

# VFW Auxiliary



## Department of Kentucky

### Communications No. 1 – September 2022

**Must be read at the first meeting following receipt, before being filed for reference.**

1. Having been elected and installed into the office as Department of Kentucky President in accordance with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, I hereby accept command.
2. **Section 210 – Meetings Regular and Special (pages 30-31):** Monthly business meetings are encouraged; however, EVERY Auxiliary shall hold at least ten (10) business meetings per year.

A (permanent) change in the regular monthly business meeting date, time, or location shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Auxiliary members present at such a meeting. Notification of such change shall be sent to ALL its Auxiliary members, the National, Department, and District Secretaries within ten (10) calendar days.

The Auxiliary President may call a special meeting whenever, in their opinion, the same may be necessary for the welfare of the Auxiliary. He/She shall call a special meeting upon request, in writing, signed by five (5) members in good standing. The Auxiliary Secretary shall notify all members in writing of the time and place of any special meeting and of the business to be transacted, such notice to be sent at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the time set for the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting was called, which was stipulated in the meeting notice.

3. **Sec. 810A - Auxiliary President (pages 80-81):** The VFW Auxiliary President shall countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer. VFW Auxiliaries may not possess credit cards, ATM (Automated Teller Machine) cards, and/or debit cards. The disbursement of money shall be upon motion made and passed at a meeting with the exception of the transmittal of membership dues, which does not require a motion, and expenses allowed by Standing Rules.

He/She shall appoint a committee of not less than five (5) members, including the Treasurer, to contact all members during the year for payment of dues. They shall also contact those who have not paid dues for the preceding years.

He/She shall see that all reports are correctly made out and promptly forwarded and that all the business of the VFW Auxiliary is transacted in a proper and efficient manner.

4. Thank you all for attending the two (2) traveling School of Instructions. Even with COVID STILL in the air, the number of people that came was amazing!! We appreciate you asking questions. If for some reason you didn't feel comfortable in asking one, just

email us and we will be glad to respond. I sincerely hope that everyone came away with something new this year. Thank you Frankfort and Providence for hosting these. It was truly appreciated by everyone.

5. Don't forget my Homecoming on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Information is on the website Auxiliary page. If you need to know anything, please don't hesitate to give me a call. It is a football weekend for the college so rooms are scare. The Microtel seems to have some available rooms. The number is on the webpage as well. I appreciate my Auxiliary working during these coming weeks to make it fun for everyone!
6. Information for the Fall Conference luncheon and banquet in Pikeville is in this mailing.
7. You can now access MEMBER RESOURCES when you login to MALTA. There is a tab at the top for you to click. They are still working on Treasurer Resources.
8. Please remember that only the President and Treasurer's are bonded. No one else should be handling or depositing money except them.
9. You and now access resources by logging in to MALTA and going to the MEMBER RESOURCE tab at the top.
10. Judy Whitfield's new email address is [judy.cw@outlook.com](mailto:judy.cw@outlook.com) – please let everyone know!
11. National President Jane Reape will be visiting Kentucky November 12-14. We will be visiting THE ARK on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$54.95 (Seniors \$44.95) and will have to be paid for in advance. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Northern KY. Information will follow in October's communications. Cindy Kohrs will be coordinating the rooms so let her know ASAP so she can block rooms. After we see what time she will arrive on Saturday, we will plan some meals with Auxiliaries in that area.

By December 31, 2022 – Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers' dues are to be paid. If not, they will be removed from office by National on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I want you to know that I'm here to help, so please feel free to contact me. My email address is [barbdaugh@gmail.com](mailto:barbdaugh@gmail.com) and my phone number is (270) 779-5378. If I don't answer, leave a message and I will return your call promptly.

**Jane Reape – Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care**  
**Barbara Daugherty – Let Our Lights Shine For Our Veterans**

By Order Of:

*Barbara Daugherty*  
Barbara Daugherty  
Department President

Attested:

*Janey Feher*  
Janey Feher  
Department Secretary

## **ROSTER CHANGES AFTER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION 22-23**

**D6 Aux 1170** Secretary Gail Bruder – delete the (502) 210-7908 number Email: gail40223@yahoo.com

### **D6 Aux 1181**

Meeting time is 7:30 PM

### **D9 2899 New Treasurer**

Judy Simpson – 7182 Haggerty Road – Hillsboro, KY 45133-8268 – (513) 491-8867

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### **D12 Aux 2734**

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## **NEW AUXILIARY: Estill County Auxiliary 8019 – 602 Main Street – Ravenna, KY 40472**

President: Marie Dooley – 375 White Oak Road – Irvine, KY 40336 (207) 838-5665

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Secretary/Treasurer – Stephanie Cassidy – 5 Lana Drive – Ravenna, KY 40472 – (859) 806-2135

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## **CHANGE IN APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

New Banner Bearer is Karen Farmer – her info is under D9 Aux 3186 Secretary.

New Flag Bearer is Mike Walthall – his info is under D6 Treasurer.

## **NATIONAL MEMOS:**

Please keep these families in your prayers:

Past National President Helen Lenehan was hospitalized in July.

Scholarships Ambassador Melody Judd: hospitalized with respiratory issues

SC Dept. President Beth Tufts: emergency surgery – she is recuperating at home

In July Idaho Dept. Secretary Melanie Palmer lost her husband.

MEMBER RESOURCES is now available when you login to MALTA. It will be a tab at the top. You can find the National Program book and all the programs as well. Check it out.

## **DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS:**

Great turnout for the SOI's! Thanks to everyone for attending. If you need anything, feel free to contact any of the line officers and they will be glad to help you!

On the DATES TO REMEMBER, the Legislative Conference is March 5-9, 2023 and not in January.

Judy Whitfield's new email address is [judy.cw@outlook.com](mailto:judy.cw@outlook.com) – please let everyone know!

**VFW Auxiliary Department of Kentucky**  
**2022 Fall Conference Luncheon Buffet Order Form**

District \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_ x \$23.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note: tickets must be paid for when ordered.***  
***Deadline for receiving your order is Tuesday, September 29, 2022.***  
***We will not be able to add anyone after we get there.***

*Please make your check (earmark luncheon)  
payable to the VFW Auxiliary Dept. of KY and send with the form to:*

Jama Griffie  
209 Couch Street  
Hazard, KY 41701  
(606) 438-6313 jama.griffie@

***BUFFET MENU***

Lemon Herb Grilled Chicken Breast  
Braised Beef Pot Roast  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn Pudding  
Green Beans  
Assorted Cheesecakes  
Salad  
Coffee, Tea, Water

*Purchased tickets will be available for pick up from Jama Griffie*

**ORDER FORM FOR BANQUET TICKET**

VFW FALL CONFERENCE – PIKEVILLE, KY

BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 15, 2022  
DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_ POST # \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE  
(YOU MUST PAY FOR THE TICKETS WHEN YOU ORDER THEM)

**BUFFET MENU**

BOURBON APPLE GLAZED PORT TENDERLOIN  
FRIED CATFISH  
AU GRATIN POTATOES  
CORN PUDDING  
GREEN BEANS  
MAC 'n CHEESE  
COLESLAW  
SOUP BEANS  
SLICED ONIONS  
CORN BREAD MUFFINS & ROLLS  
HUSH PUPPIES  
ICE TEA – COFFEE - WATER  
CHOCOLATE CAKE  
CHEESECAKE  
DONUT BREAD PUDDING

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFW DISTRICT 14**

**ATTIRE: COSTUME DRESS**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REQUEST ALONG WITH THE MONEY TO:

DARREN ATKINS  
421 GREAT OAK ROAD  
MAYKING, KY 41837  
(606) 637-3385  
DOCAPOTHECARY@GMAIL.COM

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuous	Current Total	Cancelled	Deceased	Paid Total	Prior Total	Current Percent	Paid Percent
269	0	0	45	2	1	12	60	0	0	60	75	80.00%	80.00%
1084	0	0	55	0	0	4	59	0	0	59	80	73.75%	73.75%
1191	0	0	88	0	0	14	102	0	0	102	166	61.45%	61.45%
5409	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	26	46.15%	46.15%
6291	1	0	8	4	0	0	13	0	0	13	37	35.14%	35.14%
12197	0	0	12	0	0	17	29	0	0	29	29	100.00%	100.00%
Total - DKY01	1	0	175	4	0	35	215	0	0	215	338	63.61%	63.61%
5484	0	0	130	5	1	20	156	0	4	160	215	72.56%	74.42%
5488	0	0	15	0	0	30	45	0	0	45	48	93.75%	93.75%
12022	1	0	26	0	0	19	46	0	0	46	53	86.79%	86.79%
Total - DKY02	1	0	171	5	1	69	247	0	4	251	316	78.16%	79.43%
1913	0	0	152	0	0	0	152	0	3	155	180	84.44%	86.11%
5480	0	0	36	0	0	0	36	0	0	36	65	55.38%	55.38%
5595	0	0	29	4	0	1	34	0	0	34	55	61.82%	61.82%
7890	1	0	54	0	0	3	58	0	2	60	65	89.23%	92.31%
Total - DKY03	1	0	271	4	0	4	280	0	5	285	365	76.71%	78.08%
696	2	0	129	6	0	59	196	0	0	196	264	74.24%	74.24%
5186	0	0	14	1	0	6	21	0	0	21	29	72.41%	72.41%
5831	0	0	38	2	0	20	60	0	1	61	153	39.22%	39.87%
10281	6	0	336	5	1	47	395	0	0	395	519	76.11%	76.11%
11404	0	0	56	0	0	19	75	0	0	75	95	78.95%	78.95%
Total - DKY04	8	0	573	14	1	151	747	0	1	748	1060	70.47%	70.57%
1298	0	0	74	1	0	7	82	0	0	82	120	68.33%	68.33%
5706	0	0	52	1	0	0	53	0	0	53	89	59.55%	59.55%
5712	0	0	48	1	0	11	60	0	0	60	62	96.77%	96.77%
5906	1	0	50	0	0	0	51	0	0	51	51	100.00%	100.00%
Total - DKY05	1	0	224	3	0	18	246	0	0	246	322	76.40%	76.40%
1170	2	0	330	2	0	10	344	0	1	345	393	87.53%	87.79%
1181	0	0	149	0	0	1	150	0	0	150	204	73.53%	73.53%
2921	0	0	66	0	0	0	66	0	0	66	95	69.47%	69.47%
5421	1	0	126	0	0	0	127	0	20	147	146	86.99%	100.68%
5710	6	0	197	0	0	0	203	0	0	203	197	103.05%	103.05%
6182	0	0	84	0	0	15	99	0	0	99	207	47.83%	47.83%
8639	0	0	123	0	0	0	123	0	0	123	223	55.16%	55.16%
Total - DKY06	9	0	1075	2	0	26	1112	0	21	1133	1465	75.90%	77.34%

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4075	0	0	302	1	0	5	308	0	0	308	403	76.43%	76.43%
Total - DKY07	0	0	302	1	0	5	308	0	0	308	403	76.43%	76.43%
5813	0	0	29	0	0	10	39	0	0	39	45	86.67%	86.67%
6097	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	24	45.83%	45.83%
Total - DKY08	0	0	40	0	0	10	50	0	0	50	69	72.46%	72.46%
2899	0	0	51	0	0	17	68	0	1	69	81	83.95%	85.19%
3186	1	0	88	0	0	31	120	0	1	121	138	86.96%	87.68%
6095	0	0	45	0	0	8	53	0	0	53	86	61.63%	61.63%
6423	0	0	113	0	0	0	113	0	2	115	151	74.83%	76.16%
Total - DKY09	1	0	297	0	0	56	354	0	4	358	456	77.63%	78.51%
680	1	0	21	5	0	7	34	0	1	35	65	52.31%	53.85%
2728	0	0	33	0	0	18	51	0	0	51	57	89.47%	89.47%
3634	0	0	73	6	0	12	91	0	0	91	145	62.76%	62.76%
7497	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	32	21.88%	21.88%
Total - DKY10	1	0	134	11	0	37	183	0	1	184	299	61.20%	61.54%
1834	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	49	51.02%	51.02%
2734	0	0	126	5	0	78	209	0	0	209	204	102.45%	102.45%
5438	0	0	20	0	0	4	24	0	0	24	41	58.54%	58.54%
Total - DKY12	0	0	171	5	0	82	258	0	0	258	294	87.76%	87.76%
5829	5	0	12	3	0	37	57	0	0	57	49	116.33%	116.33%
7387	0	0	30	0	0	4	34	0	0	34	58	58.62%	58.62%
7606	0	0	4	0	0	22	26	0	0	26	41	63.41%	63.41%
11139	0	0	32	0	0	42	74	0	0	74	74	100.00%	100.00%
Total - DKY14	5	0	78	3	0	105	191	0	0	191	222	86.04%	86.04%
Grand Total	28	0	4122	54	3	610	4817	0	40	4857	6294	76.53%	77.17%

We will be using the CURRENT PERCENT for all awards this year.

## **Americanism**

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**Jane Reape – Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care**  
**Barbara Daugherty – Let Our Light Shine for Our Veterans**

### **September 2022**

Americanism was defined in February 1927 by the Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, United States, Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the National Commanders of the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans of the World War at a conference held in Washington DC. Americanism is defined as *"an unfailing love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."*

Last year the use of the hashtag was introduced and used across social media platforms to promote Americanism Programs and patriotism. This year we have been asked to continue using #AuxiliaryPatriotism across all social media platforms whenever you are capturing patriotic unity or Auxiliary traditions are in action.

#### **The following are some important dates to remember:**

**Patriot Day – September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**National POW/MIA Recognition Day – Third Friday in September**

**Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day – Last Sunday in September**

**Veteran's Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Pearl Harbor Day – December 7<sup>th</sup>**

I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. If I do not know the answer, I will find the answer is for you.

Don't forget to promote #AuxiliaryPatriotism!!



## **Auxiliary Outreach**

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**Barbara Daugherty - Let Our Light Shine For Our Veterans**

**September 2022**

I hope everyone has been thinking about how to kick off their Auxiliary Outreach. I just want to throw a few ideas out there for September.

First of all, most of the schools are back in session. See if there are any needs at your local schools.

After school lunch programs you might help can pass out food or read a book to small children or anything a teacher might need you to do.

See if a Senior Citizen Center is needing help with meals on wheels or even with bingo or maybe another game.

Any of these would be a great thing to start out helping with. Just remember we are VOLUNTEERS. We cannot receive any money and it cannot be to help a Veteran.

**Take pictures Lots of pictures and send them to me. So I can forward them to National.**

Remember: **#Wearetheworld**

We are the World, we are the future, We are the ones to make a brighter day so let's start giving. There's a choice we're making, We're saving our own lives, it's true we'll make a better day just you and me.

Now that you have the song stuck in your head, use it to help remember, **We are the World** and we need to **GIVE** our time and ourselves to help out in the community anywhere we can.

## **BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME**

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**Jane Reape – Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care**  
**Barbara Daugherty – Let Our Light Shine for Our Veterans**

### **September 2022**

I hope everyone has had a great summer! And now here we are planning and kicking off our year and preparing for Fall Conference in October. I'm excited to be serving you and the Department of Kentucky as the Buddy Poppy/National Home Program Chairman! Together we can make this an outstanding year for the Buddy Poppy/National Home Program! Now let's get started!

Two important things to focus on:

1. **Home Front Heroes** - Want to make a consistent and lasting difference in the lives of military and veteran families? This is a short Authorization form committing to a monthly amount as little as \$10 per month. One large check is always fantastic, but a monthly commitment allows the National Home to budget accordingly in their year. This can be done as an individual, auxiliary, or even as a department. **Become a Home Front Hero!** By doing so you will help ensure the consistent delivery of programs and services to our families. Simply complete the form or go to [www.vfwnationalhome.org/hero](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/hero).
2. **Educate & Promote!** The National Home helps more than just children, since 2012 they help Military families, Veteran families, and relatives of VFW or Auxiliary members. Educate who they are what they offer such as housing, education, daycare, recreation, case managers for guidance. Not all live at National Home that are in need learn to recognize those in need around you. Call National Home Helpline at 800-313-4200.

Begin early with starting to promote the Buddy Poppy/National Home, plan your first fundraiser event maybe in connection with other activities or events in your post. Consider a **BACK-TO-SCHOOL** drive use a new pen or pencil with a Buddy Poppy attached ask for a \$1.00 donation each at your post or at a school Fall Festival, PTA meeting or even a sports event if, they will allow. Sell tickets on a raffle item, use social media, become a lifetime member of National Home, learn more about donation options at [vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/](http://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/). As you read this, we have completed our Schools of Instruction and you have your program books to refer to for help and education.

This year, I will be promoting two fundraisers beginning at Fall Conference to raise funds for the National Home. I hope you will be excited as I am about these! You will see the first one at Fall Conference!

Remember we encourage each Auxiliary to participate in the Wearable Buddy Poppy Contest to be held at Fall Conference. Remember you or your post must order your Buddy Poppies to be eligible to enter. You must have ordered 75% of them or to be safe order what you purchased the year before. Please be in the Buddy Poppy room by 7:30 am as judging is at 8:15. Do Not Be Late! Wearable item must be worn by someone and cannot be submitted on a hanger!

It is my pleasure to serve you and the Department of Kentucky!

## **HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS**

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**Jane Reape - Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care**  
**Barbara Daugherty - Let Our Lights Shine For Our Veterans**

Hello! My name is Sandra Williams and I am this year's historian. I am from the VFW Post 1298 in Bowling Green. Some of my friends may call me the picture taking mama. Because I love to take pictures, I always have a camera in my hand.

If you were at one of the School of Instructions you got to meet me. We learned a lot of valuable information.

I would like to remind everyone to please come and join us at our 2022-2023 Department President's Homecoming. This is a Western Attire theme. The homecoming will be on Saturday, October 1st. The meet and greet is at 5:00 PM with dinner & entertainment starting at 6:00 PM. Please come and show your support for Barbara. Her homecoming will take place at:

V.F.W Post 1298  
1965 KY 185  
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

Help me take a lot of fun pictures of Barbara this year. As her year progresses, we can put her book together. Please send me all the pictures that you take of Barbara's year.

SO REMEMBER TO **POSE, FOCUS, AND CLICK** FOR AN EVENT FULL YEAR!!!!

\*\*\* FALL CONFERENCE IS OCTOBER 14-15,2022 IN PIKEVILLE, KY.\*\*\*

## **Hospital**

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**Jane Reape – Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care**  
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I hope you have all been thinking of exciting ways to serve our Veterans in the hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliaries, or where ever they may be. Let's make this year even more special than the last. COVID is still rearing its ugly head but there are ways to serve and still be safe. I bet you can think of so many and I want you to share them with me. Send me pictures of your events with descriptions. I want you to shine!

Who can volunteer? Members of course, but also non-members, youth, family, and friends. Just check with the facility to see that we follow their guidelines. Recruit new volunteers and recognize all your volunteers by posting your activities on social media, newspapers, cable tv, and tell about them at your meetings. Host a thank you dinner for them at the end of the year.

There are awards for members, Auxiliaries, and Departments, so be sure to report all the things that you do. And don't forget that much of what you do will also count on your VAVS program.

Labor Day is just around the corner. How about sponsoring a picnic or an ice cream social. If you can't go into the facility, work with them to provide food or games. Recreation is important for our Veterans, so purchase games for indoors and outside to keep them active. Holidays are important, but so is every day to someone who is isolated. Many of our Veterans don't have family who visit, so send cards or do something each month if you can to brighten their stay. If you don't have a Veterans' facility in your area, consider pairing with an Auxiliary who does.

Do you know what the Honors Escort is? It is a respectful, dignified way to escort the deceased Veteran from the facility. The Veterans are covered in a patriotic quilt and saluted by Veterans and staff on their final journey through the facility. Please consider donating quilts for this special service.

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference and hear about all the wonderful things you have done. Each of us can do good things, together we can do great things.

## **Legislative**

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VFW Auxiliary members, it is important that we contact our Congressperson about Veterans issues that are on the VFW's priorities list. By contacting them we are letting them know that Veteran's bills are important, and we want to see them passed. The more folks that contact them the better chance of having a bill get a positive vote.

The following link shows all the bills the VFW supports: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills>

In your efforts to support Veterans issues it is best to include as many groups and organizations as you can. Such as political and civic organizations geared toward young adults.

Keep your remarks nonpartisan we need all congressperson to be on board with any upcoming bills/issues.

Be as creative as you can in your letters, poems, sketches, drawings, and other communications. The idea is to get their attention for the cause. Have your communication stand out against all the hundreds they receive.

### **Be an Advocate – Be Informed – Be Engaged**

One of the main objectives of the Legislative Program is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families through advocacy.

Sign up for VFW Action Corps Weekly. Subscribe at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) by selecting "What We Do" then clicking on "Legislative."

If I can assist in anyway, please contact me at the number and/or e-mail above.

## **Membership**

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Recruiting drives (also known as membership drives back in my day) are very important to our Auxiliary as it helps us to grow as an organization who not only helps Veterans but also their families and even the community. You do not have to set up a booth. You can even recruit someone off a social media, the local grocery store, your workplace, church, etc. If you see a person wearing a hat that has anything to do with any branch of service, stop them and ask about their family and if they would be interested in joining the Auxiliary. Have an application on hand. Better yet take a picture of the application and send it to their phone and they can send it back with their information.

If you need any help in obtaining a membership, please contact me. If I cannot help, I will get in touch with someone who can.

This year's theme for our Department of Kentucky is TUGBOAT!

A tugboat is a small boat with a mighty engine that can pull bigger ships to where they need to go. A tugboat is our Auxiliaries and our bigger ship is memberSHIP. Be the sparkplug in your Auxiliary's engine. Let's show National who has the biggest MEMBERSHIP!!

# **Veterans & Family Support**

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## **September 2022**

Hello Brothers and Sisters! It looks like you're stuck with me as a program chairman, yet again! My favorite part about being a program chairman is seeing how our Auxiliaries across the state come together to accomplish a single mission – supporting our veterans and their families. That's why I love the Veterans & Family Support Program so much! There are a lot of aspects to this program, and throughout the course of the year, I'll be covering a different one each month. So, let's dive in!

### **Supporting Veteran Caregivers**

Not every hero wears a cape. We know this all too well as our veterans are our heroes. But who takes care of those heroes? These are our Veteran Caregivers! Again, the question is begged, who takes care of the caregivers? This is where our challenge comes in! Give them a call, cook them a meal, volunteer your time to give them a break, etc. Support our caregivers this year!

This program is a catch-all for all the wonderful things that you do for our Veterans. If you do it, please report it. I am always available for each of you! ☺



## **Youth Activities Program**

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**September 2022**

I want everyone this year to Donald Duck talk for our Youth Activities Program. This year I want us to become a Circle of Life. Schools have begun so let's get our Auxiliaries out there and see how creative you can be. I want you to sponsor and work our youth groups. Your Auxiliary can get cracked up and sponsor a youth group and plan activities to help our Veteran's or assist our service members and their families.

I want you to get your tail feathers shaken up and get excited for The Red/White/and Blue. This program is judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation, and entertainment value. This contest has two Grade Divisions K-8 thru 9-12. Please check this program out in the National Program book and my program in the President's Roster and Program book.

I also want you to get quacked up for our Patriotism Through Literacy Program. This program will introduce our youth to historical facts and teach them about events in our National History while fostering a love of reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning.

I would like for everyone to waddle our Illustrating America Art Contest. You can check this program out in National Program Book and my program in the President's Program & Roster Book. This program consists of students K-8 who is enrolled in a Public, Private, or Parochial School or Home Study program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Students must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national foreign exchange students.

I want everyone to get quacked up talking about our programs. Let's get our youth excited in the above programs and get our tail feathers shaking as we waddle up. I want to see what your Auxiliaries can do with our youth for our Veterans. BE CREATIVE. Donald Duck always was up to something, so let's get waddled up in our youth and shake our tail feathers as we promote our Youth Activities program this year.

"I Can Only Imagine" what we can do if we "Let Our Lights Shine" and "Our Hands That Serve," and Our Hearts That Care.



If you need anything please contact me!