

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO PROGRAM BOOK



100TH YEAR AUXILIARY CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY
1924 - 2024

WE VALUE EVERY VETERAN
(THEY HAVE SERVED US, NOW WE CAN SERVE THEM)

PHIL REINPOLD
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
2023-2024

Program Book 2023-2024

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Thoughts from your Department Auxiliary President

My sincere thanks to all of you who have made it your mission to support our Veterans and their families in whatever manner and on whatever level that you have chosen to assist. In many ways, our support is more important than ever, and I appreciate having you on my team.

I think everyone knows that my mission this year is to increase Suicide / Depression Awareness and to work actively to aid our Veterans with Suicide Prevention by giving them the tools to combat these events in their families and communities. This will tie directly into my theme: WE VALUE EVERY VETERAN (They have served us, now we can serve them). To see a description of how my pins tie into this theme, please refer to the descriptions at the bottom of this article. We value every veteran no matter what their situation in life, and pledge to help them transition into their new life. We will endeavor to be there when they are at low points in their lives and help them to realize how valuable they are to their fellow comrades, auxiliary teammates, and to their family.

Our programs are the core of what we do to support and give aid to the Veteran community. The Program Team that we have assembled this year is absolutely fantastic and is there to support you and your Auxiliary in providing unmatched support for our Veterans and their families. If you have any questions or need any support whatsoever, please contact them. Let them know what you are doing – what works, what works really well, what doesn't work. I will be donating the funds raised from the sales of my Veteran's Pin to Operation Veteran Strong – an organization dedicated to helping Veterans in Colorado transition and succeed as they move back into civilian life. Their mission is to provide help overcoming drug and alcohol addiction, aid with job search and training, aid with confidence building, and further educational advancement. This organization also gives considerable help and support to those veterans who are experiencing deep depression and considering suicide. Queenie Barz will be in charge of my pin sales this year and I know that she will do an outstanding job!

Our programs are the core of what we do to support and give aid to the Veteran community – I think I already said that ! If you have not already been to the National Website, please go there, create a log in and be amazed at what is available to you there. Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org where you will find complete information on National Programs, On-Line-Training-Academy, Membership and Recruitment and Retention, Programs and Publicity and Branding. Whatever program information that you are looking for, IT IS THERE. Choose the program (or several) that you are interested in and go for it !

My other exciting missions are to work closely with the VFW to improve and increase the relationship between the VFW and the Auxiliary, to discover the many talents possessed by members of our Auxiliary and to find ways to develop these talents for the benefit of the Auxiliary. I also plan to renew the tradition of visiting all the Veteran's Hospitals and CLCs in Colorado as we used to do. The next Convention will be the 100th convention for the Auxiliary in Colorado, and I plan to highlight and celebrate this exciting milestone over the next year.

Thank you, Program Chairs, for championing all of these efforts. Thank you, Cindy Anderson for putting together this Program Book . I am honored that the Auxiliary has chosen me to serve as President for the next year and I ask you to join with me in making it a huge success !

Phil Reinpold
President
VFWA Department of CO



American Flag – White Stars on a field of blue represent the States of our Nation. Stripes for the courage and sacrifice of our Nation’s defenders. The white stripes signify our desire for liberty and land of the free. The blue signifies justice for all, as well as vigilance and perseverance.

POW-MIA Flag – Black and white stands as a stark reminder of Americans who are still prisoners, missing or otherwise unaccounted for. The words “You Are Not Forgotten” state that we will not forget them or their sacrifices in protecting us and our freedoms. We will continue our efforts to find those still missing until all are accounted for.

Buddy Poppy – We recognize those that gave their all as stated in the poem “Flanders Field”. It is important to remember them with respect and honor.

Yellow Ribbon – We show our hope for the safe return of our deployed active military and also hope for the return of those still missing and their accountability. It also represents moving on from the past and looking to the future. Teal/Purple outlines are from the suicide prevention ribbon signifying hope and courage for those who have attempted suicide and remembrance for those who lost their battle.



The teal and purple colors are from the suicide prevention ribbon. They signify hope and courage for those who have attempted suicide and remembrance for those who lost their battle.

WE VALUE EVERY VETERAN

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2023 - 2024**

Group 1 (10 - 34 Members)

859 Two Mile High Leadville	18	5843 Meeker	30
3411 Kit Carson	18	7305 Cureno Verde Colorado City	21
4264 Schubring Cruse Steamboat	28	9374 Kremmling	20
4671 Republican Valley Wray	20	12009 Chew Commons Slocum Conifer	32
5181 Troy Young Dove Creek	33	12189 SPC Gabriel Conde Memorial Berthoud	19
5221 Clarence G Dzuris Calhan	25		

Group 2 (35 - 50 Members)

899 Mount Blanca Alamosa	40	5812 Pueblo West	41
2788 Ralph Frank Janousek Penrose	42	6612 Joe Will Hugo	37
3981 Western Slope Grand Junction	45	7829 Msgt William J Crawford Monument	43
4265 Samuel Havenga Jr Craig	35	9221 Grand Mesa Cedaredge	50
4334 Harold "Huck" Hensley Ault	46	11411 Flo-Geo Florissant	48

Group 3 (51 - 80 Members)

101 Lt Marion L Willis Colorado Springs	75	3541 Jake Uhrig Sterling	58
322 Englewood	78	3571 Lee Marts Delta	51
336 John Butler Ordway	68	3641 Minnequa Pueblo	72
1247 Beye Lotz Grand Junction	76	5231 Montezuma County Cortez	61
2585 Johnstown Milliken	78		

Group 4 (81 - 135 Members)

41 Loveland	123	4031 Durango	129
1781 Rocky Mountain Fort Collins	132	4061 Royal Gorge Canon City	104
2121 Pioneer Greeley	112	4331 Arvada	132
2411 Las Animas	107	8121 Seigfred-Leyte Del Norte	106
3631 CWS David R Carter Aurora	109		

Group 5 (136 - 199 Members)

1 John S Stewart Denver	183	4444 Currie/Toles/Gary A Carstens Comm City	164
501 Francis Brown Lowry Denver	146	5061 Dean K Phillips Denver	167
2601 Longs Peak Longmont	182	6461 Fontaine Qui Bouille Fountain	150
3917 Cheyenne Mountain Security	192	6624 Adamson-Warmuth Evans	194

Group 6 (200 + Members)

1771 Mile High Lafayette	240	7945 Joseph J Jacques Jr Thornton	269
4051 Pikes Peak Colorado Springs	226	9644 Verle Huffman Sheridan	336
4171 Golden	282		

Program Reporting

Beginning with the 2023-2024 program reporting year, all program reporting for the National Programs will need to be completed on the Department of Colorado website at vfwco.org. Reporting here has been made quite simple and any member can report on the activities they have been involved in. This process can be used by both VFW and Auxiliary members.

After logging into the website, you will need to click on **Auxiliary** and then **Reporting**. You will see a brief description of the activities that you can report on for each National program. As you scroll down the page, you will find a picture and underlined name of each program. Click on the picture and just fill in the blanks. Wherever you see an arrowhead, you can click there to see a list of options provided for you. For instance when asked "Who Participated" click the arrowhead and choose VFW, Auxiliary or Both depending on who you are reporting for.

When you have filled in all the relevant boxes simply click "Submit." Please do not try to mail paper copies to the VFW Department office. They will not be accepted.

All the program reporting received through the website will be available to be viewed by the Department Program Chairmen for annual judging.

Supplemental Reporting

Department Program Chairmen are required to report some information annually to the National Ambassadors that is not included in our shared reporting system. Therefore, we have designed one additional form containing all the extra information that the Auxiliaries need to report. This can be done as often as you wish but should be completed at least annually by every auxiliary. Completed forms can be mailed or emailed to the Department Secretary, Cindy Anderson at 8281 Clay St Unit A, Westminster, CO 80031 or andersoncindy1109@gmail.com for distribution to the Chairmen. The deadline for this supplemental form is the same as our program year which ends March 31, 2024.

Please direct any questions on what can be reported not addressed on the website to the specific program chairman.

We want you to see how easy it is to report, report, report.

Supplementary Program Report Form

2023-24

This form is to report information not included in the on-line reporting program. This can be filed monthly, quarterly or as needed. A minimum of one report to be filed by March 31, 2024.

Please indicate if you used the materials/resources available in Malta for each program listed.

_____ Extension and Reevaluation
_____ Historian
_____ Legislative

_____ Media Relations
_____ Mentoring for Leadership
_____ Membership

Historian/Media Relations

- 1 Did your Auxiliary create a Historian Book by any means for the year?
2 Did your Auxiliary send a monthly/quarterly newsletter to members?
3 Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook page? With Post _____ Alone _____
4 Does your Auxiliary have a website? With Post _____ Alone _____
5 Did your Auxiliary hold a media training? (Malta, Facebook or other social media) _____

Hospital

- 1 Did your Auxiliary co-host with your post to promote, or participate in the following:
Honors Escort___ Natl Salute to Veteran Patients(Valentines)___ Veterans Health Care___
Women Veteran Health Care Program___

Legislative

- 1 How many members subscribe to the Action Corp? _____

Membership

- 1 Did your Auxiliary promote, participate, host or co-host with the Post activities regarding education and membership recruiting?
2 Did your Auxiliary educate members on the benefits of membership?
3 Did your Auxiliary educate members on the National Membership Awards?
4 How many members participated in a recruiting event on any level?
5 Did the Auxiliary recruit at least one new member? _____

Mentoring for Leadership

- 1 Did your Auxiliary educate members on Mentoring Program awards?
2 Did your Auxiliary have any members who stepped up to the role of Mentor?
3 Did your Auxiliary hold a special recognition for the Mentors in your Auxiliary? _____

Scholarships

- 1 List the number of student entries you received and the number of entries sent to Department for judging in the following contests: # Entries # To Department
Creative Patriotic Art _____
3-Dimensional Art _____

Veterans and Family Support

- 1 List the approximate number of veterans, service members or families assisted. _____

Youth

- 1 List the number of youth that the Auxiliary worked with during the year.
2 List the number of books donated through Patriotism Through Literacy.
3 List the number of student entries you received and the number of entries sent to Department for judging in the following contests: # Entries # To Department
Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue _____
Illustrating America _____

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____

Send to: Cindy Anderson, Dept Secretary, andersoncindy1109@gmail.com / 8281 Clay St. Unit A Westminster, CO 80031

ALL STATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 2023-2024

Congratulations on your recent election to the highest office in your Auxiliary/District. As a nationally recognized organization, guidelines have been established to assist you in having an effective and productive year as an Auxiliary/District President and to give you the confidence and knowledge to successfully perform your duties and obligations. As your Department of Colorado leadership team, we want to encourage you to work closely with your membership; take time to mentor new members, reach out to long standing members who have quietly disappeared and maintain a positive attitude throughout your year.

Upon completion of our program year, April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, you will have the opportunity to let us know that you have completed tasks that are required in the VFW Auxiliary By-laws. This form continues to be a one-page report that has been used since the 2020–2021 program year and has been reviewed for changes to improve the program. Our membership works hard to promote our VFW Auxiliary National Programs and our own Colorado Veteran and Family Programs. Each Auxiliary/District submitting an All-State Achievement Report will receive recognition at our Department Convention in June 2024.

Those Auxiliaries and Districts will earn All State Achievement that:

1. Reach the minimum points required, which will be announced at the August Council of Administration in Burlington on August 19th & 20th.
2. Have submitted All State Achievement Report by the deadline.
3. Report is signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, not a computer-generated signature.

The new forms will be available on the Department website, vfwco.org and in the Colorado Program Book. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of each Auxiliary/District that earns All State Achievement will receive an All-State Achievement pin and medallion. The Auxiliary/District will receive a certificate of All State Achievement Recognition. If you, your Auxiliary and/or District have any questions or concerns please feel to contact myself or any of our committee members listed below.

So, let's come together as " WE VALUE EVERY VETERAN." They have served us (some are still serving), now we can serve them!

Loyally,
Your 2023-2024 Committee Members
Caroline Gelatt, Chairman
Patsy Gilmore
Lennie Dolan
Rosie Naughton

AUXILIARY ALL STATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FORM
DUE BY MAY 15

AUXILIARY # _____
 DISTRICT # _____

MEMBERSHIP STANDING on 05/15/23 (based on previous year 06/30/23 final Membership statistics.) Choose one	Possible Points	Actual Points
Over 101% in Membership, not including Deaths (current percent)	110	
100% Plus in Membership, not including Deaths (current percent)	100	
100% Plus in Membership, including paid Deaths (paid percent)	90	
97-100% in Membership, including paid Deaths (paid percent)	80	
TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Installation report received at National Headquarters by June 30.	15	
Auxiliary bonded by July 31- 15 Points. Auxiliary bonded by August 31-10 Points. (choose one date)	15	
Dues of Officers paid by Dec 31. If not paid, officers will have to be relieved of their offices.	10	
IRS 990 filed by November 15.	10	
Delegates and Alternates due 30 calendar days before District Convention.	10	
Department Delegates and Alternates sent prior to Department Convention.	10	
National Delegates and Alternates sent by May 31.	10	
Auxiliary Pres, Treasurer and Secretary complete & submit Year End All State Achievement Report by May 15.	25	
TOTAL		

AUDITS:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Due 60 days after quarter, accepted by Aux. and sent to Dept. Treasurer. (10 Points each) (Circle Yes or No)		
Quarter end June 30 - Yes or No Quarter end September 30 - Yes or No	20	
Quarter end December 31 - Yes or No Quarter end March 31 - Yes or No	20	
Post Commander provided with June 30 Membership count and audit by September 1.	10	
TOTAL		

AUXILIARY COMMUNICATION: Auxiliary President communicate at least once a quarter in one of the following ways: pictures, email , mail, Colo Veteran, Dept President newsletter - 10 Points per Quarter.	Possible Points	Actual Points
Quarter end September 30 - Yes or No Quarter end December 31 - Yes or No	20	
Quarter end March 31 - Yes or No Quarter end June 30 - Yes or No	20	
(Circle Yes or No)		

TRAINING:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Auxiliary President schedules a School of Instruction of National Program at least twice a year.(10 pts each)	20	
Auxiliary Treasurer host training session on uses of MALTA.	10	
TOTAL		

PROGRAM REPORTING:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Submit a program report each Quarter 10 points each. Program report for all quarters. (10 Bonus Points)	50	
Purchase Poppies - 10 points. Hold at least one Poppy Drive - 10 points.	20	
Submit list of program chairmen to Department Secretary.	10	
Nominate an Auxiliary member for Salute to Service.	15	
Auxiliary complete at least one project, activity or donation that benefits Veterans by April 15 of current year.	15	
TOTAL		

LEADERSHIP:	Possible Points	Actual Points
District meetings be represented by Auxiliary (President or an Officer).10 Points per meeting. (Circle Yes or No.)		
Fall - Yes or No Winter - Yes or No Spring - Yes or No	30	
COA meetings be represented by Auxiliary (President or an Officer). 10 Points per meeting.		
Fall - Yes or No Winter - Yes or No Spring - Yes or No	30	
Parade of Programs meetings be represented by Auxiliary (President or an Officer). 10 Points each.		
Fall - Yes or No Winter - Yes or No Spring - Yes or No	30	
TOTAL		

*AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 500 POINTS.	GRAND TOTAL	
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DATE _____

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT _____

AUXILIARY SECRETARY _____

AUXILIARY TREASURER _____

Send Report to the following:

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DISTRICT ALL STATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FORM
DUE BY MAY 15

DISTRICT # _____

MEMBERSHIP STANDING on 05/15/24 (based on previous year 06/30/23 final Membership statistics.) Choose one	Possible Points	Actual Points
Over 100% in Membership, not including Deaths (current percent)	110	
100% Plus in Membership, not including Deaths (current percent)	100	
100% Plus in Membership, including paid Deaths (paid percent)	90	
97-100% in Membership, including paid Deaths (paid percent)	80	
TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Installation report received at National Headquarters by June 30.	15	
District bonded by July 31- 15 Points District bonded by August 31 - 10 Points	15	
Dues of Officers paid by Dec 31. If not paid, officers will have to be relieved of their offices.	10	
IRS 990 filed by November 15.	10	
Auxiliary Pres, Treasurer and Secretary complete and submit Year End All State Achievement Report	25	
TOTAL		

AUDITS:	Possible Points	Actual Points
Due 60 days after quarter, accepted by Aux. and sent to Dept. Treasurer. (10 Points each) (Circle Yes or No)		
Quarter ending June 30 - Yes or No Quarter ending September 30 - Yes or No	20	
Quarter ending December 31 - Yes or No Quarter ending March 31 - Yes or No	20	
District Commander provided with June 30 year end membership count and audit by September 1.	10	
TOTAL		

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION:	Possible Points	Actual Points
District President communicate with Auxiliaries at least once a quarter in one or more of the following ways: pictures, email , mail, Department President newsletter - 10 Points per Quarter. (Circle Yes or No)		
Quarter ending September 30 - Yes or No Quarter ending December 31 - Yes or No	20	
Quarter ending March 31 - Yes or No Quarter ending June 30 - Yes or No	20	
TOTAL		

TRAINING:	Possible Points	Actual Points
District President schedules a School of Instruction at 2 District meetings (5 Points each)	10	
Parade of Programs be represented by District President or an Officer. (15 Points)	15	
District President shall have a training meeting for all members.	10	
District Treasurer host training session on uses of MALTA.	10	
TOTAL		

LEADERSHIP:	Possible Points	Actual Points
District (President or Officer) be represented at COA meetings. 10 points per COA. (Circle Yes or No)		
Fall - Yes or No Winter - Yes or No Spring - Yes or No	30	
District (President or Officer) be represented at ALL COA meetings. (10 Bonus Points)	10	
District (President or Officer) be represented at Parade of Programs. 10 points per COA. (Circle Yes or No)		
Fall - Yes or No Winter - Yes or No Spring - Yes or No	30	
District (President or Officer) be represented at ALL Parade of Programs meetings. (10 Bonus Points)	10	
District President Auxiliary Inspections completed & sent to Dept Secretary by December 31. (choose one)	50	
District President Auxiliary Inspections completed & sent to Dept Secretary by March 31.	25	
TOTAL		

*DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 400 POINTS.	GRAND TOTAL	
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DISTRICT PRESIDENT _____

DATE

DISTRICT SECRETARY _____

DISTRICT TREASURER _____

Send Report to the following:

Caroline Gelatt - caroline.gelatt@comcast.net or 3201 Claremont Ave., Evans, CO 80620-1415

Americanism

Welcome to our Colorado Auxiliary 2023-2024. Our Department Auxiliary President, Phil Reinpold asked me to be this year's Department Americanism Chair. Thank you, President Phil Reinpold. I am honored.

This year our National Americanism Ambassador is Linda Roloff, roloff3@outlook.com. Americanism encompasses honoring and celebrating all Patriotic holidays. Let's find new ways to honor, celebrate, and teach our members and our community about this amazing United States of America. Host events at your post. Take it on the road to community events, clubs, and business gatherings. Most importantly, educate students. Our youth is our future for the USA. They need a base of knowledge about what it means to be an American. Your presentations, displays, and sharing resources always creates the "ripple effect".

Share and show your enthusiasm and compassion about Americanism. Ask to place displays at community events, senior centers, all gathering sites to be that amazing example of the meaning of being an American.

This year our ambassador wants our focus to be on acronyms and abbreviated titles. These cloud the true meaning of what is being referred to: #morethanletters. This year use this tag for all your Facebook postings, reels, Instagram's, TikTok's, and email distributions.

Our society, military, and government use just letters and often those abbreviations minimize what is behind them. #pow/mia/kia is used often. Many of our community have no idea what that says. Coming up in September is POW/MIA Remembrance Day. These individuals deserve honor and recognition. Host a special program, have a dedication ceremony, write about them in your newsletter, share their stories, meet their families, acknowledge them. Ask our governor to issue a proclamation acknowledging the 3rd Friday in September as POW/MIA Remembrance Day. Then continue thru the next months being that awesome example of what Americanism really means.

Encourage and enhance the duty of your Patriotic Instructors with presenting schools of instructions, verbiage definitions, meaning of gavel taps, addressing the membership at a meeting.

#morethanletters: PTS stands for Post Traumatic Stress. Consider these letters being – Post Tribal Separation. Our country is immersed in the extremes of life: climate change, inflated costs of food, rent, fuel. When our veterans come home, they experience extremes too: being out of uniform, without comrades, lack of specific mission. This is VFW Auxiliary Americanism charge for 2023-2024. We become their #AuxTribe. Think about it. Our auxiliary traditions, uniforms, mission to serve veterans and their families are very similar to what they have left. Honor and present the traditions they are yearning for.

I am here for you. Contact me for questions, comments, resources. Remember we are #AuxTribe.

Marilyn Peters

P O Box 740, Kersey, CO 80644

970-673-3163 mapdakota@gmail.com

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Greetings all my Auxiliary friends!

First of all, I would like to thank President Phil Reinbold for having faith in me by allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Auxiliary Outreach Chairman this year. This program has always been around, National has just changed the name and added a few requirements to the program in the past couple years. Our organization has always been active in our communities, we just need to remember to report it differently.

The VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program involves your Auxiliary volunteering to help other non-profit organizations, local groups and others with needs in your community. Auxiliary Outreach is time given to help, not monetary or in-kind donations. It is a partnership wherein one or more of your Auxiliary members help another organization or group make their project successful. Like us, many organizations are short on volunteers, so if we all join forces and work together, just imagine what great things we can accomplish!

Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help the community, not what they can do to help us! Form a partnership to help other organizations by reaching out into your communities, local groups and organizations and offer to assist, then present the opportunity to your Auxiliary for a vote and then report it.

Where does your Auxiliary find these partnership opportunities?

- Ask your Auxiliary members: Most members belong to more than one organization.
- Look in your local new newspaper for upcoming events.
- Check local community bulletin boards.
- Check your local and surrounding town/city websites for their calendar of events.

Suggestions for VFW Auxiliary Outreach

- Work with local police, fire and EMT on their activities (Child ID, fire safety and fire prevention activities at the local schools.)
- Work with local parks and recreation departments to plant trees, clear trails and beautify parks.
- Serve food at soup kitchens or distribute food at food banks/cupboards.
- Drive for Meals on Wheels to help prepare food for delivery.
- Assist with local fundraising walks as a volunteer, not an entrant.
- Help your local library by working at book fairs.
- Assist local youth activities and at senior centers.
- Help during your local town or city during elections but remain non-partisan.
- Partnerships can be a single day event or ongoing events throughout the year.

Benefits of the Auxiliary Outreach Program

- Helping others
- Learn new skills
- Meeting new people & possibly getting new Auxiliary members
- Developing a sense of purpose
- Personal growth

Keys to making your Auxiliary Outreach Program successful

- Find organizations that need your help
- Vote on the activity at your meetings

- On rare occasions such as a natural disaster or an emergency community need, the project may be voted on after the fact
- Activity can be a onetime event or an ongoing event
- One or more Auxiliary member(s) must participate
- Projects may be done by the Auxiliary alone or with the VFW Post
- Wear your VFW Auxiliary attire (name badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc.)
- Report, report, report your hours volunteered

What does NOT count toward Auxiliary Outreach

- **Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs.**
- Volunteer work that is performed for the benefit of the VFW Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered outreach service. Examples of projects that do not qualify include:
 1. Repairs or maintenance to the Post Home
 2. Cooking or serving a meal for a Post or Auxiliary fundraiser
 3. "Buddy Poppy" distribution
 4. VFW or Auxiliary meetings, Conventions, Conferences or Schools of Instruction
 5. Church activities for one specific congregation and not the entire community (e.g., usher, elder, deacon, minister, etc.)
 6. Taking comfort items to the local USO
 7. Donating trophies to a youth sports group
 8. Hosting a luncheon/dinner for a local community club
 9. Sending an Auxiliary check to support a charity that organized a walk, run, or donation request
 10. Collecting clothing and comfort items for homeless Veterans at the Post Home

There are more resources available that outline Auxiliary Outreach on the website behind your MALTA login, Member Resources, Auxiliary Outreach.

I know that all of our Auxiliaries are busy in our communities, helping other organizations with their events. This year, Phil has asked that we share stories about our activities in our communities at our COA meetings. So PLEASE, PLEASE report to me what you are doing and tell me what made your event with another organization a success. Tell us what you did, how you participated and any fun things that happened. We want to learn from you what made the event a success so we can steal your ideas and make our events better! Take time when reporting to tell me what you did in the note or comment area on the report form online. I look forward to hearing from each and every auxiliary with lots of exciting and fun stories. I can be reached at gbarz@hotmail.com or by phone 970-749-9320. If I don't answer, please leave me a message and I will return your call.

Queenie Barz
Auxiliary Outreach Chairman

BUDDY POPPY

I want to thank Department President Phil Reinpold for asking me to be program chairman for the Buddy Poppy-National Home for the 2023-2024 year. This, like all the programs that the VFW Auxiliary does throughout the year, supports our veterans in many ways.

That little red flower, the one known as the Buddy Poppy, is a very powerful flower. It got its beginning in 1922, and in 1923 it was assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. In 1924, we registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office, and on May 20, 1924, we were granted all trademark rights in the name Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers.

The VFW Buddy Program provides a compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, and provides assistance to many other programs as follows:

- 1.5 cents go to Department Veterans Service Funds
- 1 cent goes to National Home For Children
- 1 cent goes to VFW National Headquarters Service Fund

The money we raise also goes to the Auxiliary Relief Fund. This fund is for helping our members who are in need of financial assistance, sending monetary gifts to National Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research, and to foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.

NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

The National Home has been a place for veterans and their families to recover from hardships. The National Home has services that help with reintegration, PTSD, unemployment, etc. This is a four-year program where there is free daycare for families, so they can work, or go to school, so that they can become self-sufficient and return to today's society. The National Home relies strictly on donations with no other funding. So, besides our Buddy Poppy money, there are other ways that we can help support the National Home.

- By a membership which is only \$50.00
- Buy a memory brick which is \$100.00
- Purchase products through Amazon smiles-choose them as you charity-0.5% of purchases goes to the Home.
- Do a monthly donation, whatever you're comfortable with

To learn more about the National Home and all they do, go to their website: vfnationalhome.org. you can see the different homes and learn more about what they do.

Patty Rowley-Wilson

Department Chairman Buddy Poppy-National Home

2023-2024 Post/Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Order Form

Department of Colorado



MAIL TO: Credit Card & Check Payments

Checks Payable to: Department of Colorado VFW
 Department of Colorado VFW
 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

Credit Card Payments Only

Fax: 303-421-1727

Email: vfw@vfwco.org

Revised 8/31/2023

Date of Order : _____

VFW Colorado Membership # _____ only

POST/AUX #: _____ LOCATION: _____

Please place order for the following: (Minimum Order 500 Buddy Poppies)

_____ Buddy Poppies @ \$270.00 per each thousand \$ _____

_____ Buddy Poppies @ \$135.00 per each 500 \$ _____

Plus Shipping & Handling

\$100.01—\$200.00.....\$15.95

\$200.01—\$300.00.....\$29.95

\$300.01 - \$400.00.....\$34.95

\$400.01 - \$500.00.....\$39.95

\$500.01 & OVER.....\$69.95

Shipping \$ _____

Total Amount of Order \$ _____

Date of Buddy Poppy Fundraiser _____

Please Print:

Ship Order to: _____ **Title** _____

Address: _____

(NO PO BOX. Orders are ship by UPS)



Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover **Total Charge\$** _____

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) _____

Cardholder Billing Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ **CVV:** _____

Signature : _____ **Date:** _____

By Signing above I authorize Department of Colorado VFW to charge my credit card for the agreed upon purchase.

Revised 8/31/2023

2023-2024 Post/Auxiliary **Metal Buddy Poppy** Order Form
Department of Colorado

Credit Card Payments
Fax: 303-421-1727
Email: vfw@vfwco.org

Revised 10/1/2023



Buddy Poppy Fundraiser Date _____
Order Date _____

Check Payments MAIL TO: Department of Colorado VFW
1400 Carr Street
Lakewood, CO 80214

VFW Membership # _____ (ALL Orders ordered with ONLY a VFW Membership Number)

Place Order for the following POST/AUX # _____ LOCATION _____
(circle Post or Aux to receive credit)

_____ **Metal Buddy Poppies** @ \$130.00 per each thousand \$ _____

_____ **Metal Buddy Poppies** @ \$70.00 per each 500 \$ _____

Plus Shipping & Handling

\$ 50.01 - \$100.00.....\$10.95

\$100.01 - \$200.00.....\$15.95

\$200.01 - \$300.00.....\$29.95

\$300.01 - \$400.00.....\$34.95

\$400.01 - \$500.00.....\$39.95

\$500.01 & OVER.....\$69.95 \$ _____



Card Type: Master Card Visa Discover Total Charge \$ _____

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) _____

Cardholder Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date(MM/YY) _____ CVV _____

Signature: _____

By Signing above I authorize Department of Colorado VFW to charge my credit card for the agreed purchase.

Revised 10/1/2023

CHIEF OF STAFF – EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION 2023-2024

Thank you to Department President Phil for the opportunity to be your Chief of Staff - Extension and Revitalization Chairman. Our National Ambassador Penny Hurt states that “we need to ensure that Auxiliaries are conducting business in a way that works for them” and “one size does not fit all”. Each Auxiliary needs a plan that works for them so they can go into the future.

I am looking forward to actively working with all Officers, Chairmen and members in a way that works for their Auxiliaries to be successful in conducting their business and programs. The Chief of Staff is the main contact who works closely with the Department President, District Presidents, Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Chairmen.

It will be my responsibility to help Auxiliaries: 1) Maintain that they are in good working condition and provide assistance when issues or concerns begin; 2) Ensure the five required Essentials of an Auxiliary are met; 3) Establish new Auxiliaries; and 4) Understand the process of a Suspension, Cancellation and Consolidation.

The VFW National website www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources has information that helps provide guidance to Auxiliaries. The “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” is an excellent guide providing information on duties of Officers and Chairmen, importance of program reporting, conducting meetings and membership information. Also, on the website:

Auxiliary Healthy Toolkit – resources to assist in identifying and solving issues. The five essentials of an Auxiliary are: a) 10 meetings a year; b) dues paid by 10 members before February of current year; c) Quarterly Audits of Trustees submitted to the Treasurer; d) Officers elected, installed, and reported to National by June 30; and e) President and Treasurer must be bonded by August 31.

If yellow or red flags do begin to arise, the Chief of Staff can provide guidance to help mitigate issues and provide resolutions that may be needed in a timely manner. The above resources can help to maintain and keep an Auxiliary healthy and in good working order.

As Auxiliary members, it is important to be respectful, share our knowledge and encourage each other. Through mentoring, educating, and training we can strengthen our Auxiliaries to have new, qualified, and experienced leaders. Leadership is a key to growth that can ultimately strengthen and lead to success for our Auxiliaries.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year to strengthening our Auxiliaries, mentoring our members, sharing our organizational knowledge, and training members to take on leadership roles. Working together we can keep our Auxiliaries healthy, energetic, and successful. Together “We Value Every Veteran” and by “Banding Together for Our Veterans” we will strengthen our mission of helping our veterans and their families.

Linda Reinpold
Department Chief of Staff
834 W. El Portal Dr. Pueblo West, CO 81007

lindareinpold@centurylink.net
719-320-1394

Historian/Social Media

Auxiliary brothers and sisters!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 program year. My name is Karrie Grizzell, and I am your 2023-2024 Department Historian. Also, I am serving as the President of Pioneer Post 2121 in Greeley, Co.

I would like to thank Department President Phil Reinpold for appointing me for Historian/Media Relations Chairwomen for the 2023-2024 program year. I am truly honored to hold this position again for the 2nd year and will give it my ALL!

This program year Phil chose the theme "We Value Every Veteran."

This year will be an emphasis on Suicide Prevention, and we need to get the word out on all our social media platforms.

Ask yourself "What has your Auxiliary done thus far or planned to do this program year? We must Continue to reach out to our local communities. We want to tell the public what we are doing and who we are. Remember to take lots of pictures, videos/reels of your events and projects you are working on, and post Patriotic Days to social media. Remember our "why" when we joined this great organization Let's bring the passion back! Let's serve with an open mind and heart. Let us Inspire all our Auxiliaries, to get our purpose and "why" out to our communities. Afterall, who are we serving and supporting? It's our Veterans that should be our priority in all we do.

The Historian program year compasses memory keeping and collecting the five W's: the who-what-where-when and-why of an Auxiliary.

*The Who: Our Veterans and Families of those who served

*The What: Our Passion and Devotion to our brothers and sisters.

*The Where: Our VFW Auxiliaries and Communities around us and Nationwide.

*The When: Anytime anywhere that is needed.

*The Why: Our dedication and esteemed gratitude to help those who served to protect us in this life from generations to generations.

I look forward to meeting or reconnecting with everyone at COA. Please stop by my table and let me know how I can help you with your social media. Yes, even if you are not tech Savvy, continue to do your scrapbook for the year. We want you to enjoy whatever method you feel comfortable with, just have some FUN! You can also check out the National website for more resources at vfwauxiliary.org.

Respectfully,

Karrie Grizzell

Historian/Media Relations

Email: Kgrizzell@live.com

Cell: 970-313-6960

HOSPITAL

Greetings brothers and sisters! President Phil has asked me to be your hospital chairman for this upcoming year and I am very excited for this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to working with all of you to help take care of and bring some cheer to those in our communities who need it most.

Following are the main things that National would like us to work on this year -

Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support

We will talk a lot about this over the coming year. The main thing to keep in mind is that anyone can volunteer – they don't have to be a member. Also, the fact that volunteering can be done in any facility. If you have medical facilities close to you that are non-VA, that is perfectly fine to volunteer there. It doesn't have to be a VA related facility. Another important aspect of volunteering, especially with new volunteers, is to make sure they have support and the information they need so that they remain enthusiastic about volunteering.

Valentine's for Veterans

This involves sending cards, having parties or really any kind of recognition events for veterans on Valentine's Day.

Women Veterans Health Care

There are many resources out there for women veterans. They have help available that is specifically tailored to them and their needs, but many may not know that. Our job this year will be to find those resources and find out who may need them and provide them those resources and support.

Honors Escort

I think the national website describes this best – “The Honors Escort Program is an opportunity to honor each veteran in a respectful and open manner and provides an opportunity for a veterans family and friends, other veterans and medical facility staff to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual at the time of death”. I hope we will all take some time to look into an Honors Escort opportunity. It would truly be an honor to be able to participate in this.

Celebrating Non-Traditional Holidays

Think National Chocolate Day, Hug a GI Day, Pumpkin Spice Day. Every day of the year is some little-known holiday, so look this up, be creative and have fun with it! Let's make our veterans feel appreciate every day of the year.

Community Care

This involves veterans receiving care in the community from a local provider outside of the VA. Please visit www.va.gov/communitycare for more information.

Telehealth and Compassionate Contact Corps

This area involves getting information out about telehealth services so that veterans can connect to long distance physicians from their own homes. Go to the app store for more information on the many apps available to veterans – mobile.va.gov/appstore. Also, there is a Compassionate Contact Corps available that will train volunteers and match them with veterans who need company. What a great opportunity!

I also wanted to review the awards that both auxiliaries and individual members may be eligible to win at the end of the year. These entry forms will all be due by March 31, 2024, and will be on the national website once updated. For members – most volunteers recruited in each program division, volunteer of the year to one person in the nation who recruits the most volunteers, and one Outstanding Hospital Volunteer in each program division.

For auxiliaries – Most outstanding activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citation to every auxiliary that hosts an activity or event, and citation and \$25 to one auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that has the most outstanding event.

Everyone put your thinking caps on, and let's come up with some innovative ways to serve our veterans! Please attend COAs, sign up for my newsletter, and keep an eye on the national website at [What We Do - VFW Auxiliary National Organization](#) that will soon be updated with lots of resources!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, brilliant ideas you want to talk over – anything at all I can help you with. I am really looking forward to working with all of you!

Brandi Dolan
Dept. of Colorado Hospital Chair
purpleseals@comcast.net
720-495-7773

Legislative

Thank you, President Phil for this opportunity.

I am pleased to work with all members for the Legislative program for 2023-2024.

I intend to be in contact with your Legislature representatives to make sure they are working for the benefit of our Veterans. It is so important to let them know that we are here and that we deserve to be heard.

Please contact your reps when you are not sure of a Bill that they are working on. Their offices are open to you to inquire about anything pertaining to Congressional support for Veterans.

You can reach them at;

Michael Bennett 202-224-5852

John Hickenlooper 303-244-1628

Remember that they are busy with their jobs so be polite and have your facts or items you want to discuss handy.

If you need information on the VFW Auxiliary Program, you can reach me at

720-244-7932 or e-mail me at patgarcia159@msn.com

Please sign up for the VFW Action Corps! It is a great way to know what is going on with the Bills and their progress in Congress.

Please send your reports by email to Department Headquarters and they will forward them to me.

I will be keeping you up on reporting and awards available to the Auxiliaries.

You can receive cash awards from National. This all depends on reporting.

So please report your legislative activities.

Pat Garcia

Legislative Chairman

Membership

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I am so pleased to be your Membership Chairman for this year 2023-2024. Thank you, President Phil, for appointing me for your year. We are going to have some fun but will also be working hard on our Membership with Districts, Auxiliaries, and members.

My National Ambassador for Membership has the greatest idea to make this fun for all members, but still strives to get new and former members back into our organization.

Lights, camera, action!!

Yes! Let's get rolling to make your auxiliary take action to get these members to us.

Make a video (short one, maybe a minute) of how your Auxiliary promotes membership with your VFW or just a picture of the Auxiliary if alone.

Presidents, whether District or Auxiliary, you be the Director or Producer. Appoint some crew in your Auxiliary to start promoting Membership. Yes, it is the Treasurers job to send out notices, calls etc., but every treasurer could use help. So, let's call all our treasurers "The Talent Scouts", he or she is the one to be more active with our new or former members and does the promoting.

I would like each Auxiliary to be a part of my goal to get our membership to meet all deadlines. Colorado is the "Best in the West", and we need to continue to keep our Department, Districts and Auxiliaries at 100%+.

Deadlines and **Awards** for Auxiliaries:

\$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 98% plus in Membership by March 31, 2024.

\$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% plus in Membership by June 30, 2024.

But wait, VFW Auxiliary Drawing. Each VFW Auxiliary that Reaches 101% plus by June 30, 2024, will be entered into a onetime drawing to receive \$500.00.

I am attaching what will help you in doing this. There are Awards for Members and with being "Lights, Camera, Action" I am pretty sure you will go out and retain and recruit members.

Please read these and print these out to hand to all your members so that they see what we can do for our Membership. (I will also have handouts at our first COA in August)

All Treasurers and members, remember to carry Membership Applications to hand to someone who may be interested in our organization. You are the "cast" members who will mentor new members in what our Auxiliary does.

As our Department President Phil, theme this year is "We Value Every Veteran". We do value each Veteran and we shall continue to do so, so that our Organization stays STRONG!

With Loyalty,
Lucille Chavez
Membership Chairman

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID

Auxiliary No. City State Member ID (If already a member)

Annual Membership Rejoin

Life Membership Transfer

Member at Large in Department of Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

(If not a transfer, skip to B.)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary

ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary Paying Nonpaying

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary

B

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name Date of Birth

Address Female Male

City State ZIP Phone Email

C

POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship to Eligible Veteran* VFW Membership ID

D

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship to Eligible Veteran* VFW Post (If applicable)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals:

Dates of Service: to Location:

E

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 2 3

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

F

By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.

I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift.

Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card

Billing address for card

City State ZIP

Credit Card No. CVV Code

Exp. Date Date Signature

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

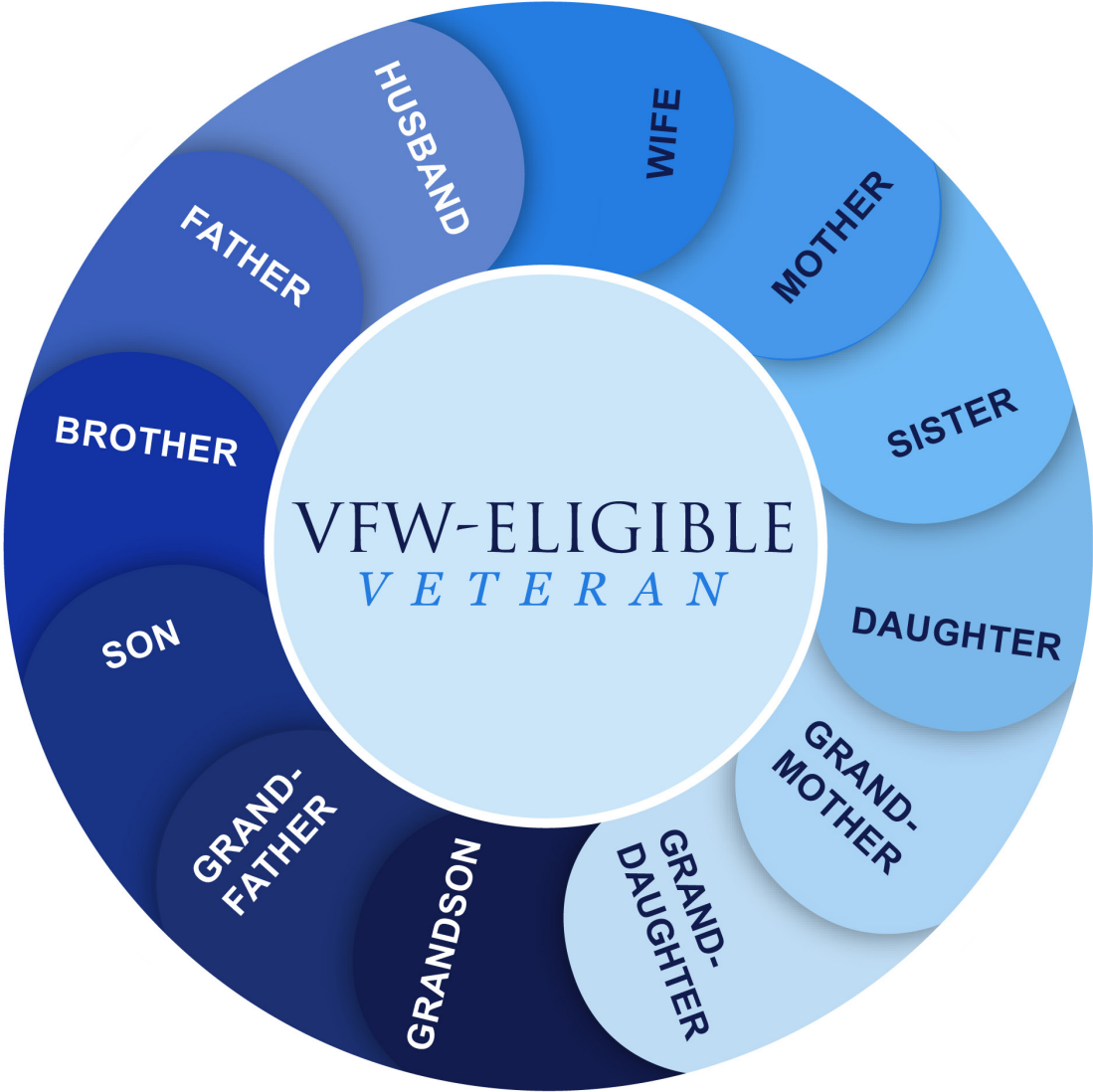
Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Revised May 2022

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

Mentoring for Leadership

2023 – 2024

National's Theme: "Banding Together for our Veterans"
Department of Colorado Theme: "We Value EVERY Veteran"

Program Goals

Ensure a Positive Member Experience
Engage in Learning and Training Opportunities
Develop and Empower Members for Leadership Roles

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Department President Phil for asking me to serve as the 2023 – 2024 Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman. I am really excited for the opportunity to work side by side with leadership to develop new members and possibly increase the motivation in our current membership.

I have sent out a form to all District and Auxiliary Presidents to share with their membership. I would like to hear from our members about their experiences in joining the Auxiliary and their satisfaction with answers to their inquiries. I will compile this information into FAQ's and email or mail back to everyone. These will also be put on the Department website for easy access. Many of you remember the gasps and "NO's" when someone walked between the altar and the President's station. Did you ever wonder why? Did you ever wonder why that member never came back to another meeting?

It is our mission to encourage our new members to participate in Auxiliary meetings and activities. To accomplish this, we need to:

- ✚ Create a welcoming environment at meetings and activities
- ✚ Show a genuine interest in our members and listen to what they have to say and communicate
- ✚ We need to recognize their strengths and interests and develop as needed.

Acknowledging the wisdom of our membership is important, but we also need to remember that "Good Leaders are also Good Followers and Listeners." Mentoring is also treating others with mutual respect. We should all be prepared to give accurate information and guidance on the procedures of the Auxiliary that are based upon the By-laws and Ritual.

A monthly newsletter will be sent to the Presidents for them to share with their membership at their meetings. There will be fun word scrambles, word searches, crossword puzzles and sayings that can be returned to me for recognition and awards.

Every Auxiliary should have a "Welcome to the Auxiliary Kit" as well as a roster of Auxiliary members with phone numbers. Each Auxiliary should have a school of instruction on the traditions, terminology, and be prepared to answer any questions that arise.

Our National Ambassador encourages us to use the resources behind the MALTA login. This will help to create a dialogue and interest to help the Mentor and Mentee environment for development of future leaders.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS:

1. Citations will be awarded to the first, second and third place VFW Auxiliary members in each Department with the most unique and/or creative way to mentor a member to become a leader. Three nominations from each Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman are due to the National Mentoring for Leader Ambassador by April 30, 2024. Citations will be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after National Convention.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees while using and promoting VFW Auxiliary resources and learning materials.
 - Citations will be awarded to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or training that develops their Auxiliary members on how to find and train mentees while using and promoting Auxiliary resources and learning materials. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging.
 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30, 2024, at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combine list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
 - A Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or training that educates their Auxiliary members on how to find and train mentees while using and promoting Auxiliary resources and learning materials.,
 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry form to the National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador by April 30, 2024, for judging.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

1. The top three winners selected by the Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman for the Most Outstanding Mentor/Leader will receive:
 - ✓ 1st Place - \$25.00 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

Entry will be submitted to National.

- ✓ 2nd and 3rd place – Certificates of Achievement to the winners.
\$10.00 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

2. Best Overall activity or training, within an Auxiliary targeting Mentoring for Leadership.

- ✓ \$10.00 and a Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

I look forward to working with everyone this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Ginny Rosa

Mentoring for Leadership

Chairman 2023 - 2024

humming657@gmail.com

970-560-0639

President's Special Project Operation Veteran Strong

Greetings!

A huge thank you to President Phil Reinpold for entrusting me with the honor of serving as his Special Project Chairman. Phil has chosen Operation Veteran Strong as his special project. Operation Veteran Strong is a Colorado based non-profit set up as a useful tool just for U.S. Veterans navigating civilian life. They (and you) can find inspiring stories from other Veterans, information on accessing benefits, helpful self-assessments, and a wide range of free, innovative, and practical support services. This help for our Veterans is 100% FREE and confidential.

Here, at Operation Veteran Strong, Veterans get the tools they need to get things done. With their free, confidential account, they can connect on their own terms with: Veteran benefits, VSO contacts, outdoor recreation, employment, financial support, education, family, and spouse supports, vet groups, VFW's, community support, and so much more. And most importantly both medical and non-medicalized solutions for Veterans returning to civilian life. They also specialize in mental health programs and help with Suicide Awareness. We, as a nation, are losing our Veterans by Suicide at an average of 22 a day. This includes Veterans that are just returning home and can't cope with returning to civilian life and our World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans. This organization has free help for them. For anyone who has experienced the suicide of a friend or family member, it is traumatic. This great organization also has help and resources for family members who are seeking resources to combat the many questions suicide leaves behind.



My main focus is ensuring every Post and Auxiliary member purchases a special project pin. The proceeds from these pins go towards Phil's special project. The money that is raised this year will go to help our military and veterans in their time of need. You can purchase these beautiful purple and teal ribbon pins, with the Auxiliary emblem in the middle. The pin's colors are from the suicide prevention ribbon. They signify hope and courage for those who have attempted suicide and remembrance for those who lost their battle. They truly represent Phil's special project that is dear and true to him – Suicide Awareness by proving "WE VALUE EVERY VETERAN."

You can order these beautiful pins by mailing an order (located in the Veteran) along with the monies to pay for the requested number of pins. Once I receive the order form, I will send your requested number of pins to you via USPS. The cost per pin is \$3 and you are allowed to resell the pins for \$3. **If you resell the pins at a higher cost, you are required to send the extra monies into the Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary.** All monies raised from this pin are to go to Operation Veteran Strong.

I will have more information on the many projects of Operation Veteran Strong and how your Auxiliary can help support them at the upcoming COA's.

Queenie Barz
970-749-9320
qbarz@hotmail.com



	<p>2023-2024 Veteran's Pin Order Form Department of Colorado Auxiliary Presidents Special Project</p> <p>"Operation Veteran Strong"</p> <p>Post or Auxiliary Name and Number _____</p> <p>Ship to (Name of a Person) _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Quantity _____ Pins x \$3.00 each= \$ _____ Total money enclosed</p>	
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Scholarships

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I would like to thank Department President Phil Reinpold for appointing me as the Scholarship Chair for the 2023-2024 program year. I am very eager and excited to take on this new role! I look forward to working with each and every one of you throughout this year! My number one goal for this year is REPORTING, REPORTING, REPORTING!!! We have many auxiliaries out there doing amazing things and want to ensure you capture what you are doing! This is the first year that ALL REPORTING must be done ONLINE!! With that in mind, please contact me if you have any questions or need any support in submitting your online paperwork. National Scholarship Ambassador Tina Hicks will focus on the following areas for the Scholarships Program: student participation, recipient recognition, community awareness, and increasing the Escrow Funds available for the Patriotic and 3-Dimensional Art Contests. These are the four areas that will be included for each auxiliary, in my year-end report to National. Below is a list of the scholarship opportunities that we need your help in promoting for this program year.

Continuing Education Scholarship Contest: Open to any Auxiliary member (who has been a member for at least one year), their spouse, son, or daughter with a financial need. Entrants must be at least 21 years old.

Deadline: Due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2024:

Program Awards Administrator
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

**2023-2024 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest: Open to all students in 9th-12th grade.
Theme: "What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"**

**2023-2024 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest: Open to all students in 6th-8th grade.
Theme: "How are you inspired by America?"**

Deadlines for VOD and Patriot's Pen:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31, 2023
Post Judging Compete-November 15, 2023
Department Judging Complete-January 10, 2024
Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters-January 15, 2024

Young American Creative Patriotic Art (Two-Dimensional) Contest: Open to all students in 9th-12th grade.

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest: Open to all students in 9th-12th grade.

Deadlines for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest:

Entries to Local Auxiliary – March 31, 2024
VFW Auxiliary Department-April 15, 2024 (District Judging is optional)
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters-May 5, 2024

Applications and brochures with more information/ requirements for each contest are available at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships, in MALTA Membership Resources, or you may contact me directly for more information.

This year, the Scholarship Program Awards will be focusing on the most outstanding activity/event that educates the community about scholarship opportunities that are available through the VFW Auxiliary. The following Scholarship Program Awards are available for participating auxiliaries:

A citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity/event that educates their community about scholarship opportunities. A citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity/event educating their community about scholarship opportunities. Entry forms and more information for these auxiliary awards are available in MALTA Membership Resources.

I look forward to working with you in promoting these scholarship opportunities! Remember, the best way to ensure the continuing growth and support of our organization is by continuing to support and encourage our younger generations through these scholarship opportunities.

Sincerely,

Crystal Proffitt
VFW Dept. of Colorado Auxiliary
2023-2024 Scholarship Chair

Treasurers and Trustees

It is my honor to serve as your Department Treasurer once again. Your job and mine is to see that the resources of the Auxiliary are used and protected as our bylaws and the membership directs. That means that we collect, record, and spend our funds as approved. Trustees, you have the job of making sure that all of this is done correctly and again as the membership directs.

Treasurers

The majority of the Treasurers for this year are returning to their positions and are familiar with the operation of Malta, but if you are new, the first thing that you want to do is activate your account in MALTA through the national website at vfwauxiliary.org and follow the simple directions to open up the world of MALTA. Most of your duties can be completed here and you will also have access to the Treasurers Handbook and all of the program forms and resources provided by the National organization along with the Online Academy.

I would like to recommend that you take a few minutes and review the Auxiliary Achievement form for both the Auxiliaries and Districts to see how your duties impact that. Many of your National Deadlines are included there such as when to purchase bonds, have your audits done, and when dues must be paid for your officers. You are an important part of seeing that your Auxiliary is part of the Outstanding Achievement Group at the end of the year.

I have included with this letter some of the forms that you will need that are issued specifically for our Department. You can also find these within the Colorado website at vfwco.org under the Auxiliary tab and then Forms and Documents or the Colorado Program Book. I am also including this year a schedule of when things should be completed so that you do not miss any important dates.

Trustees

Quarterly audits must be completed by the Trustees. Treasurers are not to do the audit so if your Treasurer hands you an audit to just sign, please do not do that. It is your job to prepare the audit and be sure that everything balances. When complete the audit must be read on the floor of an Auxiliary meeting and approved by a vote of the members. After that is done it needs to be sent to me. According to the National Bylaws, you have 60 days after the end of each quarter to get the audit to me. When I have your audit and it is in balance and has been approved by the Auxiliary I will post it to the District Report which can be found on the Department website. This is updated weekly.

I would like to stress to all of you that I am here to help. Please feel free to contact me any time that you have questions or concerns. I am also inviting all of you to attend one or more of the trainings that I have planned for the coming year. These will be at the Parade of Programs.

Best wishes for a successful year.

Lennie Dolan

Dept of Colorado Treasurer

303-341-7488 codept.treasurer@gmail.com

Timeline for Treasurers

July

Provide books for audit. (April-June)

Purchase bond.

New Treasurers-file form 8822B with the IRS to register the name and address of the current responsible party (Treasurer) Form can be found on MALTA or IRS websites.

New Treasurers-Go to bank and have the signature cards changed on any accounts. Two check signers are still required and must be current Treasurer and President.

August-September

Deadline for bond purchase August 31.

Send first dues notice to annual members. (You can have Dept do this for you)

Have Auxiliary review standing rules for expenses to be paid though the year.

Good time to purchase poppies for Auxiliary.

Start processing dues.

Send a copy of the June 30 audit and membership total to Post Commander by Sept 1.

Attend Parade of Programs Treasurer Training

October

Provide the books for audit. (July – Sept)

Good time to pay per capita expenses (these are based on the number of members from last year on June 30) District dues

Health and Happiness

Dept. Hospital

November- December

Send second dues notice

Good time to make any donations to VA Hospitals or Community Living Centers

Deadline to file 990 return with IRS November 15.

Be sure all officers and chairman have annual dues paid by December 31.

Check to see that all donations have been reported on the Program Report form.

January

Provide books for audit. (Oct – Dec)

Make any other donations approved by membership.

February- March

Contact any annual members whose dues are unpaid.

Cutoff for Program Reporting March 31

April

Provide books for audit. (Jan-March)

Have current membership total for the President when delegates are elected.

May-June

Send Presidents love gift

Sell Dept. raffle tickets

Audit Report 2023 - 2024

Distribution of Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balance by Fund

Audits are to be completed by: **1st Qtr-April 30** (Jan 1 – March 31), **2nd Qtr-July 31** (Apr 1 – June 30), **3rd Qtr-October 31**(July 1 – Sept 30), **4th Qtr-January 31** (Oct 1 – Dec 31) Additional 30 days are allowed for audit to be accepted by auxiliary and sent to the Department Treasurer.

(If you have a Bingo/Raffle Account, please file a separate audit for that account)

VFW AUXILIARY TO POST _____ DISTRICT _____

FOR THE PERIOD _____ TO _____

****Treasurer must have all bank statements, cancelled checks, savings account books, and ledger books available to audit committee****

FUND	CASH BALANCE LAST REPORT	RECEIPTS (+)	DISBURSEMENTS (-)	CASH BALANCE THIS REPORT (=)
1. Auxiliary General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Dept & Natl Dues	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Auxiliary Relief Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
7. _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
8. TOTAL (Lines 1 thru 7)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____*
9. Savings Account or CD	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL BALANCE – All Funds including Savings Account (Line 8 + Line 9).....				\$ _____
Bank Balance as shown on Bank Statement.....				\$ _____
Plus, Deposits not shown on Bank Statement _____			Total Amount \$ _____	
Less Outstanding Checks _____			Total Amount \$ _____	
TOTAL ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE (This line MUST agree with Line 8)				\$ _____*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BOOKS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER HAVE BEEN AUDITED, FOUND CORRECT, AND ALL MONEYS PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR. THIS ALSO CERTIFIES THAT A BOND IS HELD ON THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AND AUXILIARY TREASURER WITH _____ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ THAT EXPIRES ON _____

DATE OF AUDIT _____

DATE 990 RETURN WAS ACCEPTED _____

DATE AUDIT ACCEPTED BY AUX VOTE _____

Trustee Signatures:

1 Copy for the Auxiliary Secretary

#1 _____

1 Copy for the Auxiliary Treasurer

#2 _____

1 Copy for Auxiliary #1 Trustee

#3 _____

MAIL OR EMAIL ORIGINAL TO:

Lennie Dolan, Dept. Treasurer
1170 Fulton St
Aurora, CO 80010
codept.treasurer@gmail.com

President's Signature _____

Donation Form

From: Auxiliary # _____

Send to: Lennie Dolan, VFW Auxiliary Dept. of CO
1170 Fulton St.
Aurora, CO 80010

Date _____ Check # _____ Total Amt. _____

2023 – 2024
Dept. Hospital Donation
Suggested amount \$.75/member

- Hospital – VA Hospital and CLC Cheyenne
- Hospital - VA Hospital Denver
- Hospital – VA Hospital and CLC Grand Jct.
- Community Living Ctr. Fitzsimmons
- Community Living Ctr. Florence
- Community Living Ctr. Home Lake
- Community Living Ctr. Pueblo
- Community Living Ctr. Rifle
- Community Living Ctr. Walsenburg

Dept. President Special Project
Operation Veteran Strong

Other _____

Make above checks payable to VFW Auxiliary Dept. of CO

OPTIONAL
Ralph Emerson/Jack Gulden Blood and Cancer Fund
VFW Colorado Foundation
Checks payable and Mail to VFW Dept. of Colorado
1400 Carr St. Lakewood, CO 80214

GIFTS
National Home Health and Happiness and any cancer donation
Can be paid through MALTA or make and mail checks to VFW Auxiliary
406 W 34th St 10th Floor Kansas City, MO 64111

VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT
Includes: MAP, Unmet Needs, Natl Veterans Service
Make check and Mail to: VFW National 406 W 34th St 9th Floor
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Veterans and Family Support

Greetings Dear Auxiliary Members,

I am so grateful to Department President Phil for asking me to be your Veterans and Family Support Chairman this year. As many of you know this is where my passion lies. There will be a lot of knowledge given at the COA's about what National is asking us to focus on in addition to all the great programs we already work hard for.

Our Veterans & Family Support Programs include:

NVS-National Veterans Service

VFW Veterans & Military Support Program

MAP-Military Assistance Program

Unmet needs

VFW "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" Program

Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

Please go onto the National Website vfwauxiliary.org and go to "What we do" then scroll to "Veteran and Family Support for information on each of the above programs.

We will be focusing a lot on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health. It is so very important we know the warning signs and what we can do to help our veterans in need. As we know from last year, there is the new number one in need can call **988** and **press 1**. The Veterans Crisis Line is **1-800-273-8255, press 1**. A text message can also be sent to **838255**. These services are confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Few are a couple of websites to look at to help with mental health. It is so much more common than people want to admit. VFW Mental Wellness Campaign VFW.org/assistance/mental_wellness. The Campaign to Change Direction, changedirection.org. I will provide more resources at our COA's.

As we are ***Banding Together for Our Veterans***, let us remember ***We Value Every Veteran*** and do all we can to help each one of our veterans, especially in their time of need. Colorado let's take a stand and change the stigma of mental health.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or if I can help point you to resources.

Brigitte Dolan

2023-24 Veterans and Family Support Chairman

bmdolan@live.com



RESOURCES FOR VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

816-756-3390

www.vfw.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFW Auxiliary)

816-561-8655

www.vfwauxiliary.org

VFW National Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline

800-313-4200

www.mvfhelpline.org

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

www.veteranscrisisline.net

Military OneSource

800-342-9647

www.militaryonesource.mil

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Benefit Line: 800-827-1000

www.va.gov



Military.com

www.military.com

TRICARE®

www.tricare.mil

**Veterans Employment
and Training Service**

866-4-USA-DOL

(866-487-2365)

www.dol.gov/vets

**Assistance for
Homeless Veterans**

877-4AID-VET

(877-424-3838)

www.va.gov/homeless

**Center for Women
Veterans**

855-VA-WOMEN

(855-829-6636)

www.va.gov/womenvet

VA Caregiver Support Line

855-260-3274

www.caregiver.va.gov

Military Connection

www.militaryconnection.com

Make the Connection

www.maketheconnection.net

**National Military
Family Association**

703-931-6632

www.militaryfamily.org

**National League of
POW/MIA Families**

www.pow-miafamilies.org

**National Suicide
Prevention Hotline**

800-273-8255

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**National Domestic
Violence Hotline**

800-799-7233

www.thehotline.org

**Childhelp National
Child Abuse Hotline**

800-4-A-CHILD

(800-422-4453)

Military Kids Connect

www.militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil



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Youth Activities

Greetings everyone! My name is Kristi Wood, and I am honored that President Phil has asked me to serve as your Youth Activities Chair for 2023-2024. I am looking forward to working with all of you in support of our youth.

How do we define patriotism for youth? It is the love for or devotion to one's country. When was the first time you remember being introduced to patriotism and its meaning? Was it reciting the pledge of allegiance in school? Your parents flying a flag at home? Or was it listening to your parents or grandparents' stories about serving in the military?

Our youth today are our leaders of tomorrow. Focusing attention on our youth beginning at a young age is vital for them to appreciate our history and our veterans' sacrifices. We can start this focus by reaching out to them as young as 5 years old. Education is the key to helping our youth become who they will be tomorrow.

To support this, we can promote:

- **Patriotism through Literacy**
- **Supporting and working with youth groups**
- **Get excited for the Red, White, and Blue**
- **Illustrating America**

Patriotism through Literacy:

One of the easiest ways to promote patriotism is through reading with our youth. It is simple, fun, and free (if using a library). We need to educate our youth at an early age about who our historical figures were that helped to build this great country, the United States of America. Teaching patriotism through literature is just one step toward understanding and learning about patriotism.

Examples of books for youth:

- America the Beautiful by Cholena Rose Dare (ages 3-6)
- The Night before the 4th of July by Natasha Wing (ages 3-5)
- Fourth of July (Holiday in Rhythm and Rhyme) by Emma Carlson Berne (ages 5-7)
- Fireworks, Picnics, and Flags by James Cross Giblin (ages 10-12)
- What Does it Mean to be an American? By Rana DiOrio (ages 4-8)
- Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out created by the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance with 110 renowned authors and illustrators
- A Patriots Handbook, Songs, Poems, Stories, and Speeches Celebrating the Land We Love, illustrated and introduced by Caroline Kennedy

Participation:

- Volunteer to read historical fiction to youth at your local library.
- Donate historical fiction books to your local elementary and/or middle school libraries, community libraries, or shelters.
- Host a read-a-thon and award prizes for the number of books read. Prizes could be a book for them to take home or stickers or pins.

Supporting and Working with Youth Groups:

Activities that assist and work with veterans and their families provide a vital source of community involvement for youth groups. The Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, church youth groups, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and school sponsored clubs are just a few groups that can benefit from our involvement.

Show these youth that we care. Invite a group to participate in some of our Auxiliary activities:

- Deliver groceries to a disabled veteran
- Help a veteran with yard work
- Take trash out for curbside pickup
- Visit nursing homes or hospitals
- Participate in card writing campaigns for VA hospitals, nursing homes, active military

Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue:

It is so inspiring to listen to our youth sing our national anthem. This singing contest is divided into two grade divisions, K-8 and 9-12. Encourage youth to participate in this contest. Entries will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.

Entry forms are located in MALTA Member Resources, Youth Activities and contains eligibility requirements, contest rules and deadlines.

Illustrating America:

Another way to encourage patriotism in youth is to participate in Illustrating America. The contest is open to any student grades K-8 who is enrolled in public, private, or parochial school, or a home study program in the United States, its territories, and possessions; or who are dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. There are 3 grade divisions, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. For more details on requirements, contest rules and the student brochure and entry form, consult MALTA Member Resources, Youth Activities.

R.A.P Cards:

Our youth love awards for a job well done and what better way to reward them than handing out R.A.P Cards. You can explain what the R.A.P acronym means, Random Acts of Patriotism.

Participation:

- Have you observed youth showing patriotism?
- Have you seen a child thanking a veteran?
- Have you witnessed a child or youth place their hand over their heart correctly?
- Have you seen a child or youth show respect to our American flag?

If so, give them a R.A.P card. Go to Malta Member Resources, Youth Activities, to locate a template to print out. Try this fun and unique way to engage youth and encourage their patriotism.

Two department only programs I would like to encourage auxiliaries to participate in are the Outstanding Youth Group of the Year and Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year. The Department Young Volunteer of the Year winner will receive \$200, and the Department Youth Group of the Year will receive \$300 at the state convention in 2024. I've included the program

information and form so please keep these programs in mind as you are planning your youth activities for this upcoming year.

As always, report all activities, early and often, related to youth activities.

Please reach out with any questions or comments you may have. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Let's all get excited about promoting patriotism in our youth!

Kristi Wood
Department of Colorado Youth Activities Chair
Kmltwood10@msn.com
(720) 201-4062

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be recommended by a Colorado VFW Auxiliary in the form of a letter of recommendation and be signed by the Auxiliary President and Secretary
- Must be between the ages of 12 – 15
- Volunteer service performed by youth between January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
- Youth must be attending a school in Colorado

CRITERIA:

- Volunteer activities may include; volunteering in hospitals and nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, assisting in Buddy Poppy campaigns, providing services to Veterans, involvement in scouting, church or school programs and other activities which serve the community.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Send entry form and at least one letter of recommendation from each organization the youth volunteered for to the VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman. Letters should be on letterhead stationary and include the following information:
 - How well the youth performed the work they volunteered for
 - How the youth's volunteer work benefited others
 - How many hours the youth spent on each project
 - A description of the project the youth volunteered for
 - A "Why I am a Volunteer" **handwritten** essay, not to exceed 150 words, explaining how youth's volunteer efforts go above and beyond normal activities **written by youth** applying for award

DEADLINES:

- Youth must submit entries to the VFW Auxiliary by February 1, 2024
- VFW Auxiliary must submit all entries to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by February 15, 2024

AWARDS:

- Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year will be awarded \$200.00 at the State Convention in June 2024

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

YOUTH NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Briefly describe all youth volunteering activities and projects in the space below:

VFW Auxiliary name and number recommended by:

OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be recommended by a Colorado VFW Auxiliary in the form of a letter of recommendation and be signed by the Auxiliary President and Secretary
- Volunteer service performed by youth group between July 1, 2023 -April 30, 2024
- Members of youth group must be attending a school in Colorado
- Youth group must volunteer on at least three different projects, through three different organizations

CRITERIA:

- Volunteer activities may include: volunteering in hospitals and nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, assisting in Buddy Poppy campaigns, providing services to Veterans, involvement in scouting, church or school programs and other activities which serve the community.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Send entry form and at least one letter of recommendation from each organization the youth group volunteered for to the VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman. Letters should be on letterhead stationery and include the following information:
 - How well the youth group performed the work they volunteered for
 - How the youth group's volunteer work benefited others
 - How many hours the youth group spent on the project
 - A description of the project the youth group volunteered for

DEADLINES:

- Youth Groups must submit entries to the VFW Auxiliary by May 15, 2024
- VFW Auxiliary must submit all entries to the Department Youth Activities Chairman by May 31, 2024

AWARDS:

- Outstanding Youth Group of the Year will be awarded \$300.00 at the State Convention in June 2024

OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

YOUTH GROUP NAME: _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

PARENT OR SPONSOR NAME: _____

PARENT OR SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____

Briefly describe all youth group volunteering activities and projects in the space below.

VFW Auxiliary name and number recommended by:

IMPORTANT DATES 2023-2024

2023

July 1	Articles for Colorado Veteran Due
July 5	Independence Day – Headquarters Closed
July 22-28	National Convention - Phoenix
July 28	National President Celebration
July 27	National Korean War Veterans Day
August 5	Boom Days Parade – Leadville
August 12	MOCA Scratch – Post 3917 - Security
August 18	Deadline for Auxiliary CAFÉ Event – Salt Lake City, UT
August 19	Western Welcome Grand Parade - Littleton
August 19	Parade of Programs – Spices on the Green - Burlington
August 19	MOC Scratch - Burlington 4:00
August 20	Council of Administration – Spices on the Green-Burlington
August 31	Deadline to Purchase President and Treasurer Bonds
September	Military Suicide Awareness Month
September 4	Labor Day – Headquarters Closed
September 11	National Patriots Day
September 9-18	CAFÉ Event – Promontory Point Utah
September 11	Patriots Day
September 15	POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 16	Cortez Stand Down
September 19-21	National President Official Visit
September 22	Veteran Suicide Awareness Day
September 23	Durango Stand Down - Fairgrounds
September 24	Gold Star Mothers and Family Day
September 27	VFW Auxiliary Established 1914
September 29	Pueblo Stand Down
September 29	VFW established 1899
October 1	Articles for Colorado Veteran Due
October 9	Columbus Day Observed
October 14	MOCA Scratch – Post 5061 Denver
October 16	Registration Deadline for Western Conference
October 21	MOC Scratch TBD
October 21	Parade of Programs - TBD
October 22	Council of Administration - TBD
October 28	Make a Difference Day
October 31	Voice of Democracy/ Patriot Pen/mart/Maher Teacher Education Award Entries to Post
November 2-5	Western Conference – Salt Lake City, UT
November 5	End Daylight Saving Time – set clocks back
November 7	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 15	Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Smart Maher Teacher Post Entries Due to District
November 15	Mid-Winter Conference Registration Deadline – Cruise
November 23	Thanksgiving Day – Headquarters Closed
November 30	Hospital VAVS Reps and Deputy Reviews Due
December 2	Founders Day
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 9	Grand MOC/MOCA Scratch – 9644 Sheridan
December 9	Grand MOC/MOCA Hospital 9644 Sheridan

December 15 Voice of Democracy Patriot Pen/Smart/Maher Teacher Education Award Entries to Department
 December 25-26 Christmas Day – Headquarters closed
 December 31 Auxiliary Dues Must Be Paid or Member Not in Good Standing

2024

January 1 Articles for Colorado Veteran Due
 January 1 New Year’s Day – Headquarters Closed
 January 15 Voice of Democracy/ Patriot Pen/Smart/Maher Teacher Education Award Entries to National
 January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 January 20 VOD Banquet – 9644 Sheridan

February 1 Entries for Outstanding Youth Volunteer to Auxiliary
 February 12-17 Mid-Winter Cruise – From Port Canaveral
 February 12-16 Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week
 February 15 Continuing Education Scholarship Application Due to National
 February 15 Entries for Outstanding Youth Volunteer to Dept Youth Chairman
 February 19 Presidents Day – Headquarters Closed

March 3-6 Parade of Winners – Voice of Democracy – Washington, D.C.
 March 9 MOCA Scratch – Post 5061 Denver
 March 10-13 Sr. Vice Presidents Conference – Kansas City, MO
 March 10 Daylight Saving Time – set clocks ahead
 March 16 MOC Scratch - Denver Post 1
 March 16 Parade of Programs – Denver Post 1
 March 17 Council of Administration – Denver Post 1
 March 24 Palm Sunday
 March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
 March 31 Easter Sunday
 March 31 Auxiliary Reporting Cut Off Date
 March 31 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Entries Due to Auxiliary
 March 31 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Entries Due to Auxiliary
 March 31 Red, White and Blue Entries Due to Auxiliary
 March 31 Illustrating America Entries Due to Auxiliary
 March 31 Outstanding Youth Group Entry to Auxiliary

April 1 Articles for Colorado Veteran Due
 April 1-7 Winter Sports Clinic – Snowmass Village
 April 5 Gold Star Spouse Day
 April 21-27 National Volunteer Week
 April 15 Auxiliary Program Reports Due to Department
 April 15 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Entries Due to Department
 April 15 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Entries Due to Department
 April 15 Red, White and Blue Entries Due to Department
 April 15 Illustrating America Entries Due to Department
 April 15 Outstanding Youth to Department Youth Chairman
 April 15 Outstanding Youth Group to Department Youth Chairman

May 1 Department Chairmen Reports Due to Department President
 May 4 Loyalty Day Parade – Post #5221 Calhan
 May 5 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Entry to National
 May 5 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Entry Due to National
 May 5 Red, White and Blue Entry Due to National
 May 5 Illustrating America Entry Due to National
 May 11 MOC/MOCA Grand Convention – Post 4051 Colorado Springs
 May 12 Mother’s Day
 May 15 Year End Reports and Awards to Department Secretary
 May 15 Entries for Outstanding Youth Group to Auxiliary

May 16-20	Jr Vice Conference and National Home Visit
May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 27	Memorial Day Observed – Headquarters Closed
May 31	Entries for Outstanding Youth Group to Dept. Youth Chairman
June 6	D-Day Allied Landing 1944
June 5-8	Department Convention – Cripple Creek
June 14	Flag Day
June 16	Father’s Day
July 1	Articles for Colorado Veteran Due
July 4	Independence Day
July 27-Aug 1	National Convention – Louisville, KY



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303-421-1630

**RALPH W. EMERSON/JACK GULDEN MEMORIAL
BLOOD/CANCER FUND**

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Member of VFW Post Name & #: _____

VFW Membership #: _____

Member of VFW Auxiliary Post Name & #: _____

VFW Auxiliary Membership #: _____

(VFW Auxiliary Members Attach Copy of Current Annual/Life Membership Card)

OUT OF POCKET BLOOD/CANCER COST/EXPENSES \$ _____

Maximum of \$500.00, Must Attach Copy of Bills/Receipts.

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214

Call: 303-421-1630 with any questions

X _____

Signature of Requestor

Date

DEPARTMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by: _____ Dept. of Colorado Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Chairman Date: _____

Amount Sent \$ _____ Date Sent: _____



Colorado



Deceased Members
For the Colorado Veteran & Joint Memorial Service
May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024

VFW or Auxiliary Post #: _____

District #: _____

Dear VFW Comrades & VFW Auxiliary:

In order to have your deceased members listed in the Colorado Veteran for “TAPS”, we are requesting you to submit the names of deceased members for the current year.

The New Year will start May 1, 2023. These names will be listed in the Joint Memorial book at State Convention.

Please send your deceased names on a regular basis (Monthly or as needed). This form does not automatically decrease members in the VFW or VFW Auxiliary National Data Bases.

Please submit this form by Fax: 303-421-1727, E-Mail: vfw@vfwco.org or mail to the address listed below. To ensure listing in the Memorial Book for Convention final listing must be submitted by May 20, 2024.

Thank you,
VFW Department of Colorado Headquarters
1400 Carr Street
Lakewood, CO 80214

Please print or type the name so that they are not misspelled.
