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**CLEO HORNSBY**  
State President



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

The first thing I want to do is say Thank You to Districts 9, 18 & 2 for all that great hospitality. I really enjoyed myself. Mike Barber's Homecoming was a lot of fun. I laughed so much I was sore the next day.

The VFW put on a skit the older wed game. The food was great.

I have 10 things to think about when you go to a meeting:

1. Attend all meetings and be on time
2. Listen to & show respect for the views of the other members
3. Criticize ideas not person
4. The only stupid question is the one that is not asked
5. Pay attention - avoid disruptive behavior
6. Carry out assignments as scheduled
7. Resolve conflicts constructively
8. Avoid disruptive side conversations
9. Always strive for win-win situations
10. Every member is responsible for team progress & success

Remember, ladies we're all there to help the Veterans. So let's start working together. I know there is always going to be personality problems, but we need to put them aside when we're working for the Veterans.

Remember, It's Time For America's Heroes" and "Continue To Work For Our Veterans". Our Programs for November is **\$2.00 per member for Cancer Aid & Research**. If you could afford to send a little more that would be great. **Buddy Poppy Awareness Week** November 8-14, **Veterans Day** November 11 and **National Volunteer Day** November 16. Don't forget our "Ways & Means.

Remember, Ladies, it is everyone's responsibility to work on Membership. Our 90% deadline is coming up fast.

We want all District President's to qualify for the Night on the Town. You would not want your District President to be the only one to not make it.

Ladies remember working together and with the VFW, we can have a great year for our Veterans and Community.

God bless each of you and continued success on the programs, your membership and the commitment to our organization and our Veterans.

Till next month !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Membership**

Melanie McConaghy-Chairman  
Mary Alice Owens - Co-Chairman

Sisters, let me say "**Thank You**" for the great job you are doing in membership. Congratulations to the District Division leaders. Keep up the good work.

November is National Recruiting Month. Do something special for recruiting members. Check your rosters for members who have not paid their dues in a couple of years. Call them and find out why and what you can do to help. If the reason is financial you can pay for their dues out of the relief fund. We do not want to lose those members who have been members for many years.

This is the year the Department of Texas will be 100% in membership. District Presidents remember your District needs to be 90% by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order to attend the dinner at Mid-Winter Round Up. I am looking forward to seeing all 25 District Presidents at the dinner. Together as a team we will achieve our goal.

We "**CONTINUE TO CARE FOR OUR VETERANS**" as we make sure "**IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES**".

Remember the 3 R's "**RECRUIT, REINSTATE and RETAIN**". I would like to thank District 4 for all their hospitality when I visited their District meeting. Sisters, keep up the great work you are doing.

**Division Leaders for September**

Division I	Joyce Griffin	District 29	82.77%
Division II	Ka Davis	District 10	81.23%
Division III	Stacey Foley	District 5	77.38%
Division IV	Rose Marie Sweet	District 14	82.23%
Division V	Eileen Latimer	District 16	83.58%

**CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS  
WITH MEMBERSHIP.**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
CLEO, LYNN, BARBARA, JO ELLA  
SHARON, KATHY, MELANIE, DORTHY,  
BENNIE, STACEY**

**THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2009 - THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOVEMBER 27, 2009 - FRIDAY  
DEPARTMENT WILL REOPEN DECEMBER 1**

**Community Service/Program participation**

Joyce Dalton - Chairman

November is the perfect time to show "**It's Time For America's Military Heroes**" and "**Continue To Care For Our Veterans**". Everyone of you knows a Veteran. You have the opportunity to talk with our Veterans and promote "Veterans Oral History" project. Our Military past and present are the nation's treasure. Get busy with pen and paper and help preserve an important part of our history for generations to come. You can call 1-888-371-5848 to request a kit to assist you or go to [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) and download the needed information.

Monday, November 16 is National Volunteer Day. Contact your local Community Center; nursing homes and retirement centers; always welcome volunteers to assist with their activity hour. Volunteer to help at the Library or Schools. Use your imagination, volunteer wherever possible.

Remember, each and every project or event must, must be brought before the floor and voted on by the Membership at a regular business meeting and recorded in the minutes.

**Make sure you report the number of hours and dollars spent (from Auxiliary Treasury) for each project on the new Texas VFW & Auxiliary Community Service Activity Report Form. Reporting must be submitted within 30 days of project/event to receive credit.**

**OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Inez Ramirez

Refer frequently to the requirements that are outlined in the Department Program Development Book.

All Auxiliary Treasurers should be bonded and the Auxiliary President in possession of that bond.

Audits should be to Department Headquarters on time and copy to your District President

Should be working membership to be Quota by December 20, 2009.

Auxiliary must report (2) of the following : Americanism, Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy, Youth Activities, Cancer Aid & Research, Community Service and Veterans & Family Support.

Remember, your positive attitude, guidance, leadership and support will go far in getting your members to cooperate, participate and be motivated.

Continued success as we Continue To Care For Our Veterans through our leadership in our Auxiliaries and keep always in mind that It's Time For America's Military Heroes.

**Legislative/VFW-PAC**  
Dorothy Bennett - Chairman

**Bennie Knapp**  
Chief of Staff/Extension

Ladies it is November already. I hope you are making good use of the Legislative Updates as they arrive. If you have joined the email list for **WASHINGTON WEEKLY** you know what is happening on Capitol Hill and how our Political Action Committee is working for our Veterans. They need our help as **"It Is Time For Our Military Heroes"**.

There are many reason these days to contact our elected officials. I'm trying to keep all of you abreast of topics as they occur so that we may contact our elected officials and let them know how we feel.

As always keep your letters, emails, faxes, and phone calls positive for entitlements and benefits for our Veterans, our families and our country.

Please review the year end report. There you will find what will be required to for awards. It also gives an idea of what you should be doing for Legislative/VFW PAC program.

Hopefully you have planned your program for the Statewide Project and working hard towards that goal.

Please **"Continue To Serve Our Veterans"** by letting your voices being heard.

Happy Thanksgiving I pray that it is Blessed.

**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"**

Our HEROES must be protected. They must realize the injuries, physical or mental, has caused structural damage which could develop into a risk factor for cancer. Our HEROES must be educated as well as ourselves on these dangers. How can we make them aware? WE must do this by teaching, watching and listening. WE are our HEROES keepers.

So please honor our Military this Veterans month by helping each of them to be aware of the potential dangers of cancer.

May God bless each and everyone for the labor of love and honor you give to our Veterans.

Happy Holidays to You and Yours. As we go into this Season, it is time to give Thanks for our extended family, The Ladies Auxiliary. We would be lost and alone without them because they are important in our lives.

**Everyone** must have a Tax Number called a EIN Number. This can be obtained at IRS.GOV. Every Auxiliary, **Every District and each VAVS Rep must have Tax Number and file a 990 Form each year.** This can be done on line if you have less than \$25,000 - if you have over \$25,000 you must do the physical paperwork. You will be asked for a four digit number-this is Department's number since we are under their umbrella - **Number 1816.** All of this information can be found in the **Treasurers Guide** pages 34 & 35. If you have other questions please call Department Treasurer, Jo Ella Menn.

For those of you that are instituting a new Auxiliary, please make sure they have a tax number and understand this information.

Our Inspections are going well but we are discovering some discrepancies - **YOU MUST HAVE AN AUXILIARY MEETING AT LEAST ONE A MONTH!** If you do not have at least six members and this continues to be a problem, Presidents need to contact all members and make them aware of the problems as their Auxiliary is in trouble.

Audits must be in on time. It is up to the Sr. Trustee to call for an audit and the responsibility of the Treasurer and Secretary to have their books ready. If you are making your inspection, - be sure each page of the records are signed by trustees as this is a legal record.

We are discovering some Auxiliaries **STILL** do not have a bond. Please take care of this now. Well I have preached enough! District Presidents you are doing a great job as we **CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR VETERANS** because **IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES.**

**Program Participation**  
Joyce Dalton - Chairman

**November** is "Cancer Aid & Research" month

Please send \$2.00 per member based on your June 30, 2009 membership. Make check payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW Department of Texas, be sure to earmark your check "Cancer Aid & Research".

Keep a copy for your records.

**November 11** - Veteran's Day

**November 8-14** - Buddy Poppy Awareness Week.

**November 16** - National Volunteer Day

**Veterans and Family Support**

Kathy Wewe - Chairman

Let's get excited. As Veterans Day approaches this program really comes to the forefront. **It's Time for America's Military Heroes as We Continue to Care For Our Veterans** should keep you excited. **LADIES AUXILIARY CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP** - Do you qualify? What about a spouse or child? This deadline is fast approaching. We need applicants from Texas. Read the qualifications with the application. It is in the National Program Book or online at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org). **BUDDY POPPY** - Anytime you have a function use these in your decorations. Remember to report their use. March 3<sup>rd</sup> has been designated All American Star Spangled Bonus Day. It is deemed an official day for a Buddy Poppy Campaign. Have you seen the Commemorative Buddy Poppy with silver (25 years), gold (50 years), or diamond (75 years) colors? Available through the Supply Department. **NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN** - Did you send your Health & Happiness donation during October? There is a new project for the home. Michigan law is changing. They will also need a mini-bus to transport the children. Each District President received a flyer with more information. Any participation will help. **MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** - Don't forget the special fund raiser project going on for "Support Our Troops" t-shirts and koozies. This is small way that each of you can help. It can help your Post be All-American. Other areas include Adopt a Unit, Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs. I will have more information about Adopt-A-Unit at Mid-Winter.

**BASIC ELEMENT** - Are you doing things on a daily basis to help Post and Auxiliary members and your own community Veterans? These are reported for this portion of the program. Let me know what you are doing in this area.

The holiday season and Mid-Winter are fast approaching so make your plans now to take care of our Veterans and communities.

**HISTORIAN**

Judy Suggs - Chairman

As Historians, remember, it is your duty to keep a record of all memories and history of our great organization and of our Department President's travels during the year.

Please keep the events, whether written or pictorial, in chronological order.

Continue to send me pictures of Madam President Cleo and indicate who, what, when, where and what event about each picture.

**Voice of Democracy**

Patricia Kemp - Chairman

I hope all of your hard work recruiting for entries in our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests really paid off. What better way to show we "**Continue to Care For Our Veterans**". Now lets find the best of the best, so that Texas will have 25 outstanding entries (one from each District) to chose from, and an excellent winner to send to National, in both contest. This was the perfect way for our youth to show "**It's Time for America's Military Heroes**" **to be honored**.

Do you have your judges ready? Remember it is not recommended to have Post /Auxiliary members. Be prepared by having all needed materials (for both programs) and make sure the tape or CD players are in good working order.

What you need to provide with each entry you send to District. Make sure that you fill out your part (on the back) of the entry form(s).

1. **VOD** Have only quality tapes that meet all requirements -no back-ground noise, easy to hear, time is within the requirements, the student is a citizen of the US, etc.
2. Give the total number of schools that participated.
3. List your total number of entries sent to District.
4. Total of Scholarship money your Post/Aux will award.
5. Amount of other money spent for trophies, jackets, etc.
6. The entry form with name, address and phone number for each tape you send to District. Because the District will have to have this to send with the winning tape
7. Please try and have a picture of the student with each tape because the winning entry has to have one.

District judging must be completed and the District Winner to Department on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. So, you need to make sure what date your District will be judging and have your entries there in time. Don't forget to thank all that helped you. Let your news media know who your winners are and invite them to your awards program.

I look forward to seeing you in January as we honor the District winners and hear the top winners. Thank you for all of your hard work. Team Work what an amazing thing.

**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT****Snowball Express**

The raffle tickets sales are going well. If you need more in your area please contact the Department Office. Remember the drawing will be held at Mid-Winter. Tickets and money are to be sent to Department Treasurer Jo Ella Menn, checks earmarked, Snowball Express. Additional tickets can be obtained from Stacy at Department.

**Youth Activities**

Callie Lumpkin - Chairman

Colette Bishop, our National Director of Youth Activities, has provided some useful email addresses for Jr. ROTC information. I have gone to these websites and they provide information on local units that you can use to find a unit in your area. Jr. ROTC units educate and train some of our future Veterans. US Army-www.usarmyjrotc.com; US Navy - www.njrrptc.navy.mil/; US Air Force-www.airforcerotc.com; US Marines-www.mcrotc.org. Please visit these sites.

There is no award this year on the National Level for Outstanding Young Volunteer but we still have a Department Scholarship that we will be awarding. Please send your student applications to me when you receive them for judging. There will also be a Jr. Girl Scholarship given by the Department of Texas as well as one award this year at the National Level. There are a few citations left at the National Office if you choose to recognize Girl Scouts this year. National will not be printing anymore.

Patriotic Art helpful Hints should be downloaded at the Ladies Auxiliary website and distributed when you are promoting the program. Plan to mail your entries to me by Department deadline which is April 15, 2010. No exceptions! I will not accept any material after that date.

Other Youth Activities: Host holiday parties for children and grandchildren of your members; Host party for hospitalized children; Sponsor local YMCA/YWCA groups.

Remember to buy your Snowball Express raffle tickets distributed to you and or make a donation to this great cause. Madam President will present all the monies collected in this her special project directly to Snowball Express. It's Time For America's Military Heroes" because we "Continue To Care For Our Veterans.

**State Nursing**

Andrea King - Chairman

I have had some questions regarding the Student Nursing Scholarship from auxiliaries as well as schools. In order to qualify for the scholarship the candidate must be entering her senior year in the Fall of 2010, whether it is the RN or LVN program. High School seniors do not qualify.

The nursing schools have been contacted and we look forward to some good participation.

**IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA'S MILITARY HEROES,**  
so don't forget to honor our nurses who **CONTINUE TO CARE FOR OUR VETERANS.**

**Thank a nurse often as they tend to our  
Military, retired, active duty  
and our wonderful Veterans.**

**Americanism/Patriotic Instructor**

Eppie Lackey

My how time is flying by, here we are already in November. Only one more month and we will be through half of our year. It has been a busy time with all of the Patriotic days since we started in June. Sisters, I sent each District President a copy of 2009-2010 Flag Flying Days I am sure she has shared this with you

Did you have a Veterans Day Program to "**Continue To Care For Our Veterans**" past and present—visit your school and pass out Americanism information to students — honor school teachers and promote the teacher of the year award—deadline November 1st? I am sure you did and reported it on the community service activity report. I have received reports from some auxiliary's and I can see what wonderful work is being done throughout the Department of Texas.

December is fast approaching and "**It's Time For America's Heroes**". Remember Pearl Harbor Day (December 7<sup>th</sup>) as was stated after the attack in 1941 (**A Day That Will Live In Infamy**)

**Patriotic Instructors** - November and December - a good time to promote patriotism.

**State Wide Project**—Honor Gold Star and/or Blue Star Mother---Best Overall POW/MIA Program

**Hospital/VAVS**

Christine Funderburg - Chairman

Here is a list of VAMC in Texas. Hospitals - 9 / OPC - 9 / others OPCs are in the works or are being enlarged. Help in any way you can. The more quality facilities, the better for our Veterans. Amarillo VAMC: Lubbock OPC. Big Spring VAMC. Bonham VAMC. Dallas VAMC: Dallas-Ft Worth OPC. El Paso OPC. Houston VAMC: Houston Beaumont OPC, Houston-Lufkin OPC. Kerrville VAMC. San Antonio VAMC: San Antonio-Corpus Christi OPC. Temple VAMC: Bryan-College Station VA Community Based OPC, Brownwood OPC, Palestine OPC. Waco VAMC.

VAVS reports are due within 30 days of each month's end. Most of you are behind. If you send them to me, I will see that they get to all they should reach. I do accept report by email. Representatives, please specify where each Deputy volunteers. If more than one facility, please specify for each facility.

Everyone can volunteer, donate, or make items for any hospital, but especially the VAMC. Encourage all Auxiliary members to participate. Count their hours, volunteer money, Auxiliary money, cost of materials, etc. Keep a count of each person's total hours as a VA volunteer. It is the responsibility of the VAVS Representative to order pins for volunteers in VA Medical Centers.

**MID-WINTER LUNCHEON**

Past Department Presidents and current District Presidents will have special seating for the luncheon. Please indicate if this reservation includes either a Past Department President or current District President.

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL. MID-WINTER LUNCHEON JANUARY 29, 2010**

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:  
MARJORIE MENZEL  
P.O. BOX 231  
THORNDALE, TX 76577  
PHONE: 512/898.2830**

Enclose check or money order for \$21 for each luncheon.  
**DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 20, 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past Department President: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)  
 District Number & President: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)

Your ticket will have your table number on it and may be picked up at Auxiliary Registration. Please make your reservation early.

The National President Jan Tittle will be at our luncheon and know she would enjoy meeting each of you so come join the friendship luncheon

**MID-WINTER LADIES AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS WILL BE THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL 512.323.5466**

**\*\*\*FOR YOUR INFORMATION\*\*\***

**QUESTIONS CONCERNING SNOWBALL EXPRESS, PLEASE CONTACT CHAIRMAN KATHY WEWE OR CO-CHAIRMAN CALLIE LUMPKIN.**

**IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2010 DUES!**

**LADIES AUXILIARY MID-WINTER ROUNDUP TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Thursday-January 28, 2010**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration & Booths
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Presentation of Programs (Membership)
12:00 Noon- 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	District Presidents & Programs Uniform
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Council of Administration
6:30 PM	Cleo's Wildflower 90% Dinner for Winning District Presidents

**FRIDAY-JANUARY 29, 2010**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration & Booths
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Joint Opening Session - Doubletree
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	Luncheon (Crowne Plaza)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Presentation PD Presidents Presentation District Presidents Motivational Speaker Yellow Ribbon-Deborah Evans Introductions by President Remarks by National President Cleo's Party (Crowne Plaza)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Dance with Cash Bar - Crowne Plaza
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM	

**SATURDAY-JANUARY 30, 2010**

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration & Booths
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chairmen's Booths
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Gene Koci-Financial Advisor Department Officers Further Presentation of Programs (Trustees/Audit - Treasurer/Membership Forms Extension)
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Dist. Sr. Vice & Jr. Vice Pres. Will be in meeting room
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Further Presentation of Programs Questions & Answer Session National President Jan Tittle Ways & Means Drawing, Cancer Aid & Research Department President Presentation
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Reception Cash Bar
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Voice of Democracy Banquet Doubletree

**SUNDAY-JANUARY 31, 2010**

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Music-Doubletree
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Memorial Service

All Auxiliary Events are at the Crowne Plaza Unless Stated Otherwise!