



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”



It's here; November and the Holiday Season. As customary, it will be a very busy time for all of us in our private lives, as well as our Auxiliary lives, so we best get ready.

On October 28th, we had our Council of Administration meeting. It was a very good meeting and we conducted a lot of business in a short amount of time. I would like to say thank you to the Kingston Post and Auxiliary for hosting the Council Meeting followed with a very nice luncheon. Thank you, too, to Julie for setting up and explaining the new fundraiser for Department President's Special Project.

In the month of November we will have four (4) separate training sessions throughout the state for the new Reporting System. Please note the dates, times and locations included in these General Orders. Hopefully, you will be able to make at least one of them. I believe it will be very informative.

Derry held a fundraiser for the Department President Special Project. It was a great comedy show. Thank you very much to all who participated.

I would like to wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Please take a moment to remember all our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen and their families that are not together this Holiday Season.

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 #5

November 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. DEADLINE PATRIOTS PEN & VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:** The deadline for submitting your entries for Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy is that they need to be in the hands of your District VFW Commander *no later than November 15, 2023*. Please contact Scholarship Chairman Tracy Kelley with any questions.
- 2. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING:** The next Council of Administration Meeting will be held at Southern New Hampshire University on River Road in Manchester, NH on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. sharp! More specific direction will be forthcoming.
- 3. SCHOLASTIC BANQUET:** The Annual Scholastic Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024. The meet and greet will be at 2 p.m. and the Banquet is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Southern New Hampshire University on River Road in Manchester, NH. Specific details will be available shortly.
- 4. SCHOLARSHIPS:** If you would like to donate to the Scholarship programs, it would be a great time to do so now, as the Scholastic Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024. The VFW Scholarship Programs include the Voice of Democracy Program and the Patriot's Pen Program. Please be sure to note in the memo section of your check where you want the funds to go.

Donations are also being accepted for the Auxiliary's Young American Patriotic Art Program. Please note that the Young American Patriotic Art Program now consists of two separate categories, i.e., 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional, for which we give awards. Again, if your Auxiliary would like to donate to this program, please send your checks, payable to *VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of NH*, to the Department Treasurer ***and be sure to note the reason for the donation in the memo section of your check!!***

- 5. NEW REPORTING SYSTEM:** We are pleased to announce that the Department has a new and improved website and reporting system. It will be available to you very soon. To assist you in

learning to navigate the system (which appears to be more user friendly) there are four (4) training sessions scheduled around the state. Since this training is to help everyone in the Department, we hope that everyone will attend. Select the time and place best for you to attend. This should make it easier for everyone to participate. Once the new system is up and running, the old system will be removed. The scheduled dates and places for this training are as follows:

Date	Time	Place
November 12, 2023 – Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Kingston Auxiliary
November 12, 2023 - Sunday	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Merrimack Auxiliary
November 18, 2023 - Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	To Be Determined
November 19, 2023 - Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Charlestown Auxiliary

6. **THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who attended the Auxiliary & District Presidents’ training on October 7th in Franklin. It was very informative and I believe everyone learned something new.
7. **EXCITING PROJECT:** Please be sure to check the General Orders promotional materials for a great plan for the Department President’s Special Program. Chairman Julie DeRubeis is preparing a very special cookbook and would like you to assist by providing one or more recipes. Please be sure to see the details in this month’s promotional material of these General Orders. If you have any questions, please contact Julie directly. Thank you for your help.
8. **AUDITS:** A reminder that the third quarter Audit covering the period of July, August and September 2023 is due to be completed by October 31, 2023, and to be accepted by the Auxiliary and sent to the Department Treasurer to be received by her no later than November 30, 2023. **NOTE:** There are 4 Auxiliaries and 1 District currently missing Audits for the 2nd Quarter (April, May & June, 2023) or earlier, so please if you are one of these Auxiliaries, complete your Audits, have them accepted by your Auxiliary and send them to the Department Treasurer ASAP, as they are now late.
9. **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 **11 officers** (Presidents, Secretaries and/or Treasurers) at all levels in NH that are **not yet paid** for this 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. Please contact the Department Secretary to determine if your officers are on this list and please get these officers’ dues paid just as soon as possible, so they don’t need to be removed from office, per the rules of National. This is a National mandate over which the Department has no control.
10. **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY:** The theme for the Buddy Poppy Display Contest for the January 20, 2024 Council of Administration Meeting is “The Red, White and Blue”. Should you have any questions, please contact Colleen Pierce, Chairman directly (colleenpierce64@yahoo.com).
11. **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES:** If you have not yet made a donation for the Annual Christmas Parties to be held at the White River Junction VA, the Manchester VA and the NH Veterans’ Home and you wish to contribute, please be sure to send your donation to the Department Treasurer just as soon as possible. Please send your checks, payable to the **VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of NH**, to the Department Treasurer **and be sure to note the**

reason for the donation in the memo section of your check!! The currently scheduled dates for each facility are as follows specific times and details coming shortly:

- a. White River Jct. VA – Sunday, December 3, 2023
- b. NH Veterans Home – Sunday, December 10, 2023
- c. Manchester VA Medical Center, Sunday, December 17, 2023

12. **DUES:** Remember that at the National Convention held in Phoenix last July, it was voted to increase the annual dues for **next year** (not this year) 2024-2025. Please encourage your members who are not life members to look into converting to life membership. If they do, they will not have to pay dues again. The increase takes effect on July 1, 2024. Please contact the Department Treasurer for details about converting to life membership if you have any questions.

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

DISTRICT	Date	TIME	Location	Representative
1	January 13, 2024	10:00 a.m.	White Mtn Aux Berlin #2520	Tracy Kelley
4	January 28, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Concord Aux #1621 (Aux Only – Post meets in Bedford)	Buddy Nicholas
5	February 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Daley Whipple Aux Keene #799	Trish St. Germain
6	January 28, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Derry Aux #1617	Kim Copson
7	February 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Somersworth Aux #4485 (VOD)	Tracy Kelley

Per Order of:

Kim Copson
Department President 2023-2024

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Changes to the Directory:

1. Corrected address for PDP Adelaide “Bunny” Casey is 216 Lake Meadow Drive, Edgewater, Fl, 32141. Corrected phone number is 603-851-6204. No change in email address.
2. Please make the following changes regarding Jaffrey Memorial Auxiliary #5613:
 - a. Remove President Mary-Jane Ryan
 - b. Add new President Donna Bryant, 5 Dionne St, Jaffrey, NH 03452-5715; Tel: (603) 486-3463; Email: boothwaview@yahoo.com
3. Please make the following changes in your Directory regarding District #5:
 - a. Remove President Donna Tacy
 - b. Add new District #5 President Gloria Ruff; 12 Liberty Lane, Keene, NH 03431-4832; Tel. (603) 352-4046; Email: gruff4@gmail.com



From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

November 2023

Good Morning Everyone

We are at the end of the July – September quarter and if I haven't received your audit please get it in as soon as possible. Check the enclosed audit report. I know that you have until the end of November but don't wait until the last minute. Don't forget that the information that I submit is what I have received by 10/20/23. If you believe that you should have been counted as submitted email me at nhvfwauxtreas@gmail.com. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS!!

Christmas: I just want to remind all the Auxiliaries that the money that you donate is what is used for Christmas at the Manchester and White River Jct. VA hospitals as well as the NH Veterans Home. Please help us make this Christmas a happy one for our veterans.

New this year!!! I have begun to get donations for the second portion of the Patriotic Art program. In the past there was only one part but now it has been divided into the 2D Patriotic Art Award and the NEW 3D Patriotic Art Award.

I know that there are a lot of new treasurers out there and I am here to answer any questions that you may have. One that has come up recently was the number of signatures on a check. In the 2023 edition of the By Laws and Ritual, Sec. 810A "The Auxiliary President shall countersign all checks drawn by the treasurer." The same holds true of the District President. Please bear that in mind. I would be remiss if I did not return a check submitted to me with one signature. I will admit that I may miss one but don't be surprised if it gets sent back to you.



I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving

If you have any questions, please ask. Carol

Donations Worksheet	11/1/2023	Cancer	Spec Proj	VOD	Pat Pen	Pat Art 2D	Pat Art 3D	Conv	Hosp	Flag	St Down	VA MANC	VA WRJ	NH Vet Hor	Thinkingng	W&M	Misc Inc	National	Scholarship	VA Food	
DISTRICT #1																					
HOWARD SHAWNEY - 816		\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00			\$25.00			
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520																					
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041																					
N HAVERHILL - 5245		\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00							\$30.00				
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386																					
DISTRICT #4																					
CONCORD - 1631		\$600.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$600.00	\$47.00			
LACONIA - 1670																					
FRANKLIN - 1698		\$25.00						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$50.00							
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483																					
DISTRICT #5																					
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799		\$100.00						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00			\$64.00			
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	\$100.00						
HINSDALE 4234																					
MILFORD 4368		\$364.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$45.00			\$30.00	\$100.00	
JAFFREY - 5613								\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
CHARLESTOWN - 8497																					
DISTRICT #6																					
NASHUA - 483		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00						
DERRY - 1617		\$259.80						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00						\$600.00				
HUDSON - 5791		\$46.90	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00						
MERRIMACK - 8641								\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00										
PELHAM - 10722		\$300.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$500.00						
DISTRICT #7																					
KINGSTON - 1088		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00						
MAPLE WHEADON - 4479																					
SOMERSWORTH - 4485																					
MILTON - 8393																					
OSSISPEE - 8270		\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		\$234.60					
Other Donations		\$690.90	\$1,889.80	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$255.00	\$20.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$100.00	\$2,800.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$650.00	\$800.00	\$279.60	\$1,230.00	\$136.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	

Audits 2023 - 2024	7/1-9/30/22	10/1-12/31/22	1/1-3/31/23	4/1-6/30-23	7/1-9/30/23
DISTRICT #1	X	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	X
N HAVERHILL - 5245	X*	X	X	X	X
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386					
DISTRICT #4	X	X	X	X	
CONCORD -1631	X	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	X
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799	X	X	X	X	X
CLAREMONT - 808	X*	X	X	X	
WINCHESTER - 3968	X	X	X	X	X
HINSDALE 4234	X*	X*	X	X	X
MILFORD 4368	X	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	X
DISTRICT #7	X	X	X		
KINGSTON - 1088	X*	X	X	X	
MAPLE WHEADON - 4479	X	X	X	X	X
SOMERSWORTH -4485	X	X	X		
MILTON - 8393	X	X	X	X	
OSSIPEE - 8270	X	X	X	X	X