



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”



Hello Everyone,

The year is really flying by. I can't believe it's February already. I want to wish everyone a very **Happy Valentine's Day!!** Please remember the National Salute to Veteran Patients month and get your Valentine Cards to Madeline by February 10th, so she can get them delivered to the VA Medical Center in Manchester and the NH Veterans Home in Tilton in time for Valentine's Day. Thank you.

January 20, 2024 was our Council of Administration Meeting in Manchester; I hope it was informative to everyone that attended. Later in the afternoon we enjoyed the Scholastic Banquet and awarded the prizes to the Teachers of the Year and to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners. It was wonderful to be able to recognize all the students and the teachers for all that they do and will continue to do. Congratulations to the winners and best of luck to both of them. Our VOD winner, Thatcher L. Debowski, was sponsored by the Nashua Post; the Patriot's Pen winner, Wenonah M. Brewer-Nyborg, was sponsored by Littleton.

Now, Bob and I are getting ready for the Mid-Year Cruise, which we are very excited to attend. We will definitely be sharing pictures and stories when we get back.

Thank you to Tracy and Trish who have worked diligently on the new reporting system to get it up and running. Please check the GO's for information about how to access the reporting system and if you have any questions, I am sure Tracy or Trish would be happy to assist you.

I look forward to visiting more Auxiliaries in February and I will be in touch with the Presidents of the Auxiliaries that I plan to visit.

We are getting there with membership; if you have not paid your 2024 dues yet, you will need to do so ASAP.

As we continue to work together, we will continue to help our veterans, sisters and brothers of this great organization. Thank you all for all you do!!

Thanks, Kim Copson
President
Dept of NH
2023-2024



Department of New Hampshire
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

General Orders #8
February 1, 2024

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 Holiday Inn Concord Downtown on Main Street in Concord, NH on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. sharp! The specific room will be noted in the next General Orders.
2. **TESTIMONIAL – Department President:** A Testimonial Dinner is scheduled for the Department President on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Concord Downtown with the Reception at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Ticket price will be available shortly.
A block of rooms is set aside for the VFW Auxiliary, which will be held until March 20, 2024. The cost is \$139 plus tax per night. If you wish to make overnight room reservations, please make your reservation by the deadline and use the following booking link:
https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=ccddt&checkInDate=19&checkInMonthYear=032024&checkOutDate=21&checkOutMonthYear=032024&_PMID=99801505&GPC=VFW&cn=no&viewfullsite=truemark
If you need to contact the hotel directly, the telephone number is 603/224-9534. Be sure to mention **VFW Auxiliary** to receive the special rate.
3. **TESTIMONIAL – Department Commander:** A Testimonial Dinner will be held for the Department Commander on Saturday, April 13, 2014 at the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa in Whitefield, NH. Details will be forthcoming.
4. **YOUNG AMERICAN PATRIOTIC ART PROGRAM:** Donations are currently being accepted. Please note that this Program now consists of **two separate categories**, i.e., 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional, for which we give awards. So, 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 Carol Harvey **and be sure to note the reason for the donation in the memo section of your check!!**
5. **NEW REPORTING SYSTEM:** The new reporting system is up and running. **To access the site**, go to **vwauxnh.org**; on far right click on LOGIN; next screen click “Member Only”. Enter your

Member ID # and the password is your last name with capitalized first letter (you can change your password when you get in). Next screen on the left you will see a list of items in red. Click on the Program Reporting. This will take you to the reporting section and just follow directions from there. Should you have any questions about maneuvering or entering information in the site, please contact Tracy Kelley tracyk372@yahoo.com or Trish St. Germain trishvfw@gmail.com directly for assistance. The non-reporting sections are being updated, so you may find either no information available as yet or information that does not pertain to New Hampshire. Tracy and Trish are working on this to get this portion up and running as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.

6. **AUDITS:**

a. A reminder that the third quarter Audit covering the period of October, November and December 2023 was due to be completed by January 31, 2024, to be accepted by the Auxiliary and sent to the Department Treasurer to be received by her no later than **February 29, 2024**. NOTE: There is **1** Auxiliary currently missing the Audit for the 2nd Quarter (April, May & June, 2023) and **3** Auxiliaries who are missing the 3rd Quarter Audits (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.

b. In this mailing you will find an **Updated AUDIT form** which Department Treasurer Carol Harvey is asking everyone to use. It is much easier for her to review the audits if they are all in the **same format**, so please begin using the form included with this General Orders right away. If you have questions, please contact Carol.

7. **MEMBERSHIP:** Thank you to all who helped bring the Department to 92.43% in membership to this point. Our Membership Chairman has two very exciting awards available. The details can be read in her promotional material included with this mailing. The awards are:

a. First, a total of **\$4 dollars for each new and/or unpaid dues** paid from January 20, 2024 through February 29, 2024 (to be confirmed on the MALTA March 1, 2024 Report) as long as the funds last. If members are having difficulty paying their dues this year you might offer your Auxiliary's help, which funds may be used from the Relief Fund for this purpose. So be sure to get those dues in quickly!!

b. Second, your Auxiliary can get a chance in a drawing for **\$500** for attaining or converting a minimum of 10 new life or annual conversion to life memberships, covering the period of July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (to be confirmed on the MALTA June 1, 2024 Report). Please be sure to read carefully the Membership promotional material included with this mailing, where **every Auxiliary** can receive cash awards for February. Also, 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.

If you have questions or need help or assistance, please contact the Membership Chairman Trish St. Germain trishvfw@gmail.com.

8. **BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY:** The theme for the Buddy Poppy Display Contest for the April 20, 2024 Council of Administration Meeting is “**Military Children**”. Should you have any questions, please contact Colleen Pierce, Chairman, directly at (colleenpierce64@yahoo.com).

9. **NATIONAL REQUIREMENT:** Because the main reason that we are an organization is to help our veterans, National requires that “All Auxiliaries **MUST** complete at least one project, activity or donation that benefits veterans by April 30, 2024. If not, the Department **MUST** submit a request for a suspension of an Auxiliary by that date.” As of this writing, there are five (5) Auxiliaries who are not yet listed on the monthly donation report form from the Department Treasurer as having made any donations. If your Auxiliary hasn’t yet donated to a project or activity that benefits the veterans, please vote at your next Auxiliary meeting to do so and then please send your Auxiliary check for the donation in any amount to the Department Treasurer Carol Harvey at 18 Sylvan Way, Wells, ME 04090 as soon as possible. This way your Auxiliary will be able to check off that requirement now. Those Auxiliaries who are not yet reported are Plymouth, Claremont, Hinsdale, Raymond and Somersworth. Thank you very much.

10. **UPCOMING CHANGE IN DUES:** A reminder that at the amount of dues to the National organization will change from \$5 to \$10 beginning July 1, 2024, which makes the amount of each dues payment to be sent to our Department Treasurer \$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.

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

DISTRICT	Date	TIME	Location	Representative
1	April 20, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Howard Shawney Aux Littleton #816	Julie DeRubeis
4	April 14, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Concord Aux #1621	Buddy Nicholas
5	February 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Daley Whipple Aux Keene #799	Trish St. Germain
6	April 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Merrimack Aux #8641	Tracy Kelley
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. Please correct the email address of Americanism Chairman Deborah Milligan on the “Program and Other Chairman” page to read ffemtb.milligan@gmail.com. It incorrectly shows only one letter “l” and it needs to be two letters “ll”.



From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

February 2024

Good morning, Everyone.

As of the last C of A, PDP Rita McCabe has submitted the paperwork needed to finally have all our auxiliaries, except one, reassigned their non-profit status. We are hopeful that this final auxiliary will be entered soon as we are just waiting for one more piece of paperwork. This is a project that has been ongoing for a long time and many thanks to Rita for all the hard work she has put into this! The Department of NH VFW Auxiliary has paid for many of the smaller auxiliaries. There are auxiliaries who donated their \$600 fee if they could afford it and in one case their Post paid the fee. We thank all of you who did. If your auxiliary finds that they can contribute ANY amount, however small, we would appreciate it.

Please be sure and check the attached Donations Worksheet as well as the Audits received. Please let me know if there are any issues but remember that the cut-off is the 20th of the preceding month. Please pay close attention to the Audit worksheet. Conventions will be here before you know it and remember you cannot vote at a District, Department or National Convention if you are not up to date on your audits!

Don't forget that we are still collecting for various programs and welcome your participation. New this year is the 3D Patriotic Art Award established by National President, Jane Reape. There are not a lot of contributions to this program so if you find that your auxiliary has a few extra dollars....?

Just a word about the "Scholarship" contributions that I receive. The Department of NH does not have a "Scholarship" Program. We have VOD, Patriots Pen etc. but not "Scholarship". I am still receiving checks for "Scholarship". I will be contacting you about where you would like this money to go.

The Membership Chrm., Trish St Germain has offered some great incentives for membership. Remember that a member who has not paid their 2024 dues is not a member in good standing currently but that is easily corrected if he/she pays their dues now.

Stay warm and safe. Carol

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	10/1-12/31
DISTRICT #1	X	X	X	X	X	
HOWARD SHAWNEY - 816	X	X	X	X	X	
WHITE MOUNTAIN - 2520	X	X	X	X	X	X
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041	X	X	X	X	X	
N HAVERHILL - 5245	X	X	X	X	X	X
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386	X	X	X	X		
DISTRICT #4	X	X	X	X	X	
CONCORD -1631	X	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	X
JAFFREY - 5613	X	X	X	X	X	
CHARLESTOWN - 8497	X	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	X
MERRIMACK - 8641	X	X	X	X	X	
PELHAM - 10722	X	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	X
SOMERSWORTH -4485	X	X	X			
MILTON - 8393	X	X	X	X	X	X
OSSIPEE - 8270	X	X	X	X	X	

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	Thinksvng Baskets	W&M	Misc Inc IRS	National Home	Scholarship	VA Food Pantry
2/1/2024																			
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	\$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					
JOHN W WEEKS - 3041	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00		
N HAVERHILL - 5245	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00						
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386	\$25.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$16.66		\$30.00				
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	\$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	\$100.00	\$100.00					
FRANKLIN - 1698	\$25.00						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$100.00					
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483											\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00						
DISTRICT #5																			
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799			\$50.00	\$50.00			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00			\$64.00		
CLAREMONT - 808																			
WINCHESTER - 3968	\$210.00	\$105.12	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$200.00			\$25.00	
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					\$30.00	
JAFFREY - 5613			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$45.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
CHARLESTOWN - 8497																			
DISTRICT #6																			
NASHUA - 483		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$50.00					
DERRY - 1617	\$856.00	\$259.80	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$600.00				
HUDSON - 5791	\$46.90	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00					
MERRIMACK - 8641			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00					
PELHAM - 10722		\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$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	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$300.00				\$10.00	
OSSIPEE - 8270		\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$250.00					
Other Donations		\$374.60												\$381.00					
Total	\$1,641.90	\$2,616.52	\$485.00	\$505.00	\$410.00	\$200.00	\$270.00	\$280.00	\$155.00	\$2,960.00	\$1,281.67	\$1,381.67	\$1,371.66	\$2,305.00	\$636.00	\$1,740.00	\$256.00	\$140.00	\$100.00