



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”



Wow! Here it is December already, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now we move on to more holiday festivities and celebrations.

I visited N. Haverhill and Franklin Auxiliaries in November. Great meetings and many items covered by both Auxiliaries. Please continue the excellent work you do for our veterans, their families and our communities. Also, thank you to Franklin for the donation that you presented at your meeting for my special project, as well as the member that made a personal donation.

I look forward to visiting more auxiliaries in December. I will be in touch shortly with the Presidents of the Auxiliaries I plan to visit.

I wish all a continued Happy Holiday Season with family and friends. Please take a moment to remember all our soldiers, sailors, airman, marines, coast guardsmen and their families that are not together this Holiday Season. Their unselfish absence from their families is the reason each of us has the freedom to enjoy the Holidays with our families.

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 #6
December 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 Southern New Hampshire University on River Road in Manchester, NH on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. sharp! *More specific directions will be forthcoming.*
2. **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.*
3. **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!!*

4. **NEW REPORTING SYSTEM:** The new reporting system is not yet fully up and running. We are working on it and will announce to everyone as soon as it is ready for you to input information. Once the new system is up and running, the old system will be removed. Please keep your reports ready to enter into the system as soon as it is ready.
5. **EXCITING PROJECT:** Please be sure to review the detailed information about the Department President's Special Project of the "cookbook" as listed in the promotional material along with these General Orders. Please be sure to get your recipe(s) to Chairman Julie DeRubeis before **January 6, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Julie directly (nhvfwauxhistorian@gmail.com). Thank you for your help.

6. **AUDITS:** A reminder that the third quarter Audit covering the period of July, August and September 2023 was due to be completed by October 31, 2023, 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 **2** Auxiliaries currently missing Audits for the 2nd Quarter (April, May & June, 2023) and **3** Auxiliaries who are missing the 3rd Quarter (July, August & September 2023), 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.
7. **MEMBERSHIP: URGENT!** 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**, by National mandate, submit a notification to National Headquarters by January 5 to relieve any non-paid officers from her/his duties. There are currently **8 officers** (Presidents, Secretaries and/or Treasurers) at the Auxiliary level in NH that are **not yet paid** for this 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. The Auxiliaries involved are: Claremont (President); Hinsdale (Treasurer); Plymouth (President, Secretary & Treasurer); Somersworth (President & Secretary); and Bartlett (Secretary). Please get these officers' dues paid ASAP, so they do not need to be removed from office, per the mandate of National. The Department has no control over this.
8. **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).
9. **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 limited to 10 people. Contact Madeline Dreusicke
 - b. Manchester VA Medical Center, Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 - c. NH Veterans Home – Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
10. **UPCOMING CHANGE IN DUES:** As you may or may not know, at the National Convention held in Phoenix last July, it was voted to increase the amount of dues to the National organization from \$5 to \$10 for annual membership for **next year (not this year)** 2024-2025. Therefore, beginning on July 1, 2024 the amount of each dues payment to be sent to our Department Treasurer will be \$16. Keeping this in mind, if your Auxiliary determines it needs to increase the amount of dues paid by each annual member all you need to do is to make a motion at your regular Auxiliary Meeting which needs to pass by a majority vote of the members present at that meeting. If you do increase the amount of dues for each annual member to pay, it would be a good idea to notify all those members of the upcoming increase in the annual dues that will begin on **July 1, 2024**, in order to ward off any confusion.

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. 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.

11. **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. Department President Kim Copson has a new addresses: 1240 Bodwell Road, Manchester, NH 03109 – Her phone number and email address remains the same.



From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

December 2023



Good Morning Everyone

For any of you who are "intrigued" by the new Treasurers Module that has been released...If you feel confident in trying it out please do. For those of you who would like to review it further...that may be a good idea. My suggestion to you is that if you are going to use it, PLEASE be certain that you are confident that your auxiliary records are balanced and correct. If I were going to use it I would be begin by uploading from the first of the Auxiliary year (July 1st). I will be available at the January C of A for any questions that you may have. BE SURE TO DOWLOAD THE USER GUIDE PROVIDED AND READ IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU START.

A few things that have come to my attention...please be sure that you have the President's and the Treasurer's signature on your checks and ALL checks should be made payable to Dept of NH, VFWA. Remember that next year dues will be going up! Treasurers will need to send \$16 per annual member. The National portion of dues will go from \$5 to \$10. Encourage your members to get a Life Membership.

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. It's not too late to send your donations in.

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. Please check the donations worksheet.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Happy Holidays to all of you! Be safe and enjoy your family! Carol

Donations Worksheet	12/1/2023	Cancer	Spec Prof	VOD	Pat Pen	Pat Art 2D	Pat Art 3D	Conv	Hosp	Flag	St Down	VA MANCH	VA WRU	NH Vet Ho	Thinksgvg	Baskets	W&M	Misc Inc	IRS	National Home	Scholarship	VA Food Pantry	
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	\$50.00				\$25.00			
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$20.00			
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041		\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00						\$30.00			
N HAVERHILL - 5245																							
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386																							
DISTRICT #4																							
CONCORD -1631		\$600.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$600.00		\$47.00			
LACONIA - 1670		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
FRANKLIN - 1698		\$25.00						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
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		\$210.00	\$105.12	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00								
WINCHESTER - 3968																							
HINSDALE 4234		\$364.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$500.00					
MILFORD 4368								\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
JAFFREY - 5613		\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00						\$100.00			
CHARLESTOWN - 8497																							
DISTRICT #6																							
NASHUA - 483		\$100.00	\$259.80	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00				\$600.00			
DERRY - 1617		\$856.00	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$150.00							
HUDSON - 5791		\$469.00	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
MERRIMACK - 8641		\$300.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$500.00							
PELHAM - 10722																							
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	\$25.00					\$25.00		
MARPLE WHEADON - 4479																							
SOMERSWORTH - 4485																							
MILTON - 8393		\$100.00		\$25.00	\$25.00			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$300.00							
OSSISPEE - 8270		\$374.60		\$25.00	\$25.00			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$250.00							
Other Donations		\$1,581.90	\$2,429.52	\$340.00	\$340.00	\$315.00	\$55.00	\$225.00	\$235.00	\$120.00	\$2,925.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,220.00	\$2,255.00	\$436.00	\$1,740.00	\$256.00	\$150.00	\$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	X
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520	X*	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	X	X	X	X	X
DISTRICT #4	X	X	X	X	X
CONCORD -1631	X	X	X	X	X
LACONIA - 1670	X	X	X	X	X
FRANKLIN - 1698	X	X	X	X	X
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483	X	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	X
CHARLESTOWN - 8497	X*	X*	X	X	
DISTRICT #6	X	X	X	X	X
NASHUA - 483	X	X	X	X	X
DERRY - 1617	X	X	X	X	X
HUDSON - 5791	X	X	X	X	X
MERRIMACK - 8641	X*	X*	X	X	X
PELHAM - 10722	X	X	X	X	X
DISTRICT #7	X	X	X	X	X
KINGSTON - 1088	X*	X	X	X	X
MAPLE WHEADON - 4479	X	X	X	X	X
SOMERSWORTH -4485	X	X	X		
MILTON - 8393	X	X	X	X	X
OSSIPEE - 8270	X	X	X	X	X