

Ohio Quibbler April Edition



Presidents Message

April 2024

Happy April, Magic Makers! I want to say how Amazing all of you are and I am so proud and grateful for how hard each one of you work daily for our Heroes and all of our new membership. The life membership is coming in strong, which tells me that our newest members are finding homes in their auxiliary at the post. Please don't forget to reach out by contacting members that have not paid they could be sick or facing common everyday hardships that many people struggle with daily. We can't forget that Kindness Counts, a Smile is infectious, and sometimes a simple phone call can go a long way. I know that sometimes we find ourselves at odds with one another and I know that not everyone will like one another, but we have to come together, leaving the drama at the door and doing what is best for our Veterans, Communities and Posts. You all are very special human beings or you wouldn't want to be a part of something as special as a volunteer family and touching lives in our communities, while doing the right thing and following the National by-laws for your Auxiliary.

I want to go over a few reminders for all of you for your Auxiliary.

- *Delegates: Delegates are due May 31st to the Department Secretary Diana Morris and mailed back to the Department Office or emailed to treasurer@vfwauxoh.org.*

Page 33, Section 303, A, Department Meetings and Conventions, gives the auxiliary the right to vote to send one delegate and one alternate for each 30 members to Department convention. This is to be sent in by the Auxiliary Secretary. Secretaries, while you are doing your Department delegates log into your Malta account and enter your National Delegates.

- *Applications: Please take your time when filling out Auxiliary applications by making sure every required field is filled out and completed, especially the birthdate and your Auxiliary number. "REMEMBER DUES DO NOT GO UP UNTIL JULY 1ST!" Dues sent to Department until July 1, 2024 is \$9.50 per annual member, and the full amount according to birthdate for a life member. Credit Card applications have to go to National if there is a problem or the application has not been sent in a timely manner it could cause problems on credit cards being declined.*
- *Office Hours: Our office staff is not physically in the office but once a week, however the phones are answered by our Department Secretary Diana who works from home. Remember, all of our staff per our budget is part-time as well as elected/appointed staff that also volunteer many hours to our organization, so I ask that you show them the same amount of respect and kindness that you would want to be treated with.*
- *Department Convention: The information for Kalahari is out and, on the website, along with the Auxiliary tentative agenda. The only rooms available are for Friday, June 7th and Saturday June 8th, double queens. If you have*

any questions you can call the VFW Department of Ohio Headquarters as they handle all reservations for Kalahari.

- *Election of Officers: Our National Auxiliary By-laws state under Sec. 804B-Auxiliary, A. Elective Officers shall be nominated and elected at a REGULAR business meeting in April. Please make sure that you elect your officers this month and remember how instrumental our auxiliaries are in keeping the magic spreading for our Heroes, Communities and Posts. With every member that belongs to our organization is a voice that carries to Washington D.C. and is vital to assist in getting legislation passed for the very reason we joined the VFW Auxiliary and that is your Veteran.*
- *Audits: Make sure that you are going to the Dashboard and checking to make sure you have your audits turned in and if not please get the Audit in ASAP. Treasurers you are financially responsible for the Auxiliary treasury. Remember, you are running a very small business with your friends and family's monies. Please, make sure that you have every cent that you have spent accounted for by keeping all receipts and making them available to your trustees at meetings and at the audits. Secretaries, the minutes must contain when there is any money spent in your auxiliary, someone making the motion, getting a second, any discussion and if the motion passed or failed. If the minutes and the treasurers report does not match this can be a red flag for your District President when coming in for your official visit in the future.*

- *Reporting: We are almost there 100% reported in every program. I know you can do this, I believe that we can do anything together and being 100% reported in every program shows the IRS and Congress the hours and mileage that we as an organization are out in our communities doing for our veterans and how much magic we spread. We show them that "Together We Can Do Anything".*

Please stay good to one another, work the programs for our Veterans, and believe in the mission. If we believe, Together, we will Rise.

To those who are sick, lost a special soul, or are struggling, you are in my heart and prayers.

*Loyally with Love,
Shannon Stanley
Department President*

April Is Military Child Month

April is the month that marks the start of warmer Spring weather. It is also a month with [a lot of holidays and observances](#). You might think of April Fools Day and Easter Day. But did you know that the month as a whole also celebrates? April is the month of the military child! Its history, meaning, range of activities and events are all worth knowing. So, we have covered everything in this article. Make sure you read until the very end!

1. What is the month of the military child?

It is meant to express appreciation for children who have military parents (no matter one or both) as they go through unique challenges and in a way, make sacrifices: they may not receive full and consistent care, be forced to move homes and change schools frequently, separate from friends and family members all the time, etc.

So, by the same token, the month of the military child recognizes the large role that children of military parents play in the Armed Forces' success. Aside from honoring military children, April raises awareness and assists children in their time of need by providing funds and other resources.

2. History

The month of the military child was established in 1988 by Caspar Weinberger, a Defense Secretary. Since then, April has been considered as the military kid month by the Department of Defense and celebrated by all military branches.

Every year, the President gives a proclamation about the month of the military child.

- There are over 1.6 million military children with many unique challenges due to their parent's or parents' service.

Purple Up Month of the Military Child

The key event for the month of the military child is the national Purple Up day. It is on April 15 and is a military child appreciation day. In essence, to thank and show your support, you would wear purple for military children across the nation. Americans everywhere are encouraged to do this. **But why purple for military children appreciation?**

The idea is that purple represents all the branches of the military: the Army's green, Marine Corps's red, Air Force's blue, Navy's blue, and Coast Guard's blue combined together makes purple.

- Share resources for military children and their families on your website and social media

For example, Sesame Street curates and compiles support services and learning sites for military kids. It is available as a downloadable app, as well. Kids can find PDFs, printables, games, and other helpful links on the site.

Support for Military Children as listed by the Department of Defense:

- **Military Kids Connect:** For children from 8 to 17 years old to deal with their unique challenges.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of America:** Offer free membership of local clubs to military children
- **4-H Military Partnerships:** Opportunities for military children to partake in summer camps
- Offer discounts to military children and their families



VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT POPPY CONTEST

NAME: _____

POST# _____ LOCATION: _____ DISTRICT# _____ PURPOSE: _____

CATEGORY

1. PUBLIC PROMOTION OF POPPY CAMPAIGN: _____
2. MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAY: _____
3. ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE USE OF POPPIES: _____

HOW MANY POPPIES USED: _____

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HOW MANY POPPIES USED: _____

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



Tim Stanley



Legislative Veterans Advocate of the Year Award 2023 – 2024

1. The Tim Stanley Legislative Veterans Advocate of the year will be given to an Auxiliary member that has exhibited Outstanding Performance within the Legislative Program.
2. Nominations for this year award will start immediately.
3. Anyone can nominate any member of the VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio.
4. Write up what that member has done as an Advocate in Legislative issues for our Veterans.
5. Fill out the "TIM STANLEY" Nomination Form and send back to Bobbie Jo Morales by April 15, 2024.

Due Date to have into Department Program Chairman is **April 15, 2024.**

Mail completed form to **Bobbie Jo Morales – P.O. Box 135 Lafferty, Ohio 43951.**

Email completed form to **Bobbie Jo Morales – roberta.j.m71@gmail.com**



Tim Stanley

Legislative Veterans Advocate of the Year Award 2023 – 2024

Nomination Form Due By April 15, 2024

Auxiliary Member being Nominated _____

Auxiliary Member belong to Auxiliary Post _____ in District _____

Nominated By _____

Please answer the following questions on how the auxiliary brother/sister has promoted the following areas of Legislation.

1. How did they promote VFW Action Corps Weekly?

2. How did they promote VFW Priority Goals?

3. How did they encourage members to communicate with Legislators on veteran's issues?

4. How did they promote "Vote in Honor of a Veteran"?

5. Did they have or get the Youth involved with this Program? How?

Mail completed form to Bobbie Jo Morales – P.O. Box 135 Lafferty, Ohio 43951

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Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

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.)

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 Legislative Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 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.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Brochure Order Form

UNWAVERING 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.

<u>Brochure</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
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 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 or by calling 1.833.VFW.VETS.

VFW Auxiliary Member Change/ Update Form

Rev. 8-18

REQUIRED FIELDS:

Member's Current Name _____ Membership ID No. _____
 Current Address _____
 E-mail Address _____ Phone Number (____) _____
 Current Auxiliary # _____ Department of _____ Date of Birth _____

NAME CHANGE Former Name: First _____ Last _____

ADDRESS CHANGE

CONTINUOUS ANNUAL DUES (We recommend using the Membership Summary Form for multiple dues payments.)

CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER

Life Membership Fee \$ _____

Check here if this is a gift. It will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.

Payment Methods:

Check: Make check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary**

Credit Card VISA MasterCard Discover AMEX

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Address associated with the card holder: _____

Credit Card Number _____

CVV Code _____ (3 digit code shown on back of credit card) Expiration _____ / _____
 Month / Year

Card Holder's Signature _____ Date _____

ACH (Bank withdrawal) Name of Bank _____ Routing Number _____

Attached voided check HERE (required) Account Number _____

REPLACE MY MEMBER CARD

\$5 Annual \$10 Life

NAME CHANGES OR LOST CARD REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK made payable to VFW Auxiliary or complete the payment information above if using a credit card or ACH. Please send directly to National Headquarters at 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111. You can also order a replacement card online in MALTA by visiting vfwauxiliary.org and selecting "Member Login."

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Effective 1/1/2017
 Attained age at 12/31 of year
 applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

DEATH REPORT Date of Death _____

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (if already a member) _____

Annual Membership Rejoin

Life Membership Transfer

Member at Large in Department of _____ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

(If not a transfer, skip to B.)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying Nonpaying

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Female Male

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

POST-AFFILIATED (Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

NON-AFFILIATED (Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (if applicable) _____

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God, I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age, I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift.

Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX _____ Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Credit Card No. _____ CVV Code _____

Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$250
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$235
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$175
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DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, V.F.W. AUXILIARY
Past Presidents' Association
"Together We Can Do Anything"

Did you know, as a Past President that there is another way to make a difference in your community and for our Veterans?

During the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary June convention every year, the Past Presidents Association awards a worthwhile charity a monetary donation from our \$2.00 membership fee that runs from February 1, thru January 31.

All Dues are to be sent to our Treasurer: **KATHY OLDHAM**,
1703 Delmonte Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43615.

Listed Below is how your \$2.00 membership fee is used, along with the requirement to nominate a Charitable organization:

- Fifty percent of the dues collected by the Past President's Association are presented to Cancer Aid and Research in the State of Ohio. This research center is selected by the Chairman of the Association. The remaining 50% is donated to worthwhile charities or groups in Ohio.
- This organization **MUST** be nominated by a Past President, **NOT** an auxiliary.
- Any Charitable or non-profit group or organization may be recommended.
- A letter from the Past President making the recommendation must be sent to the screening committee chairman, with his/her name, auxiliary number, district number, and any materials available that explains what the charity is and does.
- Any past recipient **MUST** wait 2 years for consideration again.
- Selected recipients will be announced at June convention at our Past Presidents luncheon.
- Selection of the organizations by the screening Committee will be based on the financial needs and the good being done.
- The screening committee **SHALL** consist of three (3) members of the Past Presidents Association appointed by the Chairman.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2024**

Please **REMEMBER** this is one more way for our Auxiliaries to reach out and make a difference in our communities! I have attached the application and if you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Loyally,

Rose Isaac	co4ro@aol.com
8617 W St Rt 163	419-341-4870
Oak Harbor, OH 43449	

PAST PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION FORM

DATE: February 1, 2024

Past Presidents Association Screening Committee:

Marie Leister

Anna Clendenen

Heather Figueroa

225 Heil Dr.

Gahanna, OH 43230

614-257-7573

mleisterad@gmail.com

Dear Association Members:

As a member of the Past Presidents Association and a Past President of Auxiliary

_____ in District _____.

I am writing this letter to nominate:

as a candidate to receive a PPA grant for the 2023-2024 year. Please find attached the information, and or brochure outlining the above non-profit organization.

Their mission

is: _____

Loyally,

_____ (please print)

(If selected the check should be made payable to: Name and Address of Charity)

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.





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Remember

From Kristina: I would like every Auxiliary & VFW member, or whoever, to take a moment to remember the three Army Reservists who were killed recently, to pray for their families in this most difficult time; most of us know that feeling of always praying not to get that knock on the door that these families received. And, also for those 40+ military members who were hurt in the attack and their families as well.

E
Everyone

D
Deployed

FRIDAYS

Everything You Need to Know About R.E.D. Friday

(RED is an acronym that means Remember Everyone Deployed)

What is RED Friday? For service members who are deployed, the act itself, civilians wearing red

items of clothing on Fridays, probably doesn't equate to a tangible gain. However, when service members see the public's support via social media or in an e-mail, it can definitely boost morale within a unit. The support does give many service members a sense of purpose down-range and a feeling that the

nation is behind them. What is RED Friday? It is a way that Americans across the country can show support to the men and women of the U.S. military, and all they have to do is wear something red.

It's a tiny act that means much more than people seem to realize. On Fridays, civilians back home wear an article of red clothing — a shirt, a tie, anything — as a reminder to all to Remember Everyone Deployed. These Fridays became known as R.E.D. Friday.

RED Fridays seem to wax and wane in terms of popularity among civilians, but the core of the movement is important: to Remember Everyone

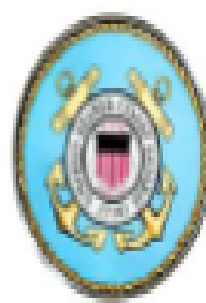
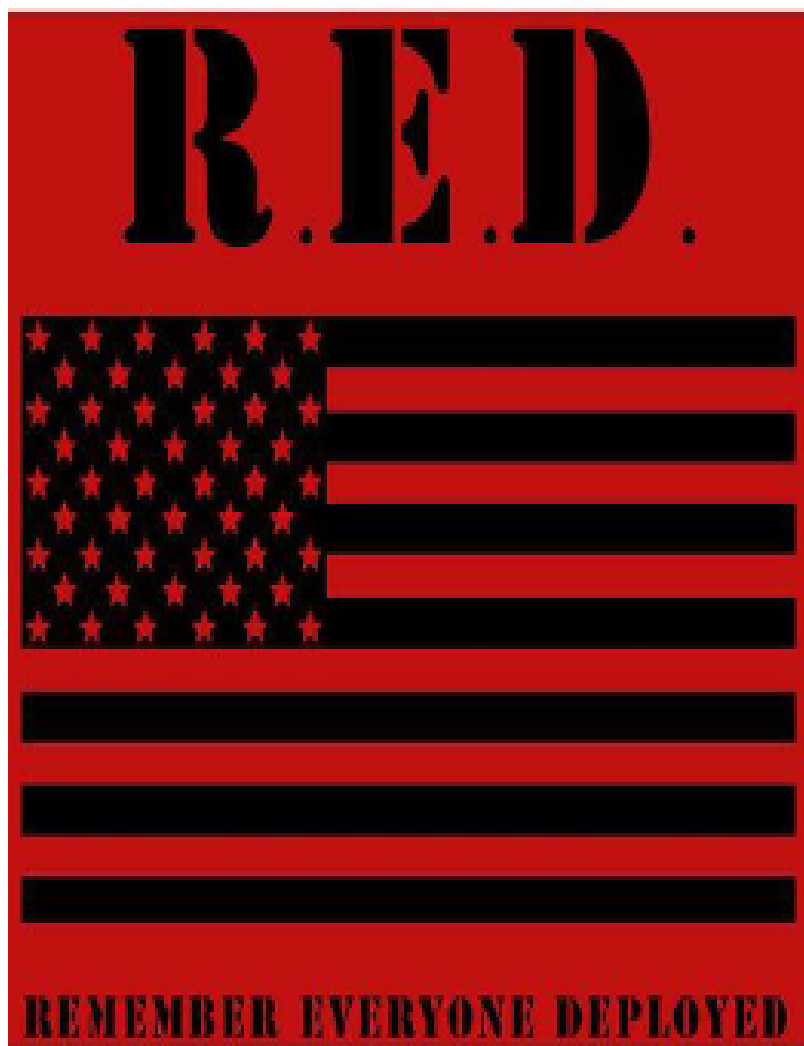
Deployed. The Global War on Terrorism is now officially older than troops eligible to enlist and serve in that same war —

it's important to remember that we've still got men and women out there fighting for us.

It's not hard to show your support for the troops: Simply pick something red from your wardrobe and be ready to wear it on Friday, volunteer your time organizing care packages for troops who still need essen-

tial items, or write a deployed troop. I know from personal experience that every letter I received was a boost to morale that I happily honored with a reply. Simple gestures go a long way.

Remember Everyone Deployed.





DONATION ASSISTANCE FOR VFW AUXILIARIES

Many donors will only contribute to a 501(c)(3) charity. Since a VFW Auxiliary is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit this can sometimes be a problem. To help out, the VFW Foundation can serve as a 501(c)(3) fiscal agent by accepting contributions on behalf of your Auxiliary. This is a free service with no administrative or any other charges removed from the donation check. We only ask that any such donation is \$100 or more.

Date: _____

Auxiliary #: _____

Auxiliary President: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Auxiliary Address:

Name of Individual, Company or Foundation making donation:

Donor Address: _____

Donor Telephone #: _____

Amount of donation: _____

Purpose of donation (if indicated by donor):

Send this completed form along with donation check made out to "VFW FOUNDATION" to:

Richard Freiburghouse, Manager
VFW Foundation
406 W. 34th Street, Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Freiburghouse at (816) 968-1124 or rfreiburghouse@vfw.org.

VFW FOUNDATION

Calendars

Post / District / Department Calendar

Fly The Flag!

- Apr 1 - All Fools Day (April Fools)
- Apr 8 - March Madness Final
- Apr 14 - Masters Golf Tournament Final
- Apr 15 - Last day for reports to be submitted to Department
- Apr 17 - District 2 Bowling Tournament, Delphos Rec. Center 10 AM & 2 PM Starts
- Apr 22 - Earth Day
- May 12 - Mothers Day
- May 18 - Armed Forces Day *Fly The Flag!*
- May 27 - Memorial Day *Fly The Flag!*

Department Calendar

[VFW.Department.of.Chio.\(vfwoh.org\)](http://VFW.Department.of.Chio.(vfwoh.org))

National Calendar

<https://vfw.org/podcast>

Feb & Mar - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
VFW Podcast, 10 AM

Future National Conventions

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



VFW AUXILIARY

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District Auxiliary Officers • 2023-2024

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DISTRICT 2 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT: Kristina Smith

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

... And A Good Time Was Had By All

I would like to start by thanking all who came to the D2 Testimonial; it was much appreciated! That was a long weekend to say the least. The next day was the District Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Ada VFW. But everything ran really smooth and it was a nice turnout.

Reports Coming Due

We are coming up to the last day for reporting, which is April 15th. Please remember that you CANNOT submit any reports after this date. Anything that happens after the 15th is to be held onto until reporting is open for the 2024-2025 year.

Membership Efforts Have Paid Off

Keep up the good work with membership! I am truly amazed at the numbers this year and all of the hard work!! Unbelievable...

There are 4 Auxiliaries that still have a little way to go, but I know you can do it!

If you need help all you have to do is each out.

Accommodations Info

I was told today that there are no rooms left in the "block" at Kalahari,

please keep an eye on the Department website for alternative hotels.

Our Guard and Reserve In Motion Did you know that recently there were National Guard members who deployed (some from the Lima Armory and the rest from D1).

Now the Lima Reserve Unit is getting ready to deploy. There will be a Family Day held at the Lima VFW on April 20th for the soldiers and their families (looking at a total of 400 people).

Drew and I talked when we found out just recently, that we want to have a rememberable day for them. We are hoping that the posts in D2 will show their support. Care packages will be sent to them once they get where they are going ... and we would love to have a Welcome Home Day when it is time.

Need For Prayers Continues

Please continue to pray for all of those who were effected by the recent tornadoes. So much destruction and lost lives.

Mischief Managed,

Kristina A. Smith



1st Place 2023

Raising Future Leaders
Through the Eyes of a Warrior

Artist: Alice Barron
Department of Virginia

REPORT FROM CANDY WARD, D2 AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

District 2 VFW Auxiliary Membership Report 3/28/2024

The State of Ohio Auxiliary is at 101.92%

We now have 12 Auxiliaries in District 2 that are 100%:

- 1182-Forest
- 3035-Delphos
- 3740-Ottoville
- 5135-Coldwater
- 5713-Celina
- 5803-Van Wert
- 6772-Spencerville
- 8445-Wapakoneta
- 9142-Ottawa
- 9381-Ada
- 9547-Leipsic
- 9648-Columbus Grove

Membership
MATTERS

I still have \$\$ left in my Membership budget for awards, our Membership year doesn't end till June 30, but please try for our next District meeting in May.

Annual dues will be going up as of July 1, 2024 from National, plus we do not know if Department will need an increase in dues? NOW is the time to have your annual members convert to a Lifetime card! THINK "LIFE"

Thanks for all you "do" for our Veterans!

Candy

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Conti	Annual Ne	Annual Re	Annual Co	Current To	Cancelled	Deceased	Paid Total	Prior Total	Paid Percent
1080-Bellefontaine	0	0	72	0	3	89	164	0	2	166	174	95.40%
1182-Forest	1	0	46	1	1	41	90	0	0	90	90	100.00%
1273-Lima	0	0	302	1	2	32	337	0	8	345	368	91.75%
3035-Delphos	46	0	508	3	0	26	585	0	5	590	535	110.28%
3740-Ottoville	8	1	352	0	0	16	371	0	2	373	366	101.91%
5135-Coldwater	1	0	23	0	0	24	48	0	3	51	51	100.00%
5713-Celina	25	1	639	1	0	7	693	0	7	700	678	103.24%
5803-Van Wert	2	0	176	9	4	22	213	0	2	215	208	103.37%
6313-Ft Recovery	8	0	227	8	1	112	356	0	0	356	375	95.44%
6772-Spencerville	5	0	290	8	0	53	338	0	6	364	362	100.55%
8445-Wapakoneta	17	1	404	12	0	8	442	0	6	448	422	106.16%
9142-Ottawa	4	0	224	0	0	18	246	0	2	248	247	100.40%
9289-St Mary's	8	1	362	6	1	18	396	0	5	401	409	98.04%
9381-Ada	3	1	108	0	0	15	127	0	0	127	127	100.00%
9547-Leipsic	4	0	69	1	0	48	122	0	0	122	122	100.00%
9648-Columbus Grove	7	0	162	3	0	15	187	0	5	192	187	102.67%
Total - OH	139	5	1984	55	12	540	4735	0	53	4788	4719	101.46%
Grand Total	139	5	1984	55	12	540	4735	0	53	4788	4719	101.46%

1	Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Conti	Annual Ne	Annual Re	Annual Co	Current To	Cancelled	Deceased	Paid Total	Prior Total	Current Pa	Paid Percent
2	Total - DCH01	59	3	1973	136	9	766	2946	1	39	2986	3234	91.09%	92.33%
3	Total - DCH02	139	5	1984	55	12	540	4735	0	53	4788	4719	100.34%	101.46%
4	Total - DCH03	81	2	3731	183	25	1294	5316	0	49	5365	5094	100.23%	101.15%
5	Total - DCH04	29	0	1589	82	5	582	2287	0	34	2321	2301	99.59%	100.87%
6	Total - DCH05	46	7	1545	192	20	1168	3178	0	76	3254	1116	101.99%	104.81%
7	Total - DCH06	29	2	1334	136	16	758	2235	0	28	2263	2255	99.11%	100.33%
8	Total - DCH07	70	7	2890	135	8	983	4093	0	34	4127	4045	101.19%	102.03%
9	Total - DCH08	56	1	1331	93	11	707	2279	0	22	2301	2252	101.20%	102.18%
10	Total - DCH09	178	2	3805	244	23	1201	5453	1	39	5513	5270	103.47%	104.81%
11	Total - DCH10	37	2	1901	88	23	724	2775	0	41	2816	2838	97.78%	98.22%
12	Total - DCH11	67	3	2409	180	12	923	3654	0	32	3686	3632	100.61%	101.49%
13	Total - DCH12	23	1	1103	120	16	617	1900	0	46	1946	1922	98.86%	101.25%
14	Total - OH	823	36	29620	1636	182	10694	42971	2	603	43576	42754	100.51%	101.92%
15	Grand Total	823	36	29620	1636	182	10694	42971	2	603	43576	42754	100.51%	101.92%

Deadline to Nominate Veterans for the Hall of Fame is June 1

COLUMBUS – The deadline for submitting nominations for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is fast approaching and we want to hear from those who know former service members who are excelling and making a difference in society.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to contribute to our communities, state, and nation through exceptional acts of volunteerism, advocacy, professional distinction, public service, or philanthropy.

Each year, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame inducts up to 20 veterans based on recommendations from an Executive Committee of veterans from throughout the state and approval from the Governor of Ohio.

The deadline to submit nomination forms for consideration for the 2024 class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is June 1. Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

Chances are you know a veteran who continues to serve selflessly in their post-military life — a former service member who is going above and beyond to impact others. *(Note: The Hall of Fame also can accept nominations for those who would be inducted posthumously.)*

To be considered, the veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Be a past or current Ohio resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

This Hall of Fame sets the standard for recognizing Ohio's veterans for accomplishments beyond their military service. In addition, it is a fitting way to say "thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for your continued service to our communities."

Again, the nomination deadline is June 1. Guidelines, a sample nomination, and more information are available at our [Hall of Fame Nomination page](#).

[Learn more about the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame](#) and [see the complete list of induc-](#)

Continuing Our Look At

WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE



Four American [F-15 Eagle](#) pilots from the [3rd Wing](#) walk to their jets at [Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson](#).

Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown

So many of us continue to struggle for years, for decades, for a lifetime

By Dr. Kathy Platoni, *Dayton Daily News*, Jan 21, 2024

Forty of my 42 years as a clinical psychologist were spent in uniform. The US Army got the very best of me over the course of four deployments in time of war. Given the opportunity, I would do it all over again.

As a survivor of the 2009 Fort Hood Massacre, I live with tremendous survivor guilt, but have found a cure. I have been very blessed by the opportunity



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to provide services to 40 police departments and seven fire departments. I do this seven days a week. This work has become my reason for being.

I hold my breath through the holidays, even 13 years after the fact, desperately hoping they will pass without the aftermath of war's anguish gnawing at my soul. Relief remains elusive, even past the dawn of the new year. There were no stockings to be hung, no fireplace upon which to hang them. There were no gifts to be given, let alone any hope of a tree, living in lands many worlds away from our loved ones. What dropped out of the sky on New Year's Eve were mortars, rockets, and RPG's. The bleakness of cold desert saturated the soul, choking the life out of any hope for an inkling of joy or hope for anything, except more of the same. Unforgiving was the scent of moldy tents that housed dozens of us thrust together as a makeshift family. Family photos of loved ones duct-taped to tent walls offered little solace.

But we were there to join the struggle to make the world a better place for freedom to flourish.

Some of my most memorable holidays were spent in foreign lands, fraught with far deeper meaning than ever expected. We arrived in Iraq shortly before Christmas of 2004. It was decided that our company would gather at the chow hall for Christmas dinner together, as if the war stopped for any holiday, awash with great anticipation of a meal that might offer some turkey shipped from the States. By the time we were granted entry to the "dining facility", the chow hall had run out of food. It was to be another night of MRE's, fondly referred to as "meals refusing to exit," and maybe a few pieces of leftover lettuce to make them more festive. We were beyond demoralized. It was a tap on my shoulder that changed the entire course of the evening.

A young soldier grabbed me and threw me right out in the middle of the chow hall floor and began to lead me

in the foxtrot of the century, to the delight of hordes of Soldiers, many of whom were spending their first Christmas in the combat theater. Though only momentarily, we completely forgot the surrounding wretchedness and the fear and terror of things to come.

It was that very New Year's Eve where several of us gathered at the chow hall before we all separated and moved out to our respective Forward Operating Bases throughout Iraq. We would not reconvene for another 11 months, knowing full well that we might never see one another ever again. The War in Iraq was raging.

It dawned on me that these really were the best of times. I was encircled by soldiers that I had come to love as brothers and sisters. We were bound together for all time by the mission to save souls, the one chance in life to engage in something far greater than ourselves. It was at that moment that I realized that the universe had bestowed an enormous gift upon me. I wanted to be nowhere else and with no one else at that time. This was the pinnacle of all things purpose-driven. We had each chosen this pathway and some kind of perverse fate had thrown us into this toxic soup together. It's what we were destined to do. It would be a moral failing to overlook the lessons in this and the brief seconds of joy that drove this revelation home.

Maybe someday I'll catch my breath again.

In honor of Mental Health Month, please take the time to reach out to a Veteran, a police officer, a firefighter/paramedic, or a dispatcher. Give more than a simple acknowledgement of their service and sacrifices. So many of us continue to struggle for years, for decades, for a lifetime. Let us know that what we have offered up to the banquet table of military and community service has more than just rote meaning.

*Dr. Kathy Platoni, Psy.D., DAAPM, FAIS /COL (RET),
US Army/Dayton SWAT is a clinical psychologist.*



Women in the military

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Women have been serving in the [military](#) since the inception of organized warfare, in both combat and non-combat roles. Their inclusion in combat missions has increased in recent decades, often serving as pilots, mechanics, and [infantry officers](#).

[Click Here For Detailed History](#)

MORE FEMALE RECRUITS WILL HEAD TO SAN DIEGO

as Marines shutter historic Parris Island battalion

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN STARS AND STRIPES • May 4



A training instructor addresses a recruit with Papa Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., on Dec. 14, 2022. The unit, which was once all-women but has included men in recent years, will be deactivated in June. (Trent A. Henry/U.S. Marine Corps)

The Marine Corps is deactivating its formerly women-only recruit battalion at Parris Island and will train more female Marines in San Diego, moves that come a year after the service completed a shift toward gender-integrated recruit companies.

The 4th Recruit Training Battalion at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in South Carolina will close next month, the service said in a statement Wednesday.

The battalion was established in 1986 and was one of several all-female training units that existed at Parris Island from 1949 until recent years, when it opened to men. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger described the disbanding of the battalion as “a moment to celebrate progress.”

“I’m proud to see our male and female recruits benefit from having access to the quality of all our leaders ... through an unchanging, tough and realistic recruit

training curriculum,”

Berger said in the statement.

All female Marine Corps recruits were trained at Parris Island until last year, when women began arriving for training at the service’s West Coast depot in San Diego. Female recruits are expected to be split evenly between the two locations by next year, the Marine Corps statement said.

The Corps is the service with the highest percentage of men in the military. Fewer than 10% of active-duty Marines are women, according to the most recent Defense Department figures. The service was the last to train men and women separately.

The Corps said it will close the unit next month and shift more women to its San Diego recruit depot. (Marcel Gorka/U.S. Marine Corps)



Creating a safe space for women Veterans at VA

Supporting women Veterans with resources across VA

March 19, 2024

VA Assault and Harassment Prevention Office

The following story includes discussions of sensitive topics like sexual harassment and sexual assault. VA acknowledges it may be difficult to engage with this content. It is our priority to make our stories educational, where we can engage empathetically and thoughtfully with difficult content, when appropriate, to promote a culture that is safe, welcoming and inclusive for all. If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault or harassment, [support is available](#).

Over [two million](#) women Veterans live in the U.S., making them the fastest growing Veteran group. For over [100](#) years VA has given women Veterans access to a wide range of [comprehensive health and gender specific care](#) that supports their every stage of life.

Women Veterans can have unique health needs following their time in service and, unfortunately for some, additional support may be needed if they experienced sexual harassment or sexual assault. About [1 in 3](#) women Veterans tell their VA health care provider they experienced sexual harassment or sexual assault while in the military. It is important to note that sexual harassment and sexual assault can happen to anyone regardless of gender. Both men and women can experience sexual violence.

How is VA creating a safe and inclusive environment for women Veterans?

VA has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault and sexual harassment, which means VA expects and actively works to create a culture free of such incidents. However, responding to sexual harassment and sexual assault is not enough. VA aims to achieve and sustain a proactively inclusive culture for all genders.

VA systematically carries out national harassment and sexual assault prevention and recovery strategies. We also outline ways to act if you see misconduct, which helps to ensure a culture of respect is maintained throughout VA.

VA's commitment extends to collaborative efforts across facilities where clinicians undergo specialized training to deliver trauma-informed health care, specifically addressing the needs of women Veterans who have encountered military sexual trauma ([MST](#)) or intimate partner vio-

lence ([IPV](#)).

[MST](#) refers to sexual assault or sexual harassment experienced during military service. As with other forms of trauma, MST can impact women Veterans in different ways. VA provides free MST related mental health counseling and medical care at all VA medical centers and community-based outpatient clinics.

Wherever women Veterans receive care at VA, they should feel safe

VA also offers the [Beyond MST Mobile App](#), a free, secure and private self-help mobile app created specifically to support the health and well-being of those who have experienced MST. Telehealth appointments are always an option for those not comfortable with in-person appointments.

IPV is a specific type of domestic violence that refers to physical, verbal, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as stalking, between intimate partners. [Military service](#) has unique psychological, social and environmental factors that contribute to elevated risk of IPV.

In response, VA created the [VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program](#) (IPVAP), which offers guidance for healthier relationships between Veterans and their partners who may be experiencing IPV. The program provides confidential help through a local IPV coordinator who can offer safety planning guides and link women Veterans with VA providers. They also provide access to community-based support, domestic violence shelters, legal services and housing through [VA's Homeless Programs Office](#) if needed.

VA is committed to providing women Veterans with appropriate treatment and resources for their mental health needs. Wherever women Veterans receive care within VA, they should feel safe, confident and empowered during medical examinations. This fosters a safe environment, ensuring they receive the highest quality care possible.

[Learn more](#) about how VA creates a more welcoming environment free of harassment for all who rely on our services.

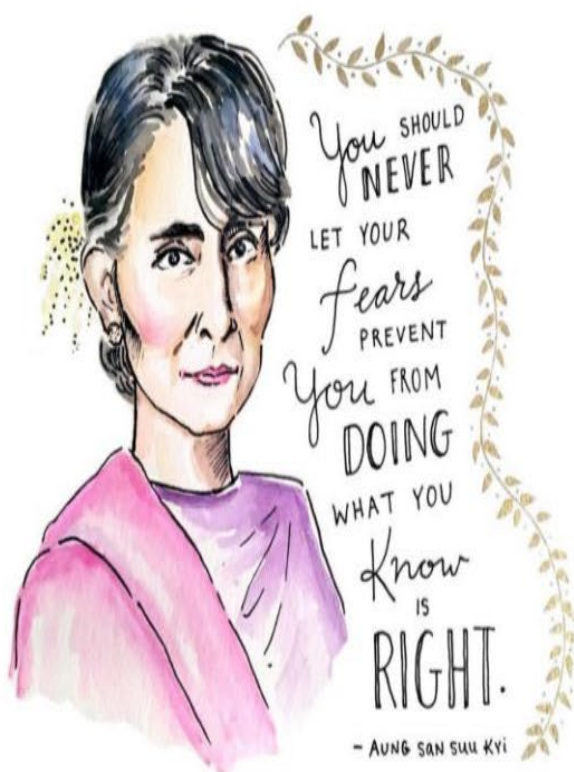


Suffrage parade in Washington, DC, March 3, 1913. [View in National Archives Catalog](#)

Records in the National Archives document the great contributions that women have made to our nation. Learn about the history of women in the United States by exploring their stories through letters, photographs, film, and other primary sources. Explore the records featured here, and view selected images from the [National Archives Catalog](#).

In 2020, the nation observed the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the [19th Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited the states from denying the vote on the basis of sex. The exhibit [Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote](#) looked beyond suffrage parades and protests to the often overlooked story behind ratification.

In support of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we posted several video messages from notable women sharing their personal views about the 19th Amendment and addressing the complex history and legacy of this milestone anniversary. View the entire playlist



You make a difference for deserving military and veteran families.



Easter is a time of celebration, with baskets full of candy, Easter egg hunts, and families gathered around the dining room table for Easter dinner.

But it can be a difficult and challenging time for some military families.

The children and their families at the National Home come from difficult situations where they are facing challenges such as unemployment, post-traumatic stress, and financial instability.

Because of your generosity, military families in crisis now look forward to celebrating.

[Can you help again this year by giving to our 2024 Easter Campaign?](#)

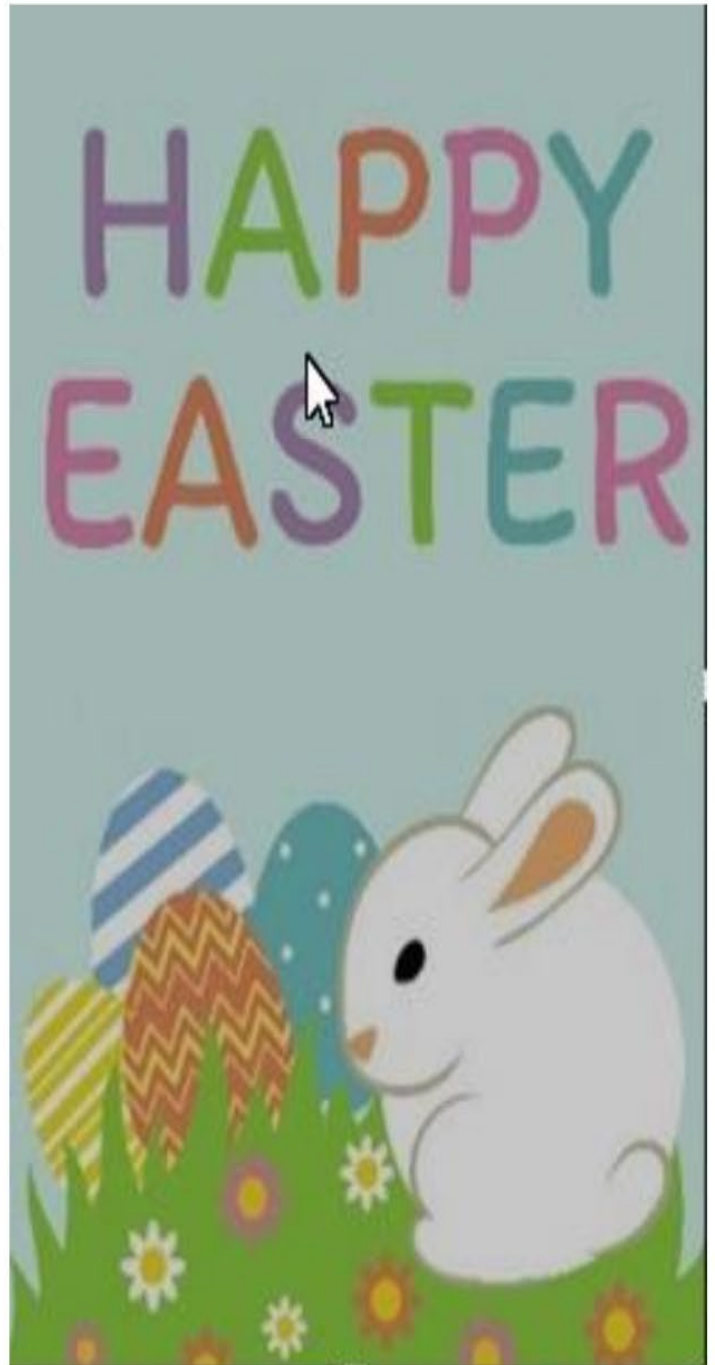
Your Easter gift helps to give these children and their families the opportunity to be part of a welcoming and caring community, have a comfortable home, and have the support needed to grow and move forward.

[Most importantly, you are giving military children and their families hope for a better future.](#)

Thank you for your continued support and for letting our families know how much you care. Best wishes to you and your loved ones this Easter!

Sue Alverson

Development Director



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WILL YOU STAND?

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8,
2024

10AM-4PM

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ST. MARYS, OHIO

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
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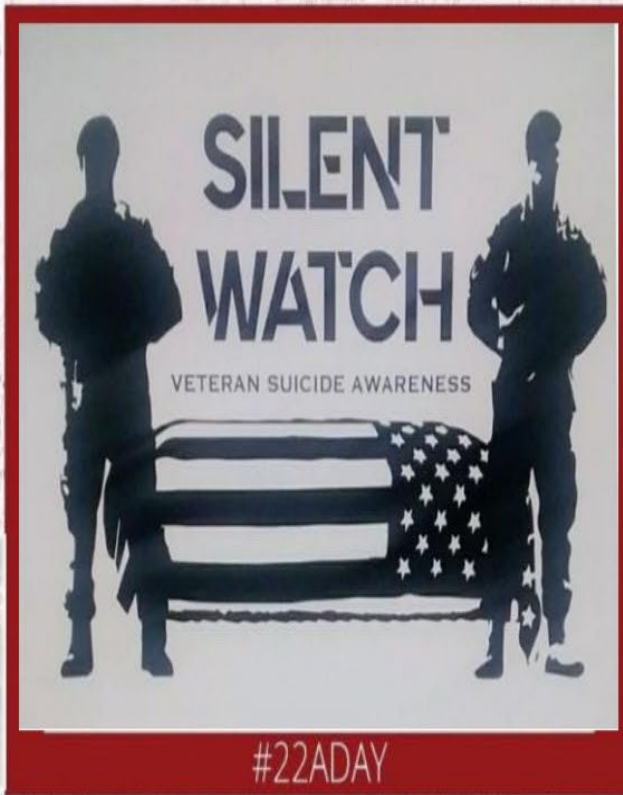
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**24/7, confidential
crisis support**
for Veterans and their loved ones

SPREAD PTSD AWARENESS THIS APRIL

This April, [help us spread awareness](#) that effective PTSD treatments are available. No matter where you are in your journey, you can help advocate for yourself and others who may have experienced trauma. Everyone with PTSD, whether they are a Veteran or not, needs to know that **treatments do work** and can lead to a better quality of life. Please join us in spreading the word this June by taking the pledge.

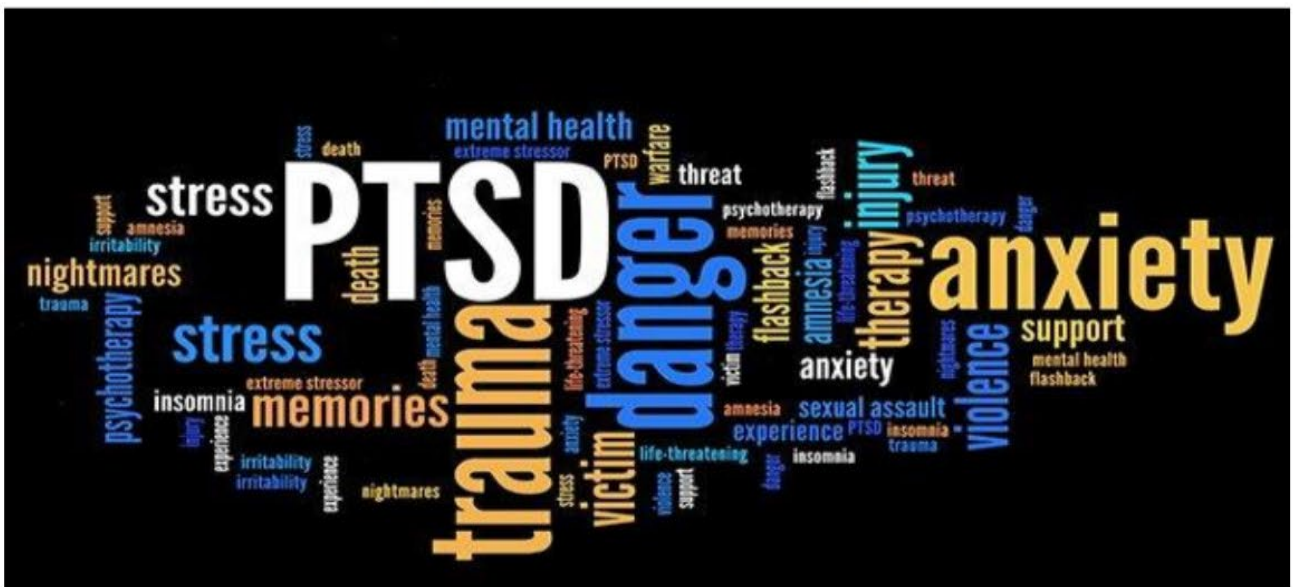


[Take the Pledge](#)

Look for information from us in the coming months on more ways to step up and help spread the word during PTSD Awareness Month. Thank you for your continued support!

EVERY MONTH SHOULD BE PTSD AWARENESS MONTH!
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[Understanding PTSD Booklet](#)

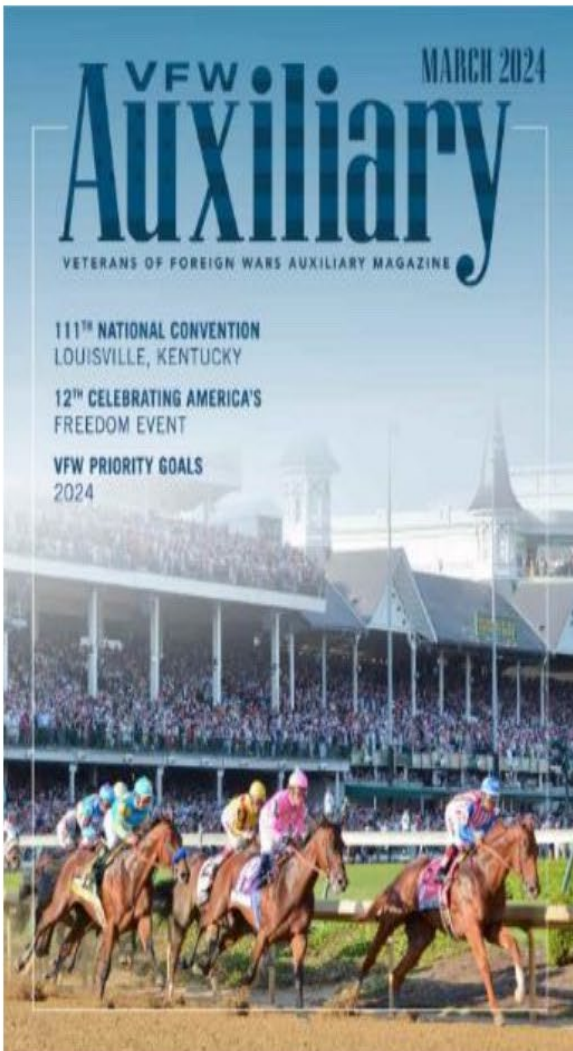


ATTENTION: POSTS AND AUXILIARIES



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LIMA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS FOR 2024



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



Don't Get Scammed.

Predatory claim sharks are targeting veterans right and left. Our VFW Accredited Service Officers will help you get the PACT Act benefits and compensation you deserve for free, and

[Learn More](#)



Did you know? We've got an ***app*** for that!

Military Health mobile apps provide information and support to service members, veterans, and their families for a variety of health issues. See [All Our Mobile Apps](#).

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 **VID2** 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.



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

330 N. Elizabeth St., Lima, OH 45801

6:30PM

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OUR ROOTS.**

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VFW / AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY.**



VFW AUXILIARIES
HONORING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES
DISTRICT 7 NEWSLETTER
April 2024

HELLO SISTERS & BROTHERS,

Hope everyone had a great March. I'm looking forward to a productive April. A lot of things still have to be done before our 2023-2024 year ends and before we know it, the new year (2024-2025) will be starting.

So, some housekeeping items for the end of 2023-2024.

April is election month. At your April meeting you should be electing officers for the 2024-2025 year. Every auxiliary president should have received forms to be filled out, from our D7 Secretary, Jill Householder. **Please make sure that the forms are filled out and sent to Jill IMMEDIATELY after your elections so that we have all the necessary information for our 2024-2025 roster.** (You can also scan & email them to Jill at the email address on the forms). Auxiliary presidents, you should have received the form for Department Delegates from me via email. **If you have not received any of the forms mentioned, please let me know ASAP.**

April 15th is the final date to get your program reports done and into the department chairman or input them on-line. There are 4 auxiliaries who are missing reports. Please check the Dashboard on the Department website (vfwauxoh.org) to see what you are missing. (When you get to the website, on the far-right side, click on log in, then click on members only. Your sign on is your auxiliary member number on your membership card and the password is your last name, lower case).

If you have any entries for Patriotic Art and/or Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue, make sure the winners from your Auxiliary are to me by 4/15/2024. (I am the Youth Chairman for our District).

I'm not one that likes "calling out" auxiliaries, but sometimes I don't have a choice:

Auxiliaries 3863 & 6676, you have some yellow on the dashboard for your audits. Please contact Tracy Fife, Department Treasurer, at treasurer@vfwauxoh.org to find out what she needs from you to get the reports corrected.

7754, you are missing 2 audits according to the dashboard. If you feel this information is incorrect, please contact Tracy at the above email.

Saturday, April 13, 2024...90th Birthday Celebration and Fundraiser for VFW Auxiliary 2926. (see attached flyer)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 D7 meeting, Post 9295 Mentor at 10am. Business meeting and D7 elections with installation to follow meeting. (I had the wrong time in March newsletter).

June 5, 2024 to June 9, 2024 VFW and VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio Convention at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

Saturday, August 10, 2024...OHIO DAY AT VFW NATIONAL HOME.

REMEMBER...let me know what events are coming up at your posts. I feel it's important to know what your Posts & Auxiliaries are doing. We need to support one another in what we do for our veterans.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

I remain, as always

Loyally yours,

Claudia Botsko

D7 VFW Auxiliary President

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VFW AUXILIARY POST 2926

(est. November 30, 1934)

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

90 YEARS OF SERVING OUR VETERANS

at our Annual Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

AMERICAN LEGION POST 7

29919 EUCLID AVE.

WICKLIFFE, OH 44092

\$25.00 per person (cash bar)

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 6:30PM

Dinner includes: Breaded pork chops, chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, butter and desserts.

50/50 raffle every \$100 sold, we pull a winner.

Variety of baskets will be raffled.

100 ping pong balls will be sold at \$5.00/each for 5 winners at \$50.

Contact Patricia White @ 440-669-3929 or Claudia Botzko @ 440-846-2782 for reservations.

We will not be issuing paper tickets for this event.

Maximum number of total reservations will be 100.

Deadline for reservation and payment will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT EVENING.

Help us recognize a business or an organization that supports Americanism in their community. Fill out this application and send it to address below. We will read all of the nominations and send them a cute certification of appreciation. We will select a winner to recognize at our June Convention. Winners will be our guest on Friday, June 7th meeting.

Company/Organization Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Name _____

Phone Number _____

What the company/organization does: _____

Do they employ Veterans and if so, how many? _____

Explain how the business/organization supports our Veterans:

Name _____ Auxiliary No. _____

Phone Number _____ Mail: Kay Collins, 1829 CR 294, Vickery, OH 43464 – 419.684.5434



National Auxiliary Member of the Year Award

Nomination Form

Do you know an Auxiliary Member that has gone above and beyond to assist Veterans and their families between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2024

Criteria: They must be in **good standing** and **NOT** have a lapsed membership in the 2023-2024 year. They **MUST NOT** be an Auxiliary, District or Department President. Please submit form to PDP Ruth Huber at 9511 Bucktooth Run Rd., Little Valley, NY 14755 no later than April 10, 2024.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

Auxiliary Number: _____

Please Describe what the member has done below: (use additional sheets if necessary)

"Light the Flame of Hope for Our Veterans" while we are "Banding Together for Our Veterans"

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: _____

Name of Member NOMINATING: _____

District _____ Auxiliary _____ Date of event: _____

Details of Outstanding Act/Event:

Photo attached: _____ yes _____ no

Date submitted to Dept Historian: _____

How Nomination was submitted: _____ by email or snail mail

BECOME A CENTENNIAL MEMBER



The VFW National Home will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2025, and we want you to be part of it. That's why we are inviting you to join our Centennial Membership.

As a token of our appreciation, we are making this special offer available to **current and nonmembers**. When you apply between April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, we offer the following benefits:

- Exclusive Centennial Membership Pin
- 10% Off Souvenirs and Apparel
- Reduced Guest Lodge Rate
- Exclusive Member-only Apparel

We want to thank you for your kindness and generosity to veteran families. We are excited to have you join us in our second century of service.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss		Name:	
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Date of birth:	*Email:	*Mobile Phone:	
Membership Type: <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> NH Membership Upgrade		Member number _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (not a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member (must be a member in good standing of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary or a unit of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Complete affiliation information below. If no Post or Auxiliary number is provided, an Associate Membership will be issued.)			

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INFORMATION
(Required if a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member)

I am a member of VFW Post _____ in the Department of _____

I am a member of VFW Auxiliary _____ in the Department of VFW Auxiliary _____

RECRUITER (Not required)

Recruiter name: _____ Recruiter Post or Auxiliary number: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Apply online at: www.vfwnationalhome.org/membership	One-time membership fee \$100	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed and made payable to VFW National Home <input type="checkbox"/> Charge my <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express	
Name on card:	Card number:	
Signature:	Expiration date:	Security code:

CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBERS



You can become a part of this special program by upgrading your existing membership or becoming a new member. As a Centennial Life Member, you'll receive a special centennial membership pin and membership card that will allow you to display your affiliation with pride. Plus, you'll enjoy discounts on souvenirs and apparel that are not available to regular members.

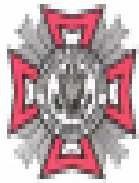


Scan to buy your membership online!

The Centennial Life Membership program is only available until 12/31/2025, so upgrade your existing membership or become a new member today!

*These fields are required for electronic voting.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO



Richard Curry
Quartermaster/Adjutant

Colleen Wiley
State Commander

The Men and Women of the VFW
We'd do anything for this country

Dear Comrades:

The VFW Department of Ohio June Convention will be held on June 8-9, 2024 at the Kalahari Resort, in Sandusky, OH. **ALL RESERVATIONS** will be handled through the VFW Department of Ohio Headquarters, and there will be **NO PHONE RESERVATIONS** taken. You **MUST** fill out a reservation form and email it back to vfw.sstanley@gmail.com, fax 614-224-3881 or mail to VFW Dept. of Ohio, 35 E. Chestnut St., Suite 506, Columbus, OH 43215.

ONLY ONE (1) ROOM RESERVATION WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO ANY VFW OR AUXILIARY MEMBER. For additional room reservations for family members/friends you must complete a separate form requesting a room and it will be placed on our list and prioritized as stated below. (if you are married and coming with your spouse that is either an Auxiliary or VFW Member you are only authorized to reserve one room under your member number).

- #1 – VFW Member
- #2 – Auxiliary Member
- #3 – Family Member Room Requests if space available
- #4 – Other if space available

DO NOT CONTACT KALAHARI RESORT AS YOU WILL NOT GET A ROOM IN THE VFW BLOCK. Your **Deadline to return your forms is April 30th, 2024.** If you have NOT returned your form on or before the April 30th, your name will be taken off of the rooming list and the room will be added to the general membership pool. After April 30th all reservations are open and on a as received basis. Final Deadline is May 2nd at 5pm any reservations received after that date will not be processed

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES THAT VFW BLOCK OF ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO NON-VFW OR NON-AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

The following blocks of rooms are available:

Wednesday Night – **NO ROOMS AVAILABLE**

Thursday Night – 87 Rooms available

Double Queens Rooms- \$172.90 per night

King Living Room Suite - \$207.03 per night

Friday & Saturday – 150 Rooms available - \$239.00 + 13.75% tax per night

Kalahari is on a Cashless system so you will initially have a \$200 credit against your credit card for any purchases at the resort. If you do not spend any of the \$200 it will be credited back to you on your card.

Your credit card will be charged one-night deposit upon check-in.

Department is working on an overflow hotel in case all rooms are sold out early and more reservations are received before the deadline.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

By order of the Commander


Richard Curry
State Adjutant



VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CONVENTION HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
KALAHARI-SANDUSKY, OHIO
JUNE 6-9, 2024

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ MEMBER ID # _____
ADDRESS: _____ POST #: _____ DISTRICT #: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

(ONE ROOM PER MEMBER ID #/ ROOM REQUIRES 1 NIGHT DEPOSIT)

TYPE OF ROOM: (NO PHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH KALAHARI FOR VFW RATE)

DOUBLE QUEEN: _____
Thurs Night: \$152.00 + 20.99 (taxes 13.75%) = \$172.99 per night.
Friday-Saturday: \$189.00 + 25.99 (taxes 13.75%) = \$214.99 per night.

KING LIVING ROOM KITCHEN SUITE: _____
Thurs Night: \$182.00 + 25.03 (taxes 13.75%) = \$207.03 per night.
Friday-Saturday: \$219.00 + 30.11 (taxes 13.75%) = \$249.11 per night.

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____ SHARING WITH: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OWED: \$ _____

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION: (CHECK IN: 4:00 P.M. CHECK OUT: 11:00 A.M.)

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: (MUST HAVE ONE NIGHT DEPOSIT)

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: _____
CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____
CVV: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

- NO PHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
- MUST RETURN FORM TO:

VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
35 E CHESTNUT STREET, SUITE 508
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
vfw.stanley@gmail.com

- DEADLINE DATE MAY 1, 2024 NO EXCEPTIONS! ALL RESERVATIONS MUST COME THROUGH THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO TO BE IN THE VFW BLOCK AND RECEIVE THE VFW ROOM RATE.
- DO NOT CALL KALAHARI

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Department of Ohio

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

JUNE CONVENTION

JUNE 6TH-9TH 2024

The June Convention program book is an ideal avenue for posts, districts, individuals, businesses, and organizations to promote themselves while at the same time help generate revenue to assist in the funding of the conference each year.

We are asking for your help in making this a very successful event by selling advertising to the many 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.

Please return ad copy, photographs, and payment in full no later than Friday May 20, 2024. Make checks payable to VFW Dept. of Ohio and mail to:

VFW Dept of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut St., Room 506
Columbus, OHIO 43215

AD SIZES AND RATES (All ads are B&W)		PREMIUM LOCATIONS (All ads are full page in B&W)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (8" wide x 10.5" high)	\$195.	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside front cover	\$495.
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (8" wide x 5" high)	\$115.	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside back cover	\$495.
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (3.75" wide x 5" high)	\$75.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside back cover	\$695.
<input type="checkbox"/> Eight Page (3.75" wide x 2-5" high)	\$55.		
*** All above prices are for Black & white only		*** All above prices are for Black & white only	

BLEED PAGES: Bleed size: 8-1/2" wide x 11" high Trim size: 8-1/4" wide x 10-3/4" high

Post/Auxiliary Number _____ District: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check # _____ Total amount of order: \$ _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD: _____

TYPE OF CC: _____ CARD NUMBER: _____ CVV #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS – OHIO
JUNE 6-9, 2024 CONVENTION
PROGRAM BOOSTER ADS
\$1.00 PER LINE

IF YOU DO NOT PRINT YOUR NAME,

WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECT SPELLING.

POST OR AUXILIARY #:

PLEASE PRINT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW DEPT. OF OHIO

MAIL BOOSTER ADS AND CHECKS TO:

VFW Dept. of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut St., Suite 506
Columbus, OH 43215

DEADLINE DATE: MAY 12, 2023



*V.F.W. Department Commander
Colleen Wiley*

And

*V.F.W. Department Auxiliary President
Shannon Stanley*

*Cordially Invite you to help Celebrate the 2023-2024
year by attending our Phantom of the Opera themed
Masquerade Ball/Testimonial Dinner*

Kalahari Resort

Saturday June 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Spinach Salad

Pan Seared Chicken Breast

Rosemary Roasted Fingerling Potatoes

Vegetable

Assorted Desserts

\$50.00

Formal Attire and Masks are requested

Pictures and Dancing

Come help us Celebrate 2023-2024





Come and Help us Celebrate

2023-2024

Menu:

*Spinach Salad,
Pan Seared Chicken Breast,
Rosemary Fingerling Potatoes,
Vegetable
Assorted Desserts*

\$50.00

Number Attending: _____ at \$50.00 each *Total: \$* _____

Name: _____

Post/Aux #: _____ *District #:* _____

Phone Number: _____

Method of Payment:

Credit Card: _____ *Check:* _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ *CVV:* _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Please Submit your Reservation Form along with payment to:

*V.F.W. Department of Ohio
35 East Chestnut Street, Suite 506
Columbus, Ohio 43215
yfr.stanley@gmail.com*

Deadline May 29, 2024

No Reservations after the May 29th Deadline

**DEPARTMENT OF OHIO VFW AUXILIARY
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
2024-2025**

DISTRICT # AUX # # OF MEMBERS DATE OF ELECTION

**Elect Delegates & Alternates using Auxiliary membership count as of the date of the Auxiliary election (date of the April meeting)*

As described in Section 303 of the National By-Laws, the term of office for which Delegates and Alternates are elected shall be for one (1) year from the date of election, until the election of the new Delegates. This list **MUST** be filed with the Department of Ohio VFW Auxiliary to be used for the Department Convention, Mid-Winter Conference and Department meetings for one year. It is important that this completed form be returned to the Department Secretary at the Department Headquarters office no later than May 31, 2024.

OHIO VFW AUXILIARY, 35 E. CHESTNUT ST. SUITE 505, COLUMBUS OH 43215

Email: treasurer@vfwauvoh.org

DELEGATES NAME(S)	ALTERNATE NAME(S)

Auxiliary President Signature & Date

Auxiliary Secretary Signature & Date

Sec. 303 – Department Meetings and Convention:

- Delegates and Alternates to the Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary, held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention:
 - One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each 30 members, or fraction thereof, in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.
 - The Auxiliary Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the Department Convention.

**DEPARTMENT OF OHIO VFW AUXILIARY
JUNE 6-9, 2024
JUNE CONVENTION TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

**Thursday, June 6, 2024
12:00-5:30pm**

BUSINESS ATTIRE NO JEANS OR SHORTS

Registration & Credentials-
Poppy Hat Registration (back of Auxiliary Meeting Room)
Treasure Chest Fundraiser for Sandra Uzell
Hospital Raffle Table Drop Off
Department Line Officers Meeting
Department Program Chairmen Meeting
District Presidents PLUS 2023-2024 Incoming District Presidents
Council of Administration
Meet & Greet (National Sr. Vice Brenda Bryant)
Floor Practice (Line Officers, District Presidents/Sr. & Jr., and Floor Officers)

**IND 3 & 4
Ball Room C,D,E,F
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Ball Room C,D,E,F**

2:00-2:30 p.m.
2:30-3:00 p.m.
3:00-4:00 p.m.
4:30-5:30 p.m.
5:30-6:30 p.m.
8:00-9:30 p.m.

**Friday June 7, 2024
8:00-4:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS WEAR HOUSE COLORS OFFICERS OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Registration & Credentials
Poppy Hat Registration/Creative Art (back of Auxiliary Meeting Room)
Treasure Chest Fundraiser for Sandra Uzell
Hospital Raffle Table
Officers March
Roll Call
Escort of National Sr. Vice President Brenda Bryant
Escort National Council Member Area D Tracy Fife
Presentation of Past Department Presidents
Recess
Escort National Home- Judy Hollinger
Escort Americanism Recipient-
Announcements
Department Presidents Luncheon
Massing of Colors (District Presidents, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice)
Nominations of Officer's/ Presentation of Candidates
Joint Awards VFW All State and Auxiliary OEA
Registration & Credentials
Announcements & Recess
Caucus at District Signs
Joint Memorial Service

Ball Room C,D,E,F

8:30-10:30 a.m.

10:30- 10:40 a.m.
10:45- 11:30 a.m.

11:45 - 1:00 p.m.
1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Mangrove Room

**Ball Room A,B,G,H
Ball Room C,D,E,F**

Ball Room A,B,G,H

**Saturday, June 8, 2024
8:00 -11:00 am.**

MEMBERS WEAR RED/WHITE/BLUE/PATRIOTIC OFFICERS OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Registration & Credentials
Treasure Chest Fundraiser for Sandra Uzell
Creative Art Pick up
Hospital Raffle Table
Chapel Service
Roll Call
Announcements
Auxiliary Program Awards
Buddy Poppy Hat Contest
Presentation of Convention Committee
Past Presidents Association Meeting/Lunch
Roll Call
Presentation of Greetings/love gift

Ball Room C,D,E,F

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
9:15 - 11:45 a.m.

11:45 -1:00 p.m.
1:15 - 3:30 p.m.



	Presentation of House Cup Department Presidents Remarks National Representatives Remarks Final Credential and Registration Reports Election of Officers Announcements Closing Ceremonies	
6:00 p.m.	Department President/Commander Testimonial Dinner (FORMAL)	Nile & Orange Room
Midnight	Prisoner of War Missing in Action Midnight Toast (Past District 9 Commanders! Keep Danny and Pam Crowe in your prayers)	Grand Hall

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
Noon

Active is Whatever our New President Asks of You

Pictures & Line up of Elected Officers
 Auxiliary Installation 2023-2024 Officers
 VFW Installation 2023-2024 Officers
 2023-2024 Commander's Reception

Ball Room A,B,G,H



OUR MISSION

The objects of this organization shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to assist the Posts and members thereof of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and its own members whenever possible; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women; to preserve and defend the United States of America from all her enemies." (From the National Auxiliary Bylaws and Rituals 2017

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