

From the Desk of the Secretary - August 2023



Brothers & Sisters,

Isn't this an exciting time as we begin a new program year? Our Department President VaNette Jones has declared this a year to "Be A P.A.L. to a Veteran". President VaNette has put together an energetic and enthusiastic "Team M & M"!

Last month, we had a wonderful convention at The Grand Hotel & Spa in Ocean City. Department elections were held and a joint installation with the VFW followed the convention on Friday, June 2nd where PDP Jackie Kimball installed the officers.



President	VaNette Jones	District 1 President	Karen Rooker, PDP
Sr. Vice President	Debbie Sturgis	District 2 President	Michele Hebert
Jr. Vice President	Bill Siperek	District 3 President	Jann Swiger
Secretary	Libby DallaTezza	District 4 President	Susan Feyl
Treasurer	Jackie Kimball, PDP	District 6 President	Emily Hall
Chaplain	Nancy Shenk	District 7 President	Dawn Daly
Conductor	Melissa Tracey	District 10 President	JoAnne Bierly
Guard	Theresa Baynes	District 11 President	Cynthia Davis, PDP
Patriotic Instr.	Cheri Brown	District 14 President	Sandi Fike
Historian	Dorothy Swigon	District 16 President	Sheila Justice
Jr. Past Dept. President	Wayne LaFleur		



Introducing our newest line officer - Department Guard Theresa Baynes

Theresa Baynes, a Jarrettsville Manor Memorial VFW Auxiliary 8672 member, was elected Department Guard on June 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS THERESA!!!

Mark your calendar:



**VFW & Auxiliary Department
Family Freedom Festival**
Yingling-Ridgely VFW Post No. 7472
4225 VFW Lane – Ellicott City, Maryland
September 9, 2023
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

National President Carla Martinez visits Maryland - from September 9th - 11th. Stay tuned for details!

For more activities, please see the 2023-2024 Calendar of Events included in this mailing.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY Please notify me in writing (email is preferred) of any changes in officers, contact information or auxiliary meeting information.

Changes, updates, and corrections to the Directory.

- Past Department President Wilma Van Ormer has a new phone # 410-920-7782.
- New Secretary @ Patuxent River NAS Auxiliary #2632
Laura Williams-LaFleur
43595 John B. Thompson Road
Hollywood, MD 20636
240-925-9322
hollywould32@gmail.com
- Largo-Kettering Auxiliary #7757 Secretary/Treasurer Mesharon Moore - correction to email - mwmoore88@hotmail.com
- Elkton Memorial Auxiliary #8175 President's email - syrral1976@gmail.com
- Free State Auxiliary #8959 Secretary LaSha Battley's new email address - lbattley@ustelecom.org
- Aberdeen Memorial Auxiliary #10028 -
President Teresa Ruff-Pettis has a new address - 10 Harvest Lane, Elkton, MD 21921
Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Mack phone # correction 401-855-1315.

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AUGUST 2023 Program Promotion Preview

Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman Cheri Brown encourages us to plan activities qualifying for the National Americanism Program Awards and reminds us of the department awards available to auxiliaries. She emphasizes the Americanism goals for this program year.

You'll find the August/September report form in **Auxiliary of the Year Chairman Wayne LaFleur's** material. Don't miss the opportunity to start collecting all the points to achieve Auxiliary of the Year. Wayne's report form is due October 15.

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. Don't be alarmed by the updated pricing. Karen has some reminders and an inquiry regarding a trip to the National Home.

Our **Chief of Staff Jackie Kimball** shares a special message with the District & Auxiliary Presidents along with some reminders. See Jackie's list of "Incentives"! 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.

"The Art of Storytelling" is the title of **Historian/Media Relations Chairman Dorothy Swigon's** material. She shares a checklist for documenting your auxiliary projects as well as "Photography Tips to Avoid".

Hospital Chairman Cynthia Davis shares her concerns about the auxiliary's donations to the Hospital Fund and Hospital Treat. Be sure to see her August non-traditional holiday calendar. Share Cynthia's Baltimore & Wilmington VAMCs' WISH LIST.

Improving the lives of our veterans through advocacy is **Legislative Chairman Bill Siperek's** main topic. VFW Priority Goals, VFW Action Corps Weekly and Legislative Reports are discussed.

Membership Chairman Betty Ann Johnson has assigned six (6) membership groups for the 2023-2024 program year. Please find the groups information in the Membership mailing. Betty Ann reminds all auxiliaries to form their membership team of 3 to 5 members and give it a fun name. Be sure to send your team information to her for a chance to win a prize.

Mentoring for Leadership Chairman Bobbie Goldman encourages using the resources available in MALTA. See her step-by-step instructions to access the Mentoring for Leadership Resources.

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Now is the time to start sharing Scholarships Information per our **Scholarships Chairman Melissa Tracey**. Be sure to check out her ideas for "Spreading the News of our Scholarships". Missy also covers the important topic of recognition at every level. 3

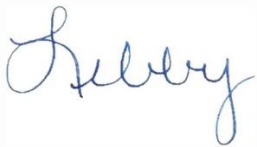
President's Special Project Sheila Justice provides interesting information on the 2023-2024 special project "U.S. Kennels". Read all about their mission, history, and impact. Sheila points out the similarities between the VFW Auxiliary and U.S. Kennels. Be sure to read "How you can help?".

Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball presents her **Treasurers' Stuff** - read all about membership cards and the time frame for new members to receive them and the options to replace them. You don't want to miss Jackie's information regarding conducting audits and the duties of trustees.

Youth Activities Chairman Crystal Hallen shares her ideas for working with the youth. Crystal suggests a few books related to upcoming holidays and shares a link to purchase the books. She reminds auxiliary presidents to email her with the contact information for their auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman.

Information every Auxiliary member should know from **Veterans & Family Support Chairman Phyllis Cooks**. Read what Phyllis has to say about veteran and veteran suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Check out her lengthy list of Veterans & Family Support projects.

T.T.F.N.,



Libby DallaTezza, Secretary
VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

2023-2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
July 22 - 27	110 th National Convention	Phoenix, Arizona	
July 28	National President Carla Martinez's Celebration & Dinner	Renaissance Downtown Phoenix Hotel 3rd Floor in the Grand Ballroom	Cash bar – 5:00 pm Celebration-6:00 pm
September 9	Department Family Freedom Festival	Yingling-Ridgely VFW Post 7472 4225 VFW Lane Ellicott City, MD	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sept. 9- 11	National President's Visit to MD	TBA	
September 10	National President's Dinner	Lt Peter G Zouck VFW Post 521 214 Tollgate Road Owings Mills, MD	Program – 5:00 pm Dinner – 6:00 pm
September 16	Council of Administration Meeting	Aberdeen VFW Post 10028 821 Old Philadelphia Road Aberdeen, MD	1:00 pm
September 18	Celebrating America's Freedom Event	Golden Spike National Historical Park Salt Lake City, UT	
September 24	District 3 Visitation	Henry Hart VFW Post 1411 205 East Union Street Cumberland, MD	12:00 Noon
September 30	District 2 Visitation	TBA	
October 1	District 1 Visitation	Scott-Johnson-Collins VFW Post 9619 6527 Suitland Road Morningside, MD	12:00 Noon
October 7	District 14 Visitation	Wells-McComas VFW Post 2678 6521 North Point Road Baltimore, MD 21219	10:00 am
October 14	District 5 Visitation	Harford Co Memorial VFW Post #5337 3705 Pulaski Hwy Abingdon, MD	1:00 pm
October 15	District 6 Visitation	Colonel Harry L. Cooper VFW Post #160 2597 Dorsey Rd Glen Burnie, MD	2:00 pm
October 20-22	Eastern Conference	Resorts Casino Hotel 1133 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ	
October 28	District 11 Visitation	Sheridan Hood VFW Post #3065 1202 Union Avenue Baltimore, MD	12:00 Noon
November 12	District 7 Visitation	Lt. Peter G. Zouck Post 521 214 Tollgate Road Owings Mills, MD	11:00 am
November 19	District 10 Visitation	Chesapeake City Mem. VFW Post 7687 304 Basil Avenue Chesapeake City, MD	1:00 pm

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December 2	District 16 Visitation	TBA	TBA
December 3	District 4 Visitation	Federalburg Memorial VFW Post 5246 2630 Veterans Drive Federalburg, MD	12:00 Noon
December 9	Auxiliary Christmas Conference	Chesapeake City Memorial VFW 7687 304 Basil Avenue Chesapeake City, MD	
2024			
January	VOD & Patriot's Pen Department Awards		
February 12 - 17	2024 Mid-Year Conference	5 Night Royal Caribbean Cruise	
March 2	Council of Administration Meeting	Scott-Johnson-Collins VFW Post 9619 6527 Suitland Road Morningside, MD	9:00 am
March 2	Commander & President's Testimonial	Scott-Johnson-Collins VFW Post 9619 6527 Suitland Road Morningside, MD	6:00 pm social hour 7:00 pm dinner & program
TBD	Dept. Commander & President's Homecoming	TBA	
May 27 - 30	VFW & Auxiliary MD 97th Department Convention	TBA	
July 27 – Aug 1	VFW & Auxiliary National Convention	Louisville, Kentucky	

2023 Department Program Awards

	AMERICANISM	AUXILIARY OUTREACH	BUDDY POPPY/ NAT'L HOME	HISTORIAN/ MEDIA RELATIONS	HOSPITAL	LEGISLATIVE	MEMBERSHIP	SCHOLARSHIPS	VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT
Group 1 3rd Place	District 3 #9451	District 6 #327	District 6 #327	None	District 6 #304	District 6 #304	District 2 #5633	None	District 2 #7757	District 2 #5633	District 5 #6054
Group 1 2nd Place	District 6 #304	District 2 #7757	District 2 #5633	District 11 #8509	District 6 #327	District 11 #8509	District 2 #350	District 6 #304	District 6 #304	District 6 #304	District 6 #304
Group 1 1st Place	District 2 #7757	District 11 #8509	District 6 #304	District 6 #304	District 11 #8509	District 2 #7757	District 16 #2996	District 2 #7757	District 11 #8509	District 11 #8509	District 2 #7757
Group 2 3rd Place	District 16 #10159	District 4 #652	District 6 #160	District 11 #5367	District 3 #10077	District 11 #5367	District 1 #5471	District 16 #10159	District 3 #10077	District 16 #10159	District 4 #652
Group 2 2nd Place	District 4 #652	District 6 #2462	District 16 #10159	District 16 #10159	District 6 #2462	District 3 #1411	District 3 #1411	District 6 #160	District 16 #10159	District 3 #1411	District 11 #5367
Group 2 1st Place	District 6 #2462	District 6 #160	District 6 #2462	District 6 #160	District 16 #10159	District 16 #10159	District 3 #10077	District 4 #652	District 6 #2462	District 6 #2462	District 16 #10159
Group 3 3rd Place	District 11 #10078	District 10 #8175	District 5 #10146	District 10 #8175	District 11 #10078	District 11 #2916	District 11 #3065	District 11 #10078	District 10 #8175	District 10 #8185	District 10 #8185
Group 3 2nd Place	District 10 #8185	District 11 #3065	District 11 #10078	District 10 #8185	District 10 #8175	District 11 #10078	District 5 #10146	District 10 #8185	District 11 #10078	District 5 #10146	District 3 #6775
Group 3 1st Place	District 10 #8175	District 5 #10146	District 5 #10028	District 5 #10146	District 5 #10028	District 5 #10028	District 5 #10028	District 10 #8175	District 5 #10028	District 10 #8175	District 5 #10146
Group 4 3rd Place	District 5 #8126	District 7 #7472	District 10 #6027	District 10 #6027	District 4 #7460	District 7 #6658	District 5 #5337	District 7 #6658	District 10 #6027	District 4 #7460	District 7 #6658
Group 4 2nd Place	District 10 #6027	District 7 #6658	District 4 #7460	District 7 #7472	District 7 #7472	District 10 #6027	District 7 #6658	District 10 #6027	District 5 #5337	District 7 #7472	District 7 #7472
Group 4 1st Place	District 4 #7460	District 10 #6027	District 7 7472	District 4 #7460	District 7 #6658	District 7 #7472	District 10 #6027	District 7 #7472	District 7 #7472	District 10 #6027	District 4 #7460

2023 Department Program Awards...continued

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Group 5 3rd Place	District 10 #7687	District 7 #8806	District 7 #521	District 7 #521	District 10 #7687	District 7 #8806	District 14 #10067	District 1 #9619	District 7 #3285	District 7 #3285	District 4 #7464
Group 5 2nd Place	District 7 #8806	District 7 #521	District 10 #7687	District 7 #3285	District 14 #10067	District 7 #3285	District 1 #2632	District 7 #8806	District 7 #521	District 7 #8806	District 1 #2632
Group 5 1st Place	District 7 #521	District 7 #3285	District 7 #8806	District 7 #8806	District 7 #8806	District 16 #194	District 1 #9619	District 7 #3285	District 7 #8806	District 10 #7687	District 10 #7687
Group 6 3rd Place	District 5 #8672	District 4 #5118	District 14 #2678	District 5 #8672	District 2 #341	District 16 #8276	District 14 #2678	District 2 #341	District 7 #467	District 4 #5118	District 4 #5246
Group 6 2nd Place	District 4 #5118	District 14 #6506	District 14 #6506	District 4 #5118	District 14 #6506	District 2 #341	District 4 #5118	District 14 #2678	District 14 #2678	District 14 #2678	District 14 #2678
Group 6 1st Place	District 14 #2678	District 2 #341	District 4 #5118	District 14 #2678	District 14 #2678	District 14 #2678	District 7 #6918	District 4 #5118	District 4 #5118	District 14 #6506	District 4 #5118

Auxiliary of the Year Awards –		Chaplain Awards –	
Runner up	District 6	Group 1	District 2
1 st Place	District 5	Group 2	District 11
		Group 3	District 10
		Group 4	District 5
		Group 5	District 10
		Group 6	District 14
District of the Year –			
Runner up	District 11		
1 st Place	District 10		