

Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary



President's Special Project
U.S. Kennels Inc.

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Hello VFW Auxiliary,

I can not tell you how fortunate I feel to be the chairperson for this great special project – U.S. Kennels. While still mainly focusing on disabled veterans they are also now training service dogs for first responders. We are getting closer to President VaNette's goal of \$25,000. Every dollar and every donation counts. We still have a ways to go so continue to hold your fundraisers. You can bring any items you wish to donate to them to the Christmas conference.

Monetary Donations:

All monetary donations should be mailed or given to: Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball.

Her address is: Jackie Kimball, Dept. Treasurer
1019 Queen Avenue,
Salisbury, MD 21801.



****Checks should be earmarked: PSP US Kennels on the memo line. ****

U.S. Kennels Upcoming Events:



December 2023: Along with their FIRST FRIDAY get-togethers, US Kennels is sponsoring a Christmas dinner for veterans who are currently in the program and those who have graduated but do not have family to spend the holiday with. They are putting together small gift baskets for the veterans and their service dogs. They would like to donate a \$25 gift card to each veteran in attendance. The gift cards can be to local restaurants, gas cards to get to the training center, Wal-Mart, Target, or a general Visa gift card. If your auxiliary would like to bring a gift card to the Christmas conference, please do. They currently have 17 veterans in the program.



U.S. Kennels Graduation Day: February 3, 2024

Save the Date – More details coming soon.



Submit your reports for PSP items bought, monetary donations, and items donated to U.S. Kennels for your chance to win this hand-carved wooden American flag. The flag was made by veteran Dan Atkinson. Dan is the U.S. Kennels Master Trainer and animal behaviorist.

- ✓ Each Auxiliary who participates and reports in this program will be entered into the drawing to win a wooden hand-carved American Flag.
- ✓ Two drawings will be held:
 - Christmas Conference
 - Department Convention.
- ✓ Each flag is unique.



Would your Post, Auxiliary, and/or Community Organization like to receive a demonstration and/or presentation directly from U.S. Kennels?

Please contact Executive Director Chris Hardy at: (410) 572-4328 or via email at: chris.hardy@uskennelsinc.org.



Tickets will be sold for this beautiful Mickey and Minnie Quilt made and donated by our wonderful Department Secretary Libby DallaTezza. Tickets will be \$1 each of 6 for \$5. **The drawing will be at the Joint Testimonial on March 2, 2024.** All money raised will go towards our President's goal of \$25,000 for U.S. Kennels.



Apparel Orders:

- ❖ Many items needed to be ordered. Please bear with us as there is a minimum number of 40 items required to be ordered.
- ❖ There will be a table set up at the Christmas Conference for additional items available for purchase including pull over and full zippered sweatshirts.
- ❖ We ask that you do not order directly from the US Kennels website as we have no way of giving your auxiliary credit for the items or monetary donations sent to them.
 - If you have previously sent a check directly to US Kennels please provide a copy of the check so that we can give your auxiliary credit
 - If you have directly ordered items through them, please provide the invoice so that we can credit your auxiliary.



I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the new year!

