

# The Navigator

Stay on Course for Our Veterans

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

December 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I don't know about you, but this year has just seemed to disappear for me. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This month I would like to try to clarify a couple of areas of confusion.

What is the difference between Post Affiliated and Non-Affiliated veterans?

**Post Affiliated** - A VFW member that is ALIVE and a member of the Post for which the prospective Auxiliary member is applying for membership.

**Non-Affiliated** - A VFW eligible veteran that is one of the following:

A DECEASED VFW member (even if they were a member of the Post affiliated with the Auxiliary that the prospective member wants to join.)

A VFW member of a Post not affiliated with the Auxiliary the prospective member wants to join.

A veteran that is either alive or deceased, and is not, nor has ever been a member of the VFW.

Duties of the Trustees: Please refer to and read pages 20-24 of the Booklet of Instruction.

The President, Treasurer, or Secretary may not be a Trustee.

It is the duty of the Trustees (a minimum of two) to audit the books of the Treasurer AND Secretary each quarter. The following items need to be present for the audit:

Secretary's record book

Treasurer's record book

Checkbook

Bank statements

Cancelled checks if you get them from the bank.

Savings account books

Any savings CDs

Cash receipt book

Member record or transmittals and current membership report.

Secretary minutes need to be in a bound book, preferably the one from National, if not, the pages need to be glued into a bound book with all pages numbered. They need to include Treasurer's report and audits, also glued. All pages audited should be signed.

The Treasurer's ledger has the same requirements as the Secretary's minutes and needs to be written in ink NOT pencil.

THESE RULES ARE NOT NEW, THEY JUST HAVE NOT BEEN ENFORCED. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR AUXILIARIES ARE COMPLYING.

As always, if you have questions or concerns just call.

Loyally,

Carol Brosnihan, Department President

*From the Office of Department Treasurer, Sandee Bellows*

Many of you are using and/or handing out out-of-date Membership/Member Application forms. SHRED ALL THESE FORMS, then watch to make sure any member (new, rejoined, transfer) is filling out the proper form. The old forms DO NOT have the correct Life Membership fees. RESULTS: If you are sending me the applications a wrong fee will cause that application to be held up while I wait for the remainder of the fee. If you are using MALTA the correct amount will be taken out of your bank account but you may not have noticed and then will have problems balancing your accounts. You will know that you are using the correct form if it has "revised 8/2017" in the lower right-hand corner. I have asked Jean to attach the correct form.

Sandee

## MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Wow, where has the year gone? I can't believe that the holidays are upon us already. I know that this is a busy time of the year for all of us, but we still need to work on collecting those dues. Why not consider paying the dues for your Gold Star members, Charter members, or members that are in nursing homes? They make great Christmas gifts and they would appreciate it so much. The 31<sup>st</sup> of December will be upon us before we know it, and our members are not in good standing if not paid by then. I want to congratulate 7970 Harrison and 5545 Randolph for reaching 100% in membership by the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Our next deadline is November 30, how many of you will get there? This deadline is for Auxiliaries with memberships of 51 to 100 members, and some of you are close. Then the next one is December 31<sup>st</sup> for Auxiliaries with memberships of 101 to 200. Thank you for Staying on Course for our Veterans.

Now for the lecture - some of you have not even transmitted any dues. We are 5 ½ months into the membership year and that should not be the case. I am asking you to contact President Carol, Chief of Staff Dixie, your District President, or myself if you need help collecting or transmitting those dues. Our job is to assist you in any way we can, but we can't do that if you don't ask for our help. We really want to reach 100% in membership this year, but it takes all of us working together to

achieve that goal. After all we are all on the same team.

I want to wish all of you a very happy Holiday Season. When you are together with family for the holidays enjoy each other, but take the opportunity to sign up any eligible family member to the greatest organization on earth.

Yours in Service,

Linda Hansen

### LEGISLATIVE

I have gotten 13 Reports so far, would sure like to see more coming soon.

I hope you got the Alert from the Action Corps Weekly about telling your Congress to reject the proposal for the Tricare fee. Here is what it said.

**Background:** The U.S. House and Senate are in the process of finalizing the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 and we need your help to defeat a dangerous proposal that would increase TRICARE costs for military retirees. This proposal would result in higher TRICARE fees for retirees, including pharmacy copayments, which are already three times higher than they were in 2011; and enrollment costs for certain plans, such as the new "Select" plan, would nearly triple. You're getting this message because your Representative or one of your Senators has been selected to serve on the conference committee that will decide whether to increase TRICARE costs for current retirees.

**Take Action:** Contact your members of Congress and demand that they reject any proposal that would result in TRICARE fee increases for current beneficiaries; and let them know that veterans have paid for their benefits through blood, sweat, and tears many times over. <http://capwiz.com/vfw/issues/alert/?alertid=78991626>

Not sure when you had to have this done but give it a try and see if you can still tell Congress how you feel.

See, if you had Action Corps Weekly you would have gotten the alert. There is a lot to read and report from the Action Corps Weekly, so when you report to your Auxiliary then write it down while it is still fresh in your mind and get them sent to me.

Keep sending those letters and making phone calls to your representatives. It's for our past, present, and future veterans. Let our representatives know what we expect from them and what we can do to help them take care of our country's heroes. Merry Christmas everyone.

Vicki Luebbe

### CHIEF OF STAFF AND EXTENSION PROGRAM

As I write this article it is November 16, 2017. This is one of the **most critical times** in our Auxiliary Year. With only six weeks left in the year, we have to remind our Annual Members why it is so important that they pay their dues by December 31.

Section 104 (page 15) of the 2018 VFW Auxiliary Bylaws:

Membership year of the Auxiliary is January 1 to December 31.

A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing.

A member ceases to be in good standing on January 1

immediately following the year for which dues have been paid.

A member shall not again be in good standing until their dues have been paid for the current year.

Dues must be paid by June 30 to remain a continuous member.

Prior year's dues may not be paid after July 1.

As a VFW Auxiliary member not in good stand, he or she is **NOT** allowed to:

Attend VFW Auxiliary meetings.

Hold VFW Auxiliary elective office, appointive office, or program chairmanship on any level.

Retain eligibility for a Cancer Grant, if otherwise eligible.

As I stated above this is very crucial that these members' dues be paid before the end of this year. The following Auxiliaries have not sent in one annual member as of November 16, 2017:

8223 North Bend District 7  
4755 Seward District 9  
247 Omaha District 10  
3421 Omaha District 10  
5136 Lexington District 13  
5539 Harvard District 13

Please, if you have any questions the one person that can really be of help to you is our Department Treasurer. Give her a call. Better yet, sign on to Malta and pay online.

As mentioned above if dues are not paid by December 31 Auxiliary Officers may not hold offices. The following Auxiliaries are in jeopardy:

Treasurer of 247 Auxiliary, District 10  
President and Treasurer of 3421 Omaha, District 10  
President and Treasurer of 5136 Lexington, District 13  
Secretary-Treasurer of 5824 Wausa, District 3  
President of 6219 Culbertson, District 4  
Secretary and Treasurer of 7102 Geneva, District 6  
Secretary of 8223 North Bend, District 7.

Membership totals: as of 11/10/17 paid members were 5,446. We ended last year with 7,012 members, which means we still have 1,566 members to collect before December 31. We have our work cut out for us but I know that Nebraska will rise to this occasion and we will be 100%. District Presidents please call all of the Auxiliaries in your District and see what help you can provide to them. District Presidents if you need additional help contact your Department line officers plus your Past Department Presidents. They are all willing to help in this endeavor.

The Department VFW has lost a VFW Post therefore we will be losing another Auxiliary. More information on that in the future. Still awaiting that new baby Auxiliary of ours in District 10. Looks like it will take longer than 9 months.

I want to wish each of our Auxiliary members a most wonderful and blessed holiday season. May it be filled with Love and Peace and may we all say a prayer for all of our servicemen and women and all of veterans across this great world of ours.

Dixie Hild, Chief of Staff

## AMERICANISM

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, we observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. On this day the American Flag is to be flown at half-staff until sunset. Be sure to fly the flag on special designated days unless you fly it every day. Many of our veterans from that era have passed away. No matter when a veteran served our country, we must always "thank" them for their service. By flying the American Flag you are showing the veteran your patriotism and love for America.

Speaking of the flag, you can contribute flags to schools, Boy & Girl Scout troops, libraries, and other institutions in your community. If a business displays flag every day, be sure to recognize them with a Certificate of Recognition or a personal "Thank you for flying the American Flag."

Another part of the Americanism program you might like to stress is how to take care of the American Flag. The following information might be presented in a local newspaper or at a patriotic program in your community:

If soiled, the flag may be washed or dry cleaned.

When torn or frayed but not faded, the flag may be mended.

A worn or faded flag should be retired with respect. Fold the flag and place it on a fire. The ashes should be buried.

With the holidays later this month, remember to fly your flag on Christmas Day.

Our program year is half over, but don't stop now! Keep "Old Glory" flying free over America!

*A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.*

Eleanor Pacas

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Autumn is the time of year that our sixth sense of giving kicks into high gear. There are many people in our communities who are less fortunate, and there are numerous ways to involve youth in helping those in need, including collecting food, toiletries, coats, assembling and delivering food baskets, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, writing thank-you notes and notes of encouragement, helping at a community dinner at the Post. Plan and include youth in your plans! There are many parents and families looking for things they can do to help the less fortunate in their communities. The list of things you can do is endless. An act that may seem small to one person may be huge to another!

It's hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner, plan a Christmas party for the kids. Have the kids make crafts to give to the veterans. Don't forget to get your reports turned in as your Auxiliary does an activity. The year is almost half over, so don't wait till the end to turn in your reports.

Katlyn Abboud

## CHAPLAIN AND GOLD STAR

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

As the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline approaches, I have received several reports from Auxiliaries telling me about events or ways

they have honored our Gold Star mothers/fathers, or family members. Thank you for sharing. The first deadline for reporting is the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The end of year report is April 15<sup>th</sup> which seems so far away, but after the holidays are over, guess what? April is here! Send me your deceased member information any time. Have been getting some by email and it is GREAT!

This month's story is for all of the Gold Star family members to read and then maybe they would be willing to share their story with us.

Private John E. Walls was born on October 24 1895 in Nebraska City, Nebraska. His parents were Essington and Adelia Walls. John was my uncle. Though I had never met John, I have learned and read about his life during his brief period of time he served during World War I.

John registered for the draft on June 5, 1917, in Nebraska City. This young farmhand entered into service on June 26, 1918. He served in France with the 112<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital. He then transferred to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance Company. Less than four months after entering service, on October 3, 1918, John died of wounds he received while engaged in action during the Battle of Argonne Forest (also known as the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.) In 1919, private Walls' remains returned to Nebraska City where he is buried next to his parents in the Wyuka Cemetery. The John E. Walls Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2634 is named in his honor. I am truly honored to have learned about my uncle John and the ultimate sacrifice he gave for our country.

I would like to thank Paula Waterfield and Roger Kopf for the pictures, articles, and most importantly, the original Post 2634 flag they gave me after purchasing a new flag for their Post.

In closing I ask each and every one of you to take time and look around you, there are veterans and family members who need us to remember them. Thank them and continue to support them through our Auxiliary programs. STAY ON COURSE FOR OUR VETERANS.

Bonnie Gerlt

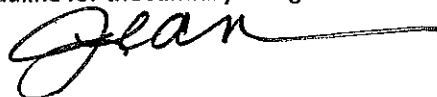
## *A Note or Two From Your Department Secretary*

I know that you've read this a time or two in this month's edition of *The Navigator* but December 31 will be here before you know it and if your annual members have not paid their dues, they will no longer be members in good standing for your Auxiliary. It's not too late to make a call to those who haven't paid their dues and let them know what it will mean if they don't pay before December 31.

We'll be meeting in Lincoln on February 1 and 2 for our Mid Winter Conference. Friday will be Legislative Day and the evening banquet will feature all the District Voice of Democracy winners along with the Patriot's Pen winners. Our VFW Auxiliary National President will also be here.

I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends giving thanks this week and that you will all have a beautiful Christmas. Don't forget our veterans, active duty personnel, and their families as the holidays approach.

The deadline for the January Navigator is December 8<sup>th</sup>.



# DEPT. OF NEBRASKA VFW AUXILIARY

Dept. President	Carol Brosnihan	2017-2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES:		78
LAST YEARS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:		7,012
11/10/2017		5,446
CURRENT PERCENTAGE:		77.667%

DIST. 1		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1375	CHADRON	55	29	0	29	52.73%	26
1681	GERING	76	49	6	55	72.37%	21
2243	KIMBALL	78	26	25	51	65.38%	27
5639	HAY SPRING	14	5	6	11	78.57%	3
7970	HARRISON	25	24	0	24	96.00%	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>68.64%</b>	<b>78</b>

DIST. 3		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1151	CREIGHTON	86	42	31	73	84.88%	13
1644	NORFOLK	429	231	107	338	78.79%	91
3602	STANTON	191	95	81	176	92.15%	15
4504	LAUREL	33	18	13	31	93.94%	2
4996	BLOOMFIELD	84	33	35	68	80.95%	16
5287	NELIGH	17	3	13	16	94.12%	1
5291	WAYNE	19	6	10	16	84.21%	3
5330	PLAINVIEW	31	11	0	11	35.48%	20
5545	RANDOLPH	35	6	29	35	100.00%	0
5765	WAKEFIELD	11	3	7	10	90.91%	1
5816	ELGIN	20	2	16	18	90.00%	2
5824	WAUSA	14	0	0	0	0.00%	14
7603	HILDEN	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
7838	OSMOND	11	8	2	10	90.91%	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>80.36%</b>	<b>196</b>

DIST. 4		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1504	NO. PLATT	174	84	17	101	58.05%	73
1652	McCOOK	49	14	22	36	73.47%	13
4688	IMPERIAL	72	25	3	28	38.89%	44
5379	OSHKOSH	18	12	3	15	83.33%	3
6219	CULBERTSON	31	13	10	23	74.19%	8
7028	PALISADE	72	47	11	58	80.56%	14
8258	STAPLETON	35	14	11	25	71.43%	10
9155	STRATTON	51	5	43	48	94.12%	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>66.53%</b>	<b>168</b>

DIST. 6		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1077	BEATRICE	114	37	59	96	84.21%	18
1765	FALL CITY	98	26	26	52	53.06%	46
2634	NE. CITY	38	13	12	25	65.79%	13
3113	FAIRBURY	58	22	24	46	79.31%	12
4959	CRETE	91	54	0	54	59.34%	37
5289	PAWNEE C	103	47	40	87	84.47%	16
5547	SYRACUSE	97	15	52	67	69.07%	30
7102	GENEVA	95	16	1	17	17.89%	78
8221	TECUMSEH	30	12	17	29	96.67%	1
10042	ADAMS	37	14	19	33	89.19%	4
10579	DAVENPORT	28	11	0	11	39.29%	17
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>65.53%</b>	<b>272</b>

DIST. 7		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
854	FREMONT	115	55	38	93	80.87%	22
1251	BLAIR	16	0	0	0	0.00%	16
4912	WEST POINT	92	33	50	83	90.22%	9
5543	OAKLAND	35	6	20	26	74.29%	9
5767	WISNER	55	32	9	41	74.55%	14
6928	PENDER	47	11	29	40	85.11%	7
7998	LYONS	73	19	47	66	90.41%	7
8223	NO. BEND	84	42	0	42	50.00%	42
8332	ARLINGTON	58	35	21	56	96.55%	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>77.74%</b>	<b>128</b>

DIST. 9		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
131	LINCOLN	294	191	54	245	83.33%	49
1609	YORK	58	14	25	39	67.24%	19
3606	LINCOLN	130	71	16	87	66.92%	43
4502	WAHOO	118	75	15	90	76.27%	28
4755	SEWARD	154	132	0	132	85.71%	22
9776	ASHLAND	59	26	28	54	91.53%	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>79.58%</b>	<b>166</b>

DIST. 10		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
247	OMAHA	85	48	0	48	56.47%	37
2503	OMAHA	451	241	182	423	93.79%	28
2543	PLATTSMOUD	151	75	0	75	49.67%	76
2704	OMAHA	16	6	8	14	87.50%	2
3421	OMAHA	54	28	0	28	51.85%	26
8334	MILLARD	265	132	101	233	87.92%	32
10727	BELLEVUE	130	62	37	99	76.15%	31
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>79.86%</b>	<b>232</b>

DIST. 11		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
926	O'NEILL	57	44	10	54	94.74%	3
1347	GRAND ISLA	233	147	66	213	91.42%	20
3576	BROKEN BO	91	25	0	25	27.47%	66
4677	ALDA/WR	22	15	4	19	86.36%	3
5138	VALENTINE	41	11	15	26	63.41%	15
5820	RAVENNA	55	11	31	42	76.36%	13
6159	TAYLOR	60	30	12	42	70.00%	18
6215	ANSELMO	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0
7029	ORD	229	153	35	188	82.10%	41
8256	NAPER	41	25	15	40	97.56%	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>78.29%</b>	<b>180</b>

DIST. 13		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
759	KEARNEY	120	57	48	105	87.50%	15
890	COZAD	39	17	20	37	94.87%	2
1346	HASTINGS	126	74	31	105	83.33%	21
5136	LXINGTON	104	81	0	81	77.88%	23
5537	HEARTWELL	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
5539	HARVARD	69	49	0	49	71.01%	20
5641	RED CLOUD	44	18	25	43	97.73%	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>80.92%</b>	<b>99</b>

DIST. 15		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
736	ALBION	78	55	13	68	87.18%	10
3704	COLUMBUS	136	70	25	95	69.85%	41
4836	SCHOYLER	44	17	24	41	93.18%	3
5814	DAVID CITY	38	10	25	35	92.11%	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>80.74%</b>	<b>57</b>

NE	AT LARGE	291	301	0	302	103.78%	-11
	NEW LIFE		11				
	NEW ANNUAL		31				
	ANNUAL REJOIN		25				
	CLOSED	Auxiliary					

Wishing you Joy and Peace at the Holidays and throughout the New Year

Carol Brosnihan  
President

Linda Vogel  
Sr. Vice President

Liz Davis  
Jr. Vice President

Sandee Bellows  
Treasurer

Jean Barton  
Secretary

Bonnie Gerlt  
Chaplain

Sharon Thorne  
Conductress

Vicki Luebbe  
Guard

Dixie Hild  
Chief of Staff



*The Joy*  
of CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATE THE SEASON



Hospital Tour  
2017 - 2018

Hotels for Western Run  
2018

Omaha Vets Home

Sat. Dec. 2 1:30 PM

Cheyenne WY. March 16 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites  
1415 Stillwater Ave. Phone 307-637-4070.

Omaha VAMC

Sun. Dec. 3 1:30 PM

Use VFW/NE when asking for a room.  
Double Queen or Single King \$93.00

Lincoln Regional Center

Fri. Dec. 8 10:00 AM

Try to reserve your room as soon as possible, no later  
than the first of March 2018.

GL VAMC

Sat. Dec. 9 2:00 PM

Norfolk Vets Home

Sat. Feb. 10 2:00 PM

Scottsbluff NE. March 17 at the Monument Inn & Suites  
1130 M St. Phone 866-436-1950.

GL Vets Home

Sun. Feb. 11 2:00 PM

Use VFW/NE when asking for a room.  
Double Queen or Queen \$85.00 + Tax.

Cheyenne VAMC

Sat. March 17 10:30 AM

Try to reserve your room as soon as possible, no later  
than the first of March 2018.

Scottsbluff Vets Home

Sat. March 17 7:00 PM

Hot Springs VAMC

Sun. March 18 11:00 AM

Any questions don't hesitate to call me at 402-300-0971.  
Mike Medina NE State Hospital Chairman

**MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Recruited/Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID (if already a member) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership  Life  Rejoined Previous Member No. \_\_\_\_\_, Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Member-at-Large  Life Member-at-Large in Department of \_\_\_\_\_ or in  National

*These fields required.* Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Male  or Female   
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**POST AFFILIATED:** (\*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

**NON AFFILIATED:** (\*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Post \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

**LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER,** Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)

Accepting Treasurer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL TRANSFER,** Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Paying \_\_\_\_\_ or Nonpaying \_\_\_\_\_? (check one)

**ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE,** Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Investigating Committee: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws.  Rejected  Election Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Obligated Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  Check here if this is a gift.  
 Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.  
 Payment:  Cash  Check  Visa  
 Mastercard  Discover  
 Life Membership Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing address for card \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  ACH (Bank withdraw)  
 Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bank Routing No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Attach voided check HERE. (Required)**



**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**  
*Effective 1/1/2017*

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

**OBLIGATION**  
*In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.* Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be signed by all members.)