There are so many ways that you can thank your local veterans. Please, Please, Please, keep in mind that this is not the only time to do for your Veterans. I am not by any means saying this is not an important day because it most definitely is. Just don't forget them the rest of the year. This is not the only time of year that they fought for our freedom. They fought for it every day. So, go to "There's a Day for That" and pick a day to have something for your Veterans. February 9, 2024 is National Pizza Day in the US. Your Auxiliary could have a Pizza Party for our Veterans. Or March 18, 2024 is National Sloppy Joe Day in the US. You can also celebrate other holidays from other Countries that are listed on that web site also if you choose to. Have some fun with it, have a party and dress up in that theme at your post, make sure to take pictures.

Please use the Dashboard to see if your district is 100% reported. As of right now there are only 2 districts that are 100%. I am hoping that Ohio is 100% reported by the end of the year. So, go to Department Auxiliary Website, [www.VFWaux.oh.org](http://www.VFWaux.oh.org), go to log in, then members only. Your log in is your member ID and your last name. Then go to Dashboard. Scroll down to find your district then your auxiliary and you can see everything your auxiliary has done. You also can report what you have done by going to program reporting after you log in and answer the questions and at the end click submit. If you need help filling a report form out online your district president or the department chairman can walk you through it, all you have to do is reach out.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in January. Have a Wonderful Holiday and make sure all our single Veterans have a Holiday meal.

Leigh Ann Zigler

Department Veteran and Family Support

# National District Council Member Area D

## Bulletin

Nov. 2023

Well almost half way through the year and so much has been happening at National Headquarters that members should be excited about.

If you are on Malta, behind member resources:

- Is the National standing rules and budget for the current year (and future years will be there).
- For all treasurers the new accounting software is there for you to utilize, THIS IS NOT MANDATORY just a guideline for treasurers to utilize. At the Department Mid-Winter we will be going over the software.
- The new 2024 Podium edition is also under member resources (you can download this FREE), however if you did order they should be out by end of month or you can also go to Amazon and purchase. Keep in mind many changes happened within the bylaws this past year so please when you have a chance review

If any member has a question, comment or concern for the National Headquarters please get with me and I can take the information and pass onto them.

I will be heading to the National Mid-Winter and get more information to share with all.

Have a safe, healthy and Happy Holiday season.

Until we meet again keep being the ROCK stars you all are.

Tracy Fife, NDCM Area D

## Chaplain's Corner



Life IS LIKE A  
camera  
FOCUS on what's important  
CAPTURE the GOOD TIMES  
DEVELOP from the negatives  
if things don't  
WORK OUT,  
TAKE ANOTHER SHOT





***Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
Department of Ohio  
Mid-Winter Conference Hotel Information  
January 11-14, 2024***

***Columbus Airport Marriott  
1375 North Cassady Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43219***

***Cost per night: 115.00 plus tax***

***Link for Booking:***

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars 2024 Midwinter Convention](#)

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

***Phone booking Instructions: 614-475-7551 code vfw midwinter***

***Cut-off date is December 21, 2023 No exceptions:***

***No multiple room reservations under one (1) name. All attending MUST make  
their own room reservations***

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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January 11-14, 2024

Marriot Airport, Columbus

The Mid-Winter program book is ideal for posts, districts, individuals, businesses, and organizations to promote themselves while at the same time helping generate revenue to assist in the funding of the conference each year.

We are asking for your help in making this a successful event by selling advertising to local businesses and organizations in your community.

We are requesting that all finished ads are emailed for the best quality. Send in a PDF Format. Please email to: [vfw.sstanley@gmail.com](mailto:vfw.sstanley@gmail.com).

Please return ad copy, photographs, and payment in full no later than December 13, 2023. Make checks payable to VFW Dept. of Ohio and mail to:

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Columbus, OHIO 43215

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JANUARY 11-14-2024

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
Voice of Democracy Banquet  
Saturday January 13, 2024**



**Menu**

**Grilled Chicken**

**Chef's Choice Potato**

**Chef's Choice Vegetable**

**Salad**

**New York Cheesecake with Fresh Berries**

**Coffee & Tea**

**Cash Bar**

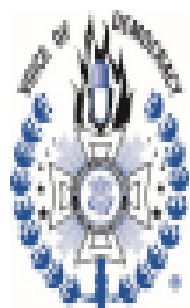
**\$50.00 PER PERSON**

**Please Return Banquet forms including payment to the VFW Department of Ohio  
35 East Chestnut Street, Suite 506 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
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**NO CHAIRMEN WILL BE ABLE TO SIT WITH FAMILIES**





**Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary  
Voice of Democracy Banquet  
Reservation Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF DINNERS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 EACH) MID WINTER 2024

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## Upcoming Events:

November 23: Thanksgiving

December 2: OVH Christmas Party-Sandusky

December 9: OVH Christmas Party-Georgetown

December 25: CHRISTMAS

January 11-14: Midwinter Conference

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