



“Challenging the Needs of Our Veterans”

Greeting Members,

I will be in Washington, DC on Sunday through Tuesday for Washington Conference and Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners. I am looking forward to escorting our New Hampshire winner to the stage with Department Commander Denis.

Bob and I went on the Mid-Winter Cruise and we had a fantastic time. There was a Council of Administration Meeting first for business and then our Ambassadors addressed how we are all doing on programs and sending in communication to them. New Hampshire is doing well.

The cruise was a great time to relax and meet with our counterparts from other states to talk about what they have been doing and are continuing to do for all our veterans. It was so fantastic that we have planned a cruise for October of 2025!!

I look forward to visiting more of our Auxiliaries in March as well. I will be in touch with the Presidents of the Auxiliaries I plan to visit.

We are working hard on membership to reach our goal of 100%. If you have not paid your 2024 dues you will need to do so ASAP so your membership does not lapse.

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

Thanks,
Kim Copson, Department President 2023-2024



Happy St. Patrick's Day
and
Happy Easter





Department of New Hampshire
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

General Orders #9
March 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!
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. Please see attachment included with these General Orders.

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=true&mark

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. **LOVE GIFT:** Anyone or any Auxiliary who would like to be included in the love gift to our Department President Kim should send their check to Francine Gregory, Sr. Vice President, at 9 Florence Avenue, Rindge, NH 03461. Please see attachment included with these General Orders.
4. **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. See reservation form with these General Orders.

5. **DISTRICT DELEGATES:** March is the month for electing District Delegates & Alternates. Please be sure to include this election in your March meeting. To count in the membership, the members' dues must be paid and be in good standing. There is one Delegate and one Alternate for every 15 paid members of the Auxiliary *on the date of the election*. A form is enclosed for you to complete and send to your District Secretary. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact President Kim Copson or Secretary Linda Meader who will be able to assist you.
6. **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!!* If you have entries, please review the promotion information included with these General Orders for the deadlines and to make plans to get the submissions to the Department Chairman Tracy Kelley.
7. **NEW REPORTING SYSTEM:** The new reporting system is up and running. **To access the site**, go to vfwauxnh.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.
8. **AUDITS:** 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 are **2** Auxiliaries and **1** District currently missing the Audit for the 3rd Quarter Audits (July, August & September 2023) and **16** Auxiliaries and **3** Districts who are missing the 4th Quarter Audits (October, November & December 2023), so please if you are one of these Auxiliaries or Districts, complete your Audits, have them accepted by your Auxiliary and send them to the Department Treasurer ASAP, as they are now late. You can check the list in these General Orders prepared by the Department Treasurer to see if you are on this list.
9. **MEMBERSHIP:** Thank you to all who helped bring the Department to **94.14%** in membership as of midnight February 27th. Our Membership Chairman has an ongoing award available. The award is your Auxiliary has 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). So please encourage your members who are not life members to look into converting to life membership. If they do, they will never 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.

10. **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).
11. **DECEASED MEMBERS:** Each year our members who have passed away this year are included in the Memorial Service Program at the Annual Department Convention. In order to include their names, you need to notify the Department Chaplain Buddy Nicholas so he can compile the list. There is a form included with these General Orders to complete and send to Buddy by email (nnicholas1299@gmail.com) or by U.S. Mail (PO Box 534 W. Ossipee, NH 03890). Buddy would also like to remind you that any deceased member during this year is to be reported to National ***after July 1, 2024***.
12. **NATIONAL REQUIREMENT:** Because the main reason for our 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 conducted an activity that benefits the veterans, please vote at your next Auxiliary meeting to do so and then please send your Auxiliary check for any 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 Claremont, Hinsdale, Raymond and Somersworth. Thank you very much.
13. **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.

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

DISTRICT	Date	TIME	Location	Representative
1	April 13, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Howard Shawney Aux Littleton #816	Julie DeRubeis
4	April 14, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Awaiting Info to confirm place & date	Buddy Nicholas
5	April 21, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Harley Sanford Aux Milford #4368	Tracy Kelley
6	April 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Merrimack Aux #8641	Kim Copson
7	April 21, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Portsmouth #168	Julie DeRubeis

Per Order of:

Kim Copson
 Department President 2023-2024

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From the Desk of the Department Treasurer

March 2024

Good morning, Everyone.

The weather this winter has certainly been a challenge. Those of you in the North Country have not gotten the snow that you need for skiing and snowmobiling and those of us who live on the coast have certainly been challenged by the bad weather that we have had.

Like the weather, membership has produced its own kind of challenges. Please review your rosters to see who you have missed. Is someone you know having a hard time and needs just a little help? I hope that you all took advantage of the incentives that have been offered in the membership program.

As I said in my letter last month, several auxiliaries were able to help us with the IRS monies that we needed to move forward with the re-certification of our tax-exempt status. If you can help us recoup some of the monies that we spent, we would certainly appreciate it. No amount of money is too small.

I hope that we will see many of you attending the workshop on Delegates and Alternates as well as Installation Reports on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Franklin VFW Post. It is scheduled for 9 AM -12 PM and I know that there will be a lot of much-needed information available.

There is still time to contribute to the various programs if you have not already done so. Please take a look at the enclosed donation sheets.

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	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	X
MOUNT PROSPECT - 4483	X	X	X	X	X	
DISTRICT #5	X	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	X
PELHAM - 10722	X	X	X	X	X	X
DISTRICT #7	X	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 Hor	Thanksgvng	W&M	Misc Inc	National	Scholarship	VA Food	
														Baskets		IRS	Home		Pantry	
DISTRICT #1																				
3/1/2024																				
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	\$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	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00			\$30.00				
FRANCIS P MURPHY - 5386	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$16.67	\$16.67	\$16.66							
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	\$5.00	\$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						
IMOUNT PROSPECT - 4483											\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00							
DISTRICT #5																				
DALEY WHIPPLE - 799	\$50.00						\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00			\$64.00			
CLAREMONT - 808	\$252.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00																
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	\$25.00		\$500.00				\$30.00
JAFFREY - 5613							\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00						\$100.00
CHARLESTOWN - 8497	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00			\$100.00			\$50.00
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	\$50.00						
DERRY - 1617	\$856.00	\$1,030.80	\$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	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$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			\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00						
Other Donations		\$374.60												\$250.00	\$381.00					
Total	\$1,641.90	\$3,462.52	\$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	\$140.00	\$100.00