

## From the Desk of the Secretary - November 2024



Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Happy Autumn! How did summer get away from us so quickly? How is it that Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away? We all know that means Christmas is just around the corner. Our VFW Auxiliary at Cecil Co. Memorial No. 2678 is planning an exciting Christmas Conference for us. See their event flier included in this mailing.

Nov 1 - 3	Eastern Conference	Double Tree by Hilton Burlington, VT	
9-Nov	District 2 Visitation	Silver Springs Memorial VFW Post 2562 11316 Fern Street Wheaton, MD	1:00 PM
16-Nov	District 14 Visitation	Wells-McComas VFW Post 2678 6521 North Point Road Baltimore, MD	Breakfast @ 10:00 AM Meeting @ 11:00 AM
15-Dec	Auxiliary Christmas Conference	Cecil County Memorial VFW 6027 813 Turkey Point Road North East, MD 21901	
18-Jan	District 16 Visitation	Wicomico County Memorial VFW Post 10159 821 West Main Street Salisbury, MD	12:00 Noon
19-Jan	District 4 Visitation	Federalsburg Memorial Post 5246 2630 Veterans Drive Federalsburg, MD	10:00 AM
26-Jan	VOD & Patriot's Pen Department Awards	<b>Wells-McComas VFW Post 2678</b> <b>6521 North Point Road</b> <b>Baltimore, MD</b>	1:00 PM
Feb 1 - 6	2025 Mid-Year Conference	Hideaway at Royalton in Cancun, Mexico	
Mar 13 - 16	Sr. Vice Conference	Kansas City, Missouri	
15-Mar	Council of Administration Meeting	Grasonville Memorial Post 7464 VFW Avenue Grasonville, MD	
15-Mar	Commander & President's Testimonial	E.E. Streets Memorial Post 5118 355 Glebe Road Easton, MD 21601	
Aug 9-14	VFW & Auxiliary National Convention	Columbus, Ohio	

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**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.**

#### **Change of address - PNP Cortina Barnes**

3600 Broadway Blvd., Apt. 452  
Kansas City, MO 64111-5617  
Email and phone # remain the same.

#### **New Treasurer for Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Auxiliary 341**

Bessie Waters  
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#### **New Treasurer for Patuxent River NAS Auxiliary 2632**

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#### **New Treasurer for Emmitsburg Memorial Auxiliary 6658**

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### **National President Brenda Bryant visits Maryland**



Members greeted Bryant in **Maryland** with signs and smiles. Members brought Bryant to Patriot Point, a very special place veterans can go to help them relax, where activities include fishing, hunting and boating. After this, Bryant and members visited the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park Museum for a history lesson, with the day capped off at Post 5246 for a lovely banquet held in Bryant's honor.

## 2024-2025 November Program Promotion Preview

**Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman Cheri Brown, PDP** suggests getting into the schools to educate the students on the importance of patriotism. She also provides ideas on educating and recognizing the community for displaying the U.S. Flag.



**Auxiliary Outreach Chairman Karen Rooker, PDP** shares an acronym to simplify the Auxiliary Outreach program. Be sure to read Karen's P.A.P.E.R. idea for a great way to complete a project.

**"Buddy"® Poppy & National Home Chairman PDP Betty Stahm's** mailing is much about the upcoming holidays. See her "Buddy-Giving" idea for a twist on Thanksgiving. Betty also includes a giving opportunity to the VFW National Home "Santa's Shoppe".



**Chaplain Melissa Tracey** continues to WOW us with her beautiful prayers. Melissa shares a special "Hurricane Helene" prayer. Missy also encourages reaching out to our veterans, members and neighbors as well as your absent auxiliary members.



Our **Chief of Staff Betty Ann Johnson's** November message emphasizes Healthy Auxiliary characteristics. Read her mailing about The Pencil's Tale and be sure to watch her recommended YouTube video.

**Circle of Excellence Chairman Mary Cardinal-Vogt, PDP** includes a complete **REMINDER** of the requirements to have your auxiliary join the Circle of Excellence.

Telling Our Story in November... **Historian/Media Relations Chairman Cathy Gistedt's** mailing is packed full of ideas. Cathy shares a Veterans Day challenge and many suggestions for creating and displaying your memories.



**Hospital Chairman Cynthia Davis, PDP** has some upcoming events to share. Please be sure to see her Hospital Item Requests and Volunteer Requests. In her November mailing she talks about Women Veterans and suggests planning event during this holiday season to honor them.

In **Legislative Chairman Bill Siperek's** November mailer he details the National Goals, "Be Informed, Be an Advocate, and Be Engaged." Be sure to read his project ideas for Legislative Chairmen.



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It's time to review our membership roster per **Membership Chairman Felicia Weeks**. She has many questions to ASK your auxiliary and suggests using your Membership Team to prepare a strategy to conquer all the unpaid members.

**Scholarships Chairman JoAnne Bierly** asks us to consider sending a donation to the Scholarships Program, it's not too late. Also, see her reminders NEXT CONTESTS, NEXT DEADLINES.



**"Patriot Point" - President's Special Project Chairman Sheila Justice** reminds us of President Debbie's goal to raise \$40,000 for Patriot Point. You can help by donating art supplies. See Sheila's mailing for a list of the items.

**Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball**, PDP presents her **Treasurers' Stuff** - Jackie gives detailed instruction for The Third Quarter Audit. Secretaries need to read this mailing for the audit information AND the Presentation of Bills instructions.

**Youth Activities Chairman Crystal Hallen** announces National Young Readers Week with her monthly "Suggested reading" recommendations. Be sure to read Crystals' mailing for her "Information from National" on a change to the Illustrating American Contest.



**Veterans & Family Support Chairman VaNette Jones**, PDP explains the multifaceted approach to her program. **Keep moving forward!**... It's not just a slogan; it's a call to action. VaNette offers ideas to incorporate her program into your Veterans Day and Thanksgiving events.

Sailing away... SEA you later!



Libby DallaTezza, Secretary  
VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

