

VFW Auxiliary Department of Pennsylvania http://www.pavfwaux.org

717-232-7604

General Orders No.1 July 2022-23

Greetings,

It was a distinct honor to be elected and installed as your Department President for 2022-2023. And, I have each of you to thank for your encouragement and enthusiasm. You inspire me and make me proud to serve.

Respect...Honor...Remember

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers. Welcome to the team whose #1 priority shall be to treat one another with **respect and kindness**.

I believe it is important to remember that to grow we need to change. Doing the same things in the same way with the same people doing them, we will die. Sometimes we need to let go and sometimes we need to step aside. New leadership brings new ideas and growth. Change can be good.

Reminders for Auxiliaries

It is the duty of the Auxiliary Secretary to file the Installation Report in MALTA preferably by **June 30**, but no later than July 31. And it is the responsibility of the Auxiliary President to ensure the task is completed. If not filed by the deadline the Department Headquarters must submit a request to National requesting to suspend that Auxiliary.

All Auxiliaries must be bonded by July 31.

Instructional Training shall be July 8-9 at the Ramada Conference Center, 1450 South Atherton Street in State College. This educational 2-day event shall be for the benefit of the Department District Presidents and Program Chairmen. I am looking forward to spending time with each of you.

Our upcoming **Training Workshop** (the former Fall Conference or if you prefer the, Program Leadership Conference) shall be held on August 12-14, also at the Ramada Conference Center. This will be a 2-day training seminar with various topics being introduced, breakout sessions, and several guest speakers. This event has been planned to provide something for **every Auxiliary member**.

I **strongly recommend** that at least one member from each Auxiliary attend. I have asked Jodie Hollinger and Sarah Smith to be the event co-chairmen and they have a full educational and training agenda scheduled. I hope your schedule will allow for you to attend and take advantage of this wonderful learning weekend.

Something new this year will be the **VFW Auxiliary On The Road Training**. The PA VFWA line officers, with assistance from staff, shall be traveling to three locations within PA to provide a full training day addressing subjects such as *"Is that Audit Correct? What's your Chain of Command, What's Those Programs About?"* We will be at VFW Post 4909, District 11, 401 Main St., Dupont, PA 18641 on Saturday, July 30; on August 14, VFW Post 6631, District 17, 940 US-522, Selinsgrove, PA 17870; and, on August 27, VFW Post 2145, District 19, 603 Liberty St., Clarion, PA 16214. Training is from 9:30 A.M. – to 4:30 P.M. Contact Bobbie Lawrence, Department Chief of Staff, at 814.229.8878 for more details and to reserve your seat. The deadline for reserving a seat is July 22.

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary **National Convention** will be in Kansas City, Missouri July 15-21. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the VFW Auxiliary 109th National Convention LiveStream. The livestream will conclude on Thursday, July 21, with the election and installation of the 2022-2023 National Officers.

This year our **Council of Administration** meetings will be available via Zoom to those cannot be present. Simply download the Zoom app and call Department Headquarters for the link and additional instructions to connect. All State Officers, including District Presidents, shall be present at each Council of Administration meeting. The Department President shall be the approving authority for any District President's absence.

Making A Difference

Please permit me to retell this story. A young woman was walking along the beach one sunny, warm morning. There was a storm the night before and several starfish were left stranded on the sandy beach when the tide went back out. While walking she was picking up live starfish and throwing them back into the Atlantic Ocean.

An elderly man, also walking the beach, had been silently observing her actions for several minutes when he approached her and inquired about why she was throwing starfish back into the ocean. The young woman stated, "the starfish are alive and by throwing them back, I can save their life." The gentleman said, "do you not realize that there are many miles of beach, and you cannot possibly make a difference"?

The young woman listened politely then bent down to pick-up another starfish and threw it into the water. "It made a difference to that one!"

Just as she was able to make a difference for that one starfish, your active involvement with the VFW Auxiliary can make a difference in the life of that one veteran and his/her family.

YES, we can and do make a difference.

Patriotic Trivia: How well do you know your red, white, and blue?

Members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment perform what duty? Email me at <u>valeriedecorte50@gmail.com</u> with your answer. Please include your name and which Auxiliary you are a member of. The first correct response received will be posted on our Department Facebook page.

Veterans & Family Support
Barger Golf Outing
Extension & Revitalization
Historian
Hospital
Membership
On the Road Training
TIPS
Women Veterans' Retreat

IMPORTANT DATES

2022

July 4 – Department Headquarters Closed for July 4th Holiday

July 8 & 9 – Instructional Weekend (Invitation Only)

July 15 -21 – National Convention, Kansas City, MO

July 30 - On Road Training, Dupont #4909 – 9:30 to 4:30

August 12 & 13 – Training Workshop, State College (Everyone welcomed & encouraged)

August 14 - On Road Traini ng, Selinsgrove #6631 – 9:30 to 4:30

August 27 - On Road Training, Clarion #2145 – 9:30 to 4:30

October 14-15 VFW Commander's Testimonial Weekend

Until you hear from me again, be strong, be safe, and be kind.

BY ORDER OF: ATTEST:

Valerie DeCorte Jodie Hollinger

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Department President Department Secretary/Treasurer

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Extension & Revitalization(Formerly called Chief of Staff/Extension Program)

There are many unaffiliated Posts (Posts with no Auxiliary) in Pennsylvania. Is there one in your District? Reach out to the Post Commander and ask if he/she would consider starting an Auxiliary. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me. Auxiliaries are vital in assisting our Comrades.

Mentoring for Leadership

Do you have members of your Auxiliary who do not come to the meetings? Maybe they are afraid they cannot physically help with projects? Maybe they just need a nudge to come to meetings? Give them a call and let them know they are wanted and needed. Sit with the new member and answer their questions. Every member is of great value to the organization!

Catch them when they're new
Ask them to participate
Remember what it was like to be new
Engage them in a program that fits them

We "Respect...Honor...Remember" our Veterans and have "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care."

Bobbie Lawrence, Department Chairman 814-229-8878 Auxiliary2145@hotmail.com

DONATIONS FOR HOSPITAL REQUESTS IN GENERAL ORDERS AND MAILED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

1.	BUTLER VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
2.	COATESVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
3.	DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS CENTER	\$
4.	ERIE VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
5.	GINO J MERLI VETERANS CENTER	\$
6.	H J HEINZ III PROGRESSIVE CARE CENTER	\$
7.	HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS HOME	\$
8.	JAMES VANZANDT VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
9.	LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
10.	OAKLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
11.	PENNA SOLDIERS & SAILORS HOME	\$
12.	CPL MICHAEL J. CRESCENZ VAMC (PHILA.)	\$
13.	SOUTHEASTERN VETERANS CENTER	\$
14.	SOUTHWESTERN VETERANS CENTER	\$
15.	WILKES-BARRE VA MEDICAL CENTER	\$
16.	ALLENTOWN OUTPATIENT CLINIC	\$
17.	CHRISTMAS CANTEEN FUND(ONLY TIL 10/31)	\$
	IF RECEIVED AFTER 10/31 IT WILL GO IN DE	PT. FUND
18.	DEPARTMENT HOSPITAL FUND	\$

PLEASE NOTE: NO MONIES ARE DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITALS. FOR YOU TO RECEIVE CREDIT, ALL MONIES MUST GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND EARMARKED CLEARLY FOR THE NAME OF THE HOSPITAL AND FUNCTION OR EVENT.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VFWAUXILIARY DEPT OF PA

MAIL TO: VFW Auxiliary, Department of PA

4002 Fenton Avenue

Harrisburg PA 17109-5943

HISTORIAN

GENERAL ORDERS #1 July 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My name is Kristin DiGiacomo, and I've been appointed as the 2022-2023 Historian & Media Relations Chairman for the Department of Pennsylvania.

As we slowly begin to return to the way of pre-pandemic life, we must make sure that we are spreading the word about our VFW Auxiliaries and our activities. At the Auxiliary, District and Department levels, our Historians are the voices that get the word out about our Auxiliary to our communities! As our Auxiliary grows, we must continue to reach out to both members and non-members to tell the story of who we are, what we do, how we help our veterans (and families) and to educate others about our nation's patriotic traditions.

It's imperative that we communicate with <u>both</u> our traditional media outlets (television, radio, newspapers, etc.) as well as our digital & social media outlets (email, Auxiliary websites, Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

I'm sure you might be thinking that social media seems scary or intimidating, but please don't allow that to become an excuse. This is a wonderful way to involve one of your tech-savvy members of your Auxiliary, or a family member or student who can assist you in learning how to navigate and utilize these new forms of digital media. Be willing to learn new ways to preserve your Auxiliary's memories!

It's time for us to let everyone know what we do and who we are as an organization! When you're holding a function, be sure to invite your local media, take lots of pictures, set up a photo booth with props to match the event.

I urge everyone to keep our history alive and thriving, it's vital to our future and preserves our past. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I'm here to help you along the way.

I am truly looking forward to working with you all on this program! As we move forward leading with "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care," let us be ever mindful to "Respect...Honor...Remember" all those who have given so much for us, that we may be here today.

Loyally,

Kristin DiGiacomo

Kristin DiGiacomo Historian & Media Relations Chairman k.digi@pitt.edu | 412-867-0021



MEMBERSHIP "Every Member Matters"

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AS I'M WRITING THIS THE DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA IS SITTING AT 102.9% IN MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022, AND I'M HOPING THAT WHEN YOU ARE READING THIS, WE CRESTED THE 103% MARK. WOOT, WOOT!!



REMEMBER THAT OUR DUES YEAR IS BASED ON A CALENDAR YEAR, SO WE BEGIN NOW, COLLECTING DUES FOR 2023. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A GRACE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, EVERYONE SHOULD PAY THEIR DUES FOR THE NEXT YEAR BEFORE THE YEAR STARTS (By December 31, 2022). THINK OF IT, JUST AS YOU WOULD FOR ANY OTHER IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP YOU HAVE: A GYM, A WHOLESALE CLUB, A REWARDS PROGRAM, ETC.



Although our overall membership surpassed 100% last year, our Member Retention was stalled at 90%. Let's work really hard to show our current members how much they mean to us, how much they are needed, and how much we want them to remain members:



SUGGESTIONS FOR RETAINING MEMBERS:

Be POSITIVE. WELCOME new members and INTRODUCE them to others.

KEEP all members INVOLVED. DO NOT OVERLOAD ANY ONE MEMBER!!!

ASSIGN new members to "FUN" committees. Get them INVOLVED, ASAP.

KEEP ALL members INFORMED with a NEWSLETTER. Treat all members with RESPECT.

ANNOUNCE special projects several months in advance.

Ask members for INPUT. FIND OUT which programs INTEREST them and what they are already DOING in the COMMUNITY. LISTEN to new IDEAS.

HELP members who volunteer, DON'T ASSUME they know what to do.

Do not form "GROUPS" that exclude others from involvement.

DO NOT let any single member ASSUME OWNERSHIP of the AUXILIARY or TREASURY.

Provide MENTORS for new members. Do not leave new members "ON THEIR OWN."

Keep the Auxiliary VISIBLE through Community Involvement.

This year's Membership Program is all about **Building**, **Reenforcing and Reuniting Connections** to ensure that **Every Member Matters**. We want new members to feel welcomed, current members to feel needed, and disengaged members to feel re-energized. Through *Hands that Serve*, *Hearts that Care*, we will *Respect. Honor. Remember*. our veterans.

Andrea Meintel
Department Membership Chairman
andreavfwaux@gmail.com



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Auxiliary Community Outreach Program provides an opportunity to work with organizations in our communities. Suggestions on where to look for organizations include local newspapers, billboards along the highways in your area, and Facebook pages for local fire companies. Auxiliary will need to make a motion to accept volunteer hours for Auxiliary Community Outreach. Remember to report members/hours volunteered each month NOT AFFILIATED WITH VFW OR VFW AUXILIARY PROGRAMS.

Kimberly Grundon, Chairman kgrundon@comcast.net / 717-275-7094

Americanism/Patriotic Instructor: Welcome to all the new officers & chairmen for the 2022-2023 year. I look forward to working with all of you! I'm so excited to see what every Auxiliary is doing this year to "Respect...Honor...Remember." To celebrate Independence Day this year, July 4th, it would be a great time to pass out flags to our youth and educate them on Flag Etiquette. Maybe makeup a small baggie with the "The Pledge of Allegiance" bookmarks, patriotic stickers, patriotic buttons, a small flag and printed cards teaching proper parade etiquette and more! This is an excellent time to start planning summer events to attend. We want to see all those "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care" in PA! Please share your pictures and brief descriptions. Sharing ideas with others is helpful to all of us and we love hearing what YOU are doing. You can share social media using our #auxiliarypatriotismpa and/or #auxiliarypatriotism. You can also share via my email: thepetersons@atlanticbb.net.

Amy Peterson, Chairman 814-331-1142

Secretary/Treasurer: *You may go in and submit your 990N postcard as early as July! I recommend doing this early to get verification it was completed before the

November 15th deadline.

* Pay your Bond through MALTA in July.

*Every check must be signed by the President AND the Treasurer.

Jodie Hollinger, Secretary/Treasurer 717-232-7604 jodie@pavfwaux.org

Youth Activities: Hey Brothers & Sisters – As we begin a new year, don't forget April 1st started your new reporting year. I am asking you to send me a short note with pictures of events that you held during the month where you included our Youth. This will help me to see what is going on in PA, and at the same time, help you when you complete your year-end reports. Don't forget to include Easter, Memorial Day, Flag Day, etc., if our Youth were involved. Send to me: Nancy Kreiner, 440 S York Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or mrplk2@aol.com. Looking forward to a great year 2022-2023.

Nancy Kreiner, Chairman 717-460-1635

VFW Auxiliary Training

Sat., July 30 – Post 4909, 401 Main St., Dupont, PA 18641

Sun., August 14 – Post 6631, 940 US-522, Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Sat., August 27 – Post 2145, 603 Liberty St., Clarion, PA 16214

9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

What's a Membership Toolbox?

Is that Audit Correct?

Online Auxiliary/MALTA

What goes on the Agenda?

Do you know your Bylaws?

Why Mentor?

What's your WHY?

To reserve your seat contact: Bobbie Lawrence (814-229-8878)
165 Gates Lane, Sligo, PA 16255-3203
Lunch \$15.00 per person – Deadline July 22, 2022
Make Checks payable: Dept. of PA VFW Auxiliary

Respect...Honor...Remember

HOSPITAL AND VAVS PROGRAM

Bonnie S. Drake – Department Chairman GENERAL ORDERS #1 – July 2022

WELCOME to the 2022/2023 term for the Department of Pennsylvania VFW Auxiliary. I want to first thank you in advance for all the work I know you will do for the Hospitals and VA Centers this year. I hope you are ready to hit the ground running for this is a great organization which we are privileged to be a part of.

This year the Hospital Program for the Department of Pennsylvania will focus on:

- 1. Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers: VFW, Auxiliary, as well as Non-Members
- 2. Finding new and creative ways to serve our Veterans
- 3. Honoring Veterans on Holidays
- 4. Recognition of Volunteers/Representatives/Deputies
- 5. Women's Veterans Health Care
- 6. "Final Salute" Honors Escort Program
- 7. Thinking outside the Box "Pennsylvania Pouch" Special Project

Each month I will highlight one part of the program in General Orders. These will be in the Program Book, but it will never hurt for those who don't have a program book to hear at a meeting. Your Auxiliary <u>and</u> District Chairman for the Hospital/VAVS Program should be given a copy of this so they can highlight on it at your meetings.

Included is the list for donations for the Hospital Program. I hope that you will start off your donations with giving (as much as possible) to all listed on this sheet. Remember with your donations our hospitalized Veterans will benefit greatly, so give generously.

The 2022/2023 Department President Valerie DeCorte and National President Jean Reape are looking forward to a great year. The Program & Leadership Conference details will be on the PA Auxiliary website, check it out, every member is welcome. Every day we will "Respect...Honor...Remember" and continue to assist our Veterans and their families with "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care".

Remember the National and Department VFW and Auxiliary websites: National Auxiliary: www.vfwaux.org/resources, Pennsylvania Auxiliary: www.pavfwaux.org, **Veterans of Foreign Wars**National VFW: www.vfwpahq.org, all contain vital information to help you have a successful year.

Remember "What we do in life, echoes in eternity!"

Loyally,

Bannie S. Drake

HOSPITAL AND VAVS PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

2318 Owego Turnpike Honesdale, PA 18431

Email: gotauxbonnie@yahoo.com Phone 570.647.8685

REGISTRATION FORM

	Play. Enclosed is my entry fee. players@ \$80.00/playe	er.				
I am paying for a team of four golfers. Please register the golfers listed below.						
I am paying for myself and would like to be paired with other golfers.						
	nable to play, but here is my \$					
Player #1						
Address						
City	State	Zip				
_ Phone	E-mail					
Player #2						
Address						
City	State	Zip				
Phone	E-mail					
Player #3						
City	State	Zip				
Phone	E-mail					
Player #4						
	State	Zip				
Phone	E-mail					

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dwight Fuhrman SEND ENTRY AND FEE TO: Dwight Fuhrman 5059 Rislyn Court Spring Grove, PA 17362 Please return form & payment by July 22, 2022

THE TOURNAMENT

PRIZES AWARDED AT LUNCHEON

Par-three holes will offer "closest to the pin" prizes

BONUS PRIZE:

\$500.00 will be paid for the first Hole-In-One on any par-three on the golf course.

Any additional Hole-In-One that day Receive \$100.00.

Held at
THE BRIDGES GOLF CLUB
6729 York Road
Abbottstown PA 17301
717-624-9551
proshop@bridgesgc.com

SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Registration Begins

8:00 AM Golf Scramble Shotgun Start Players need to be on the course

Luncheon Buffet at VFW Post 8896, East Berlin, PA Lunch, prizes & awards will be at the VFW

upon completion of golf, 12PM to 3:00 PM

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
Dwight Fuhrman- 717-578-3151
Email: dmfuhrman@comcast.net

VFW POST 8896

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28TH ANNUAL PA VFW DISTRICT 21



GOLF SCR&MBLE

FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 2022



Proceeds will go to the Jack Barger Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund.

THE JACK E. BARGER, SR. MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

INTRODUCTION

A Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund was established at the 1989 VFW State Convention. held at King of Prussia, PA. This fund was in Memorial of Jack Barger, Sr., Department Commander, 1987-88, who passed away during his term of office.

POLICIES

Candidates for the award will be solicited. through the Pennsylvania Nursing Association and its contacts with nursing schools in Pennsylvania. Chairpersons and deans of nursing schools will be asked to submit names of worthy candidates. The recipient(s) will be chosen by means of a lottery conducted by P.N.A. with the VFW State Commander and Barger Scholarship Chairman drawing the name(s).

There are two qualifications placed on the candidate(s) by the VFW: (1) the individual be a veteran or the son or daughter of a veteran; (2) be a resident of Pennsylvania.



NURSING



HISTORY

A \$500.00 scholarship was awarded in 1990 and over the past 20 years the amount and number of scholarships awarded have increased to six (6) \$1,000.00 scholarships per year.

There have been various fund-raising efforts made over the years but the two main efforts have been requesting donations from VFW posts and auxiliaries and the Nursing Scholarship Golf Scramble.

FUTURE GOALS

Each year give six (6) scholarships. Increase the equity in the fund in order to make the fund selfsustaining. It is believed that an equity of approximately \$150,000 will be required.

With the help of the VFW posts and auxiliaries within Pennsylvania supporting the Golf Scramble by buying advertisements in the program book we will be able to increase the donation for the golf scramble to over \$10,000.00 each year. All money for advertisements in the Golf Scramble program book goes to the scholarship fund. Remember that none of this money supports the golfers participating in the scramble; however, they support the scholarship program.



NOTICE: This order is a contract.

No verbal arrangements have been made other than those incorporated in this agreement.

This order is noncancellable and becomes of force on acceptance thereof.

2021 PROGRAM AD **APPLICATION**

Full Page & Sponsor of Hole	\$200.00
Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$50.00
Quarter Page	\$30.00

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adline for ADS is July 22, 2022. Attach Your AD Copy Here				
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The VFW Department of Pennsylvania is once again organizing and sponsoring a Conference for Pennsylvania Women Veterans to gather in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss various topics with fellow women veterans.

The next Conference is scheduled for: March 24-26, 2023 and will be held at the

Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township,

PA 16066 All women veterans are welcome to attend, not just VFW members!

The Conference is subsidized through donations from our Pennsylvania VFW Posts, Districts, and Auxiliaries and outside organizations.

The total budgeted cost for one attendee is \$350.00 (food, lodging, materials), with the majority of that fee covered through donations. Each attendee is required to contribute a portion of the event cost.

This letter is to ask for your financial support to continue to provide a quality program for our women Veterans, often times an overlooked and neglected part of our society.

We hope your organization is able to donate to this program, to once again offer our Women Veterans access to much needed information regarding benefits, health care, leadership opportunities and camaraderie for women veterans. Workshops cover issues such as Military Sexual Trauma, Suicide Awareness and prevention, Homeless Veteran Treatment Options, Financial Planning, and much more.

Please help promote this event within your meeting, as well as within your community.

I thank you in advance for your support. Please contact me if you have questions or require additional information. Very respectfully,

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Amy E. MacKenzie					
VFW Department of PA	Women Veterans	Chairman			
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Yes, our organization VFW Pennsylvania W			is ab	ele to contribut	e financially to the
Enclosed please find	our donation of	\$100.00	\$150.00	Other \$	
Mail donations to					

Amy E. Mackenzie

VFW Dept of PA State Headquarters, 4002 Fenton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943

Attn: Women Veterans Conference



Pennsylvania Smile Program

Our PA Smile Program is going to look a little different than the Program Book.

Let us focus on our Caregivers and add a little Smile to their lives.

- Give them a break. <u>Sit</u> with the Veteran and let the caregiver have an hour or two to get their nails done, a haircut, lunch out with a friend.
- Drop off a prepared meal.
- Visit with them by a phone call, drop by the house.

Become familiar with the services offered:

The VA

The Program of Comprehensive Assistance For Family Caregivers

Visit caregiver.va.gov or check with a Service Officer.

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