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**Department of Texas**

# OUR TWO CENTS



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***"CONTINUE TO CARE FOR OUR VETERANS"***

**CLEO HORNSBY**  
State President

Ladies, I can not tell you how much I appreciate the great hospitality you have showed me this year. The Auxiliary's I have visited since my last article are 10, 12, 3 and 30. It's been a busy year.

We had a great turn out of ladies from Texas for the Southern Conference in Corpus Christi. They were great hostess for the Conference. Everyone really seemed to enjoy Texas.

This has been a busy month with Southern Conference, my District visits and we also had Snowball Express in Dallas. They brought in 1500 kids and 500 parents and guardians. The kids really had a great time.

Remember our State Nursing Scholarship Fund and contribute \$15 (or more if possible) to scholarship fund. It goes for a great thing. The nurses that received it really appreciate it. It also time to start working on your salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week that is February 7-13. It will be here before we know it.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Austin at Mid-Winter. Our National President Jan Tittle will be there. And I really want all of you to meet her, she is such a great ladie. I know you will really enjoy meeting her.

We have also made a lot of changes to Mid-Winter this year. I believe you will like the changes. One thing I hope you will all turn out for is my party on Friday night. This year instead of ha homecoming, I am having a party for everyone on Friday night. I think it will be a lot of fun. See you in Austin.

Remember, **"It's Time For Americas Military Heroes"** and **"Continue To Care For Our Veterans"**

**MIDWINTER ROUND UP**  
**AUSTIN TEXAS**  
**JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 31**

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**  
**WELCOMES**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**JAN TITTLE**

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Aransas Pass, Texas 78336

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**CHAIRMEN**

**Missed articles for the Our Two Cents:**

**Hurts your Program  
No information to your National Director  
No information for the Auxiliaries  
&  
A commitment to the Department of Texas and  
the Department President not being fulfilled.**

**STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Andrea King -Chairman

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year. Now it's time to get back to work. Did you know that according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nursing is the top occupation in terms of the largest job growth from 2006-2016?

I know you are all looking forward to Mid-Winter in Austin. Please stop by my booth on Saturday morning between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.. It's a good time to get your questions answered about the program. I look forward to seeing you all.

God bless the nurses who **CONTINUE TO CARE FOR OUR VETERANS** because **IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES**.

**AMERICANISM**

Esperanza Lackey - Chairman

We are entering the next half of our 2009-2010 year. There is still plenty of time to do a lot of Americanism Programs and **"Continue To Care For Our Veterans"**. Keep remembering our men and women overseas and at home. Continue to visit classrooms as well as private schools.

Contact the Scout Master of Boy and Girl Scouts Troops and find out if they have someone in line for their high achievement Award. Present them with a certificate at their ceremony (which can be ordered from VFW & Ladies Auxiliary supply catalog). Promote in your Community to proudly fly our flag on the upcoming patriotic holidays for the year 2010.

**"It's Time For America's Heroes"** - visit your nursing homes and take a Veterans or spouse a small flag to display in their room. Look in your community and see if there are homebound Veterans, visit and also take them to a flag.

Do the same with a POW Veteran or families of a MIA; also Gold Star and/or Blue Star Mother.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Melanie McConaghy-Chairman  
Mary Alice Owens - Co-Chairman

Sisters thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great job you are doing in membership. We are halfway through this year and our work is not finished. This is the time of the year membership slows way down. We cannot quit working. We need to continue to work as hard the second half of the year as we did the first half. I know you want Texas to be on top with 100%. I know you are working hard because I see it as I have traveled around the state. I am looking forward to handing out the awards at Mid-Winter Roundup.

The Auxiliaries have worked hard for these awards. Keep up the great work. Together as a team we will achieve our goal of 100%. I appreciate everything you do for this great organization. Our membership is the backbone of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW.

We will **"Continue To Care For Our Veterans"** to make sure **"It's Time For America's Military Heroes"**. Sisters of this great state keep up the great work and we will put Texas on top.

I would like to thank District 10 for all their hospitality shown to me when I visited the District. It was great to see old friends and make new ones.

**Division Leaders for Month of November**

Division I	District 29	Joyce Griffin	88.76%
Division II	District 6	Natalie Copeland	92.42%
Division III	District 5	Stacey Foley	89.15%
Division IV	District 28	Linda Towers	91.64%
Division V	District 16	Eileen Latimer	89.24%

**Congratulations to the District Division Leaders.**

**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

Esperanza Lackey

Patriotic Instructors: bring me a report of what you are doing so far this year at Mid-Winter. I will be pleased to receive any reports from auxiliary's also. Looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter.

**PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

Joyce Dalton - Chairman

State Nursing Scholarship Fund. Contribute \$15.00 (or more if possible) to the Scholarship Fund. "Veterans Oral History" Project. America Supports You" Project.

**CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION**

Bennie Knapp

Happy New Year!!! To start off the year, we want to welcome our New Auxiliaries

District 6	Freer Auxiliary 8786 Port Aransas Auxiliary 8967
District 12	Longview Auxiliary 4002
District 19	Center Auxiliary 8904
District 28	Round Rock Auxiliary 9078

Welcome Ladies. A big thank you to these District Presidents for a job well done; also a big thank you to all the mentors that have been assigned to each of these Auxiliaries - your dedication is to be commended.

Our inspections are doing well. Congratulations to those that have completed all their Auxiliary visits - this will give you an opportunity to make a second visit. At this writing we are 75% - I hope we will be 100% in real time.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS:** We are now required to send a copy of the 990 filing to Barbara Hoffman at Department Headquarters - she will have to keep a file of these at all times. All Treasurers are responsible for this filing.

I hope to see each of you a Mid-Winter. Remember our National President Jan will be there; take time to say hello to her and welcome her to Texas! Happy New Year to each of you and remember to "Continue To Serve."

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Joyce Dalton - Chairman

Welcome to 2010. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. Now it's time to get back to our programs. Remember our active duty military did not have the privilege of taking time off from their duties. We must "**Continue To Care For Our Veterans**" and the community while we show "**It's Time For America's Military Heroes**".

The Veterans Oral History project can be completed on anything as it is on going throughout the year. Preserving the history of all Veterans is our main priorities.

Even though Make A Difference Day has passed, you can continue to volunteer in your community. Volunteer at day care centers, retirement homes, nursing homes during their activity hours. The staff at these facilities would be very thankful for any assistance. Consider sponsoring a blood drive. Giving the gift of Life (just one pint of blood) will benefit at least three people and possibly save a life.

Remember for Mid-Winter Round-up in January, I am requesting that each Auxiliary send me two or three 4x6 photos of your "Make A Difference Day" event or an outstanding Community Service project. I'll be designing a display of what you have been doing in your community.

The deadline for the pictures is January 10, 2010. Please write in pencil on the back of the picture your Auxiliary and District number. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

**New email address: [jdalton4853@att.net](mailto:jdalton4853@att.net)**

**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

Kathy Wewe - Chairman

The Holiday season is over and now is the time to get to work for our Veterans. I am sending a list to each District President of the Auxiliaries that I have heard from regarding their program participation for Veterans and Family Support. We must have 90% participation by Auxiliaries to meet the national goals. Plan a project and let's get Texas on a roll because **It's Time for America's Military Heroes as We Continue to Care for Our Veterans**.

**LADIES AUXILIARY CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP** - Let me know if your Auxiliary had an entry so I can help follow through.

**BUDDY POPPY** - Hopefully you used these great flowers some during November and December. There were so many excellent opportunities. Texas can't report we used them if you don't tell me. Texas has purchased 601,000 for 58.32% against last year.

**NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN** - Remember the birthday celebration and special key chain. If you need more information just let me know. Texas can really shine with this project. Through October there have been 179 Auxiliaries donating a total of \$3,403.86 for Health and Happiness.

**MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** - There are so many ways to help in this area. Let's make Texas number 1. Through October Texas has donated \$5,230.90 to the National Military Services.

**BASIC ELEMENT** - Surely you did something during the holiday season that falls under this element. You need to report it. Look for my special table at Mid-Winter Roundup.

Make your plans to join us at Mid-Winter it's going to be exciting.

**CANCER AID & RESEARCH**

Jayne McCormick - Chairman

Pat Murphree - Co-Chairman

Knowledge is Hope

Research is Survival

“Continue To Care For Our Veterans”

“It’s Time for America’s Military Heroes”

We are approaching our Mid-Winter Roundup and there is some business we have to review.

\*4 gifts from each District or Auxiliary (\$25.00 suggested for gifts) \*Table will be open Thursday Morning at 8:00 AM to receive the gifts and sell Tickets. \*CAR Special Fund Raiser—Quilts(will be displayed) Tickets will be sold beginning Thursday morning at 8:00 AM. \*Memory Walk Saturday Afternoon during CAR Program

Now let’s get busy on what our purpose is – Making each of us Healthy, Wealthy and Wise.

Healthy - OUR HEALTH

Wealthy - KNOWLEDGE

Wise - TAKETHEKNOWLEDGE

WE HAVE AND USE IT IN EVERY BREATH WE TAKE. Remember Cancer - the Silent Killer - our defense is our checkups and knowing the “flags” of certain Cancers. Read, discuss and listen to the changes of our bodies.

May this New Year be a healthy one and God bless each and everyone of my sisters in the great State of TEXAS.

**OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

Sharon Helton- Chairman

District Presidents, by now you should have all your Auxiliaries inspected. If you do not have all your inspections completed, I would suggest that you get them done as soon as possible. The reason for doing these inspections is to find out which of your Auxiliaries are having problems so that they can get help.

I’m sure you are aware that your year is almost half over. Hopefully, by now all of you have achieved your 90% in membership and are close to your ultimate goal of 100%. I know those of you who made your 90% will have a great time at the “Gift of Time” party. I know that each of you will enjoy the party.

This is an excellent time to once again review all the requirements in your Department Program Book. There still is a lot of work to be done. Your year is not over. We must work together in order to accomplish the goals that we have set out to do.

Remember the responsibilities you have as District President, but lead with discretion, common sense, and show why this is the **‘TIME FOR AMERICA’S HEROES.’**

Be sure you continue to stay in touch with each of your Auxiliaries. They are looking for your leadership and your knowledge.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Callie Lumpkin - Chairman

January is here and the holidays are over so it is time to get back to work on your youth programs. Donations (if available) are needed for Jr. Girls Scholarship and Patriotic Art Scholarship funds. Mail checks to Treasurer Dept. of Texas being sure to earmark your donation.

Have you thought about Jr. ROTC involvement around your Post and Auxiliary? Did you ever think family members of the ROTC that might be eligible to join our organizations?

Deadlines are drawing near on Outstanding Youth Volunteer and Outstanding Jr. Girls scholarships. Have you nominated youth for either of these scholarships? Better hurry deadlines are February 15<sup>th</sup> mailed to your Department Chairman.

There seems to be some confusion on what to report and when to report. I expect to hear from every Auxiliary Youth Chairman prior to the end of the year. Keep me in the loop on what you are doing, a short note is all that is necessary. End of the year reports are to be mailed to chairman by date printed on report. These reports should include every activity your auxiliary has performed involving youth and youth groups.

Outstanding Patriotic Art contest judging is not necessary on a District Level. Remember that the application sheet should be completely filled out including signature of art teacher and parents. I will not have works judged without complete paperwork. Art should be packaged with upmost care and be insured before being sent to Chairman. Art work will be available for you to pick up at Convention in June. If you are not attending you must make your own arrangements for the art to be picked up. I expect you to take the responsibility of returning your entry to the artist so it may be used in the artist’s portfolio. **“Continue To Serve Our Veterans”** because **“It’s Time For America’s Military Heroes”**

**VAVS**

Through the Hospital Program, volunteers serve in VA, military, community and children’s hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes, therapy centers, outpatient clinics and satellite facilities where Veterans and/or their dependents are patients or residents.

In this age of budget constraints and the aging of the veteran population, the need for volunteers has accelerated.

Because the Auxiliary volunteers are also aging, recruiting becomes an increasingly vital part of the VAVS/Hospital Program. If the Ladies Auxiliary VFW vision of continued excellence in the future is to be a reality, recruitment efforts must be doubled.

## LADIES AUXILIARY VFW

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS HEADQUARTERS  
GENERAL ORDERSP.O. BOX 15285, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78761  
NUMBER 3

JANUARY 2010

To be read at the first meeting following receipt, acted upon &amp; filed.

## ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS

#1. The President shall preside and maintain order at all meetings and enforce a strict observance of the Bylaws and Ritual of the Organization and all orders from proper authority. **She shall appoint all Officers and committees not otherwise provided for. It shall be her duty to see that there is no disruption during the meeting and if so she has the right to remove the member causing the disruption from that meeting. See Article VIII, Section 810 – President, Duties of (All Levels) page 69.**

## ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS

#2. Auxiliaries may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with National or Department Bylaws. **Sec. 211 – Standing Rules.**

#3. Communications: The Department President should have the first opportunity to assist members and Auxiliaries in her Department. Therefore, please contact your Department President first and follow the communications procedure as outlined in the Booklet of Instructions, Page 10.

#4. Congratulations to our new Auxiliaries Longview 4002, Freer 8786 and Round Rock 9078. Welcome to the great Texas Team of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW.

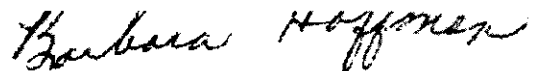
#5. Year End reports will be due before you know it. Start checking your minutes and chairmen's reports to make sure you have all your facts and figures in order. We are depending on you to make Texas 100% in reporting.

#6. Ladies Headquarters for Mid-Winter Round-Up will be the Crowne Plaza and all our events will be there unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

BY ORDER OF:

Cleo Hornsby  
Department President

Attest:

Barbara Hoffman  
Department Secretary

APPROVED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ON DECEMBER 4, 2009

## ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

THURSDAY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION - BUSINESS DRESS

UNIFORMS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY

**LEGISLATIVE/VFW-PAC**

Dorothy Bennett - Chairman

Happy New Year! As we move into the remaining months of **"It's Time For America's Military Heroes"** I hope that you are remembering to contact your Legislators about Veterans needs.

Recently I sent a brochure to District Presidents, which listed these goals. In a time when our economy is not at it's best, Veterans entitlements tend to be cut or ignored by our Legislators. This is not the time to take steps backward. Congress needs to be reminded that by the hard work of our military men and women we continue to be free. So we in turn should continue to reach out to our Legislators and remind them to keep entitlements strong and growing for our Veterans and their families.

Also in the 111th Congress booklet that was given to the President at the beginning of the year, list many other email and web addresses for your elected officials on Capital Hill. The 111th Congress booklet details which committees that your official sets on or is the chairman for. Use this resource to help us to **"Continue To Care For Our Veterans"**.

I hope that you take time to attend the Mid-Winter Roundup. Please visit the Legislative/VFW-PAC booth to learn more about this program. **"It's Time For Our America's Military Heroes"** Now.

**HOSPITAL**

Christene Funderburg - Chairman

Please remember to sign in as Ladies Auxiliary VFW when you volunteer at the hospital, nursing home, etc. This is how you get credit for your time and labor. I also need a list of the volunteers and their hours for my reports and to give you proper credit towards the next pin you will earn.

Many items are needed at the VA Hospitals. Contact your Hospital for their specific needs. Always remember to participate in the Statewide Project by bringing sweat suits to the Mid-Winter Roundup. We are hoping to get at least 2 from each Auxiliary. That would be less that 600 sets, and we already know that we need thousands.

Some suggestions for the beginning of the coming year: January is a let down after the holidays. For "Blah Removal" supply sugar free suckers along with a "Cheer" card and maybe a visit. February is the LOVE month. Show some to our Veterans. Promote children making cards for Valentines Day. Make it a contest. Always remember the Junior Girls and school students. Whatever your plans, always contact Volunteer Services for the Recreational Director for times, dates and number of Veterans.

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit! Volunteers and membership. We need both to perpetuate our Auxiliary and to **"Continue To Care For Our Veterans"**. As always, **"It's Time For America's Military Heroes"**.

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT PEN**

Patricia Kemp - Chairman

**January – A New Year - A New Beginning – A New Start****January is a New Year for most, but for us it is the Last Half of a great year.**

Congratulations to the 10 Districts that produced the Top 10 Voice of Democracy winners. Ladies your District Commander received a letter from Department with instructions FOR HIM. There are several things that must be done.

\*District Commander - contact the winner personally and give contact information.

\*Fill out "Student Travel Checklist" and mail ASAP. This can be found on page 27 of the District SOP. If the student is flying in to Austin make sure this information is given. You don't want them stranded at the airport.

I still have some Auxiliaries that have not sent me their Mid-Year report.

**District Presidents you will hear from my, if your District is not 100%.**

We have some important work that still needs to be done, showing **"We Continue to Care For Our Veterans"**.

Thank you to all that helped with your Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests. Make plans for your Award or Loyalty Day programs, to present the winners with their awards. Don't forget the teacher that helped.

There are some other things we need to do to make next year better or easier, that I will give to you at Mid-Winter and in my next article to you.

Thank you for all you did in 2009 to make the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contest an Outstanding Program. And all you will do in 2010 to make next year's program even better.

**God Bless and Happy New Year**