



VFW Auxiliary Department of Ohio

President's Message

HELLO #TEAMOHIO!!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2022-2023 Program year!! Are you EXCITED as I am about this year?! This year not only are we going to HONOR, SERVE & SUPPORT our Veterans but we will come up with new ideas, sharing old ones with each other and have FUN while doing it!

Just a friendly reminder about RESPECTING each other, communicating with each other at your home auxiliary, auxiliaries within your District and throughout the entire Department of Ohio. By building healthy relationships within and with other auxiliaries, everyone will be able to do more for our Veterans!

I would like to remind everyone of some of the upcoming events during the month of July.

- National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri July 15-22, 2022
- Department C of A and School of Instruction July 29-30,
**Crowne Plaza Columbus-North 6500 Doubletree Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43229.**

I hope we have an outstanding turn-out of auxiliary members in attendance- as we will have individual program schools of instructions. Roster & Program books will be available for purchase at this School of Instruction.

Reservations for the hotel are below:

Please call the Crowne Plaza **DIRECTLY** at (614) 885-1885 and select **option #2**. When making reservations please ask for the C of A 2022 and the 3-letter reference code to receive the group discounted rate of \$109.00 (plus tax) is **COA**. The cut-off date for reservations is **July 21, 2022**.

VFW National Home OHIO DAY August 6th

It's that time of year again where we visit National Home and we continue our rivalry with that state up north. I hope to see a huge showing of OHIO this entire weekend. Here is what is going on during the weekend. **Friday, August 5-Annual golf outing** in the morning and **Saturday, August 6 -OHIO Day .1k walk, donations of cleaning & school supplies, program, parade of checks & lunch.**

Hotel information: Quality Suites 901 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing, MI 48917. (517) 886-0600 Group Name: **VFW Event 2022** Group Account: **4265285**. Cutoff date is **July 17th**. Room rate **\$85.00 plus tax**, includes breakfast. DO NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AS THIS DOESN'T COUNT TOWARDS THE NUMBER OF ROOMS THE VFW MUST HAVE BOOKED!

Friday night the **.1k t-shirts** will be distributed in the Hospitality Room and **Saturday am** at NH for those driving in. Please see President Kathy or Program Chairman Leigh Ann. Hospitality Room will have food, beverages, karaoke and lots of fun so please make sure you stop in and say HI! Please see the back page for .1k info

DON'T FORGET YOUR BANNERS

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JULY PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS:

• **July 4-Monday**

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. On July 4, 1776, the signers of the Declaration of Independence asserted that all are "created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With these words, our

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**National Council Member Area D
& Big 10 President
Tracy Fife**

Congratulations to Past Department President, Tracy Fife on her most recent accomplishment, National Council Member Area D. She will be representing our Department on the national level. Along with being elected National Council Member Area D, Tracy is the current Big 10 Auxiliary President. She was elected to that position last October at the Big 10 Conference in South Dakota. We are so very PROUD of you! Good Luck on this next adventure!



National President's Visit & Founder's Day

I am excited to announce that National President, Jane Reape, will arrive Thursday, September 22, 2022 through Sunday, September 25, 2022. Her visit means that she will be here to attend the Founder's Day Ceremony at Greenlawn Cemetery and the luncheon immediately following. I will have the hotel information and tentative schedule for her visit as soon as possible so that we can show Jane lots of OHIO LOVE while she is here!!

District Presidents, make sure to have your Colors for the Isle of Honor Ceremony at the luncheon, as we honor National President Jane Reape when we escort her and present her to everyone attending.

National President Jane Reape

It is my honor to introduce the 2022-2023 National President for the VFW Auxiliary, Jane Reape. I'd like to share some of Jane's bio with all of you. Jane Reape, of Carthage, NY and a Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227 in Carthage, NY. She joined under the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the US Air Force from 1961-1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren. Jane's oldest son, Raymond, is a Navy veteran of the Iraq War and a Life Member of the VFW. Her youngest son, Robert, served in the Air Force for twenty-two years. Jane's granddaughter, Sarah, is currently serving in the Air Force and her brother, Daniel, is serving in the Army. Jane is equally active in her community. She serves on the Finance Council of her church and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ava Maria Circle, Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary and the Honor Flight Committee.



Meet your 2022-2023 Council of Administration



Kathy Matesic, President



Shannon Stanley, Sr Vice President



Jess Gardner, Jr Vice President



Becky Abbott, Chaplain



Leigh Ann Zigler, Conductress



Meg Klaameyer, Sec/Treasurer



Kathy Correll, Guard



Diana Moore-Morris, Chief of Staff



Lisa Rashley District 1 President



Robin Hagaman, District 2 President



Chad Hoke, District 3 President



Bev Acord, District 4 President



District 5 President



Billie Melott, District 6 President



Dave Sargent, District 7 President



Dominique Graves-Robinson,
District 8 President



Brenda Cuning, District 9 President



Brooke Leidigh, District 10 President



Vernell Smith Brown,
District 11 President



Christina Spencer, District 12 President

Calendar of Events

I would like to start sharing all the functions that our Posts and Auxiliaries are hosting in their communities. These events will be shared on the Department Facebook page as well as the Department website. **WE NEED this as our Posts/Auxiliaries need support-both financially and emotionally.** Since COVID shut the world down for almost a year and a half, many of us are struggling to keep our doors open. By sharing your events, gives members and the public an excuse to take that road trip to just get-a-way for the day. It's a win-win situation for everyone-after all, who doesn't love road trips and supporting our Veterans?!

You can email, message me on Facebook, pass the information to your District President (this can also be shared on your District pages as well) The more we share our events, the more we can support our TEAMOHIO families and their communities. TOGETHER WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE!

PLEASE GET YOUR EVENTS TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO I CAN START SHARING

Flat Jane & Flat Kathy

Back at the National Sr Vice meeting in Kansas City this past January, National Sr. Vice President Jane said she wished that she could visit each auxiliary function throughout our organization. We all know that isn't possible, so she came up with this AMAZING solution as to how that can be done! Remember when we were kids and there was a book called Flat Stanley? If you don't-google it! Jane came up with the idea of providing two photos of herself, so we can just take the photo to our functions. I said, what a perfect way for the BOTH of us to be at all of the auxiliaries within the state of Ohio. At their functions.

After speaking with Samantha Zigler, the Dept Historian, I thought we should include a photo of myself along with Jane's so each auxiliary can have both the National and Department President at each of the Post/Auxiliary and community functions the 2022-2023 year. This would give each auxiliary a report for the Historian program a report-NOW JUST REMEMBER TO TAKE US WITH YOU TO THE FUNCTION and of course to send in the reports! Have lots of fun with us at your functions!



National Home .1k Walk

This year we are planning something new that we will be doing at National Home. We will be holding a .1K walk. A .1K walk is only 328 feet or 35 Dr. Seuss books end to end or 656 Hot dogs if you put them end to end. All proceeds will be added to our OHIO DAY donations to the VFW National Home for Children. Get people to sponsor you for this walk and bring to Ohio Day and turn in prior to the walk to Leigh Ann Zigler. All who pre-register will receive a red t-shirt that you can wear for Ohio Day. Let's show our support to the VFW National Home for Children with getting as many sponsors as you can. Remember your sponsors DO NOT have to be VFW Members only, ask your friends and family members. Just like the "Buddy" Poppy anyone can donate to this through a sponsorship. If you are not able to attend Ohio Day and would like to participate, Register, get sponsors, and walk around your neighborhood on August 6th and post your picture on the "VFW Auxiliary Dept. of Ohio National Home and Buddy Poppy Program" facebook page ... just make sure you mail your registration form, sponsor sheet, and money to the address below by July 18, 2022 to be added to our Ohio Day total. If you would like to order a t-shirt with registering for the walk, you can do that also! Please contact Chairman Leigh Ann or Dept President Kathy for the forms.

REMEMBER WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Remember WHY we do what we do..

Remember what we do HONORS the Veteran that gave us our eligibility...

Remember it is an HONOR to belong to this organization-not just anyone can join...

Remember our ACTIONS are a reflection upon our organization & our Veterans...

Please remember this before each meeting, event and in our everyday life...

You don't have to like everyone you are around but EVERYONE deserves RESPECT...

So, let's RESPECT & HONOR our Veterans and work together, because that what they did for US & our GREAT NATION!!!!

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

"When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."
—Mister Rogers

To all having birthdays & anniversaries, enjoy!

To those that have lost a loved one, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your families

Remember to keep our Troops, both home and deployed around the world in your thoughts and prayer-remember FREEDOM isn't FREE!

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!