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**“VETERANS & OUR COMMUNITIES”
Department President –Lynn Richards**

“UNITED BY LOVE FOR OUR VETERANS AND COUNTRY”

Thank you once again for your faith in me to lead the BEST Department in the United States. I am extremely proud and honored to be here. I hope to make some changes this year, but that is not saying there is something wrong with our Department. I want to get the Ladies Auxiliaries all fired up and EXCITED again. I want you to have fun doing your programs, but mainly I want you to do your programs. Remember why we are here. It is because of our Veterans! This is the reason I hope you join the Auxiliary in the first place. I know we have preached Membership to you for the last few years, but this year I want you to tell people about your Auxiliary. Tell people what we do for the Veterans. Tell them about the education of patriotism for the children in the schools. Talk about the Auxiliary in a positive way, not about the dances and the fun in the canteen. Talk about our scholarships we have for the middle schools, and high schools. Talk about the nurses' scholarships that we give out. There is countless way to brag about your auxiliary. Read your Programs' Book, your By-Laws Book and your Training Book.

Now speaking on the reasoning of the Training Seminar. Everyone needs to go. All officers must attend to make your Auxiliary stronger. You will be surprise as to what you can learn. If you cannot attend the Training Seminar in your District then you must travel to another District that is having one on another date. There is a Training Seminar every Saturday in July and one on Sunday.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in your District as I travel this Great State of ours. God Bless and Pray for our Troops. God Bless and Pray for our Country. God Bless You for what you are doing in your Auxiliary.

Extension

Celia Koci-Chairman

We are back from the State Convention and full of excitement and enthusiasm. What a great beginning to a new year to serve **“Veterans & Our Communities.”**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: To begin your Auxiliary year, your Warrants should have been mailed to Department and National Headquarters. Bound applications will be received following your Warrant being sent to National Headquarters.

REMINDER-District Presidents- Do not begin your Inspections until you have held your Organizational meeting. This will allow your Auxiliary Presidents to have all the information necessary to begin the Auxiliary year.

District Presidents-Your Deputy Chief of Staff will be invaluable in assisting your during the year. She will work with you to assist weak Auxiliaries in your District. Please notify myself or the State President if you have an Auxiliary in your District who is struggling. We must avoid loss of any Auxiliary if at all possible.

Forming new Auxiliaries is an essential part of growth of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. Retention is very important aspect of the duties of the Deputy Chief of Staff. If we do not retain our existing Auxiliaries, our organization will not grow.

Remember, in forming new Auxiliaries, it takes 2/3 vote at a stated VFW Post meeting to authorize the formation. Results will be relayed to the Department President in writing. She will then appoint the Organizer to begin the process. Mentoring is vital if we are going to assist our younger members, as well as new Auxiliaries, to carry on the work of the Ladies Auxiliary. If you have

members in your Auxiliary and District who are mentors, please remember to thank them for their dedication and assistance to you Auxiliary and District.

For Extension and Retention, we can only be successful if we communicate and work together as a TEAM. In doing that, our Department Extension Program will ensure that we are **“United by Love for our Veterans and Country.”**

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Americanism

Donna James -Chairman

Congratulations on being appointed as Auxiliary Americanism Chairman for the year. I am looking forward to working with each one of you as your chairman. It is a great honor for me. We will have an exciting year as we promote "Veterans and Our Communities" as we are "United By Love For Our Veterans and Country."

School will soon be back in session. We need to get our veterans in the classrooms to promote Americanism and Patriotism. Veterans in the Classroom is the Statewide program. I have been in the classrooms with many Veterans and the students really appreciate their time. Contact the schools, it is very rewarding. The children only know what they are taught and it is our job to teach them respect to the flag, our country, our Veterans, and our Soldiers.

Please send me the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of all Americanism chairman. Americanism Chairman needs to work closely with the Patriotic Instructors. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Patriotic Instructor

Congratulations on your appointments as Patriotic Instructors. It is a high honor to be appointed by your President. You are responsible for promoting Patriotism. You need to instruct new members on the rituals of the Auxiliary. It is your responsibility to make sure that all patriotic holidays are observed. You need to work closely with the Americanism Chairman to promote Americanism. Always speak during the Good of the Honor to educate everyone on flag etiquette.

Please send me the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of all Patriotic Instructors. I am looking forward to working with each of you. Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Cancer Aid & Research

Melanie McConaghy-Department Chairman

Meredith Howard-Department Co-Chairman

CANCER-a disease marked by tumorous growth. This is how Webster defines cancer. To hear the words “you have cancer” is devastating. Every one of us knows of someone who has been affected by cancer. This is why raising funds for Cancer Aid & Research is so important. There have been many breakthroughs in cancer research, but more needs to be done. We need to do all we can to stop the growth of cancer.

In the program book part of the statewide project was not printed. The statewide project is **“public promotion and awareness on Skin Cancer”**. Skin cancer includes the nonmelanoma cancers basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas and melanoma. Skin cancer is on the rise especially in people in their early twenties and thirties. It is important for us to make the public aware of the dangers of the sun’s UVA and UVB rays along with the dangers of the ever popular tanning beds. A resource to use is www.skincancer.org the Skin Cancer Foundation website.

There are many resources for you to use in this program. National has a new Cancer Fact Leaflet you can use. Also, you can contact the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. The National Cancer Institute’s website www.cancer.gov is another excellent resource. Remember sisters, only funds donated or raised under the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Cancer Aid & Research program are creditable.

There is another correction that needs to be made. My co-chairman Meredith Howard’s e-mail needs to be corrected. It should have a period after sbcglobal instead of a comma. Everything else is correct.

Our **“VETERANS & COMMUNITIES”** are **“UNITED BY LOVE FOR OUR VETERANS AND COUNTRY”**.

Legislative/PAC

Beverly Snow-Chairman

Our VFW Priority Legislative Goals this year are:

1. Adequate VA Budget
2. A new GI Bill for the 21st century
3. Long Term Care
4. Defense Readiness

We need to remind Congress of what our veterans have done for our country. Where would we be without them? As we volunteer our efforts for the VFW, the Ladies Auxiliary and Men’s Auxiliary, let us communicate with our friends, the leaders of

our communities and our legislators, reminding them of the service of our veterans during the times of war. All risked their lives, many giving their lives, so that we might live in this wonderful country. We must continually put forth all our efforts to protect their entitlements such as insurance, health care, burial, pensions, disability, education, veterans home loans, vocational rehabilitation and survivor benefits.

Remember the statewide project. I would like to see which auxiliaries are going to work hard and have a larger percentage of increase in donations to VFW/PAC. Please send ALL donations for this program to our State Treasurer, Jo Ella Menn, and earmark it. She will forward it to National for you. This is the only way that we can keep track of donations. If you do not do it this way, you will NOT get credit in the award because we won't have a certified record.

Membership
Dorothy L. Bennett Chairman
Felice Davis Co-Chairman

Ladies what a GREAT year lays before us "United By Love For Our Veterans and Our Country". Membership is the life-blood of our organization. It is never too early to send out dues notices, so please start now. Plan something special for members paying their dues early.

A drawing will be held at Mid Winter Roundup for one Life membership for any member who pays her dues before December 15th. **Growth in our organization means we have the opportunity to increase our personal skills and will be able to carry out more programs for our "Veterans and Our Communities."**

Please review your program book for percentages that need to be met in order for Department to claim the 100% mark. Auxiliaries first membership goal is 60% by August 15th. We will have drawings for cash awards for auxiliaries meeting percentages in each membership division. Our ultimate goal is to be 100% in membership by December 15th.

The Statewide project is to increase life membership. The Auxiliary in each membership division with the **MOST LIFE MEMBERSHIP gain, during 2010/2011** will be entered into a drawing for \$100. This money to be used in the future towards new life memberships.

STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
JANET RATLIFF

Congratulation to all the new or carryover auxiliary presidents! Now is the time to get started on this upcoming year. This is a very important program that a lot of us don't stop to think "where would we be without nurses"? You can't go to the doctor's office or the hospital without seeing a nurse. If you know anyone who is in their senior year of training give them an application for the scholarship. The only thing we ask of our Auxiliaries is to send in \$15.00 or more if you can afford it. This goes into the scholarship fund and don't forget to make a copy for your check for the yearend report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Renee Clark Chairman

It is unbelievable that another auxiliary year has already passed. Ladies, it is such a thrill for me being your Department Youth Activities Chairman – being a teacher I realize first-hand that the youth of today are not only our future they can also be the eyes to our past. We should see that our eyes and efforts are turned in the direction to teach our youth what our Veterans and their families are all about. Not only Veterans of wars past - but also TODAY'S Veterans.

Just as you and I during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam - many of the youth of today have relatives serving in the American Military. What a better resource to teach other students about a Veteran than a peer who is experiencing it first-hand. In order to have schools in your area participate in Youth Activities, you MUST meet with administrators, staff (don't forget the librarian) and faculty NOW. In each copy of Our Two Cents, I will give you a suggested time-line of items and reminders in hopes to help keep you and your gals organized throughout the year.

In July - Need to meet with each school in your area – meet with the administrators, etc. Discuss the upcoming school year..how can YOU and YOUR AUXILIARY get involved in the schools activities! Ask what day during August Teacher In-Service you can meet with the teachers to discuss things specifically for THEIR classes. Does the school flags need to be replaced? Will they allow your Auxiliary to come lead the school in the Pledges? Will they allow your Auxiliary to come during the first week of school and instruct the students in how to salute the flag? (put it on the calendar NOW)

Don't forget the July 4th parade in your town. Make sure you have plenty of Flags! Recruit neighborhood children to help hand them out on the parade route. Use Buddy Poppy's in the parade as well! RECRUIT those young ones...they love it!

If you know of home schooled students – don't forget them! Recruit Sunday School classes.

In August - Get with the teachers during their week of In-Service...hand out the Patriotic Art, Patriot's Pen and VOD paperwork...leave them your contact information. Get with the librarian of the school...get her the information on the essays. Get with the art teacher at the high school...it is NOT too early for them to put the contest information out there for their students...you may be surprised on how many of the art teachers will incorporate the assignment into their lesson plans. Discuss

with the Social Studies Department about sponsoring a Veteran's Day Ceremony during November (YOU HAVE TO START PLANNING IT NOW!) Don't forget the Junior ROTC students in your school district! Does the school have a POW / MIA Flag? Most importantly don't forget to say THANK YOU to all the faculty and staff.

I look forward to serving you and working with you during this year. Ladies – being that I am a full-time teacher, some days I may have long hours throughout the school year. If you contact me by phone, it may not be until the weekend that I am able to call you back. The easiest way to reach me, for a quicker response, is via email – ReneeSClark@msn.com. However, you may call me on my cell phone #512-269-8643 or home phone #512-291-3663 and leave a detailed message; I will call you back as soon as possible.

Patricia Kemp
Veterans and Family Support

We will have many challenges this year as we serve our “*Veterans & Our Communities*”, but using the Greatest Resource our Organization has, Our Members, we will overcome them all. This year working together as a team – We Will Do More and Do It Better – to serve the Veteran, their families and our communities.

BUDDY POPPY – Now is the time to mark your calendar, to show the dates you will be making or doing something with the Buddy Poppy. I hope you have something planned for each month. Who is in charge of ordering Poppies at your Post? Check this out early.

At Mid- Winter we will have a BUDDY POPPY HAT Contest. Get your thinking caps on. There will be a Patriotic category, Pretty category, Funny Category and Creative category.

NATIONAL HOME - Please try and get at least one new Life Member (cost \$35) this year. Remember that your Health & Happiness donation (\$.10 or more per/member) is to be mailed to National. Why not do it before December? Collect those Campbell's Soup UPC codes. Refer to the web site for details, www.vfwnationalhome.org.

Ladies Auxiliary Continuing education Scholarship - This is a \$1,000 scholarship for one member in each of the four conferences. I have put all of the information in the District Presidents packets. The interested member, her spouse, daughter or son must fill out the application and mail to The Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters by February 15, 2011.

National Military Services – All three of these programs require financial assistance. Hold fundraisers; find creative ways to aid them.

MAP - Provides for fare well & homecoming events and Family Readiness activities.

Unmet Needs - Provides grants (paid to directly to creditors) to active duty military, for hardship needs.

How you can assist? Make a donation to the National VFW Military Assistance – These checks go to LA VFW, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 - Earmark National Military Services

How do you assist in Texas? Make a donation to the Texas VFW Foundation. Send your donation to the Ladies Aux., P.O. 15285, Austin, TX 78761, - Earmark Texas VFW Foundation

I hope you have had a chance to review the material I handed out at the Council meeting (to Dist. Pres.). If you need anything - just call.

Outstanding Auxiliary President
Kathy Stanley-Chairman

Auxiliary Presidents, as we continue to serve “*Veterans and Our Communities*”, please make sure to look at your basic requirements to become an outstanding President. The Treasurer's Bond and getting those audits in on time are very important. Auxiliary Presidents must attend your District meetings and try to make the State Training Seminar, If you have any questions about the fundraiser, feel free to call me and I will help in any way I can.

I know we can only have one Outstanding Auxiliary President in each division, but as we are “*United By Love For Our Veterans and Country*” I think we should have 272 Outstanding Auxiliary Presidents in the great state of Texas.

Historian
Anita Barrera-Rocha

I hope that all of you have come home and are as enthusiastic as I am about our programs for the coming year. We have been given an abundance of ideas and projects from our newly appointed chairman that will aide us tremendously as we strive to work for our “*Veterans & Our Communities*” in this new year.

I have the honor of Serving our Department President Lynn Richards as her Historian and your help will be needed as her Memory Books are compiled with photos and articles that begin with her installation and will include all of her travels during the year as she visits all of your districts.

Remember to submit only clear sharp photographs. The reverse side of the photo may be numbered on the upper tight hand corner and on a separate sheet of paper, identify photos according to number with date, place and the identity of people from left to right as you look at the photo.

I look forward working with each of you and wish for you a most prosperous year as we are “United By Love for Our Veterans and Country”

HOSPITAL/VAVS

Roberta (Bert) Carnley: Chairman

My wish is that you have planned an exciting year for your Auxiliary. That you have appointed a Hospital chairman that is excited about our program and will work closely with the VAVS Representative as well in planning your year. By now you should be well on your way in your program. Check with your Auxiliary members and see who regularly volunteers at local community hospitals, outpatient clinics, VA Medical Centers, children’s centers, nursing and convalescent homes, therapy centers, and satellite facilities where veterans and/or their dependents are patients or residents. Involve your Jr. Girls Unit (if applicable) when seeking volunteers. All of these locations count in your service for your hospital work.

In September be sure to include your Hospital Pledge in your Program Participation donations. Your **Hospital Pledge** is based on your membership total of **June 30, 2010 and is \$.50 per member (if possible)**. Send to the Department Treasurer. We fell short during the year last year and this is a very important piece of our program. This makes it possible for us to continue having our VAVS Representatives and Deputies at the VA Medical Centers to provide our work for our Veterans.

Each Auxiliary should have a copy of VAVS and Hospital Guide (**The Pink Book**). If you do not have one please request one from National Headquarters and make sure your Hospital Chairman reads and implements the requirements into her program during the year. This guide will help if your Auxiliary participates in the Patients Day Out/In Program. Please check with your local VA Volunteer Chief to see what restrictions may apply to you when the VA Patients visit your Post Home. Then always report this event each month on the State Community Service Report and keep good records for your reports.

I enclosed material in the District Presidents packet about a new program that the Department of Veterans Affairs is offering for Veterans. Please work with your local VFW Service Officer/VAVS Representative on this project. It is about Medical Foster Home Care.

To the VAVS Representatives and Deputies. You have accepted a most important job for the Veterans and for the Ladies Auxiliary. We will be working closely together during this year to update the program. Do not forget that you will be **required** to send monthly statements called “**Suggested VAVS Representative Hospital Fund Report**” to the Department Treasurer. Your Books will be audited with this report. Remember, **ALL FUNDS SHALL GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER**. If you receive any funds you are to forward them to the Department Treasurer for proper credit. You will receive the funds monthly from the Department Treasurer.

I so looking forward to working with each of you during this year. If you have questions or concerns I am your first point of contact. If I cannot answer your question I will find the answer and get back with you. Thank you for being part of the “Veterans & Our Communities” team as we are “United By Love For Our Veterans and Country”.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Beth Sanford – Chairman

Congratulations to all of you. I know that you will make the state of Texas shine this year. Remember that you are the one that can make a difference in your District. You are the leader and are to set a good example of what is to be done and the way to act. Show your communication skills and be strong. Remember that the award for this program will not be strictly by membership. Remember our “Veterans and our Communities” as you go through your District. Good luck to each of you.

Community Service

Jeanette Clark -Chairman

Veterans Oral History Project I felt it necessary to do what I could to enlighten you about this program. I was able to get a copy of the Veterans Oral History Project Brochure for each auxiliary from The Library of Congress. This brochure summarizes the program and lists where further information is available. The website has the complete program, including all the forms you will need to do this program. I am hoping that each auxiliary will have at least one entry. Do not mail your entry to me. Make a copy of the postal receipt and the form in your packet and mail it to me as your proof of doing this program. Please review the Community Service Program in your Program Development Guide and work on these. As you will note, the program has been streamlined and reporting simplified. I expect honest reporting and an effort by each auxiliary to do the programs to the best of their ability. We can achieve great things if we are “**UNITED BY LOVE FOR OUR VETERANS AND COUNTRY**” and serve the “**VETERANS AND COMMUNITY**”.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen
Joyce Dalton – Chairman

We begin a new Auxiliary year with **“Veterans and Our Communities”** and giving our youth the opportunity to express their opinion and patriotism through the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essays. Now is the time to start planning, promoting and publicizing these programs. Contact newspapers and other media for publicity, talk to teachers, school officials and PTA to ask their assistance to help promote the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen in their schools. I hope that every Auxiliary works with their VFW Post to distribute the information throughout the community. Entry forms, rules and guidelines can be downloaded from the VFW website www.vfw.org. The Voice of Democracy theme for 2010-2011 is “Does my generation have a role in America's Future?” Patriot's Pen is “Does patriotism still mater?” Remember all entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's must be in the hands of the sponsoring VFW Post by midnight, November 1, 2010. Showing our youth and future leaders of the United States of America we are **“United By Love for Our Veterans and Country”**

Department Digest

Department Chaplain Melanie McConaghy home phone number 254-698-4774.

Community Service Chairman Jeanette Clark email jwrc@att.net.

Student Nursing Scholarship Chairman Janet Ratcliff email cr1568@valnet.com.

District 8 President Darline Jurkis, 2149 Glenwood, Abilene, TX 79605, 325-695-4503 Home, 325-677-2688 Work, 325-668-7912 cell, djurkis@bsamail.org

District 1 President Vernell Flood email should read littleredf99@yahoo.com.

District 20 President Dee Long email should read tag55@juno.com.

Corrections for Program Book

Veterans & Family Services Due date for Mid Year Report should read Due December 10, 2010.

Outstanding Auxiliary President End of the Year Report should read Due April 10, 2011.

Outstanding District President Mid-Year Report should read Due December 10, 2010 and End of the Year Report should read April 10, 2011.

Corrections for Training Workbook

Pg 1 Mid Year Reports are due by December 10, 2010 and the End of the Year Reports are due April 10, 2011.

Pg 80 Year End Reports are due by April 10, 2011

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DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS HEADQUARTERS
GENERAL ORDERS

P.O.BOX 15285, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78761
NUMBER 1

JULY 2010

To be read at the first meeting following receipt acted upon and filed.

#1. Having been duly elected and installed as President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Texas, all appointments made prior to June 27, 2010 are null and void with the exception of the VAVS Representatives and Deputies

All correspondence from National and Department Headquarters is official and must be read on the Auxiliary floor and filed for reference.

The following elected and appointed Officers were duly installed at the Department Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Texas. All National and Department Officers will be given the proper recognition. You have elected these Officers and I have appointed Officers and Chairmen with the best interest of our organization in mind. With your support and cooperation, the Department of Texas will continue to have another Outstanding Year.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Department President.....Lynn Richards
 Senior Vice President.....Sharon Helton
 Junior Vice President.....Kathy Wewe
 Secretary.....Barbara Hoffman
 Treasurer.....Jo Ella Menn
 Chaplain.....Melanie McConaghy
 Conductress.....Dorothy Bennett
 Guard.....Mary Alice Owens
 Chief of Staff.....Celia Koci
 Junior Past President.....Cleo Hornsby
 Patriotic Instructor.....Donna James
 Historian.....Anita Barrera-Rocha
 Color Bearer #1.....Millie Holland
 Color Bearer #2.....Frances Bayer
 Color Bearer #3.....Sherry Terbl
 Color Bearer #4.....Janet Tracyl
 Flag Bearer.....Bobbie Rollins
 Banner Bearer.....Chris Bishop
 Musician.....Judy Hicks
 Soloist.....Katherine Tyler
 Assistant Sec./Trea.....Stacey Foley
 Assistant Conductress.....Mary Darilek
 Assistant Guard.....Elizabeth Six
 Assistant Soloist.....Patricia Stilson
 Assistant Musician.....Claudia Lewis

District 1.....Vernell Flood
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 District 4.....Virgie Williams
 District 5.....Stacey Foley
 District 6.....Mary Campbell
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 District 8.....Darlene Jurkis
 District 9.....Pat McKinney
 District 10.....Karen 'Ka' Davis
 District 12.....Teresa Wheatley
 District 13.....Judy Suggs
 District 14.....Pam Duncan
 District 15.....Anna Adams
 District 16.....Harriett Geick
 District 17.....Loretta Geick
 District 18.....Inez Ramirez
 District 19.....Juanita Coleman
 District 20.....Delia 'Dee' Long
 District 21.....Joanne Lawson
 District 24.....Evelyn Sherrill
 District 25.....Claudia Lewis
 District 28.....Glenna Alexander
 District 29.....Pat Howard
 District 30.....Paula Freeman

ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS

#2. It is your responsibility to see that the Office of Treasurer is **BONDED**. A Treasurer Bond application will be mailed to each Auxiliary **after your Installation Report has been received in National Headquarters**. Make check payable to Ladies

Auxiliary VFW. Mail to National Headquarters, 406 West 34th St. 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111. Cost is \$15.00 for first \$10,000.00. Additional coverage is \$3.50 per \$1,000.00. Notify National and Department Secretaries immediately of any change in name and/or address of your **President, Secretary or Treasurer**. Please include phone numbers.

ATTENTION ALL TRUSTEES AND TREASURERS

#3. All audits should be done with all elected Trustees present. However, a minimum of two (2) Elected Trustees shall be present who would certify to the audit by their signatures. **The President, Secretary and Treasurer should attend the audit.** Article VIII Section 814 & 814A page 83-84 of the Bylaws and Ritual. The second quarter audit is due July 30, 2010. Please send a copy of the audit to Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 15285, Austin, TX 78761. Please see that Auxiliary and District Numbers are on the report form. **ALL AUDITS MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK AND TRUSTEES MUST SIGN AUDIT IN INK.**

ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

#4. Districts are for promotion of **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS AND PROMOTING OUR National and Department Programs**. Districts do not issue General Orders or set up budgets.

ATTENTION ALL VAVS REPRESENTATIVES

#5. Please have your VA Medical Center Director add the following names to their mailing list so they will receive VAVS Advisory Meeting minutes. Department President Lynn Richards, 2430 36th Ave. N., Texas City, Texas 77590 and Department Secretary Barbara Hoffman, P.O. Box 15285, Austin, Texas 78761 and the Department Hospital Chairman Roberta Camley, 2013 Osage Court, Irving, Texas 75060.

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARIES

#6. Every Auxiliary shall hold at least one (1) business meeting per month. A change in the regular business meeting, date, time or location shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Auxiliary members present at such meeting. Notification of such change shall be sent to the National, Department, County Council and District Secretaries within ten (10) business day.

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARIES

#7. ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the 2010 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana; August 21-26. **PLEASE PROMOTE ADVANCE REGISTRATION.** At least one member from each Auxiliary should be registered. Packets will be mailed if no one attends. Program information is in the National Program Book, which is very beneficial to your Auxiliary. Advance Registration is \$15.00, if you register at the Convention it will be \$20.00. The registration forms are in your Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine, on the National website or call Department Headquarters for same. Make check payable to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and mail to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 West 34th Street 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

ATTENTION DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

#8. Please see the Department President Cleo Hornsby for the time and place of the Texas Caucus.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

SEE NATIONAL BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS (Yellow Section).

#9. **Page 36 No. 8** – No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.

#10. **Page 36 No. 9** – There shall be **no smoking in the Auxiliary room** while the meeting is in progress. This means even though the Bible is closed during a meeting you cannot smoke or drink alcoholic beverages until the close of said meeting.

ATTENTION PRESIDENTS

#11. **Page 69 Sec. 810** – **President, Duties of (All Levels) Paragraph three: Presidents on all levels shall, within thirty (30) days after assuming the duties of her office, submit to the Commander of the corresponding unit of the VFW, an itemized report of the financial and membership status of her unit. Such reports will be acknowledged by each respective Commander during the next regular meeting of the unit over which he presides and may be read to the members assembled.**

ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

#12. You are the go to person for getting your Training set up and completed. You all have your training books and each of your Auxiliaries should have purchased at least 3. Share your knowledge and the information in the training book and the Ladies Auxiliary By laws, Ritual and Booklet of Instructions with each member in your District. This may be done at your kick-off, organization meeting or whatever your District calls their meeting in July. We're here to help if you need us.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

#13. Southern Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee - November 4-7, 2010.

Americanism is an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

BY ORDER OF

Lynn Richards

LYNN RICHARDS
Department President

ATTEST:

Barbara Hoffman

BARBARA HOFFMAN
Department Secretary

APPROVED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 1, 2010



Department Bylaw's change effective January 1, 2011

It was voted at the State Convention to increase the Department dues by a dollar. It is time to get your dues in so your Auxiliary does not have to pay the increase.

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW 97th
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REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR 2010 AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION
Save \$5.00 and be entered in drawings for \$200.00 and \$100.00. Advance Registration must be received no later than August 15th.
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MO 64111
Save \$5. Advance Registration is \$15.00. On-site registration is \$20.00. Registrants will receive packets of Convention materials at Convention or by mail following Convention, if not attending. Enclosed is my check for \$15.00. Register my name for the 97th National Convention, August 21-26, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 YES, I plan to attend National Convention or have someone pick up my packet.
 NO, I definitely will not attend Convention and I want my packet mailed to me.
Name _____
(type or legibly print) (Membership Card No.)
Auxiliary No. _____ Department _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

We want to say Congratulations to all the award winners and to Cleo Hornsby our newest Past State President. For all of you that do not know that our own Barbara Hoffman and Jo Ella Menn were honored the Outstanding Auxiliary Award from the VFW.

Just a Reminder
Your audits are due in the Department Office by the end of the month.
Do not forget to register for National Convention and to send your delegates to the Department office.
Do not forget to sell those calendars and get the money to Department by August 15th.

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