



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”



Happy New Year!! Hope everyone’s Holidays with family and friends was wonderful.

In November I visited Nashua Auxiliary. Thank you again, Nashua, for adjusting your meeting time so I could make the visit. In December I visited Pelham and Raymond. Great meetings and many items covered by all the Auxiliaries.

Bob and I got to visit the White River Junction VA, Manchester VA and NH Veterans Home in Tilton for their Christmas celebrations. It was great to see the smiles on the veterans’ faces when we gave them a small gift and/or cards and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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

We are slowly getting there with membership. Hopefully, all members not paid for 2024 will get their dues in ASAP. Trish thank you for all you are doing to get the membership to 100% plus. Also, thank you to all the Auxiliaries for your efforts as well as with the membership.

As we continue to work 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 #7
January 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 Southern New Hampshire University on River Road in Manchester, NH on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. sharp! *See specific directions included in the attachments with these GOs.*
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. Reservation deadline to purchase tickets was December 31, 2023, but you could contact Chris Pierce, Dept. QM in case he receives any cancellations.
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 make your checks payable to VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of NH and be sure to note in the memo section of your check where you want the funds to go. All checks should be sent to the Department Treasurer Carol Harvey.

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 Carol Harvey **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 up and running. **To access the site, please read the attachment included with these General Orders.** Should you have any questions about maneuvering or entering information in the site, please contact Tracy Kelley or Trish St. Germain directly for assistance.
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 October, November and December 2023 is 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 28, 2024**. NOTE: There is **1** Auxiliary currently missing the Audit for the 2nd Quarter (April, May & June, 2023) and **2** 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:** Thank you to all who helped bring the Department to 87.41% in membership to this point. We still have a lot of work to do to reach 100%. Unfortunately, any member whose dues was not paid as of December 31st is considered not in good standing by National. Therefore, it is extremely important that these members be contacted right away. So please contact all of your unpaid members immediately to obtain their dues or to offer to help if they are having difficulties paying their dues this year. If you need help or assistance, please contact the Membership Chairman Trish St.Germain, the Department President or the Department Secretary. We are all here to help wherever we can.
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 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 by that date.”

We know that all of our Auxiliaries are working hard for our veterans, but as of this writing, there are seven (7) 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 Berlin, Bartlett, Claremont, Hinsdale, Raymond, Somersworth and Milton. 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 for annual membership for **next 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.
2. PDP Stephanie Baron has a new address: 55 Hummingbird Drive, . Merrimack, NH 03054



From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

January 2024

Good morning, Everyone.

The beginning of a new calendar year but not our membership year. Remember if a member has not paid their annual dues by now, they are no longer a member in good standing ... HOWEVER, it's not too late. Their dues can still be submitted, and they will retain their continuous member status. This is important if they ever must apply for a Cancer Grant. You must have been a member in good standing for at least one year to be eligible for that grant. You may, however, apply for two grants if needed. Twelve months must have passed between the first grant and the second. I am attaching a copy of the application, should anyone have questions.

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". National does have a Scholarship Program and will accept donations through MALTA but they advise us that it is fully funded. If you have any questions on this, please let me know.

I will be available at the January C of A if anyone has any questions regarding the Bookkeeping module available to all Treasurers. If I can't answer the question, I will certainly try to get an answer for you.

See you all in January at the C of A. Carol

Cancer Grant Application

Instructions:

- * Member must meet eligibility requirements below.
- * Member and Physician sections must be completed legibly and in their entirety. If member is unable to sign, a Power of Attorney (POA) may sign. If POA signs, then POA documentation must be submitted.
- * If the member is deceased, next of kin may submit application with documentation of proof of death such as obituary, doctor's letter, death certificate, etc. Application and proof of death must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters within 30 days of member's passing.
- * Grants will ONLY be made payable to the VFW Auxiliary member.
- * Do NOT send any other supporting documents, as it will not be considered.
- * **Mail** original, completed application to:

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
 Attn: Cancer Grants
 406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
 Kansas City, MO 64111



Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicant must be a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one (1) full year and current dues must be paid.
- 2) After twelve (12) months have passed from date of diagnosis or last treatment, application will be rejected.
- 3) A member is allowed two grants during lifetime.

Twelve (12) months must elapse between new diagnosis and/or treatment from date of first grant.

Continuous treatment which lasts beyond the twelve (12) month period may qualify for a second grant.

THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY MEMBER	THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN
Membership ID #	Type of cancer diagnosed
Auxiliary Post #	Date diagnosed with this cancer (MM/DD/YYYY)
Member's Name (as shown on membership card)	Last date of treatment for this cancer (MM/DD/YYYY)
Date of Birth (MM/DD/ YYYY)	Physicain's Office / Hospital Name
Email Address	Phone Number
Phone Number	Physician's Name
Street Address	Street Address
City, State and ZIP Code	City, State and ZIP Code
Date Member Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)	Date Physician Signed (MM/DD/YYYY)
Member's Signature	Physician's Signature

By submission of this application, you grant authority for the VFW Auxiliary to contact the attending physician. If grant is approved, funds must be deposited within six months or the grant is forfeited. REV. 6-18

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	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



IMPORTANT DATE

Tuesday

January 23, 2024



PRIMARY VOTING DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

GET OUT THE VOTE

AND

GET OUT AND VOTE

New Hampshire has the distinction of being the “**First In The Nation**” Presidential Election Primary. With all the current problems in our country it is especially important that **you exercise the freedom that all our veterans put their lives on the line for** and that is to **CAST YOUR VOTE** and **encourage others to vote, too!**

Let’s show the rest of America and the world how much New Hampshire appreciates our Veterans and their sacrifices by casting **YOUR** ballot and by getting others to vote on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, as well. So, make plans today to get to your voting booth to cast your ballot and you can say:



THANK YOU!!

A Proud Citizen and Member

