

## AMERICANISM



**We as an Auxiliary celebrate many exciting and fun holidays, but we should also remember the ones that are difficult and times that many of Americans have gone through.**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 we lost many of American lives as we were attacked by terrorist. Please honor those that lost their lives that day with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46am EST, which is when the first airplane struck the World Trade Center.**

**So many known and unknown people gave of themselves that day and the days that followed to help their fellow Americans in that time of great need.**



**POW/MIA Recognition Day is held on the third Friday in September!**

As an Auxiliary let's teach the children and others about The POW/MIA Table: A place setting for one, A table for all. The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War.



On the last Sunday in September, Gold Star Mother's, and Family Day honors the mothers, fathers, and families of fallen military service members. Also known as National Gold Star Mother's Day, the day serves as a reminder of the losses suffered by military families.

Recognizing our other Stars:

- A Blue star represents that a family member is on active-duty service.
- The Silver star represents a family member was wounded or injured in a war zone.
- And White star represents those who have a close relative who served in the military and later lost them to suicide.

As members of the VFW Auxiliary, we ask you to remember the sacrifices of all these families as their loved ones gave their devotion to preserve the ideals of a free America for all.



On September 29th, National VFW Day honors the men and women devoted to this valuable organization and those members who have served our nation.

### **#NationalVFWDay**

Members of the organization named Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) today hold a long-standing history of volunteerism in their communities. Not only have they served their country, but they continue to serve their fellow veterans, families, and communities by sponsoring scholarships, career fairs, mental wellness campaigns, and so many more excellent services.

Promote #AuxiliaryPatriotism Lets promote your ideas to your communities using any social media you use. Teach your children, family and friends what Patriotism is and lets all report what we do.

Be safe and have a great month

*Deborah Milligan*

NH VFW Auxiliary

Americanism Chairperson (2023-2024)



Hello brothers and sisters,

Now that summer is winding down it is a great time to become a life member of the V.F.W. National Home.

The cost of a life membership is only \$50.00, But what that \$50.00 does to help a veteran's family that is less fortunate than your own, is beyond priceless. Although my family was not in the National Home, We would have been separated if not for the assistance of VFW and VFW Auxiliary, Each one of us remember that ,and that is why we now support both.

Maybe consider giving a membership as a Christmas stocking stuffer/gift?

And please remember to keep some poppies on you when you are out and about to hand out!

Respectfully;

Colleen Pierce 2023-2024

Poppy and National Home Chair

# WHO WE HELP



**Relatives of VFW  
or VFW Auxiliary  
members**



**Veteran Families**



**Military Families**

## HELPING FAMILIES SUCCEED

Families work to identify what they need and want to accomplish. They may live in the National Home's community for up to four years, during which time they are provided at **no cost**:

### **Housing**

A single family home in our community for up to four years.

### **Education**

Tutoring, classes, secondary financial assistance and more to help accomplish goals.

### **Daycare**

Licensed childcare while at work, school or for respite.

### **Basic Needs**

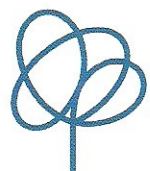
Food, health care and clothing, if needed.

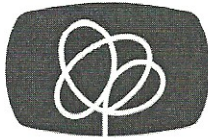
### **Recreation**

Opportunities to help with becoming whole and healthy.

### **Case Manager**

A caring professional dedicated to providing the expertise, compassion, support and guidance needed for the family to succeed.





LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Name:
Address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Date of birth: Email: Phone:
Membership Type:
Associate (not a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary)
Life Member (must be a member in good standing of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary or a unit of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Complete affiliation information below. If no Post or Auxiliary number is provided, an Associate Membership will be issued.)

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INFORMATION
(Required if a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member)

I am a member of VFW Post in the Department of VFW
I am a member of VFW Auxiliary in the Department of VFW Auxiliary

RECRUITER (Not required)

Recruiter name: Recruiter Post or Auxiliary number:

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please allow 3-4 weeks for your membership certificate, card and other information to be sent. You can also apply online at: www.vfwnationalhome.org/membership
One time membership fee and Life Member pin \$50

- Check enclosed and made payable to VFW National Home for Children
Charge my Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Name on card: Card number:
Signature: Expiration date:

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A LIFE MEMBER

BEING A LIFE MEMBER or an Associate Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children is one way you can create a bond between yourself and the mission of the National Home. Your support and encouragement honors our veterans and today's military by helping their children and families in times of need. Life Members in good standing with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary may vote for trustees representing their National Home District and proposed Bylaw or Articles of Incorporation changes.



# Mailing Preference Request Form



There are several options to control the number of mailings you receive. Please choose only one option below and fill out the bottom portion of this form.

- 1. I want to continue to receive **all regular mailings**.  
Regular mailings include gifts throughout the year.
- 2. I want to receive a **reduced mail schedule** which will include about 10-12 mailings per year, and will include gifts.
- 3. I want to receive **the Quarterly Gift and the VFW Annual Newsletter**, which will include the VFW Calendar, Christmas Cards, Greeting Cards and Labels.
- 4. I want to receive the **VFW Quarterly Newsletter only**.  
This mailing will not include any gifts.

Complete and return this form to VFW National Headquarters,  
406 West 34th Street, Suite 718, Kansas City, MO 64111  
or fax to 816.968.1129.

Questions? Please call Donor Services toll-free at 833.VFW.GIVE (833.839.4483)  
or email [vfwfundraising@vfw.org](mailto:vfwfundraising@vfw.org). **Thank you!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POST \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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# Partners In Patriotism

## GIVE MONTHLY TO HELP OUR HEROES



**Partners in Patriotism** is a win-win monthly giving option to make things more convenient for you ... and allow us to do the best job we possibly can for America's sons and daughters.

**Partners in Patriotism** is the most effective way to help our proud veterans, service members and their families. When you sign up, you support life-changing programs every month of the year.

*It's a great way to show you care!*

### Partners in Patriotism:

- Keeps administrative costs down so more money goes to programs.
- Guarantees your donations stay in *your* Department.
- Allows for better budget planning and program funding to help more veterans, service members and their families.
- Cuts down the amount of mail you receive. You will only receive the *VFW Supporter Quarterly* newsletters, and an annual receipt of your gifts for your records and tax purposes.

### Sign Up Today!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### CHOOSE HOW YOU DONATE

#### Option 1: Credit Card

Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

ACCOUNT NUMBER

EXP. DATE

Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

monthly  quarterly  annually

- Minimum amount is \$10.00, processed on/or around the 20th of the month.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

#### Option 2: Checking Account Deduction

Please send us a voided check along with the completed information below and return it to:

VFW National Headquarters  
406 West 34th Street, Suite 718  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

monthly  quarterly  annually

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\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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*Thank you!*

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# Guarantee Program

**The Department of New Hampshire ways and means needs your help.**

**While we wait for leaves to change... continue to support the Guarantee Program!**

**Just remember that we are actually giving back for those things that are in the mail – we are putting money aside for the Department to use in working programs!**

**All of the dollars you submit will be used here in New Hampshire. When you hear how much money the Department needs each year in the budget, You can see just how vital it is that we send in our part for the Guarantee Program.**

**Raising the money to fund the things we do throughout the state is not easy. If anyone needs to make changes or is having difficulty with getting mailings, please let me know and I will do my best to work for you to see that things are done as you wish.**

**The numbers are continuing to rise that you do to help is greatly appreciated!**

**Bee a Donor! Support the Guarantee Program and show your “Can-Do Spirit”!**

**Have you visit the website, <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/32137/action/1>, and send in the form to receive the mailings.**





# VFW Auxiliary Department of NH



## September 2023 General Information

### *Historian Media Relations*

**2023-2024**

Keep up the great work and keep posting your event's pictures and upcoming events!

#### **STARS**

- Photography opens doors to the past, but it also allows a look into the future. A camera is a SAVE button. Let your Auxiliary legacy members become STARS, for without our STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist. This Program Year, connect with a legacy member and complete a three-to-five-minute video interview:
  - Ask why they joined.
  - Please emphasis on bringing the past to life
  - Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s)
  - If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, loo to your District or Department
- Submit your video interview to your Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging. The Department Chairman will sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry along with the winning video to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador by April 30, 2024. The winning video may be shown at National Convention
- **Tips & Tricks**
  - Be clear when you speak.
  - Do not talk too fast.
  - Pause at the end of a question so that you don't talk over the interviewer
  - Smile and look interested.
  - Sit up straight and have good body language.
  - Keep up good eye contact – look at your camera rather than at the screen.
  - Make sure the microphone on your phone or camera is close enough to hear
  - Test your phone or camera in advance to ensure it's working properly and you know how to use it.
- **Need some Help?**
  - Give me a call and I will be glad to help!!



## PowerPoint Presentation



### Interview a VFW Auxiliary Member from your Auxiliary

**National Requirement  
for 2023-2024**



### Photography: Camera or Smart Phone

- Photography opens doors into the past, but it also allows a look into the future.
- A camera is a SAVE button.

### Who are your STARS?

- Let your Auxiliary legacy members become STARS, for without our STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist.
- Legacy Member – an Auxiliary Member that has been with the Auxiliary for numerous years



# Questions to Ask???

- **Ask why they joined.**
  - What year did they join?
  - Which Auxiliary did they join?
    - Are they still with that Auxiliary?
    - How many Auxiliaries have they been a part of? (If applicable)
  - Under eligibility?
    - Eligibility Wheel
- **Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s).**
  - What was an event or activity made them laugh?
  - What is the one memory that will always stay with them?
  - Who stood out to you and whom did you admire?
- **Place emphasis on bringing the past to life.**
  - What do you feel is important to remember and let us never forget?
- **If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, look to your District or Department.**



# Video and Photography Tips

- **What to Avoid**
  - Avoid closed eyes, open mouth, a mouth full of food, distracting objects in the picture (e.g. bunny ears, trees popping out of someone's head or from behind the body.)
- **People may pose in awkward positions**
  - Tell them to be comfortable and relax this is going to be fun!
- **Avoid any offensive language on clothing**
  - T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, or Jackets
- **Get Close to the person you are interviewing**
  - Being too far from the person can appear distant and uninviting



# Video and Photography Tips Continued..

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- **Lighting is Key**

- If you are outside and the sun is shining, have the sun to your back.
- If you are inside, avoid windows and make sure there is enough light in the room.

- **Stabilize your Video**

- Hold the camera as steady as possible. Many smart phones have optical image stabilization but do your best to keep the camera or phone steady.
- A phone stand or tripod may be helpful.

- **Record in Landscape Mode**

- Use landscape (turn the phone on its side) to get more of the subject in the frame.
- It's easier to watch on the computer and when I sent to National to maybe appear on the big screen at the National Convention



# Submitting your Video!

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# Need Assistance or Guidance?

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- Would you like any assistance with this task?
  - Have a Zoom call to ask questions and suggestions
    - How to edit your video?
    - How to submit your video?
- Email me: [julie.derubeis@gmail.com](mailto:julie.derubeis@gmail.com)
- Phone me: 603 -546-5533
- No question is a dumb question



# September Events to Capture in Pictures

- 911 Ceremonies
- Stand Down
- Eastern States Conference
- Meat Raffles / Dinners / Socials

Don't forget to keep taking your Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and all other social media sites.

- Tags me on your Facebook Post with Pictures
  - Using **#NHVFWAUXHISTORIAN** & **#VFWAUXHISTORIAN**
- Email me Photos of your Events!
- Send me your event information to be sent to WMUR / Union Leader / Patch
- Request me to attend an event.

Best regards,

*Julie DeRubeis* – Dept of NH VFW Auxiliary Historian / Media Relations Chair 2023-2024

Email to: [nhvfwauxhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:nhvfwauxhistorian@gmail.com) Phone: 603-546-5533

US Postal Service: 12 Hartwood Dr - Merrimack, NH 03054







**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement**  
 718 Smyth Road  
 Manchester, NH 03104



# DONATION FORM

*One (1) Form per Organization or Group (including Auxiliaries)*

<b>Date:</b> _____	
<i>Select if Donation if from an <b>Organization/Group/Company OR Individual</b></i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION Name: _____	<i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL Name: _____
Point of Contact: _____	<i>If you are affiliated with a Veterans Service Organization or group, list it below (as an individual, you are making the donation, but the Organization will also receive "credit"):</i>
Local Chapter/Unit/Team: _____	
<b>All Donors:</b>	
Address: _____	
City/State/Zip: _____	
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

<b>ITEM(S) / ACTIVITIES</b>	
<i>Check the appropriate box below and/or give a brief description:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Rideshare Gift Cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Cards
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Crafts/Games
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Food/Refreshments
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL VALUE of ITEMS &amp; ACTIVITIES: \$</b> _____	

<b>MONETARY DONATIONS</b>	
<i>will be used as authorized by law or in ways that benefit VA patients while receiving care from the VA (VHA Directive 4721). If you wish to restrict your donation for a specific program or service, please indicate so below. The CDCE office may contact you if additional information is required or if the specific restriction cannot be honored.</i>	
<b>Checks must be completely filled out, with an address written or printed on the top.</b>	
Restrictions or Earmarks: _____	
(optional)	
In Memory / Honor of: _____	
(optional)	
<b>(e.g., cash, check) TOTAL MONETARY DONATION: \$</b> _____	
<b>Also make monetary donations online using: <a href="https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online/">https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online/</a></b>	

For more information visit [www.volunteer.va.gov](http://www.volunteer.va.gov) or scan this code:





# Thanksgiving Dinner Basket 2023



**1 gift card to Market Basket for 12-16lb turkey**

- 2 cans of turkey gravy**
- 1 box instant potatoes**
- 2 cans of vegetables**
- 1 box stuffing mix**
- 2 cans cranberry sauce**
- 1 can coffee (small size)**
- 2 cans of fruit cocktail/fruit**

In these difficult times, some struggle more than others. This is the time when we come together to help our **Veterans and their families** celebrate Thanksgiving with a special sponsored dinner basket including.....



**A fresh pie and 6 and/or 12 pack of rolls will be added to each basket day of delivery to family! Each basket is filled based on family size.**

**Also, seasonal napkins and small paper dessert plates for the pie!**



I am thankful for being part of a wonderful organization that always rises to extend the hand of help and do what is necessary in time of need. **If you would like to sponsor a basket for a Veteran and their family, please let me know. I am in the process of making up a sponsor list as I wait to see how many baskets will be needed,**



**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF INTERESTED, PLEASE BRING IT UP AS YOUR NEXT MEETING!**

Questions: Please reach out to Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman at [madelinelavfw@aol.com](mailto:madelinelavfw@aol.com) or Cell 603 508-0843 .

**DEADLINE TO TAKE A FAMILY:** Date **Monday, 11/06/2022** to allow time to shop and for the case workers to deliver them to families who are located around the state prior to Thanksgiving.



**TO SPONSOR A BASKET: \$50.00**

I am working out the details on how to pay to sponsor a basket. As soon as these details are confirmed, I will forward information **via department email.**



One last detail, each basket will have an 8 ½ x 11 greeting tucked inside the basket. Please let me know what you would like your greetings to say.



*Sponsored by* \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember, by “Banding Together For Our Veterans” and embracing their needs we in turn are “Challenging the Needs of our Veterans” and helping to truly make it a Happy Thanksgiving Day for them with a delicious dinner. To enjoy! Thank you!*

*Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman*

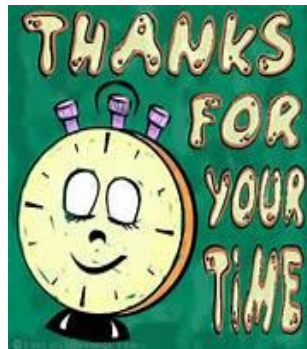
# VOLUNTEERISM

Time for Auxiliary brothers & sisters to get together and see how *your Auxiliary*



can “volunteer” individually or together! The opportunities are out there in VA, medical facilities in your community, Nursing Homes including the NH Veterans Home.....

*Not many requirements but simply your*



Combine it all together, along with a firm commitment to volunteer you will be coming together and *“challenging the needs of our Veterans” “by Banding together for our Veterans”* and sharing your time, talents, and willingness to bring a little joy into their lives when they needed most!

## What can I do if I Volunteer?

- Each facility, VA & Non-VA alike, has their own Volunteer Criteria. Your responsibility is to first decide where you would like to volunteer, times and days that you are able to make a firm commitment (as a **Regular Scheduled**

Volunteer) or find out what exactly the facility **has available for volunteers.** I understand from the last VAVS meeting in June, they were looking for the following volunteers:

**VA Medical Center in Manchester:**

**Business Office, Pharmacy, Transporters, Dispatchers, Optometry “reminder calls”, Logistics, Warehouse, drivers (DAV) and drivers for recreational trips (long and short trips).**

➤ **The next VAVS meeting is 9/6th, I will share updated list of volunteer positions via department email when received.**

➤ **Remember** – Simply contact CDCE “VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement” aka Voluntary Services by calling **603 624-4366 Ext 6419** for information, application, and any questions you may have! I am also able to assist you if needed.

**Remember!**

➤ Each facility will have specific opportunities and different type of positions, seek out what works **for your interest**; create ideas and events that will best suit the patient population at the facility you choose to volunteer at utilizing the age and ability of those that are volunteering. Many facilities have office type positions, assistance to the various departments, patient support, entertainment assistant and much more. Again, each facility is unique to their individual needs and demands so being flexible is a plus.



*Remember  
Volunteering  
begins in your  
Heart.....*

No time for a weekly commitment, hectic too crazy, then.....



Your volunteers can reach out to Recreation Therapy for the CLC (Community Living Center) to receive their on-going, updating activities and needs to help them carry out the programs they provide for the Veterans in the “CLC”. I do believe they allow visitors to come in and help with certain activities including Bingo (which is only on Thursday nights and with a limit of \$30.00 & 4 members to assist with Bingo).



You must go thru the **Volunteer office** to see what the current process is to volunteer in the CLC because it has been changing depending on current environmental status. Bottom line there are many ways to step up and “volunteer” whether as a registered volunteer, or as an Auxiliary looking to sponsor an activity or event. **BUT YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP BY REACHING OUT, ASKING WHAT YOU AND YOUR AUXILIARY CAN “VOLUNTEER”** to assist and or sponsor. There are many pathways to follow, but it begins with your members coming together to take the first step. Make that call today, see how best your Auxiliary members can “volunteer” whether in person or Outside the box it all comes down to simply,



**DISCUSS.....MOTION/VOTE.....EXECUTE & VOLUNTEER  
TOGETHER/SPONSOR AN ACTIVITY or EVENT**



**CHECK YOUR TIME, DISCUSS POSITIONS AVAILABLE, FILL OUT THE APPLICATION at the VA or other medical facility to become a “registered volunteer”.**





*Lastly, the seasons are changing, numerous holidays will soon be upon us, to “volunteer” to plan a special activity at the VA, NH Veterans Home, or any medical facility in your community so step up. Plan it out, recruit youth to join you, and make it a priority to bring love, happiness, joy and most importantly “company” to the Veterans as Proud Volunteers of the VFW Auxiliary!*

*Thank you for all You do for our Veterans! Remember Volunteerism comes from the heart and begins with saying... “I can do that!”*



*Madeline Dreusicke, Hospital Chairman*

# Legislative Program

## 2023-2024

Department of NH VFW Auxiliary Legislative 2023-2024

Be An Advocate-Be Informed-Be Engaged

Department of NH VFW Auxiliary Legislative 2022-2023

Be An Advocate-Be Informed-Be Engaged

### September 2023 General Information

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last month's general information provided an explanation of the legislative goals for the auxiliary. The most important for us to focus on is priority goals which focus on budget, health care, disability assistance, transition assistance, education, employment, military quality of life, POA and MIA. All of these areas are dependent on the legislation being introduced to improve said areas. One of the most crucial ways for us to support our veterans and their families is by voting on bills that will positively impact our military, veterans and families thereof. We can do this by educating ourselves on what bills will be brought to Congress that benefit our veterans and by understanding how the process works. Educating ourselves on upcoming bills is the easy part, all you need to do is join VFW's Action Corps Weekly. To understand how the process of how a bill passes, we first need to know how the legislative process works.

How is legislation introduced?

Anyone can introduce a bill to Congress. A bill is a legislative proposal to make a new law or amend an existing law. The catch is that only a member of the House of Representatives or Senate can introduce the bill to Congress. That is why who we vote in for legislators is so important, we want to vote in representatives who support the military, its veterans and their families.

The bill will be provided to the clerk of the house where a senate member must gain recognition of the presiding officer to announce the introduction of the bill. If the bill is introduced it is then referred to a committee by the Speaker of the House or presiding officer of the Senate. The committee that presides over the bill depends on what is included in the bill, it could possibly be split between committees. It is the committees responsibility to read, research, study and hear testimony from experts and people interested in the bill. The committee may then take three actions, it might: (1) release the bill with a recommendation to pass it; (2) revise the bill and release it; or (3) lay it aside so that the House cannot vote on it.

Lastly, as you all know we held our council of administration meeting on August 19, 2023 at the VFW post in Littleton, NH. It was an informative, educational and overall great day. Former Senator, Kelly Ayotte, who is running for Governor of NH was in attendance and mingled with both post and auxiliary members.



Enjoy your holiday, last weekend before we will be hit the ground running 😊 .

Tammy L. Baker  
Department of NH VFW Auxiliary  
Legislative Chair 2023-2024

# Membership 2023-2024

## *“Challenging The Needs Of Our Veterans”*

Production update! Department of NH is currently at 62.92%, Kim is just over halfway to earning her own Pink Lady Jacket. Keep up the great work.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**Congratulations to Keene Daley Whipple for being at 108.00% membership and meeting the incentive for August. They also received the bonus since they were the only Auxiliary to get 100% by the July 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline.**

### **Next Membership Incentive October C of A**

\$75.00 for every Auxiliary that reaches 100%. Every Auxiliary that reaches 100% will be put in for a \$50.00 drawing.

All dues must be in Malta by **SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

Note: Once you are in for the drawing you stay in so have a chance to win 1 or more. All dues will be verified the first day of the subsequent month.

## **National Auxiliary Membership Dues Increase**

**National dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per annum on each member, effective July 1, 2024, paid by ACH transaction to National Headquarters.**

**What does this mean for your Auxiliary? For each annual member on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 you will now send \$16.00 per member each year to the Department of New Hampshire. At this time Life Membership dues has not increased.**

### **I often hear “we need to attract younger members...”**

Adding younger members is essential to the future of the VFW Auxiliary. However, younger people often have hectic schedules, family obligations, and financial constraints that make it difficult to commit to local Auxiliaries. We need to make VFW Auxiliary membership more attractive and more feasible for younger members.

Here are a few ideas that Auxiliaries can consider to attract younger members to the organization:

- Reach out to current or past Scholarship winners/applicants to join.
- Create social and networking activities that are interesting and convenient for younger people. Encourage younger members to be involved in the planning of these events.
- Invite groups of younger people to join at the same time to make them feel more comfortable. Help them encourage their peers to get involved as well.
- Foster an Auxiliary environment that is accepting of occasional absences.
- Highlight monthly opportunities to get involved in local service projects.
- Assign a current Auxiliary member to serve as a mentor for the first six months to make a new younger member feel welcome.
- Get younger members involved from the start. Younger members are creative and eager to generate new ideas for solving persistent Auxiliary problems. Ensure younger members have a voice and a space to grow.
- Be open to the various ways that younger members can participate in your Auxiliary. Find out about their abilities and interests, and find ways to put them to good use in your Auxiliary’s work.
- Incorporate youth-welcoming messages in all Auxiliary communications that begin with the assumption that younger members are important to the organization because they make valuable contributions, and they are needed at all levels of Auxiliary leadership.



## Auxiliary Outreach September 2023

Banding Together for Our Veterans

Wow it's already September. School has started this is the perfect time to reach out to your schools to see what type of volunteer work your Auxiliary can assist with. Let's not forget our senior citizen centers.

Working with your local Police Department on child ID Kits. Or working with your local EMTs to host a CPR training.

Working with your local Fire Department on Fire Safety and prevention.

Helping with a spay and neuter animal clinic.

Serving food at a soup Kitchen.

These are just a few suggestions. Please make sure to report all your good work. Most important have fun. Remember Challenging the needs of our Veterans.

Thank you all,

Susan Joslyn

Auxiliary Outreach Chairman NH

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Now that school is back in session it's even more important to get those VOD, Patriot pen and Patriotic art brochures out to the public.



In Malta there is a press release for all three programs to promote them on the local level. Reach out to your hometown papers and get them the info.



Remember the deadline to the post is October 31<sup>st</sup>. start setting up with your post the judging committee now before its to late.

NH has been chosen to help beta test the QR code for uploading the essays to national and as soon as I have more information on that I will forward that information to you.

We are also finalizing details for the award banquet and I will forward that information to you as soon as possible.

*Department of New Hampshire*  
*VFW Auxiliary President's Special Project*  
*Veterans Homeless Awareness*



## September 2023 General Information



### Where will your donations help?

Homeless & Struggling Veterans in New Hampshire need our help! One of the big issues our Veterans have is paying for the out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses. These expenses include copays, deductibles, and expenses that are not covered by insurance. We all know exactly how expensive medications can be especially when our own insurance will not cover what the doctor has prescribed. Remember your recent visit to the Dentist and its time for a root canal or a crown? Dental insurance typically doesn't cover it all.

A special account has been created at Liberty House in conjunction with the VFW for a specific line in the ledger that will be used for those out-of-pocket expenses. Funds received for this Special Projected will be ear marked for this newly created account line item. Funds received will be distributed on as-need basis to a Veteran in need until the account is exhausted.

### What is Liberty House?

Liberty House is an organization that provides substance-free housing and connections to various community services that help New Hampshire veterans transition to independence.

**Community veterans:** They regularly work with struggling or homeless veterans from the community, male and female, many of whom are on fixed incomes, providing them with assistance such as food, clothing, transportation (gas cards, bus passes), camping gear and community referrals. While our transitional living program only serves male veterans, support for our community veterans is open to both male and female veterans.

### Ways to raise funds!

There are many ways to have an event to help! Here are some suggestions but this is only the beginning:

- 5K and 10K races
- Motorcycle rides
- Meat Raffle's
- Restaurant nights
- Food and clothing drives
- Bake sales

### WORD!

Now that you have scheduled an event, how do you get the word out? Send me an email or tag me on Facebook with the event information and or a flyer. It will be communicated to the local newspapers, The Patch, WMUR, and Facebook! If you schedule it, they will come! They served our country to keep all of us safe. Let's work together to support this great cause to organizations helping our Veterans get the resources they need and make a difference in their lives.

## Events?

Have you scheduled your event / fundraiser? Send me the notification and I will ensure it goes out to all the media outlets in your area! Some media outlets include: WMUR, The Union Leader, The Patch, and the Facebook Department Page.

Don't forget to put your flyer for your event/fundraiser at your local Post Office, Town Hall (if allowed), Senior Center, and Library.

Email to: [julie.derubeis@gmail.com](mailto:julie.derubeis@gmail.com)

Mail via US Postal Service: 12 Hartwood Dr - Merrimack, NH 03054

Best regards,

*Julie DeRubeis*

Dept of NH VFW Auxiliary Department President Special Project Chair  
2023-2024



**LIBERTY**  
**HOUSE**

A Program of Catholic Charities NH

“When Life Offers  
a Veteran No  
Friendly Direction,  
Liberty House Holds  
Out the Hand of  
Brotherhood.”







***We're now into September when all the schools are opening and as a good VFW Auxiliary member, we should be in there to talk to any teacher or administrator we may have missed over the summer. Remember they don't know about our Programs; we must take it to them and hope they try it!***



## **Illustrating America**

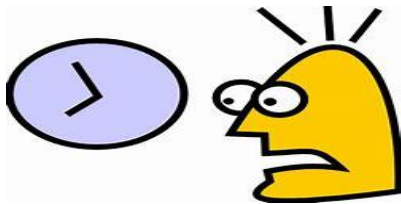
***Illustrating America is open to any student in grades K-8 by the March 31, 2024 deadline who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen. Foreign exchange students and students age 15 or older are ineligible. National grade division winners of previous Illustration America contests may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous National winner.***



*Entries will be judged on patriotic themes and technique. **The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.** The Department first place winner in each grade division will be forwarded to Auxiliary National Headquarters.*



*There are National awards for first, second, and third place in each grade division! The first, second, and third place entry in each grade division will be displayed at the National Convention. Please see the student brochure and entry form in **MALTA Member Resources** or on the **VFW Auxiliary website** for more details on requirements and contest rules.*



**Deadlines:**

**Entries received by:**

**Local Auxiliary-March 31, 2024**

**Department-April 15, 2024**

**National Headquarters-May 5, 2024**



***Food for thought! While you are out there at the local schools already for “Patriotism through Literacy ”and “Get Excited for the Red, White, and Blue”, it couldn’t hurt to talk to the art teachers to see if they would like to make “Illustrating America” part of the classroom assignments for the upcoming year.***

***Lastly, please don’t forget to try to sponsor a Youth Group (Youth sports teams, Church youth groups, Home-school associations, Youth community service groups, etc.), by sponsoring you may find some youths that may want to try some or all of which this Program has to offer!***

***Loyally,***

***Nathaniel “Buddy” Nicholas***

***Dept. Of NH Youth Activities Program Chairman (2023-2024)***