The following items are in the General Orders.
Some are kept on the web site and you will need to download off this site separately.

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Wow! Can you all believe that our year is almost halfway through? Thanks to all of you who attended the Fall Conference meeting. I truly appreciate everything you do for our Veterans. Special thanks to my Auxiliary 5553 for being at the conference and for the table decorations at the banquet on Saturday night. Thanks to the VFW for all they did to make the conference a success and for working as a TEAM.

**Just a reminder to the Auxiliary Presidents and Treasurers:** All Auxiliaries are required to file their 990-tax return with the IRS no later than November 15, 2019. Any Auxiliary whose income is less than $50,000 should file the 990-n postcard on the website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Failure to file your Auxiliary return over a 3 year period, will result in your loss of non-charitable status. **IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE THIS, DO IT NOW.**

The Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher's Award Post and Auxiliary winners are due to your District Chairmen by November 15th. Please check with the District VFW for the name of the Chairman.

November 11th is Veterans day and it is just around the corner. Plan a public ceremony with your Post. Work as a team to get the word out in the communities that the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY are there and want to help with Veterans Day programs. Volunteer to present a program in the schools.

Start planning your holiday projects. Recognize the military and their families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Send boxes to the troops. Plan a meal at Thanksgiving and/or Christmas for families of the deployed military. Please do not forget the homeless Veterans or Veterans who may not have families. There are grants available from National VFW to help with projects for the Veterans. All you do is fill out the application and send it in. Work with all your chairmen on a project for the Veterans. It can include all the programs in one way or another.

The Holidays can be hard on those with PTSD or mental illness. Promote the suicide prevention/awareness program. If one life is touched by our efforts, that may be one life we might save.

November and December have the holidays we share with family and friends. We enjoy being around the ones we love. But this time of the year can be the worst time of year for those hospitalized or confined to nursing homes. A personal “thank you” to each of you for all you do for these Veterans and their families.
If you have not made your Hospital donation, now would be the time to do that so. Our VAVS representatives and Veterans Home representatives use your donation to help the Veterans in the hospital and in the Homes. We want to continue to make their lives a little more comfortable.

Please don't forget our Veterans Service officers. Many of our Veterans would not get the benefits they deserve and so badly need if it was not for the many Service Officers, we in Missouri are blessed to have throughout our state. Please give generously to the Department Service Officers Fund. Your donation is used to support what they do for our Veterans. You could hold a special fundraiser for this program. Send your donation to Department Treasurer Jackie Davis. We will give to the VFW a check for all the donations received. Let us flood our Great Commander Troy with Veteran Service Officer donations.

Remember, membership dues are due by December 31, 2019. If any of your officers or members have not paid their dues or their dues have not been recorded at National Headquarters by the end of the day of December 31st, they will no longer be a member in good standing effective January 1, 2020. This means, come January 1st, they can no longer attend meetings, or are eligible for the Cancer Grants or insurance. If you have members who for some reason cannot pay their dues, your Auxiliary can pay the National and Department Dues of $8.50 each from your relief fund. What a nice Christmas or Holiday present that would be for someone who may be having a hard time this year. Janet my Membership Chairman and all her team assistants are doing an outstanding job. THANK YOU TO ALL FOR GETTING THOSE DUES IN. YOU ALL ARE AWESOME.

As we come upon the holidays, whether it’s Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, or Christmas, we all still work for our Veterans. Remember to respect the differences and to be kind to one another.

FROM MY FAMILY AND ME, I WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS, as we all continue “Covering Our Veterans in Love” by “Serving Them with Aloha.”

Respectfully submitted:                          Attest:

Rowena Grigsby                               Jackie Davis
Department of Missouri President   Department of Missouri Secretary
Americanism
Department of Missouri
November/December General Orders

Patti Burge
PO Box 39
Pomona, MO 65789
Phone: 816-590-4898

This year is just flying by. It is amazing and if we blink this year will be gone. Be sure to get your outdoor projects done before old man winter shows up in the show me state.

I hope you are all being some great Americanism Educators. It really is up to each and everyone of us to teach and help all learn and further their knowledge of our traditions.

✓ Take American flags and use them to surprise a lot of your family, friends, children, and even strangers with some knowledge they may have forgotten or may have never known.
✓ Ask them if they know what the colors stand for.
✓ Hand them a flag and a piece of paper that tells them that red represents valor, white for purity, and blue for justice.
✓ Talk to them and see if they are surprised.
✓ You can do this on any day but wouldn't Veterans Day be a great one.
✓ Hand out flags to students, teachers and families.
✓ You could have a game to see see see who knows the meanings.
✓ You could give prizes to those who are correct and of course flags to all.
✓ This could be done at your Family Freedom Festival.

Christmas is just around the corner and what a busy time it is. Go to your local nursing facility where there are veterans and see if you can decorate a red white and blue Christmas tree, lights, flags and buddy poppies make a great tree. If you can't do a large one, how about small ones for the rooms of the veteran patients or a wreath for their door?

Be sure to check the VFW store for items that are both educational and informative. The color books would make great gifts at a children Christmas party.

Have a great holiday season and make it bright for our Veterans!
THANK YOU, MISSOURI! I never imagined that at the Fall Conference I would have 60 Buddy Poppy Displays for our Voice of Democracy Centerpiece Contest and 3,000+ New Children’s Books for the children at the VFW National Home for Children! Judi Reine our Scholarship Chairman is so excited about all the beautiful centerpieces she will use at the Voice of Democracy Banquet.

The VFW National Home for Children only has space for 1,500 books so I have come up with a plan for the other 1,500 books! All the Program chairman would like your support in creating THE FAMILY FREEDOM BAG (a Busy Bag for the family) these bags will go to the seven Veterans Homes in Missouri for visiting families.

In each Chairman’s General Orders, they are asking for items to go in the bags. All the items will be taken to the Winter Conference meeting and assembled into the Family Freedom Bags. We will need volunteers for the assembly of the bags. We have plenty of books. Thank you again for the amazing response to both requests, I can’t wait to see what we do next. TEAM MISSOURI!

“Buddy” ® Poppy Promotion

Have you had your Buddy Poppy Drive?
Are you using your Buddy Poppy Chairman’s Guide?

Educating our Communities about the Buddy Poppy:
To help you get started, you will find everything you’ll need in the VFW Auxiliary Community Outreach Tool Kit at vfwauxiliary.org/resources:

- guidelines
- planning and preparing your outreach teams
- tips for speakers
- report forms

* awards
* sample contact letters
* who to contact

IF WE DON’T TELL OUR STORY...WHO WILL?

BUDDY POPPY CONTEST: A Poster of the National Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline. Please be creative! The more poppies the better but remember one poppy must be in its original form. Or a brown paper bag decorated with Buddy Poppies and filled with LOVE for a Veteran. Please be creative! The more poppies the better but remember one poppy must be in its original form. Don’t forget to fill it with LOVE.

Buddy Poppy Contest Rules: Entries must have the following

An envelope, on the outside of the envelope
- # of poppies used
- # of hours
- # of people

If a brown paper bag a list of the love (contents)
On the inside of the envelope
- Auxiliary # & District #
- Name of person or persons that created it
NATIONAL HOME For CHILDREN

Educate your community about the National Home and the Helpline!

MILITARY & VETERAN FAMILY HELPLINE

800-313-4200

A service of the VFW National Home for Children.

help@vfwnationalhome.org

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Donations:
Currently the Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary National Home fund has plenty of money for our Missouri Cottage. If you would like to make a donation to a specific project at the National Home, go to the National Home website: www.vfw.nationalhome.org for more information. This is the link for the National Home Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/CEPQBFHDZG2/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_Bv1BAbBRBM400

VFW National Home Trip: By the time this gets to you we will have been on the trip! I would like to thank everyone that went and helped with the party. Each child received lots of gifts, candy and love.

Happy Halloween!
Wow the Holidays are among us already. We will be busy for the Holidays with friends and family. District Presidents please fill out both sheets at the inspection of the Auxiliary and then send. This gives me indications if that auxiliary needs to have some help though out the year. All inspections should be done by December 31st by you the District President.

**Guidelines for Auxiliary President for Official Visit by District President:** Official visits have started for the 2019-2020 year, below you will find the basics of an Official Visit and how to make it a positive experience.

- **BEFORE THE INSPECTION**
  Confirm with the District President the day, date and time for the Official Visit upon receipt of Your Official Visit Notice. Confirm with him/her any meals and if he or she is bringing any guests. If refreshments are not being served, let District President be aware of this as he or she may be coming directly from their workplace and/or traveling a great distance. Please see to it that the District President is introduced to the VFW Post Commander (if he/she is on the premises and available) prior to the start of the Inspection.

- **MEETING ROOM**
  If the Conductor/Conductress is not present prior to arrival of District President, the Auxiliary President sees to setting up the meeting room seeing to the placement of the U.S. Flag, banner, and Patriotic Flag (POW/MIA flag or chair cover if your Auxiliary uses one), altar cloth, Bible and chairs according to style of meeting members voted to have (Roundtable, Contemporary or Traditional). The District President will sit to the right of Auxiliary President after being introduced by the Auxiliary President.

- **AGENDA AND GAVEL**
  Follow the agenda (Auxiliary Order of Business). Roundtable, Contemporary and Traditional meetings are located in the Ritual section of the Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual. Prior to your meeting night work up an agenda of items to be brought up in your meeting. Have the gavel present as an emblem of authority but use it according to the Bylaws and with discretion.

- **BOOKS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER**
  Make sure these books are on hand and up to date. (Include books for Bingo if it is an activity of your Auxiliary. Books and banking information should be present as well as savings book/statements and/or CD statements. All items listed under Secretary and Treasurer are to be made available for District President’s Inspection.

- **CHAIRMEN’S REPORTS**
  If a Chairman is absent, the Auxiliary President should give a brief report on that program describing the participation of your Auxiliary and its members. Under the Good of the Order – the Auxiliary President will present the District President to the membership for his or her remarks.

- **AFTER THE MEETING**
  Make sure the District President has what her or she needs in order to complete their Official Visit
report of your Auxiliary. Offer to see him or her to their car. If not done prior to start of Inspection, this would be a good time to have the District President to meet the Post Commander if he or she is available now. The District President will present a copy of the completed Inspection report to Auxiliary President before leaving the meeting place.

**IN YOUR BRIEFCASE**
Current National Bylaws, Podium edition

Current National Program Book
Department Program Book
President and Treasurer’s Bond
Gavel
Pen and Paper for Notes
Agenda (list of items from unfinished business and ideas to bring up for discussion under new business)

**Should the Treasurer and/or Secretary be unavailable for the Inspection – it is your responsibility to see that all items listed on Inspection Notice are in your possession and presented to District President for his or her signature.**

**Failure to provide items necessary to have a complete inspection will incur expenses from your Auxiliary treasury to have District President return to inspect missing items. (Other arrangements may be made to meet outside of meeting place to view the missing items required to be viewed by the District President.**

**A Phone Call Away!**

The Department Officers and Program Chairs are here to help you and your Auxiliary, please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any questions or concerns. There is a wealth of knowledge within our Department to answer most questions or address any concerns

A working Chief of Staff offers good counsel in the spirit of *Serving Our Veterans with Aloha* by *Covering Our Veterans in Love* within the Missouri VFW Auxiliary for 2019-2020.
Happy Holidays you All,

We have had a busy but short summer we are going into Winter. I challenge all Auxiliaries to get me a Fabulous Winter Patriotic group photo for my Historian Page. Let’s see how many of you read my General Orders this month. Come on everyone thinks, Oh, “what’s her/his face will send her/his photos so I don’t need to send any.” Oh, “no she’s/he’s thinks you will do it.” Send them to me. If you have a phone you can take a picture. Don’t be the only Auxiliary that isn’t in the challenge. WELL WHERE ARE THE PICTURES?

Remember at your Family Freedom Fest you can get a app. That is for photo booth on your laptop and set up a fun fast dress-up you have so many seconds or minutes to make a different pose.

When taking photos, we should remember to do the following. Make a check list of things needed. PRIZES FOR: REPORTING look at year end. District Historians: Let’s take a lot of photos of our National President and Department President Rowena Grigsby. Please mail or Email all photos to me ASAP don’t wait. Please wait for me to text back that I received them. Remember Explain the photos. Need Auxiliary # and name of Post plus names of who is involved, or what event group. It might be a great story to send to National.

Covering Our Veterans in Love ~ Serving our Veterans with Aloha
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT, RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT:
As volunteers we serve Americas veterans and their families with dignity and compassion. This statement would be a great lead in to invite a potential person to sign up as a volunteer in a medical facility. Why not ask your auxiliary hospital volunteer to speak at your Auxiliary meeting to inform members: your interaction with veterans on planned events at the hospital or veterans home & what your duties are at the hospital or veterans home. There are many events schedule throughout each month and you may pick one that suits your schedule.

Our veterans served their time. Now we can serve them.

Fall is upon us, the weather is changing, which means the needs of our hospitalized veterans are also changing. Most will spend more time inside, so they could use some activities to help pass the time. Some of the ideas could be puzzles, crafts, books, card/board games. Our hospitalized veterans enjoy having tray favors. Need some suggestions? Check out Pinterest page for ideas! A friendly visit, a one on one conversation with a veteran may be the greatest gift they receive this year.

Always check with the medical facility as to the needs of their patients/residents. This would be a great time to have a coat drive accepting new and gently used coats, hoodies, and jackets to donate to the homeless veteran project.

May your holiday season begin with an invitation to veterans from a medical facility for a luncheon/dinner at your VFW Post home? Step out of the box and invite someone to entertain the veterans and play some games following the meal. Recognize your Volunteer at this time, the veterans would enjoy knowing the auxiliary members who come to visit them in their home.

The wise old owl giving out advice!

Go over the Volunteer Recruitment Awards make sure you haven’t missed the opportunity to toot your own horn! “Outstanding Hospital Volunteer Award” is just one of many to check out.

Veterans and Military Suicide Awareness is always in the fore front of our minds, please continue to have available the Crisis Help Line 1-800-273-8255.

Although the idea of suicides occurring much more during the holidays has proven to be a myth, many people still find themselves feeling down this time of year. (Especially so for those struggling with addiction.) So, listen intently, because you may be the person who has a chance to make a difference.
VETERANS VOICES:

MISSION: to enable military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction throughout the writing program.
VISION: a world where people appreciate that writing can both heal and entertain.

Please consider spending $35.00 for a yearly subscription to the Veterans Voices Magazine. Not only are you supporting our veterans but you are able to fill your obligation on answering the questions for your Year End Report.

PROMOTE VA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

Information on how research of veterans’ health has expanded in recent years. Check with your VAVS Representative in your area and get the latest news on research and development. They should have a recent pamphlet from the closest VA Hospital on programs that are available at that facility. You will find fact sheets at www.research.va.gov/topics to print out for your information.

“BUSY BAGS PROGRAM PROJECT”

Sweet Bee Buzzing’s: Itty Bitty Ditty Bags!

Amy Jo has 1,500 books left over and is asking for us to join together for a Busy Bags Program Project which would entail each program to gather something small to fill the bags along with two to three books. I have on hand now 120 Ditty Bags. We have 7 Veterans homes, calculating the amount of books that are left putting two books in each bag along with what other items to be donated it will take approximately 700 bags. We would be donating 100 Busy Bags to each Veterans Home. I am sure that I can get more ditty bags but I am asking if each auxiliary could donate some Ditty Bags. Please bring them to the Winter C of A and we will assemble them at that time. Amy Jo and I will need a count of Ditty Bags during the months of November through January to make sure that we have enough for all the Veterans Homes in Missouri. Bags should measure 10 inch by 12 inch with drawstring or straps, or 12 inch by 12 inch. The sewing circle that has donated to me uses left over material from their quilting projects and they use many different fabrics and patterns!

We want to show all that we are “Serving Our Veterans with Aloha” as we are “Covering Our Veterans in Love.”
Before I begin; let me just say THANK YOU to everyone that is working so hard advocating for our Veterans and their families every day. This is what we do, this is who we are.

**ACTION CORPS WEEKLY**

Congratulations to Jeff Center, legislative chairman for Arnold Post 2593! He signed up 31 members and non members to Action Corps Weekly. All total a little over 100 people were signed up during the Action Corps Contest. Great job Missouri Auxiliary! Don’t quit now!

If your auxiliary doesn’t have access to a computer with internet, here are two ways to sign up ANYONE to receive Action Corps Weekly.

1. Go to [www.movfwaux.org](http://www.movfwaux.org) in the left column/ Click on Legislation – then print out Action Corps Weekly signup sheet. After you fill the sheet up with info – scan the sheet into your computer and add it as an attachment… then email it to vfwac@vfw.org don’t forget to make a copy for your yearend report!

2. Or you can mail it to: “Attention Action Corps” VFW Washington Office 200 Maryland Ave, NE Washington, DC. 20002

If your Auxiliary does have access to the internet at meetings;

This is a great time to sign up new members to Action Corps Weekly. Go to [www.auxiliary.org](http://www.auxiliary.org) click on resources… scroll down to legislation/ then click on sign up.

**FALL IS HERE!**

As Thanksgiving and Christmas gets closer, do not forget to include your local representatives in your coming events. Invite them as soon as you know the dates for any of your events; as they have usually planned out most of their time. Mayor, city council members will welcome the invitation. Also go to [www.movfwaux.org](http://www.movfwaux.org) on the left column… click on Legislative/How to find Representatives. Don’t forget to have fun with your Veterans at these events! You can make up little take home bags for anyone that you think might benefit from information about the Legislative Program….

**Always have VFW Priority Goals and Action Corps info included.**
FAMILY FREEDOM BAGS

As you may know the National Home/Buddy Poppy Chairman had asked the Auxiliary to collect children’s books to be taken to the National Home. **AND WHAT A GREAT JOB WE DID!** There were over 3,000 books collected! However, the National Home will only accept half of them.....So the Chairman, Amy Jo Lett came up with the idea; what if we make Family Freedom Bags with 1 book in each bag, items from each program and take these bags to the 7 Veteran homes in the state for visiting children? **BRILLIANT!!!!**

These bags will be put together by any auxiliary members that would like to help at the Winter Conference.

So....... I am asking all Auxiliary’s to donate copies of:
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
LEGISLATIVE WORD SEARCH
LEGISLATIVE WORD SERACH KEY
‘I VOTE IN HONOR OF’ STICKERS / sticker paper can be purchased and then used to copy them.

What we will do is take the sheets of stickers ‘I VOTE IN HONOR OF’ because they come in sheets of 10, they can be cut across so that 2 stickers can be put on top of the other items...
Word Search, Word Search Key, and the Legislative Process:
Then can be rolled up and fastened with a paper clip to hold them to look like a tube.
This tube will go in the Family Freedom Bags with the other items! If you are not going to the Winter Conference you can get the tubes to your District President and they will take care of them.

**FOR EVERY 50 TUBES DELIVERED; YOUR AUXILIARY WILL GET 5 BONUS POINTS ON YEAR END REPORTS**

**COMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**
November 11.... Veterans Day
November 28.... Thanksgiving Day
December 7....National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 25..... Christmas Day

As the Holiday Season draws closer, remember to be grateful for what you have and not worry so much about what you don’t.

ANY MEMBER – MAKE A DIFFERENCE – CAUSE A CHANGE
Membership
November-December
2019-2020

I missed seeing everyone at the Fall Conference! I hope those of you that were able to attend had a great time, gained some knowledge, and had safe travels home.

Everyone has done a FANTASTIC job working Membership, but now we are at the point where our work gets harder!!! We have 65 Auxiliaries that are currently 90% and above! There are 30 Auxiliaries 80 to 89%. 15 Auxiliaries are 70 to 79% and 14 Auxiliaries are well below 70%. I am asking the District Presidents and District Membership Chairmen to contact the Auxiliaries that are 79% and below and see if there are any problems that my team and I might be able to help with. Please ask if they have sent out their Dues Reminders. Encourage them to get their dues submitted and not wait! Not only will they be eligible for the Department awards, but also the National awards. If the Department of Missouri hits their goal of 95% in November, we will receive $500.00. Think of how many Veterans can be helped with that amount. If we hit 100% + 1 by Jan. 31st, the Department will receive another $500.00, for a total of $1000! Let’s make this happen!!

😊 Auxiliary Awards 😊

1. When your Auxiliary meets the monthly goals we have set, you will be entered in a drawing for two $50 prizes at each of the following: Fall Conference, Winter Conference. (Once your Auxiliary goes into the drawing, it will stay in for all drawings.)

TOOTING THE HORN!!!

The following Auxiliaries have joined the 100% membership group:
Auxiliary 534, Auxiliary 2175, Auxiliary 2442, Auxiliary 3772, Auxiliary 4238, Auxiliary 4347, Auxiliary 4610, Auxiliary 5178, Auxiliary 5649, Auxiliary 7183, Auxiliary 10350, Auxiliary 10495, and Auxiliary 12053. Job well done!!! I am SO PROUD of each of you! Keep up the great work!!!

HAVE YOU SENT OUT DUES REMINDER YET????????

If you haven’t, you are already falling behind. It is very important that you send out dues reminder that tells your members:

✓ It is time to pay your dues.
✓ Where do they send the dues?
✓ How much are the dues?
✓ Let them know when and what time your meetings are.

Don’t poop out on us already, get those dues reminders out.

**Adopt-A-Member** is being highlighted by National this month. I know that many of you have used this program already. Those of you that haven’t, is there an Auxiliary member you know that has not submitted their dues for some reason. Maybe they are struggling financially, or they have been ill and not had time to pay their dues. What better way to let them know that they are important to your Auxiliary and not forgotten, than by paying their dues for them. We all need to feel wanted and not forgotten!

I know that we can reach the goals that National has set for us! If you have an idea for a challenge you would like to make for the teams, please let me know. Remember, it only takes “One Member at a Time” for us to reach our goal!!

Don’t be a 🎃 get those dues in right away!

Remember: Our organization has been working to Recruit, Rejoin and Retain members for years. Let’s **IMAGINE** changing these words to **Invite, Include and Invest**! As we invite others to join and include all members, we invest in our membership and the future of our organization.

Thank you for your support!
Janet

P.S.
**Congratulations** to Pricilla’s Team, is 89.21%
Districts: 1,3,5,6

**Go Getters** are at 88.75% (Take the lead away from Pricilla!! WE CAN DO IT; I KNOW WE CAN!!)
Districts: 2,7,14,15,18

**Penelope’s Team** is 81.62%
Districts: 8,9,12,17
MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR MEMBERS – NOMINATION FORM is enclosed – think about that person who has fulfilled the role as a mentor/leader. Complete the form and send to me by March 31, 2020. TWO entries from an auxiliary will be allowed – Department will be offering awards but the National Organization will be offering first, second, and third place citations to the Outstanding Mentor from EACH Department.

Last month, I shared with you the names of two members who have mentored me over the years. I am certain that each of you can think of that special person who has helped and encouraged you over the years. That person is who you need to nominate for the Leadership Award.

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR AUXILIARIES – FORM is enclosed – send to me by March 31, 2020. National will award the Auxiliary for the most outstanding implementation of a Mentoring for Leadership Program. Every Auxiliary that implements a Mentoring Program will receive a National Citation.

I have witnessed so many auxiliaries who are stepping up to the plate this year and making that genuine effort to work on programs within their own auxiliaries. EVERY auxiliary can and should be doing this and is capable of winning this National Citation and Award.

National Ambassador Jane Ziebarth shared the Seven P’s of a Mentoring Program on her recent blog-

- PURPOSE - provide positive experiences to bring awareness and create interest
- PARTICIPATION – anyone can participate regardless of age or years of experience
- PREPARE – gather resource material to assist in achieving your mentoring goals
- PURSUE – acknowledge the value of all members and create positive experiences
- PREVENTION – there is no room in an auxiliary to allow bullying – stop it immediately
- PROGRESS – you will see members taking on new roles as leaders
- PRIDE – show support and recognize members – let members know they are appreciated

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP WILL TRANSLATE INTO “SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA.”

ALWAYS ACT AS IF WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE - BECAUSE IT DOES!!

MENTORING + LEADERSHIP = HEALTHY AUXILIARY

WATCH US GO AND GROW!!

Betty Arnold, Chairman
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573-579-5898 (C)
Family Freedom Bags
Department of Missouri Project

Goal: 700 (Busy Bags) for families.

THANK YOU, MISSOURI! I never imagined that at the Fall Conference I would have received 3,000+ New Children's Books for the children at the VFW National Home for Children. The VFW National Home for Children only has space for 1,500 books so I have come up with a plan for the other 1,500 books!

All the Program chairman would like your support in creating THE FAMILY FREEDOM BAG (a Busy Bag for the family) these bags will go to the seven Veterans Homes in Missouri for visiting families. In each Chairman’s General Orders, they are asking for items to go in the bags. Bring the items to the Winter Conference meeting and we will assemble the Family Freedom Bags there. We will need volunteers for the assembly of the bags.

We have plenty of books, thank you again for the amazing response to the request, I can’t wait to see what we do next.

TEAM MISSOURI!

PLEASE CONTACT (AMY JO LETT @ 816-668-3164) BEFORE YOUR AUXILIARY MAKES A PURCHASE! WE DON’T WANT TO MANY OF ONE THING AND NOT ENOUGH OF ANOTHER.

Attached you will find a list of needed items.

Thank you again for everything you do for our Veterans and their families!

Amy Jo Lett
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Participating Programs and Items Needed:

- **Veterans & Family Support**
  - 700 Decks Playing Cards

- **Americanism**
  - 700 Small American Flags 4”x 6” (Made in the USA)

- **Buddy Poppy & National Home**
  - 700 Buddy Poppy’s

- **Historian**
  - 700, 4”x6” pocket photo album ($1.00 @ Dollar Tree)

- **Hospital**
  - 700 Ditty Bags (See Hospital General Orders)

- **Legislative**
  - THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
  - LEGISLATIVE WORD SEARCH
  - LEGISLATIVE WORD SEARCH KEY Sheet
  - ‘I VOTE IN HONOR OF’ STICKER /sticker paper can be purchased and then used to copy them.
  - (See Legislative General Orders for Instructions and How to assemble)

- **Membership**
  - 700, 4pks of crayons

- **Scholarship**
  - 700, sets of 2 Dice

- **Youth Activities**
  - 700 Small Patriotic Historic fiction or non-fiction Books. (They can be picture books, but we prefer activity books or coloring books.)

- **Volunteers**
  - We will assemble the bags at the Winter Conference.

**Items we do not need:**

- 700 Resource Rack Cards
- 1,400 Books
- Chief of Staff: 700, Suicide Awareness information sheet
- 700, membership applications
- Mentoring for Leadership: 700, VFW Auxiliary Fax Sheets
- 700 printed instructions for games
- 700 Scholarship at a Glance Sheets
What an exciting time for the Scholarship program! By now you should have student essays in hand ready for the next step. You should be working with your Post chairman to get the Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy entrees judged and passed on to the district level.

**Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy:**
- Before turning entries over to the judges, have students correct small errors that would otherwise get them disqualified (too many words, references that identify them, trouble with audio track).
- After judging, for every 15 essays (or fraction thereof) send one winner in each contest to the district level by November 15.

**Recognition:** Plan a recognition celebration for participating students! Try to include everyone who made your program successful: parents, teachers, judges, and Post and Auxiliary members. Whether you host a meal, or attend a school event, the students must know how much we appreciate their interest in participating in our program. With your Post, decide the amount and type of award you are presenting. Visit the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org for items offered to commemorate participation in both contests.

**Busy Bag Project:** Missouri program chairs are working on a group project to collect items for Busy Bags which will be donated to Veteran’s Homes for visiting children. I would like donations of dice for the older kids. I will include instructions for dice games which will be added the Busy Bags. Please bring dice to the Winter Council of Administration in February and plan on helping us assemble the bags.

**Special Request:** The Missouri Scholarships Fund is running low. If possible, please send a donation to Jackie Davis, Department Treasurer. This fund is used to award students in the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and the Past National Presidents Scholarship contests.
Can you believe it this time of year already?! Time to get out all you holiday decorations and cook books! This is wonderful time to reach out to our Veterans and their families. And this might be the time they need us the most. This is a great time to invite the community and local veterans into your post for Holiday Celebrations. Show them how we can support our veterans and their families! We have so much to offer! Please send me an email and let me know what you are doing.

I was able to attend the Fall Conference in Branson. It was wonderful and I learned a lot! All the chairman talked about ideas for the Freedom Festival. The Freedom Festival is an event that you can use all your programs. This is an event for all ages, show your community what the Post/Auxiliary offers and how positively you impact your community. The sky is the limit on this event. Some ideas for Veterans and Family Services program is:

- have a resource table set up
- have a free meal for the community at the event, and hand out Military & Veteran Family Helpline
- ask for canned goods to give to your local food pantry and give away raffle tickets for participation and have a drawing for a patriotic item at the end
- check out the Auxiliary website for more information on the Freedom Festival it’s a great tool!

A few ideas on how to reach out to the community are:

- Adopt a soldier who is deployed
- Invite veterans and your community for a Thanksgiving Dinner at your post
- Have a breakfast with Santa at your post; this is a great way to get the families of veterans to participate in the event.
Ask your local schools to see if any children have parents deployed or are struggling and buy Christmas gifts.

Help at your local food pantry, a lot of pantries deliver food baskets on Holidays.

Wanted to give a shout out to:

The entire Auxiliaries in Missouri! Amy Jo received 3,000 Books for the National Home! Way to go MO!

Again all the VFWs and Auxiliaries in Missouri at the Fall Conference in Branson were able to put together 175 Ruc Sacks for homeless that contained personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, female products, and information about services to help them. These will be distributed throughout Missouri.

Few other reminders

When you do an event please send me pictures afterwards so I can share it with National to let them know what is going on in Missouri! It gives other Auxiliaries ideas as well.

- Don’t forget to check out the National Web site https://vfwauxiliary.org/ there are so many tools! And of course our state web site too. http://movfwaux.org/
- Take a look at your end of year report to help with planning your events.
- If you let me know ahead of time I would love to try to come to one of your events.
- Please call, text, email or snail mail me if you have any question or concerns, again I am excited to be your chairman for Veterans & Family Services!

We are going to cover our veterans with love this year!

Please don’t hesitate to contact me!
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PROGRAM GOALS

1. Patriotism through Literacy
2. Illustrating America
3. Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups
4. Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations
5. Patriotic Youth Award

WOW…You mean to tell me all of the Auxiliaries programs are working together on one project. YES! It’s true, and what a great opportunity to join forces for our veterans. Auxiliary brothers and sisters, there are “Busy Bags” being made as I type these General Orders and I couldn’t be more excited to tell you the opportunity you have to add an item into these bags. First, let me tell you who will be getting these bags. Children that come to the VA Hospitals and VA Homes to visit with family and friends will be receiving these bags filled with items from each program that represents what the VFW Auxiliary is doing for our veterans and their families. I am asking that your auxiliary provide Patriotism through Literacy items such as; historical fiction, creative non-fiction or picture books to place in these Busy Bags. These can be duplicates, so don’t hesitate to grab a stack for the approx. 1,500 Busy Bags being made. What better way to expose students to experiences unlike their own, while fostering a love of books that leads to a lifetime of learning. All Busy Bag items need to be brought to the Winter Conference and given to the Youth Activity Chairman.

You should have already decided to participate in the Illustrating America Art Contest for grades K-8. Contests are open to students in grades K-8 with three divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 with one National winner in each division awarding first, second, and third places. Information flyers and forms are available under “Youth Activities” at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. **Entry deadline March 31, 2020** so do not wait until the last minute. Local winners to Department Youth Activity Chairman deadline April 15, 2020.

REMEMBER…An Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage youth and the whole family. Let your community know that your Auxiliary is out there for the whole community and show them appreciation thru:

**Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations** - Applications are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources under Youth Activities. Fill out the citation application and submit it to the Department Youth Activities Chairman. Also, if you would like to honor an individual youth for their patriotism and/or supporting our veterans, download the **Patriotic Youth Award** to recognize individual youth for the patriotism and/or support of our veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

Youth like to be recognized when they do something special, and the **Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)** program is an excellent way to do just that. So, when you see youth thanking a veteran or active military, proudly saluting the flag, give him or her a R.A.P. card and/or coin. The cards can be downloaded from the national or our department website and printed at home. The coins can be purchased from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org/resources or by calling 1-800-821-2606.

Thank you and I am looking forward to your productive and active year with the youth in Missouri.

Cathline…<>
A Message from the Department Treasurer

Presidents and Treasurers

There are a couple things coming up that you need to do for the months of November and December.

- **File your 990s by November 15th, 2019.**
  - Make sure you have filed your 990s. If you have not filed in the last three years, you will lose your exempt status. It is the Treasurer’s job to make sure this is done each year.
  - Some Districts and Auxiliaries have had their EIN number revoked and need to get them reinstated. I will be sending out letters to those who will need to do this with information on how to get this corrected.
  - The fiscal tax year is July 31st to June 30th. I am sending another letter to the IRS to get this corrected for those Auxiliaries and Districts that do not have the correct fiscal year.

- **All Officers must have their dues paid by December 31st.**
  - Check to make sure your officers have paid their dues. If not paid by December 31st, they will no longer be in good standing and cannot hold the office. Please encourage them to pay their dues.

- **Membership**
  - Please remember to have the investigating committee sign off on all applications. Their job is to make sure all the information is there for the applicant to be accepted.
  - There is a new membership application on the national website www.vfwauxiliary.org or on the Missouri website www.movfwaux.org. Please get rid of all old applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me through email or phone.
PHOTO RELEASE FORM
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

I, ________________________________ hereby authorize the use of my photograph for publication by VFW Auxiliary#________, including but not limited to, VFW Auxiliary#________, social media sites, websites, brochures, newsletters and e-newsletters.

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Signature                                                            Date

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