



The Navigator

Stay on Course for Our Veterans.

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

April 2018

A Note or Two From Your Department Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This issue of *The Navigator* is one of the most important you will receive this year. It is full of forms that need your attention immediately. Please don't open it and lay it aside for another day. Read this issue thoroughly and be ready for your April meeting as a lot of it must be taken care of at your regular meeting this month. I apologize that you'll probably need to make some copies because I had to run the forms on both sides of each page due to Post Office rules that we can only have a total of 6 pieces of paper in the mailing.

The first you want to take care of is your Application for Warrant. Secretaries please make sure you bring your copy to the meeting in case your President accidentally forgets theirs. This application will remain the same as always but be advised that the Installation Report for Auxiliaries will be much different this year. I will send out instructions to each Secretary as I receive the applications and mail them out with the report form. Please don't freak out when you get it because National is requiring that I send out this 7-page form for you to complete. I have some ideas on it and will share that after I receive your application. Together I think we'll be able to make it work.

The next form you want to complete is the Department Convention Delegates form. Please remember that you are allowed one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in your Auxiliary at the time you elect them. Department Treasurer Sandee will send each of you the number of delegates you are to elect. She will also tell you what fees you need to send to her. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO SEND THOSE FEES EVEN IF NO ONE FROM YOUR AUXILIARY WILL BE ATTENDING CONVENTION!! Send the list to me and be sure to place a checkmark (ü) behind the name of each member who WILL attend the convention in Omaha.

Another task you need to take care of this month is the registration for the Gold Star and Membership luncheon on Sunday, June 10. Be sure to note that you will need to send this rather quickly as the hotel is requiring that we give them the final numbers by May 18.

Another form included is the Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Voluntary Service Donation Form that you will need to use going forward.

You will also find the Department Convention Reservation form in this mailing. Please note that the deadline is May 18, 2018, and they are also asking the number of Banquet Tickets you will

be purchasing at the Convention. They also have to get counts to the hotel early.

And, last but not least is the form for National Convention Official Delegates and Alternates. If you would like a "fillable" form send me an email and I'll send one to you. Otherwise you can use the paper form and send to either National or me.

It is VERY important that you take the time to read all the forms along with the instructions so you can get all requirements completed correctly and in a timely manner.

If your Auxiliary is having issues finding members to hold office, let us know IMMEDIATELY so we can assist you. We need to meet all deadline dates and that won't happen if you don't let us know if there are issues.



April 2nd is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day. Make yourself a sandwich and enjoy!

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Well here we are at the end of March with 3 months left in our membership year. As of today, we are at 91.29%, 562 members short of our 100% goal. We need to recruit, rejoin, or retain about 200 members a month for the rest of our membership year. Letters were sent out to all our unpaid members. What we need to do is recruit new members to replace the ones we are losing. We have lost 10 in the last week. Talk to all your VFW members and see if they have anyone else eligible to become members. If you have a National Guard or Reserve unit in your town, put together a dinner or lunch for them and invite their families to join us.

If you have signed up 5 new or rejoin members make sure that you send in the form to get your Catch 5 pin. If you have signed 20 or more make sure to send that form in also. District Presidents talk to the Bachelor Post(s) in your District and see about starting an Auxiliary at their Post. That will help the membership numbers. We are working on getting a new Auxiliary started. If all goes well, we will have them up and running before the end of this membership year.

I have only received reports from 20 Auxiliaries. Thank you for getting them into me. If you have not gotten one in yet please do so soon. If I don't hear from you by the deadline I will be calling you. You can mail, email, or call your report to me. I will accept it anyway I can get it.

Linda Hansen

CHAPLAIN AND GOLD STAR

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!

April is here, and that means it is time to get those end of year reports sent to the program chairmen. Reports are due by the 15th, same as the last day to file your taxes, so be sure to send the correct forms to the correct Department AUXILIARY Chairman, and not the IRS! For Auxiliaries that do not have any Gold Star members, you still need to send me a report and state that you have none. You may also call, email, or send your information by mail to me.

QUESTION: What is a chaplain? What do chaplains do?

ANSWER: A chaplain is essentially a spiritual representative attached to a secular institution. They may or may not be certified, have a theological education, or be ordained or commissioned by a particular denomination. Chaplains are expected to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of others. Some chaplains perform ceremonies, delivers spiritual messages, and offers prayer at public meetings. Others meet the need of the moment, usually through listening and prayer.

I Googled the different types of chaplaincies, and found a list of 15 types. Just to name a few: education, environmental, parliamentary, sports, cruises, and animals. The one common thread in all these different types of chaplaincies is to provide grief support, prayer, and emotional support to those in need.

Why am I telling you this? I believe we are all chaplains. Every day, somewhere, there are friends, a family member or members, or veterans who need our support, prayers, or encouragement. As members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, it is the duty of each and every one of us to provide these services to those in need. Auxiliary Chaplains keep up with members of their Auxiliary and send cards, make phone calls, or visit those that are ill, in the hospital, rehabilitation facility, or assisted living centers. Small gestures like these DO make a difference. Our veterans and their families are why we do what we do!

God Bless Us All.

Bonnie Gerlt

LEGISLATIVE

Happy Easter to all my Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters.

Carmelita M. Jones our National Legislative Ambassador sent me another email asking us to take **Action**: Make sure your voice is heard on Capitol Hill. Take the VFW survey on the state of VA health care. I sent this letter to all the District Presidents, and put it on my Facebook page. I took the survey and hope you all did too. Like Carmelita said in her speech in Nashville, "Let your voice be heard and make a difference." She also quoted Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Like Carol's theme, "Stay on Course for Our Veterans."

I received another email from Carmelita for those who didn't make it to Washington, DC, and Commander-in-Chief Keith Harman's testimony before the joint meeting of the Veterans Affairs Committees. Carmelita said, "Chief Harman did an outstanding job representing us and articulating what Congress

needs to do to ensure the required level of support is provided to our active-duty military, veterans, and their families. Type this link into your browser search box (<https://tinyurl.com/CommanderHarmantestimony>) and read what he had to say. (You can email Department Secretary Jean Barton [jeanbarton@windstream.net] if you would like to be able to just click on the link instead of typing it in. When you read this to your Auxiliary, send me a report that you did.

Don't forget to submit your Legislative Year-End Reports which are due before April 15. Please get them to me as soon as you can. It is not too late. Just get them to me soon, PLEASE.

Thank you
Vicki Luebbe

AMERICANISM

April 15th – a deadline when reports are due for all program in our Department. As I write my article (March 13th) I have heard from half our Auxiliaries. I believe every Auxiliary has done something for the Americanism program.

Americanism is a way to show your love and pride for our country. If you plan to participate in a Memorial Day program, presented or had a part in a Veteran's Day program, visited schools or distributed flag care information, you have done a project to report. Let's make Nebraska 100% for Americanism and in all programs!!

Auxiliaries must continue to teach the youth and all citizens how to respect and care for the American Flag. By showing our patriotism, our country will be stronger and will "Stay On Course For Our Veterans." The veterans have given us our freedom, so let's "thank all veterans every day for their service to America."

A report will let me know you did "Stay On Course and Catch The Dreams For Our Veterans." Auxiliaries, you will receive credit for the Americanism and Patriotic Instructor program – if you send a report by April 15th. I would like to thank the Auxiliaries who have already sent a report. I am looking forward to reading all reports still to come by the deadline.

Fly the American Flag on Easter, April 1st, and every day.

Eleanor Pacas

April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

HOSPITAL

Happy Spring!

April 15th is fast approaching; please get those final reports in so we can finish up strong. I have been receiving reports weekly and really enjoy reading what you have been doing. Keep up the great job!

Don't forget Volunteer Recognition Week is April 15 – 22. There are downloadable certificates of recognition on the National website (vfwauxiliary.org). Click on "What We Do," scroll down and click on "Hospital." The next link you want is "[Access Hospital Program Resources HERE](#)" where you'll find all the resources you need to recognize those who continue to volunteer their time to help others.

Veteran & military suicide is an everyday occurrence around this country, and we need to be vigilant in helping our men and women of the armed service get the proper help they need. So know the five signs and educate those around you about this illness, to help them understand what they can do to help.

Remember to fill out your year-end report and get them in the mail.

"Stay on Course for Our Veterans"

God Bless,

Sharon J. Thorne

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

It's hard to believe this year is almost over. Reports are due April 15th; make sure you get them turned in on time. April 1st was Easter; did you throw an Easter Egg Hunt or a party for the kids? Did you have anyone participate in the Young American Patriot Art Contest? Let's continue to work together and Stay On Course For Our Veterans.

Katlyn Abboud

It's a busy time of year. Here's a bullet list to help you get it all done.

- ◆ Reports are due to Department Chairmen on or before APRIL 15
- ◆ Elect 2018-19 officers at your April meeting
- ◆ Send in your Application for Warrant the day following the election
- ◆ Elect your delegates and alternates to State and National Conventions
- ◆ Register for Department Convention before May 18
- ◆ Get your Gold Star and Membership luncheon tickets order before May 11

DOOLITTLE RAIDERS MONUMENT

The following information is about the Doolittle Raiders dedication. The details and a few words about the mission to help the Doolittle Raiders not be forgotten.

The dedication of the Doolittle Raiders Memorial Monument at Veterans Memorial Garden, Antelope Park, Lincoln, NE will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:00 pm. The program will be in the small building next to the arch entrance or in front of Lady Liberty, if weather is good. We will walk (accompanied by music) to the monument in the garden for dedication after the program which will last approximately an hour.

I am so proud of a young man whose idea this was to remember the Doolittle Raiders. Daniel Robertson first heard about them in 8th grade and then again at Pius X High School. He has been the lead in fundraising, design of monument, verifying ranks and names, etc. Daniel is currently at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. There are three Raiders who have connections to Lincoln.

I hope to see you at the Doolittle Raiders Dedication on April 18.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you.

Diane R. Bartels,
Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Board
402-429-3342

DBSharpie@aol.com

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NAVIGATOR IS**

April 13

DEPT. OF NEBRASKA VFW AUXILIARY

Dept. President	Carol Brosnihan	2017-2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES:		78
LAST YEARS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:		7,012
3/16/2018		6,446
CURRENT PERCENTAGE:		91.928%

DIST. 1		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1375	CHADRON	55	28	23	51	92.73%	4
1681	GERING	76	46	15	61	80.26%	15
2243	KIMBALL	78	25	37	62	79.49%	16
5639	HAY SPRING	14	5	7	12	85.71%	2
7970	HARRISON	25	24	0	24	96.00%	1
	TOTAL	248	128	82	210	84.67%	38

DIST. 3		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1151	CREIGHTON	86	41	39	80	93.02%	6
1644	NORFOLK	429	228	150	378	88.11%	51
3602	STANTON	191	93	91	184	96.34%	7
4504	LAUREL	33	17	15	32	96.97%	1
4996	BLOOMFIELD	84	33	44	77	91.67%	7
5287	NELIGH	17	5	13	18	105.88%	-1
5291	WAYNE	19	6	9	15	78.95%	4
*5330	PLAINVIEW	31	0	0	0	0.00%	31
5545	RANDOLPH	35	6	29	35	100.00%	0
5765	WAKEFIELD	11	3	7	10	90.91%	1
5816	ELGIN	20	2	17	19	95.00%	1
5824	WAUSA	14	0	15	15	107.14%	-1
*7603	TILDEN	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
7838	OSMOND	11	8	2	10	90.91%	1
	TOTAL	998	442	431	873	87.47%	125

DIST. 4		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1504	NO. PLATT	174	83	53	136	78.16%	38
1652	MCCOOK	49	14	26	40	81.63%	9
4688	IMPERIAL	72	26	46	72	100.00%	0
5379	OSHKOSH	18	11	4	15	83.33%	3
6219	CULBERTSON	31	13	18	31	100.00%	0
7028	PALISADE	72	47	19	66	91.67%	6
8258	STAPLETON	35	13	22	35	100.00%	0
9155	STRATTON	51	5	43	48	94.12%	3
	TOTAL	502	212	231	443	88.25%	59

DIST. 6		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1077	BEATRICE	114	37	62	99	86.84%	15
1765	FALL CITY	98	26	66	92	93.88%	6
2634	NE. CITY	38	15	14	29	76.32%	9
3113	FAIRBURY	58	23	34	57	98.28%	1
4959	CRETE	91	55	30	85	93.41%	6
5289	PAWNEE C.	103	46	50	96	93.20%	7
5547	SYRACUSE	97	15	70	85	87.63%	12
7102	GENEVA	95	16	73	89	93.68%	6
8221	TECUMSEH	30	8	16	24	80.00%	6
10042	ADAMS	37	14	21	35	94.59%	2
10579	DAVENPORT	28	11	15	26	92.86%	2
	TOTAL	789	266	451	717	90.87%	72

DIST. 7		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
854	FREMONT	115	56	46	102	88.70%	13
*1251	BLAIR	16	0	0	0	0.00%	16
4912	WEST POIN	92	33	54	87	94.56%	5
5543	OAKLAND	35	7	25	32	91.43%	3
5767	WISNER	55	32	19	51	92.73%	4
6928	PENDER	47	11	36	47	100.00%	0
7998	LYONS	73	19	44	63	86.30%	10
8223	NO. BEND	84	57	25	82	97.62%	2
8332	ARLINGTON	58	34	24	58	100.00%	0
	TOTAL	575	249	273	522	90.78%	53

DIST. 9		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
131	LINCOLN	294	189	87	276	93.88%	18
1609	YORK	58	14	39	53	91.38%	5
3606	LINCOLN	130	74	56	130	100.00%	0
4502	WAHOO	118	76	29	105	88.98%	13
4755	SEWARD	154	134	15	149	96.75%	5
9776	ASHLAND	59	26	30	56	94.92%	3
	TOTAL	813	513	256	769	94.59%	44

DIST. 10		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
247	OMAHA	85	46	28	74	87.06%	11
2503	OMAHA	451	237	199	436	96.67%	12
2543	PLATTSMOUTH	151	74	72	146	96.69%	5
2704	OMAHA	16	6	10	16	100.00%	0
3421	OMAHA	54	27	20	47	87.04%	7
8334	MILLARD	265	131	115	246	92.83%	19
10727	BELLEVUE	130	62	68	130	100.00%	0
	TOTAL	1152	583	512	1095	95.05%	57

DIST. 11		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
926	O'NEILL	57	46	9	55	96.49%	2
1347	GRAND ISLA	233	146	75	221	94.85%	12
3576	BROKEN BO	91	24	59	83	91.21%	8
4677	ALDA/WR	22	14	5	19	86.36%	3
5138	VALENTINE	41	11	28	39	95.12%	2
5820	RAVENNA	55	12	47	59	107.27%	-4
6159	TAYLOR	60	29	29	58	96.67%	2
*6215	ANSELMO	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0
7029	ORD	229	153	49	202	88.21%	27
8256	NAPER	41	24	15	39	95.12%	2
	TOTAL	829	459	316	775	93.49%	54

DIST. 13		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
759	KEARNEY	120	57	61	118	98.33%	2
890	COZAD	39	17	21	38	97.44%	1
1346	HASTINGS	126	72	41	113	89.68%	13
5136	LEXINGTON	104	80	24	104	100.00%	0
*5537	HEARTWELL	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
5539	HARVARD	69	50	13	63	91.30%	6
5641	RED CLOUD	44	17	24	41	93.18%	3
	TOTAL	519	293	184	477	91.91%	42

DIST. 15		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
736	ALBION	78	51	22	73	93.59%	5
3704	COLUMBUS	136	69	45	114	83.82%	22
4836	SCHUYLER	44	17	22	39	88.64%	5
5814	DAVID CITY	38	9	23	32	84.21%	6
	TOTAL	296	146	112	258	87.16%	38

NE		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
	AT LARGE	291	307	0	307	105.49%	-16
	NEW LIFE		23				
	NEW ANNUAL		70				
	ANNUAL REJOIN		38				
	* Closed Auxiliary						

APPLICATION FOR WARRANT TO INSTALL OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

VFW AUXILIARY

Please TYPE or PRINT and use MAILING ADDRESS

AUXILIARY NAME _____ NO. _____ DISTRICT _____

REGULAR MEETING PLACE: _____

(Name of building (if applicable) & street address)

REGULAR MEETING DAY and TIME: _____

PRESIDENT: Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

SECRETARY: Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TREASURER: Name _____ Member ID # _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMOUNT OF AUXILIARY DUES: _____

DATE OF INSTALLATION: _____ (Date shall be between April 9 and June 7)

INSTALLING OFFICER: _____

Address: _____

TITLE OF HIGHEST OFFICE HELD: _____

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AS OF THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION: _____

AUXILIARY BONDED WITH: _____ **DATE OF BOND:** _____

PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY IF ANY OF THIS INFORMATION CHANGES

SEND THIS FORM TO: Jean Barton, Department Secretary
8100 Regent Drive
Lincoln, NE 68507-3366

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE - FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Application received _____

Date Warrant Mailed _____

VFW Nebraska State Convention

June 8-10, 2018
 The Comfort Inn & Suites
 7007 Grover St
 Omaha, NE 68106
 Room Rates \$89.00 + Tax

Call Department or mail in form for Reservations!!

VFW Department of Nebraska 2431 N. 48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

402-464-0674

email to: trudie@vfwne.org

Deadline for Reservations is May 18, 2018

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Post	
Phone	
Billing address	
Badge name(s)	
Credit card number	
Credit card expiration date	
Number of Banquet Tickets? (purchase at Convention)	
Check in date?	
Check out date?	
Cost per night	\$89.00 + tax
Number of people	
Room preference (e.g., king, double, single)	
Special requests?	

Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Voluntary Service Donation Form

Non-Cash Donations:	Number of Items	Estimated Value
Books		
Magazines		
Food Items		
Hygiene Items		
Other (provide a description):		

Is this donation personal or from an organization? (circle one):	Personal	Organization
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If personal, please provide contact information:

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	
If donating on behalf of an organization, please provide the following information for the organization:		
Which state is your organization affiliated with?	Nebraska	Iowa
Name of Organization:		
Address:		
Phone:		
Contact Name:	Email:	
If this donation was a group project how many hours did it take to complete?		
If this donation was a group project how many people participated to complete the project?		

For Voluntary Services Use:

Date Received: _____

Donation ID # _____

Donation Code: 833 835

Thank you sent or: _____



NOT ACCEPTED BEFORE APRIL 1, NOR AFTER MAY 31
of the Current Calendar Year

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
OFFICIAL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

~DO NOT SEND THIS FORM IN IF NAMES HAVE BEEN INPUT ONLINE~

TO: National Secretary
VFW Auxiliary
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

FROM: AUXILIARY NO. _____ DEPARTMENT OF _____
AUXILIARY NAME _____
CITY AND STATE _____

Per Section 305 of the National Bylaws, "Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April; one for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing on March 31. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the National Secretary, along with their membership ID number, within thirty (30) calendar days of the day of election" and no later than MAY 31. The Auxiliary Secretary is asked to input his or her Auxiliary's Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) online in MALTA via use of their respective membership ID number(s) and to print out a copy of the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) for his or her records.

This is to certify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) listed below were duly elected to represent our VFW Auxiliary at the upcoming National Convention on _____ based on the total VFW Auxiliary membership as of MARCH 31 in the MALTA System.

ID Number and Name ARE REQUIRED to complete this form.
TYPE or PRINT NEATLY each Delegate's or Alternate's ID NUMBER and NAME.

~DELEGATE CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED AT CONVENTION SITE UPON CHECK-IN.~

DELEGATES		ALTERNATES	
ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	ID NUMBER	MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Auxiliary Secretary) (Address) (City, State & Zip Code)

NOTE: This is a listing only. (NO CHECKS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.)

**GOLD STAR
AND
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

Sunday, June 10, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Ballroom A
Comfort Inn and Suites
7007 Grover Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Menu: Boxed Lunch

(Roast Beef or Smoked Turkey, including chips, fruit, cookie, and choice of coffee or tea)

PLEASE LIST ONLY THE NAMES OF YOUR 40 YEAR + MEMBERS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON

Name _____	Auxiliary # _____
	Gold Star Member? _____
	40 year+ / # of years _____
Name _____	Auxiliary # _____
	Gold Star Member? _____
	40 year+ / # of years _____
Name _____	Auxiliary # _____
	Gold Star Member? _____
	40 year+ / # of years _____
Name _____	Auxiliary # _____
	Gold Star Member? _____
	40 year+ / # of years _____
Name _____	Auxiliary # _____
	Gold Star Member? _____
	40 year+ / # of years _____

_____ Total number attending
\$ _____ Total amount enclosed at \$12.00 each (includes tax and gratuity)

Make your check payable to: VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska
Send check & this form to: Bonnie Gerlt, Chaplain
8510 Monroe Street
Ralston, NE 68127

Reservations must be received by May 11, 2018

The hotel is requiring us to have all numbers to them by May 18.