



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”

The first C of A is in the books. We enjoyed having District Council Member #1, Brenda Blair, from Maine there as our National Representative. It was wonderful to see many members and guests, from both the VFW and Auxiliary, too. A special thank you to Littleton VFW and Auxiliary for hosting the state picnic. Good food, good day!

As, we move into September please remember to check your calendars as there is a lot going on such as two training sessions, POW-MIA Day Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery and a Districts #1 and #7 meetings. Be sure to check out the Department Website for upcoming events, too.

If your VFW or Auxiliary planning to hold a fundraising event for the Department Commander’s and Department President’s special project, please let me know so if I am available I would love to attend.

There is a wealth of information prepared by our Department Chairman that is included in our General Orders. Please take time to read it. Also, if your Auxiliary Chairmen are not receiving the General Orders, please ask them to send their email address to the Department Secretary nhsecvfwaux@gmail.com and they will be able to print just the information they need for their program to present at your meetings.

As we continue to working together, we will continue to help our veterans, sisters and brothers of this great organization.

**Thanks,
Kim Copson
President
Dept. of NH 2023-2024**



Department of New Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

General Orders #4

September 1, 2023

The General Orders information in this mailing is to be read at your Auxiliary meeting. Other information such as promotional material from the Department Chairmen included with this mailing, as well as any Event Registration Forms or Notices may be shared with your Auxiliary Chairmen and Members. Everything is also available on the Department website. We encourage you to check both the Department and the National websites often for information.

1. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING:** The next Council of Administration Meeting will be held at the Kingston Memorial Post #1088 on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. sharp!
2. **STANDDOWN:** Standdown is scheduled for Friday, September 8th at the DoubleTree Hoel in Manchester.
3. **AUDITS:** A reminder that all Audit Reports completed and voted on for the 2nd Quarter (April, May, June) were to be received by the Department Treasurer no later than August 31st. If your Auxiliary or District is missing any Audits (list included with this email), please get them to the Department Treasurer right away.
4. **TRAINING:** Two training sessions have been scheduled as follows. Anyone is welcome to attend, *but* you need to contact the Department Secretary nhsecvfwaux@gmail.com to confirm you will be there, so we can plan how many we will have for lunch and how many handouts to prepare:
 - a. For **Auxiliary and District Secretaries, Treasurers and Trustees** on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Franklin Post from 9 am to 2 pm with lunch also included. There will also be two attendance drawings of \$25 each.
 - b. For **Auxiliary and District Presidents** on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Jaffrey Post from 9 am to 2 pm with lunch included. There will also be two attendance drawings of \$25 each.
5. **WAYS & MEANS:** The Department Ways & Means program needs your help. Please see and share the attached 3 pages of information with all of your members with regard to the Guarantee Program where the Auxiliary receives funds from the VFW program. All funds received are deposited to the Ways & Means program. We hope you will sign up to support the Department Ways & Means program. Thank you for your help.

6. **MEMBERSHIP:** A reminder to all Auxiliaries that the Department, District, and Auxiliary Officers (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) dues MUST be paid by December 31, or Department MUST submit a notification to National Headquarters by January 5 to relieve any non-paid officers from her/his duties. There are currently **14 officers** (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) at all levels in NH that are **not yet paid** for this 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. If you would like to know if your officers are on this list, please contact the Department Secretary for that information. Please get these officers paid just as soon as possible, so you don't need to rush at the last minute to get them in by December 31. It is important to get all members' dues paid, but this is a National requirement over which the Department has no control.
7. **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY:** The theme for the Buddy Poppy Display Contest for the August 19th Council of Administration Meeting is "Wounded Warriors". Should you have any questions, please contact Colleen Pierce, Chairman (colleenpierce64@yahoo.com).
8. **POW-MIA CEREMONY:** The VFW has changed of the POW-MIA Ceremony at the NH Veterans Cemetery this year. This year's ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd.
9. **EASTERN CONFERENCE:** The Eastern Conference Fall Meeting will be held in Atlantic City, NJ on October 20-22, 2023. Please see additional detailed information included with this mailing.
10. **DUES:** At the National Convention held in Phoenix in July, it was voted to increase the annual dues for next year (not this year) 2024-2025. Details will be provided through the Membership program.
11. **FORMS:** The NH VFW Auxiliary website www.nhvfwaux.org is currently available for entering reports. However, the VFW is making changes which may affect our online reporting system, so please be sure to *keep a written copy of anything you report*, just in case there is a change and we are unable to retrieve the information you entered. The Department President with a couple of her officers are also looking into a new computer program for the Auxiliary which will be compatible with and enhance the information for the VFW's new program. She will announce any additional information as warranted.
12. **ASSISTANCE:** If you have any questions or need assistance regarding the Website, please contact Sandy Hodgkin's, Webmaster at hodgesandy_2@msn.com.
13. **AUXILIARY DIRECTORY:** The 2023-2024 Auxiliary Directory has been completed and was distributed at the August 19th Council of Administration Meeting. If you are on the list to receive a copy and you were not present at the meeting, contact your District President to see if she has it. Most of the District Presidents picked up the copies. If you're District President was absent or did not pick up your copy, please contact the Department Secretary (NHSecVFWAUX@gmail.com) and she can tell you who signed and took the Directory. There are additional Directories and for anyone who would like a copy the cost is \$1 plus postage to send it to you. Again, you may contact the Department Secretary for this.

14. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:** Upcoming District Meetings:

DISTRICT	Date	TIME	Location	Representative
1	October 14, 2023	10:00 a.m.	No. Haverhill Post #5245	Buddy Nicholas
4	November 5, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Franklin Post #1698	Kim Copson
5	November 12, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Jaffrey Post #5613	Kim Copson
6	November 5, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Pelham Post #10722	Francine Gregory
7	October 15, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Ossipee Post #8393	Trish St. Germain

Per Order of:

Kim Copson
Department President 2023-2024

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Changes to the Directory:

1. Kingston Memorial Auxiliary #1088 has change the time of their monthly meeting. It will now be the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
2. Haverhill Auxiliary Treasurer Bonnie Burroughs phone number should be **603/747-2191** not 603/474-2191
3. Laconia Auxiliary Secretary: Paula Sollazzo, 202 Lynnewood Road, Laconia, NH 03246
Tel: 978/930-2630 Email: psollazzo65@gmail.com.



From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

September 2023

We are off to a good start and I want to thank you all for your donations that I have received. As you all know, Stand Down is held on September 8th this year. I have sent all the money that I received but it's not too late!!! If your Auxiliary would like to contribute, we will be glad to put it to good use.

If you are in question as to what programs we are collecting for please check the accompanying Donations Worksheet. I just want to also remind you that the Patriotic Art Award is now in two parts, 2 Dimensional and the newly created 3 Dimensional. Please remember to either donate to both projects or tell me which project that you are actually donating to.

Second Quarter Audits are due now. This covers the period of April, May and June, 2023. A few years ago National extended the deadline by one month so now, instead of being due by the end of July they are technically due the end of August. If you have them done and sent in earlier, so much the better.

When you are doing your audits please include the name as well as the number of your auxiliary. When signing the audit please have your trustees print as well as sign their names and always remember to signify the date that the audit was accepted by your auxiliary. In years to come you may need to have this information and signatures are not always legible.

I am looking forward to seeing the Auxiliary and District Treasurers who attend the training session on September 9th. Bring all your questions and I will try to answer them or I promise that I will try to get the answers for you. I am anxious to meet all of you.

Many thanks to PDP and Assistant Treasurer, Rita McCabe. She has been diligently working on the IRS "recertification" project. If she is waiting for you to send the information in to her please help us ALL by providing what she has asked for.

If there is anything that I can do for you...please ask Carol

Donations Worksheet	Cancer	Spec Proj	VOD	Pat Pen	Pat Art 2D	Pat Art 3D	Conv	Hosp	Flag	St Down	VA MANCH	VA WRJ	NH Vet Ho	Thnksgrng	W&M	Misc Inc	National	Scholarship
9/1/2023														Baskets		IRS	Home	
DISTRICT #1																		
HOWARD SHAWNEY - 816																		
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520																		
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041																		
N HAVERHILL - 5245																		
							\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00									
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386																		
DISTRICT #4																		
CONCORD -1631																		
							\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00			\$600.00	\$47.00	
LACONIA - 1670																		
FRANKLIN - 1698																		
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483																		
DISTRICT #5																		
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799																		
		\$100.00					\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00								
CLAREMONT - 808																		
WINCHESTER - 3968																		
	\$210.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00					\$25.00
HINSDALE 4234																		
MILFORD 4368																		
	\$364.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00					\$500.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$45.00			\$30.00
JAFFREY - 5613																		
CHARLESTOWN - 8497																		
DISTRICT #6																		
NASHUA - 483																		
DERRY - 1617																		
	\$46.90	\$259.80	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00						\$600.00		
HUDSON - 5791																		
MERRIMACK - 8641																		
		\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00					\$50.00
PELHAM - 10722																		
DISTRICT #7																		
KINGSTON - 1088																		
MAPLE WHEADON - 4479																		
SOMERSWORTH - 4485																		
MILTON - 8393																		
OSSIPPEE - 8270																		
			\$25.00	\$25.00			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00					
Other Donations																		
Total	\$620.90	\$1,014.80	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$45.00	\$2,650.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$1,200.00	\$47.00	\$105.00

Audits 2022-2023	7/1-9/30/22	10/1-12/31/22	1/1-3/31/23	4/1-6/30-23
* After Cutoff				
DISTRICT #1	X	X	X	X
HOWARD SHAWNEY - 816	X*	X*	X	X
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520	X*	X*	X	X
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041	X	X*	X	X
N HAVERHILL - 5245	X*	X	X	X
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386				
DISTRICT #4	X	X	X	
CONCORD -1631	X	X	X	X
LACONIA - 1670	X	X	X	
FRANKLIN - 1698	X	X	X	X
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483	X	X	X	X
DISTRICT #5	X	X	X	X
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799	X	X	X	
CLAREMONT - 808	X*	X	X	
WINCHESTER - 3968	X	X	X	X
HINSDALE 4234	X*	X*	X	
MILFORD 4368	X	X	X	X
JAFFREY - 5613	X	X	X	X
CHARLESTOWN - 8497	X*	X*	X	X
DISTRICT #6	X	X	X	X
NASHUA - 483	X	X	X	X
DERRY - 1617	X	X	X	X
HUDSON - 5791	X	X	X	X
MERRIMACK - 8641	X*	X*	X	
PELHAM - 10722	X	X	X	X
DISTRICT #7	X			
KINGSTON - 1088	X*	X	X	X
MAPLE WHEADON - 4479	X	X	X	X
SOMERSWORTH -4485	X	X	X	
MILTON - 8393	X	X	X	X
OSSIPEE - 8270	X	X	X	X