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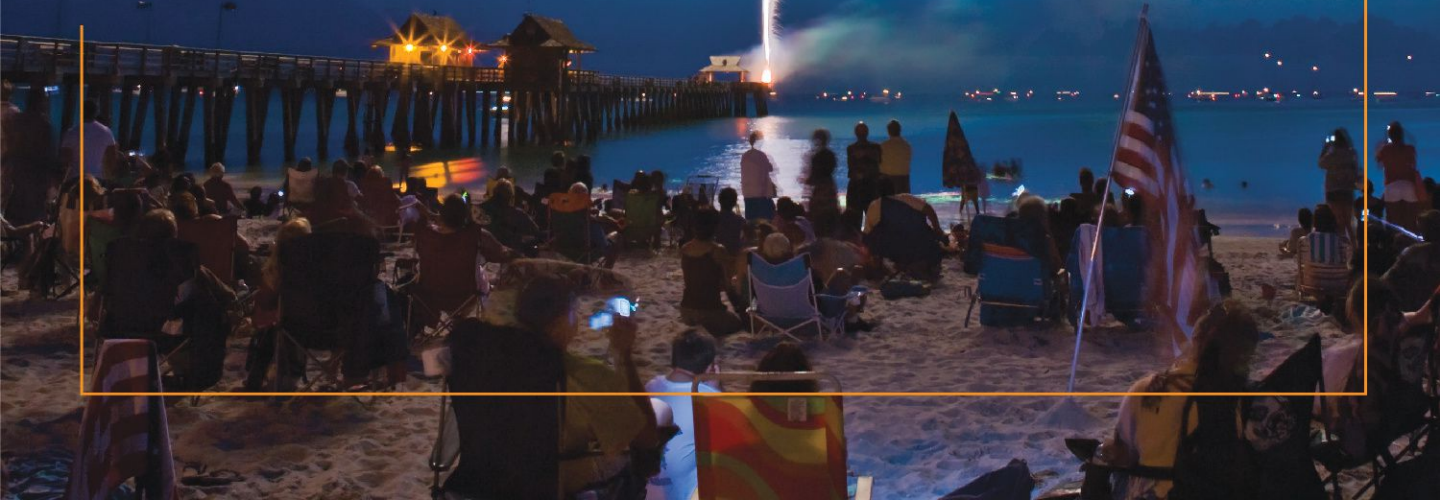
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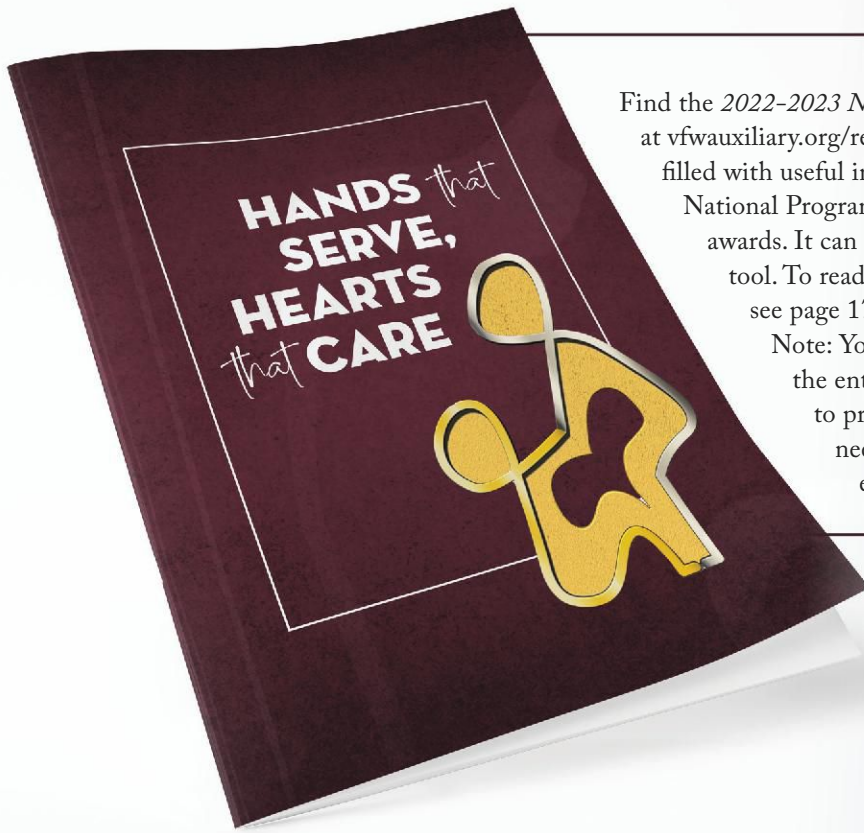
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PRESIDENTS**

**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE
2023**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL PROJECT**

**2022-2023
NATIONAL PROGRAMS**





Find the *2022-2023 National Program Book* online at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. This resource is filled with useful information about all of our National Programs, their Ambassadors and awards. It can also be a great recruiting tool. To read more about Programs news, see page 17.

Note: You do not have to print the entire book – you can choose to print **ONLY** the pages you need rather than the entire document.

DATES & DEADLINES

July

JULY 1 Start of the 2022-2023 Program Year

JULY 4 Independence Day

JULY 16 National Convention begins

JULY 31 Circle of Excellence – All installation reports received

August

AUGUST 7 • National Purple Heart Day

AUGUST 31 • Circle of Excellence – All Auxiliaries must be bonded

For more information on awards and deadlines, see the *2022-2023 National Program Book*.

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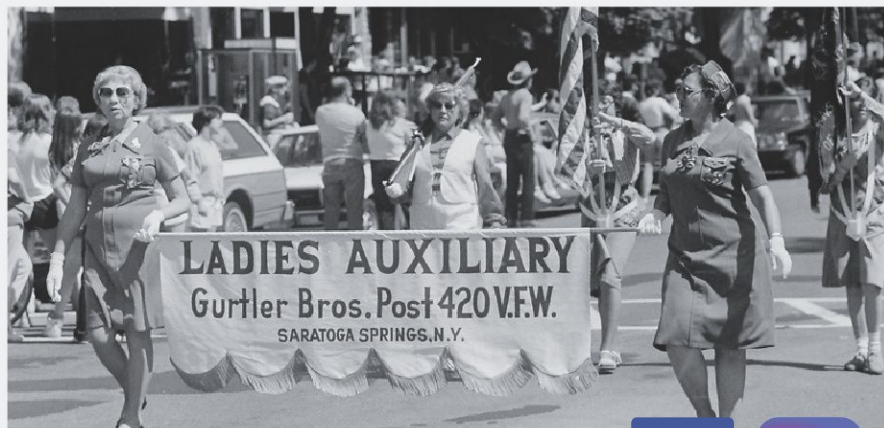
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About the Cover

Happy 4th of July and happy birthday to the United States of America!



Did you know we are featuring photos

of our members again in Throwback Thursday posts on the VFW Auxiliary's National Facebook page and on Instagram?

We want to see vintage photos that capture our past and your memories!

Don't forget to use the hashtag #VFWAUXTBT when you're posting your retro pictures to your personal or local Auxiliary social media accounts. Or email Nicole Panteleakos at npanteleakos@vfwauxiliary.org with TBT in the subject line.

We can't wait to see what you send us!

Nicole also writes our National E-Newsletter. In it, you'll find the latest updates, unique feature stories about members and more. Sign up for the E-Newsletter by adding your email address to your MALTA profile, or visit vfwauxiliary.org, click on the Media tab at the top of the page, then choose E-Newsletter Sign up in the dropdown menu.

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*You never really
know the impact
you make in
the lives of others.*

Dear members—

It has truly been my honor to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary as your National President this past year. It has been wonderful to share this journey with our National VFW Commander-in-Chief Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic and his team of Commanders.

I have been blessed to meet so many wonderful Auxiliary and VFW members throughout our great nation. It has been revitalizing to see the passion and commitment to our mission to serve our veterans, service members, their families and our communities. I will treasure the memories for many years to come!

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

You never really know the impact you make in the lives of others. We sometimes do not realize how a small opportunity may change lives and set them on a different path.

It starts with each of us seeing the potential in our members. Let’s encourage them to fulfill their dreams and goals in our organization. I have had many mentors and feel that they encouraged me along the way. Think of what our organization would be like on all levels if we continue to empower our members.

Your contributions to our special project, Fund the Future, have been overwhelming! Our youth are our future and it is great to see the commitment from our VFW and Auxiliary members. After we close out the Program Year for 2021-2022 on June 30, we hope to provide updates on Fund the Future scholarships at our National Convention.

As we come together at National Convention in mid-July, we look forward to seeing each other again. The schedule is jam packed full of wonderful meetings, workshops, etc. Be sure to attend as you do not want to miss anything.

I wish National Senior Vice-President Jane Reape and her team of Ambassadors and Department Presidents a very successful year as we continue to move forward with our many Programs.

Please continue *Soaring Above & Beyond* to sustain our organization for many years to come! It takes all our members collectively to strengthen and maintain our membership. It has been phenomenal to see the retention numbers that were attained this year; let’s continue to work together. We have shown our strength through our diversity over the last few years.

“Cherish every moment with those you love at every stage of your journey.”

~ Jack Layton

Loyally yours,

JEAN HAMIL
National President



*Have you visited
our Emblem
Branding Center
recently?*

Dear members—

Have you visited our Emblem Branding Center recently? If you haven't or are unfamiliar with this, you can find it here: vfwauxiliary.org/emblem-branding-center. This is also on our Resources web page under Historian & Media Relations.

There you'll find files of the VFW Auxiliary emblem to help Auxiliaries, Districts and Departments meet their communications needs and still protect the emblem and brand of our organization. These are what we call approved uses.

Preauthorized uses of the emblem include Auxiliary-related communications for projects and events, like Facebook pages, flyers and Convention books.

The pre-authorization is NOT granted for personal use, and members may NOT modify or recreate the Auxiliary emblem for any reason. The VFW Store and its licensed vendors are the only authorized sources to use the VFW Auxiliary name and emblem on apparel, caps and other merchandise.

If you have a request for the emblem that does not fit within these parameters or involves a third party (example, you're wanting the emblem to be printed on a cake), this must be approved by the VFW's Quartermaster General's office.

And, this is important, you have to provide the Quartermaster General plenty of time to consider and help you with your request. They receive many, so do plan ahead and give them two weeks to respond to you.

Be considerate of their workload and do not expect them to rush your requests.

Moving on, we have a lot of news to share with you in this issue as we finish one great Program Year and look forward to our next, and all of the opportunity it brings. We also look forward to seeing many of you very soon at National Convention in Kansas City!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Cook'.

AMANDA COOK
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Reader's VOICE

This is the space for comments regarding your *VFW Auxiliary Magazine*. Mail your submissions to National Headquarters or email them to info@vfwauxiliary.org, marked "Letter to the Editor." We reserve the right to edit letters for length and clarity. The opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor should not be interpreted as the opinion of the National Organization.

I loved the cover of the last magazine! The article about the CAFE event was great, too. I wasn't able to attend this year, but it made me feel like I was there.

STEPHANIE HEBERT

Danielson, Conn.

Auxiliary 1523 (Putnam)

Another member who attended said of the event: That was a beautiful day at the Kennedy Space Center. Loved it!

SHEILA ALLEN

Whitewater, Mo.

Auxiliary 3838 (Cape Girardeau)

Before we shared the news of the VFW Auxiliary's 2022 Continuing Education Scholarship winners in print, we posted about our winners on Facebook and featured them in our National E-Newsletter.

"Congratulations!" and "Well done!" comments poured in from supportive members from across the nation.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

The editors of *VFW Auxiliary Magazine* want to know what you think about features and articles you see in the magazine.

Please email your letters to the Editor to info@vfwauxiliary.org, marked "Letter to the Editor," or send them to

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ELIZABETH "LISA" BURROWS

Abby White, a U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Officer currently deployed in Erbil, Iraq, has been on active duty for 18 years. However, this isn't a story about White's service, but rather, a Member Spotlight sent from more than 6,000 miles away, honoring her biggest supporter, her mother, Elizabeth "Lisa" Burrows.

In an email sent from Iraq, White shared details about how Burrows has shown her support for family and friends who serve or have served.

"The support my mom has provided me over the years has helped me get through many deployments and overseas postings. When I first joined, she posted my picture at the local church on the military prayer wall; this progressed into submitting my picture to the local

newspaper for the *Honoring our Heroes* section. She soon began submitting photos to the newspaper of my grandfathers who both served in World War II. Over time, she expanded to include two of my uncles (who served) in Vietnam. This continued to grow and she began submitting veteran photos on behalf of friends and their parents. (Mom) has collected and regularly submits 24 veteran photos!"

White continues, "I am proud to serve our great country and am glad to have the support and love from home in something as subtle as a picture in the paper. Thank you, mom, for your service in remembering a few of the many brave heroes serving this country."

The effort of Burrows to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who defend our country, our way of life and our freedom is an example of how, in simple gestures, we can make a big difference in the life of veterans and service members.

Burrows is a Life Member of Sgt. John Rice Auxiliary 6316, Blaine, Minnesota. She joined on the eligibility of her father, Wayne Albert Dirksen, a World War II Army Air Corps glider pilot. ✪ MR



FAR LEFT: Burrows' father, Wayne Albert Dirksen. Near left: White and Burrows.



My
MALTA

HOW TO DONATE

Did you know members can make financial gifts in MALTA? Simply log in to your MALTA account and click on “Make Gift” at the top of the page. Then click on the “Make a Gift” button under your name and select the amount and where you would like to designate funds.

OPTIONS ARE:

Cancer Aid & Research, which funds Cancer Grants that help members who are battling this disease. This money supports grants of \$550—up to two per lifetime, per member. Members must be in good standing with at least one year of membership in MALTA to qualify for a Cancer Grant.

Health & Happiness, which goes to the VFW National Home for Children—a community in Michigan that helps qualified veterans, service members, Auxiliary members and their families find new beginnings with rent-free housing, childcare and more.

Patriotic Art, which supports the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Scholarship that recognizes youth for their patriotism and talent.

National President’s Special Project donations will go toward incoming VFW Auxiliary National President Jane Reape’s special project to grow the scholarship fund for our newest National scholarship contest, the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest.

Continuing Education funds support the Continuing Education scholarship contest that helps students in need realize their career dreams.

Find out more

about Patriotic Art, 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art and Continuing Education at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

2022 CONTINUING EDUCATION

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**PATRICIA
CAPUTO**

AUXILIARY 493

**NUTLEY,
NEW JERSEY**

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Patricia Caputo's mother, Mary Caputo, is a single mom and Life Member of Auxiliary 493 in New Jersey. The Continuing Education scholarship will help close the gap between loans borrowed by mother and daughter and the cost of tuition and housing expenses while Patricia studies mass communications at Louisiana State University.

"Sports and sports communications are my passions," she said. "My goal is to pursue a career as a professional sports reporter/broadcaster. I have always been drawn to athletes and the incredible feats they achieve. Part of my work ethic stems from observing what these amazing people can accomplish when driven to succeed. My grandfather, a former State Commander of the VFW, has been an inspiring example. I'm hoping to emulate his leadership and dedication to community service."

With the scholarship, she said, "I will be able to focus on my studies and it will help me offset the exorbitant cost of following my dream. I will be forever grateful, and make you proud for giving me this opportunity."



**ERICA
ROLOFF**

**LIFE MEMBER,
AUXILIARY 1762**

**BESSEMER,
ALABAMA**

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Erica Roloff is studying exercise science/physical therapy with a minor in military science at Auburn University. She was on track with a 4.0 GPA and a full scholarship at a military junior college when a devastating injury to her left hip during a training exercise changed things.

"My scholarship was rescinded," she said. "My parents were billed for the full tuition for that school, and have been struggling to pay for my current tuition and all other expenses at my current university."

But despite her injury, recovery and subsequent financial position, she returned to junior college to finish her freshman year and then went on to double her course load and complete her sophomore year simultaneously.

"Once I set a goal, I will not be derailed, no matter what the challenges." Her hope with the Continuing Education Scholarship? "...To continue to grow in knowledge and skill so I can be a better and more productive citizen and a more valuable VFW Auxiliary Life Member. The Auxiliary has been my home since I was young, and it will be for the rest of my life."



**FRAY FAJARDO
ARTEAGA**

**LIFE MEMBER,
AUXILIARY 7356**

**PARKVILLE,
MISSOURI**

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Fray Fajardo Arteaga is a stay-at-home dad to four children ages 7 and younger. His wife is an Iraq War veteran currently deployed to Europe. Arteaga's short-term goal is to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Long-term, he hopes to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or nurse anesthetist.

While his wife's G.I. Bill covers a percentage of his nursing studies at the University Ana G. Mendez, the Continuing Education Scholarship will help ease the financial burden of paying the balance of his tuition, which is compounded by the expenses of child care and transportation.

"Life is a bit complicated right now, but I am committed to graduating. I am in nursing school to make a better life for my family while pursuing something I am passionate about," the straight-A student said. "(The scholarship will) go to good use and provide a little breathing room for our family."



**SARAHANNE
DALTON**

**LIFE MEMBER,
AUXILIARY 7792**

**WINTON,
CALIFORNIA**

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sarahanne Dalton's path to becoming a lawyer has not been barrier-free or direct. She is a mom of three young children, two of whom are autistic, and wife of a 100% disabled veteran.

I overcame many different obstacles to get where I am today," she said. "I have overcome addiction, homelessness and victimization throughout my life. I finished my Bachelor's degree while studying in the parking lot of a local park while my two oldest children received autism therapies."

Now she plans to work toward her Juris Doctorate at the Oklahoma City University School of Law. The Continuing Education Scholarship will go toward paying for her six-figure education, a degree that she will put to use making a difference in tribal communities.

"Growing up, I always knew we were an Indigenous family," she said. "I made a goal when I was very young to learn more about my Indigenous roots. Once my husband retired from the Army, my determination to meet that goal led us to move to Kansas all the way from Georgia when everyone we knew was in California, and work with a Potawatomi Nation. My experience there was incredible. I knew that working with Indigenous people was something that I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Receiving this scholarship will help me take another step toward my law degree and helping others."



2022-2023 DEPARTMENT PREST



ALABAMA
Nancy Rathburn
Auxiliary 6683
Enterprise



COLORADO
Ronald Boone
Auxiliary 2121
Greeley



HAWAII
Anita Loando-Acohido
Auxiliary 2875
Honolulu



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David Kacal
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North Pole



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Johnette DeBoard
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Mohave Valley



DELAWARE
Kathleen Haigh
Auxiliary 5447
Holly Oak



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Amanda Pipkin
Auxiliary 2330
Searcy



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Cindy Estell
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Seminole



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Auxiliary 7850
Gosport



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Griffin



IOWA
Mary Shortt
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Waterloo

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Auxiliary 9076
Hays



MASSACHUSETTS
Lisa Jackson
Auxiliary 6538
Townsend



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Mary Johnson
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Sonia Tatge
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Pahrump



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Auxiliary 9389
Caribou



MISSISSIPPI
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Auxiliary 9122
Mendenhall



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Dorothea Mattson
Auxiliary 1617
Derry



MARYLAND
Wayne LaFleur
Auxiliary 2632
California



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Judy Northcutt
Auxiliary 5077
O'Fallon



NEW JERSEY
Noreen Locacio
Auxiliary 7164
Avenel



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Auxiliary 401
Albuquerque



NEW YORK
Lisa Raplee
Auxiliary 8649
Dundee



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Carol Cantu
Auxiliary 2771
Kinston



NORTH DAKOTA
Rebecca Seehaver
Auxiliary 1326
Bismarck



OHIO
Katherine Matesic
Auxiliary 1662
Amherst



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Marsha "Jan" Conley
Auxiliary 3649
Wilburton



OREGON
Debby Fawver
Auxiliary 732
Siletz



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Clarion



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Save the date

VFW Auxiliary

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

January 22-27, 2023

Join incoming VFW Auxiliary National President Jane Reape on a cruise to sunny Mexico for the Auxiliary's Mid-Year Conference January 22-27, 2023.

The ship sails roundtrip from Los Angeles, stopping in Cabo San Lucas and Ensenada.

Cabo's signature landmark is El Arco, "The Arch," a rock formation at the southern end of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula. Cabo, also known as the jewel of the Baja Peninsula, is famous for its world-class sports fishing and high-end resorts. Ensenada is home to La Bufadora, the second-largest blowhole in the world. Shop this town's La Calle Primera for souvenirs or journey just one block away to Ventana al Mar, Window to the Sea, a boardwalk/seawall avenue where you'll see an enormous Mexican flag.

(Source: Wikipedia)

Aboard the Norwegian Bliss, relax in the Observation Lounge with its breathtaking ocean view or visit the Aqua Park and race track for a thrill; enjoy live musicals in the theater, explore amazing dining options or try your luck at the casino.



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NEW

VFW AUXILIARY 3-DIMENSIONAL & PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST SPECIAL PROJECT



Introducing the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest – incoming National President Jane Reape’s special project and the VFW Auxiliary’s newest art scholarship contest.

This Program Year, three-dimensional patriotic art entries will belong to their own separate contest called the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. Think of it this way: Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest entries are now all two-dimensional, while 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest entries are exclusively three-dimensional art pieces.

Funds contributed to incoming National President Reape’s special project will establish a 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest escrow fund to provide 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest scholarships to students in the years to come.

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art and Young American Creative Patriotic Art will share an entry form. However, if a student enters both contests in the same year, two entry forms must be completed (one for each contest).

The 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest has its own scholarship amounts. National awards are:

- 1st Place: \$2,500
- 2nd Place: \$1,000
- 3rd Place: \$500

Look for more information to come in upcoming issues of the E-Newsletter and this magazine, and visit vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships to find contest forms, rules and an entry form. ✦ AC



MEMBERS'

Generosity



Members have contributed a whopping \$100,000-plus to 2021-2022 VFW Auxiliary National President Jean Hamil's special project!

Fund the Future's goal was to support more scholarships for more students by growing the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and Continuing Education funds.

We're well on our way.

The 2022-2023 Program Year will include 13 top National awards. The newest addition is the Jean Hamil Department of Florida Scholarship of \$1,000 that will be seventh place at the National level.

It takes a \$25,000 one-time donation to establish a Patriotic Art scholarship award for that amount.

See page 15 to learn about incoming National President Jane Reape's special project that also supports a VFW Auxiliary scholarship – our newest.

FUNDS THE FUTURE

Top and lower left photos: Students in Daytona, Florida are recognized for their patriotic expressions. While they worked on entries for Illustrating America, the Auxiliary's contest for children grades K-8, they may one day focus their creativity on Young American Creative Patriotic Art or 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art contests. Photos of Lilly M., Mia R. and Abigail R. submitted by Auxiliary 1590.

Right: Student Stacia B. works on her patriotic art in Florida. Photo submitted by Auxiliary 8093 in DeBary.

From the Table of Contents page: Young students, who may one day enter the Auxiliary's Patriotic Art Scholarship Contests for high school-age youth, pose with their entries for Illustrating America. Photos of Alora A. and Dakota S. submitted by Auxiliary 3976 in Sugar Creek, Missouri.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS NEWS

READ ON TO LEARN WHAT'S NEW IN THE 2022-2023 PROGRAM YEAR.

AUXILIARY OUTREACH: SAME NATIONAL PROGRAM, DIFFERENT NAME

Auxiliary Community Outreach has a new name. It is now called Auxiliary Outreach.

It is still a donation of time. It is not in-kind or monetary donations. The Program goal is for members to volunteer with another organization and be visible in the community doing the kind of work the Auxiliary has participated in for years. This kind of involvement fosters awareness about the Auxiliary in our communities and builds good will.

To ensure we're recognized as Auxiliary members, it is important that we wear some form of Auxiliary apparel like a shirt, hat or name badge, and support this by:

- A vote on your Auxiliary floor to partner with another organization.



Note that anything you do specifically for Auxiliary Outreach cannot be counted under another Program.

Read more about this Program and its National Ambassador Laurie Lukas in the 2022-2023 National Program Book at vfwauxiliary.org/resources.



ABOVE: Auxiliaries in action supporting National Programs - Kristi Meid and fellow Auxiliary 12003 (Lansing, Kansas) members plate cake to serve veterans in Leavenworth. Page 18: Auxiliary 5990's (Marana, Arizona) grab-and-go dinners in 2020. Auxiliary 10281 members (Radcliff, Kentucky) on Veterans Day several years ago. ***Refer to the 2022 – 2023 National Program Book for guidelines on what is and is not considered Auxiliary Outreach.**



CHIEF OF STAFF IS EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION AMBASSADOR

Sharon Connolly is our 2022-2023 Chief of Staff. She is also the National Extension & Revitalization Ambassador. The Chief of Staff, Extension Program is now the Extension & Revitalization Program, a change of name that better describes the work of the Chief of Staff, who manages this Program.

YEAR-END REPORTS

This Program Year, Department Presidents will enter their Circle of Excellence and Year-End Reports in MALTA. Our hope is that this paperless process will be more efficient for everyone.

Headquarters' plan is to keep Year-End Report questions static in future Program Years. We want to keep the questions consistent year-over-year.

Look for more information to come about this in future editions of VFW Auxiliary Magazine and in the E-Newsletter. ✨ AC



2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRI, JULY 15

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Early Packet Pickup at Loews Kansas City and Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotels

SAT, JULY 16

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

10:00-11:30 a.m. Conference Meetings

Noon-1:30 p.m. 45-Plus Club Luncheon
(Reservations required)

5:30 p.m. Circle of Excellence Ceremony

SUN, JULY 17

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

8:30-9:30 a.m. Joint Memorial Service

10:00-10:30 a.m. First-Time Attendee's Meeting

10:30-11:30 a.m. Meet the National Line Officers

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Past Councilors' Club Luncheon

1:00-4:30 p.m. Programs Seminar

MON, JULY 18

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Joint Opening Session

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Council of Administration Meeting

2:30-5:00 p.m. Auxiliary Opening Business Session

TUE, JULY 19

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open/Registration

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Auxiliary Business Session

6:00 p.m. VFW Patriotic Celebration

WED, JULY 20

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 a.m. Auxiliary Business Session

1:15-2:15 p.m. Treasurers' Training *(Department Only)*

2:30-4:00 p.m. Auxiliary Treasurer, Secretary & Trustee Training

THURS, JULY 21

8:00 a.m. Flag Presentation

8:30 a.m. Officer Installation and Closing Session

4:00-6:00 p.m. Joint Reception for Commander-in-Chief and National President *(Ticketed event)*
Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel

POST-CONVENTION EVENTS

FRI, JULY 22


9:00 a.m. National District Council Meeting, Loews Kansas City Hotel

6:00 p.m. National President's Celebration, Loews Kansas City Hotel

Note: This schedule is tentative. Please be sure to visit the National website and read the E-Newsletter for the latest updates.

HQ MEMO:

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS



Find all details on proposed resolutions to the *National Bylaws* to be presented at the VFW Auxiliary's 109th National Convention at vfwauxiliary.org, Events, National Convention.

- ✓ Section 602 Bylaw Proposed Resolution 2022 PDP Transfers (Bylaws & Resolutions Committee)
- ✓ Section 810/813 Bylaw Resolution 2022 Debit Cards (Bylaws & Resolutions Committee)
- ✓ Section 909 Bylaw Resolution 2022 Children-Service Dogs-Caregivers (Bylaws & Resolutions Committee)
- ✓ Resolution-Department of NH-Signatory On Department Bank Accounts (Department of New Hampshire)
- ✓ Resolution-Department of NM-Credit/Debit Cards (Department of New Mexico)

Also on the National Convention web page, find links to brochures from the three 2022-2023 National Guard candidates.



OUR HISTORY

Photo: Attendees at the first Encampment wherein the Auxiliary to the VFW was formed. **Right:** Excerpts from the original minutes of the 1914 Encampment highlight the origins of the organization.

Hotel Schenley
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Minutes Of
MEETINGS TO ORGANIZE NATIONAL AUXILIARY
TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Monday, September 14, 1914

A meeting of the ladies, for the purpose of organizing a National Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, was called to order by Commander-in-Chief, Rice W. Means. Mrs. Rice W. Means of Denver, Colorado was chosen temporary Chairman of the proceedings, and Mrs. Geo. M. Armstrong - temporary Secretary.

Wednesday, September 16, 1914

A temporary Ritual and form of initiation was submitted and read by the Commander-in-Chief. It was regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Ritual Committee be accepted and adopted by all the Auxiliaries now existing and that may hereafter exist. Carried. The By-law Committee submitted a copy of temporary by-laws which were read by the Commander-in-Chief. It was moved and seconded that the by-laws submitted be adopted as temporary by-laws until next encampment. Motion carried.

Thursday, September 17, 1914

Nomination for National Officers was declared in order by the Commander-in-chief. Nominations were as follows: National President - Mrs. George A. Armstrong of Pittsburgh. Moved and seconded that nomination for President be closed. It was then moved and seconded that Mrs. Armstrong be declared unanimous choice of the meeting. Carried.



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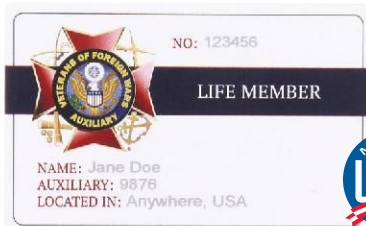
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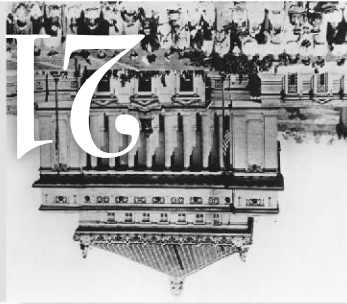
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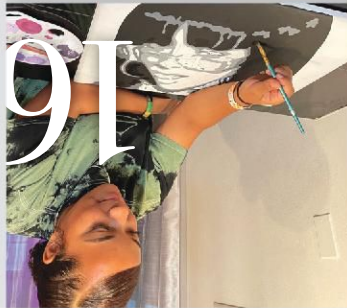
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