

From the Desk of the Secretary - October 2023



Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Happy Fall, ya'll! Hope you had a fun and busy summer. I already miss the long daylight hours of summer. But Fall brings us beautiful foliage, relief from the heat, and the time when we visit each of our VFW Auxiliary districts and I look forward to seeing everyone at their next district meeting.

Since installations, we seem to be getting notices of change in officers. For one reason or another, we are seeing numerous officer changes. I have always accepted an email from auxiliary or district leadership notifying the department of these changes. Moving forward, we need to follow the guidelines of our National Headquarters and use an official "VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND OFFICER CHANGE OR CORRECTION FORM". This form is attached to this mailing and is available in a fillable format on our Department website at www.vfwauxmd.org. Also, in the past, any change in treasurers could only be made by the National Headquarters. That isn't so anymore, please send the Treasurer changes to me on the change form and I will now be able to make changes to the office of Treasurer. Questions? I am always here to help!!!!

The 2024 Podium Book: Bylaws and Ritual is now available in MALTA behind sign-in. Go to Member Resources for the PDF format. A hard copy will be available for purchase soon from the VFW Store. I suggest you call the VFW Store before ordering to be certain you receive the 2024 Edition.

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Corrections to previous Changes and updates to the Directory.

Phillips-Kleiner VFW Auxiliary No. 5627 new Secretary-

Kathryn Oliver

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Free State Auxiliary ~~#8959~~ **#8950** Secretary LaSha Battley's new email address -
lbattley@ustelecom.org

NEW Changes, updates and corrections to the Directory.

Charles Evering VFW Auxiliary No. 6506 change in officers -

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October 2023 Program Promotion Preview

Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman Cheri Brown encourages us to take the time to instruct our members in understanding auxiliary traditions. Be sure to see Cheri's October mailing for ideas.

Auxiliary Outreach Chairman Cathy Gistedt provides a list of Auxiliary Outreach volunteer opportunities around the state of Maryland. Lots of information in Cathy's material including her Outreach Shooting Stars and how to earn bonus points!

"Buddy® Poppy" & National Home Chairman Karen Rooker provides us with a corrected Buddy® Poppy order form. Karen also shares forms for becoming a Life Member in the VFW National Home and purchasing a National Home Tribute Brick.

Our **Chief of Staff Jackie Kimball's** message for this month is all about Membership. See Jackie's suggested for staying connected. And don't forget to look for that "something out of place" and report it to our Chief of Staff to receive a gift from her.

Hospital Chairman Cynthia Davis proudly provides her BIG THUMBS UP to auxiliaries that donated \$500 + to the Hospital Fund. Be sure to see her October Planning Fund Days calendar. Share Cynthia's Washington DC VAMCs' WISH LIST.

Membership Chairman Betty Ann Johnson shares some ideas to help you get those dues paid. She has a great idea to reach out to your members and let them know how important they are to your auxiliary.

See Mentoring for Leadership Chairman Bobbie Goldman's suggestions and encouragements to C.A.R.E. about your new members. Report to Bobbie what your auxiliary does to show how much they C.A.R.E. Please note Bobbie's new email address.

Scholarships Chairman Melissa Tracey reminds us that the deadlines for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests are fast approaching. Missy shares the deadline dates as well as numerous contest resources.

President's Special Project Sheila Justice provides interesting information on the 2023-2024 special project "U.S. Kennels". With sweatshirt weather coming, check out both the pullover and zippered hoodies available from U.S. Kennels. Please note, there will be an added cost for shipping.

Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball presents her **Treasurers' Stuff** - read all about Standing Obligations with many suggestions and reminders. Be sure to thoroughly read Jackie's information for the new audit requirement - very important "treasurers' stuff".

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Information every Auxiliary member should know from **Veterans & Family Support Chairman Phyllis Cooks**. Topics this month are *VFW National Veterans Service* and *Adopt-A-Unit*. See Phyllis's local service office contact information. Phyllis has basic and detailed information on Adopt-A-Unit.

Youth Activities Chairman Crystal Hallen encourages youth participation and understanding of Veterans Day. Be sure to go to the Department website where Crystal has shared a beautiful children's book as well as a coloring book on Veterans Day. Check them out on www.vfwauxmd.org→Programs→YouthActivities

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Libby DallaTezza, Secretary

