



The Navigator

Stay on Course for Our Veterans

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

July 2017

Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

Nothing could have prepared me for the feeling of pride and honor that I felt when elected to the office of President of the Department of Nebraska VFW Auxiliary for the 2017-2018 year. It promises to be a very challenging year and I pledge to do my very best to represent you and grow our Department. With our awesome team of officers, chairmen, and members I know that we can accomplish much this year.

There will be many changes in the way we do things, especially with the launch of the new MALTA (Membership and Leadership Technology Access) system. There will be training classes in all Districts on MALTA and recruiting this year and we strongly encourage you to attend when one is being held near you. If we are to progress and grow, we must get over the mindset of "We Have Always Done It This Way." Times are changing, and we must change with them. Do not let these changes frighten you, we can do this and there will be as much assistance for you as you need. There will be much more information at our School of Instruction in Seward on August 5th. PLEASE make arrangements to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am just a phone call away and would rather hear from you than to let small concerns fester into large ones.

Let's regain the excitement and enthusiasm we once had and "Stay on Course for our Veterans."

Respectfully,

Carol Brosnihan, Department President

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

As we Navigate our way through our new membership year, you will notice a few changes. The new MALTA system being the greatest. Sandee had some training classes on the new system at Convention, she will also be having training at School of Instruction in Seward on August 5th and plans to drive across the state to make sure everyone is getting the training they need. If you have any questions or just want to learn more, plan on coming to Seward. Another change is a new form to transmit dues if your Auxiliary decides to transmit memberships the established way instead of using MALTA. There is also a National award for recruiting 5 new members.

You will notice as you look through the membership program this year that it looks the same as last year. That is because the National program did not change. They are still having the Circle of Excellence for the Department Presidents, so will we do the same. Please pay attention to the criteria for reaching the Circle.

You must meet all the criteria to qualify. National will be setting quarterly goals for us to sign up new and rejoin members. I know we can do it, we made it last year. There will also be drawings for 100% Auxiliaries. Please check the program book for the deadline for your membership group. They have changed from last year. We will also have special awards for Auxiliaries that achieve 105% in membership.

You will notice that there isn't a memstats report in this newsletter. That is because as of the writing of this article last year's membership year is not over and the new year has not started. As you navigate through this membership year stay on course and you will achieve all the goals.

Linda Hansen

CHIEF OF STAFF

A new year has begun and I thank our Department President for asking me to be the Department Chief of Staff and Extension Chairman for this year. I look forward to seeing and talking to members in this great State.

Department School of Instruction is August 5, 2017, in Seward. As I mentioned at the Council of Administration meeting in Kearney, this year at the School of Instruction I would like the program chairmen to each have a table promoting their program. Each chairman can decorate the table however he/she wishes. If you want to come in character you are welcome to do that also. Please provide as much information as you can find about your program that you wish to pass on to the Auxiliaries. Much information can be found on the vfwaux.org website. Putting additional information into the hands of the District Presidents and Auxiliaries will give everyone new ideas on working the individual programs. If the chairmen have any questions please give me a call.

The officers of the Department VFW Auxiliary are here to help the Auxiliaries across the state do the best that they can do for our veterans and communities. Should you have any questions please feel free to call. If you feel that your Auxiliary has a problem or a question please give us a call. Little problems are easier to handle than problems that have grown.

If you know of a Bachelor Post wanting an Auxiliary please notify us immediately so that we may work with them in starting a new Auxiliary.

I look forward to working with the Auxiliaries this year and know that we will have a very productive year.

Dixie Hild, Department Chief of Staff

AMERICANISM

July is the beginning of a new program year. For the Americanism program, our love and loyalty to our country on July 4th will be shown when we fly the American Flag. The Declaration of Independence Day is observed in many communities with celebrations and firework displays because the United States became a free country from Britain on July 4, 1776. Today we still have our freedom thanks to the service of our veterans. Always remember to "THANK OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE."

Some goals have been set to help us promote the Americanism program every day throughout the year. Flag education, promoting patriotism, recognition of our POW/MIAs and the National Education Teacher Award are the goals set by National. My goal is to have all Auxiliaries promote and/or participate in this very important program by showing love and loyalty to the USA.

Our Department President's theme is "Stay on Course for our Veterans." We will navigate forward to be there for our veterans who have faced many challenges and have given us our freedom today.

School of Instruction will be held August 5th in Seward so plan to come and see what is presented for Americanism and all of the Auxiliary programs.

Show your patriotism by flying the American Flag on July 4th.

Eleanor Pacas

HOSPITAL

Last year was great. You all did an awesome job, but let us "Stay the Course for our Veterans." You should have received your program for this year so let's get busy.

Number one of our program goals for this year is Volunteer Service in Medical Facilities. This should be an easy one for most to accomplish. Host a birthday party, bingo, coffee, deliver mail, or transport veterans or family to doctor appointments, etc.

There are many things we can do this summer to let our veterans know we care. We can take them to a ballgame, provide items for a 4th of July celebration at the Veterans homes, or take them on a picnic. Just let your imagination run wild.

Remember what was done in May and June can also be added to this year's list, if it was never reported.

"Stay one Course for our Veterans"

Sharon Thorne

LEGISLATIVE

Greetings to all my Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters. I am excited to be the Legislative Chairman for the coming year. Carol's theme is "Stay on Course for our Veterans" so with that in mind we will be navigating to read more, call more, and get more informed about our Legislators. I know a lot of you may not like

our new President but he is our president for 4 years and we need to stand behind him and help him make our world a better place for now. Our veterans fought and died so that we are, and will continue to be, FREE and One Nation Under GOD. With that said there is more for us to do to make sure our new President knows our veterans' needs.

Each month or every other month send me a report on what your Auxiliary is doing. Don't wait for the April 15 deadline.

Please sign up for Action Corps Weekly <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm> or Check Point Magazine.

I look forward to seeing you at the School of instruction on August 5 in Seward.

Vicki Luebbe

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The VFW Auxiliary is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities, and veterans. We have a new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends, and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflicts abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation. Summer is here and working with the youth is more important than ever. There are many different activities to help keep the youth busy and involved, whether it's a carnival or a summer splash party (can be as simple as a sprinkler and popsicles for refreshment). Do you have a local parade that you are marching in? Children love to help toss candy and distribute flags to bystanders. Let's get busy this year and *Stay on Course* and *Catch the Dream for our Veterans*. Don't forget to promote Youth Activities each and every day throughout the year! Let's do everything we can to make it a good year!

Katlyn Abboud

Care and Concern:

PDP Dorothy Magill passed away May 23, 2017. A memorial service was held on May 30.

PDP Connie Liebsack passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2017. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017. You can send cards to John (VFW State Adjutant/Quartermaster) and the family at 9235 Spaulding, Omaha 68134.

Cody Warden, son of PDP Sue Moore passed away Saturday, June 17. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 21 in Omaha. Cards can be sent to Sue at her home, PO Box 123, Imperial 69033

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.



VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
POST CONVENTION COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2017

JUL 05 2017

The Council of Administration was called to order by President Carol Brosnihan. Membership cards were checked; the Chaplain and Conductress attended the Altar and offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found the following absent: Secretary Jean Barton and Jr. Past Presidents Donna Fenske, Julie Brown, Kim Abboud, and Sue Moore.

Budget Chairman Carol Thompson presented the budget (Appendix A) for 2017-2018.

It was moved by Sr. Vice President Linda Vogel, seconded by District 1 President Joyce Witt to accept the income portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jr. Vice President Liz Davis, seconded by Conductress Sharon Thorne to accept the Department President's portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chaplain Bonnie Gerlt, seconded by Guard Vicki Luebbe to accept the Department Secretary's portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 7 President Jane Petersen, seconded by District 11 President Sheree Brown to accept the Department Treasurer's portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 3 President Linda Hansen, seconded by Chief of Staff Dixie Hild to accept the Chief of Staff portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chaplain Bonnie Gerlt, seconded by Dixie 6 President Paula Waterfield to accept the Council of Administration portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 4 President Teresa Groff, seconded by District 10 President Katlyn Abboud to accept the District President's portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 3 President Linda Hansen, seconded by District 1 President Joyce Witt to accept the Appointive Officers and Chairpersons portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sr. Vice President Linda Vogel, seconded by Conductress Sharon Thorne to approve the Promotion of Programs Expenses portion of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 4 President Teresa Groff, seconded by Guard Vicki Luebbe to accept the Other Department Expenses of the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by District 7 President Jane Petersen, seconded by District 13 President Terrie Stokes to accept the National Certified Recruiter Trainer portion of the budget. Motion carried.

The committee moved to accept the contingency portion of the budget. Motion carried.

The committee moved to accept the Restricted Funds-Department Convention Income portion of the budget. Motion carried.

The committee moved to accept the Restricted Funds-Convention Expenses portion of the budget. Motion carried.

The committee moved to accept the budget in its entirety. Motion carried.

It was moved by Guard Vicki Luebbe, seconded by District 3 President Linda Hansen to allow the Department Scholarship Chairman to have a 50/50 raffle in 2017-18. Motion carried.

It was moved by Treasurer Sandee bellows, seconded by District 1 President Joyce Witt to use savings account 71727 as needed for M.A.L.T.A. (Membership Auxiliary Leadership Technology Access); training to include the purchase of a projector, lapel microphone, and speakers; printing of handout material; and travel expenses (hotel, mileage, etc.) to train across the state.

Sr. Vice President Linda Vogel presided at the podium. It was moved by Carol Brosnihan and seconded by District 3 President Linda Hansen to purchase red polo shirts to sell this year. Motion carried. More information will be sent out soon regarding these shirts.

This year the School of Instruction (August 5 in Seward) each Chairman will have a table with information on their programs.

M.A.L.T.A. trainings were discussed and each District President will be contacted to make arrangements for the trainings to take place.

It was announced that National President-elect Dee Guillory will be making her official visit to Nebraska during the Mid Winter Meeting and Legislative Day.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to resume at Fall Conference in Omaha on October 7, 2017.

Loyally submitted,

Dixie Hild

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska

Approved Budget 2017-2018

	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Income 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
1. Dept Annual Dues Reserve (transferred after July 1)	\$8,990.00	\$0.00	
2. Department Annual Dues (less 50% for dues reserve)(3400)	\$9,350.00	\$0.00	
3. Roster/Mailings	\$400.00	\$0.00	
4. Interest on Investments, savings, CDs	\$400.00	\$0.00	
5. Life Membership Reserve fund transferred after July 1)	\$4,950.00	\$0.00	
6. Life Membership fund (less 50% for dues reserve)(3800)	\$4,655.00	\$0.00	
7. Commissions from National Supply Department (2%)	\$150.00	\$0.00	
8. VFW National Guarantee Program	\$7,260.00	\$0.00	
9. Miscellaneous Income (awards) from National	\$600.00	\$0.00	
10. Calendar Sales (1500)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
11. Undesignated Funds	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$45,755.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
A. EXPENSES			
Department President:			
A-1 Official Travel	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
A-2 Telephone & Postage	\$75.00	\$0.00	
A-3 National President's Homecoming or CAFÉ Celebrating America's Freedoms	\$600.00	\$0.00	
A-4 National President's Homecoming Gift	\$25.00	\$0.00	
A-5 National Convention	\$600.00	\$0.00	
A-6 National Mid-Year Conference	\$600.00	\$0.00	
A-7 Big Ten Conference Meeting	\$400.00	\$0.00	
A-8 Community Service Conference/Patriotic Conference	\$600.00	\$0.00	
A-9 Department President Pin Jewell & Setting	\$160.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT	\$7,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Budget Balance 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
B. Department Secretary:			
B-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	
B-2 Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00	
B-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	
B-4 Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	
B-5 Machine Maintenance Contract	\$925.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT SECRETARY	\$10,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Budget Balance 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
C. Department Treasurer:			
C-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	
C-2 Travel	\$670.00	\$0.00	
C-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
C-4 Supplies	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	
C-6 Bond - (\$120,000)	\$281.00	\$0.00	
C-7 CPA Federal & State Tax Preparation	\$700.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT TREASURER	\$10,601.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
D. Department Chief of Staff			
D-1 Travel	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
D-2 Telephone & Postage	\$50.00	\$0.00	
D-3 Training Materials for District Presidents	\$100.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

E. DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION	Budget Balance 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
E-1 Chief of Staff @ 50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	
E-2 Dept Convention & Council Meetings @ \$50.00 Sr. Vice; Jr Vice; Chaplain; Conductress; Guard; District Presidents	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	
E-3 Department Convention & Council Meetings @ \$40.00 Past National President (1); Jr. Past Department Pres (4)	\$200.00	\$0.00	
E-4 National Convention Immediate Past President, Sr. Vice President - \$350.00 Jr Vice President - \$300.00; Chaplain - \$225.00 Conductress & Guard (\$150 each)	\$1,525.00	\$0.00	
E-5 Big Ten Conference - Sr & Jr Vice (\$200 each) Chaplain, Conductress & Guard (\$150 each)	\$850.00	\$0.00	
SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION			
E-6 Mileage for District Presidents @ .25 ¢ per mile	\$900.00	\$0.00	
E-7 Program Chairmen, Officers @ \$45.00	\$585.00	\$0.00	
E-8 Program Coordinator @ 45.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION	\$6,505.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
F. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS			
Travel for inspection of Auxiliaries, District School of Instruction & Spring Convention @ .25¢ per mile	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
G. DEPARTMENT APPOINTIVE OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS			
General Sessions : Fall Conference, Mid-Year Conference & Convention			
G-1 Historian, Color Bearers (4), Flag Bearer, Banner Bearer, Parliamentarian @ \$40.00	\$960.00	\$0.00	
G-2 Chairman @ \$45.00 Americanism/Patriotic Instructor; Legislative; Editor; Membership; Hospital; Veterans & Military Support programs; Dept. Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities	\$945.00	\$0.00	
G-3 Ass't Treasurer, Budget Chairperson @\$40.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	
G-4 Ass't Conductress, Ass't Guard @ \$40.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	
G-5 Ass't Veterans & Military Support Programs (2) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	
COMMITTEES			
G-11 Budget (4x \$45.00 x1 meeting)	\$180.00	\$0.00	
G-12 Audit (Chairman x \$45.00 x 3 mtgs & 3 members x \$40.00 x3 mtgs)	\$495.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL APPOINTED OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS	\$3,180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

PROGRAM EXPENSES:	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
G-13 Membership Expenses (postage)	\$50.00	\$0.00	
G-14 Membership 100% quarterly drawings	\$150.00	\$0.00	
G-15 Postage - Young Patriotic Art to Nat'l	\$50.00	\$0.00	
G-16 Historian Scrapbook	\$200.00	\$0.00	
H. JOINT AWARDS WITH VFW:			
H-1 Buddy Poppy	\$75.00	\$0.00	
H-2 Community Service	\$30.00	\$0.00	
H-3 Voice of Democracy	\$500.00	\$0.00	
H-4 Patriot's Pen Competition	\$500.00	\$0.00	
J. AWARDS BY VFW AUXILIARY:			
J-1 Young American Creative Patriotic Art- 1st place \$125; 2nd place \$100.00; 3rd place \$50.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	
J-2 Americanism; Legislative; Editor; Hospital; Veterans & Military Support Programs; Department Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities and Historian Book @30.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL PROMOTION OF PROGRAMS	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES (Continued)	Budget Balance 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
K. OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES			
K-1 Property Insurance	\$127.00	\$0.00	
K-2 Big Ten Conference Dues	\$150.00	\$0.00	
K-3 National President's Love Gift at National Convention	\$25.00	\$0.00	
K-4 Senior Vice President Starting President Year	\$100.00	\$0.00	
K-5 Chaplain (Memorials, Get Well, etc (See Dept Standing Rules)	\$25.00	\$0.00	
K-6 Nebraska Night at National Convention	\$200.00	\$0.00	
K-7 National President's Visit	\$300.00	\$0.00	
K-8 National Representatives Love Gifts (excluding Dept Convention)	\$50.00	\$0.00	
K-9 Big 10 Membership Skit	\$50.00	\$0.00	
K-10 Program Coordinator Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$1,077.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL CERTIFIED RECUITER TRAINER BUDGET	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
L-1 Travel	\$125.00		
L-2 Supplies, phone, postage	\$200.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
M. Contingent Expenses	\$82.00	\$0.00	
	\$45,755.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Income 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018

RESTRICTED FUNDS			
Convention Budget			
<i>Income</i> - Delegate fees (434)	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	
N. Expenses	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
N-1 Credential Committee (Chairperson - \$55.00, 2 members x \$45.00)	\$145.00	\$0.00	
N-2 Delegate cards & Minutes (printing & mailing)	\$340.00	\$0.00	
N-3 Pages (ribbons, badges, love gifts, etc.)	\$90.00	\$0.00	
N-4 National Representative Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N-4 National representative (love gift)	\$25.00	\$0.00	
N-5 Department President - Year End Donation	\$400.00	\$0.00	
N-6 Gold Star/Membership Luncheon - Membership	\$150.00	\$0.00	
N-7 Gold Star/Membership Luncheon - Gold Star	\$150.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Income 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
General Hospital Budget			
<i>Income</i>			
1. donations from Auxiliaries for General Hospital Fund	\$2,220.00	\$0.00	
2. Department Donation to General Hospital Fund	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Budget Balance 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
P. Expenses - Bi-annual allowances (\$amount x 2)			
NOTE: VAVS and/or Deputy VAVS Limited to one facility stipend			
P-1 VAMC - Omaha, Grand Island, Cheyenne, Hot Springs (For Veterans Use) @\$125.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
P-2 NVH - Grand Island (for Veterans Use) @ \$250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
P-3 NVH - Norfolk, Western NE, Eastern NE (for Veterans Use) @ \$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
P-4 Regional Centers - Norfolk (for Veterans Use) @ \$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
P-5 VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha, Grand Island, Cheyenne, Hot Springs (for VAVS expenses) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	
P-6 VAVS for NVH - Grand Island, Norfolk, Eastern NE, Western NE (for VAVS Expenses) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	
P-7 VAVS for RC - Norfolk (1) (for VAVS expenses) @ \$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
P-8 Deputy VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha (1), Grand Island (1), Hot Springs (1), Cheyenne (1) (for Deputy VAVS expenses) @\$30.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	
P-9 Deputy VAVS for NVH - Norfolk (1), Grand Island (1), Eastern NE (1), Western NE (1) (For Deputy VAVS expenses) @ \$30.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	
P-10 Love Gift (Fall Conference, Mid-Year, Convention) @\$150.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	
P-11 Department Holiday parties/Gifts	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
P-12 Department Hospital Chairperson Official visits, postage, telephone, lodging	\$850.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

GOLD STAR AND CHAPLAIN

What an amazing convention we had in Kearney! It was wonderful to see everyone there. Congratulations to Larry and Carol on becoming our Commander and President for the coming year. I know they will both Stay on Course for Our Veterans.

As great as our convention was, we are saddened by the loss of someone whom many called friend. A lovely person we all knew as a kind, loving sister we were honored to know. Past Department President Connie Liebsack will always be in our hearts.

Auxiliary sisters and brothers, I am asking for your help this year. I know it is not something we like to think about, but please send me information on members who are deceased as soon as you can. All Auxiliary Presidents should have a page with information to be completed in your Program Book on how to send the information, or you can also use the VFW Auxiliary membership update form. We want to make sure that all members who have passed away will be remembered at the memorial service held at the end of the year.

This year I would like to feature a Gold Star mother, father, sister, brother, etc. in the monthly newsletter. In order to do this, I am asking Auxiliary Presidents to find out how many Gold Star members you have. Be sure to ask new members and even existing members if they are eligible to a Gold Star member. Explain what being a Gold Star member means. Then, send me the names so that I can get in touch with them and ask if I can tell their story in The Navigator. It would be great to honor as many as we can throughout the year, and have a great turnout to honor them at the end of year luncheon.

Sending out a big THANK YOU to Liz Davis for a good job she did last year as Chaplain/Gold Star chairman. The luncheon at convention was great!!! It was inspiring to hear a Gold Star dad tell his story, and very emotional to see a face that went with it. For me, it truly brought home the sacrifices made by our military and their families.

God Bless,

Bonnie Gerlt

A Note (or Two) From Your Department Secretary

And we're off.....Staying on Course for Our Veterans

We are going to have a unique and new (for us) opportunity at our School of Instruction in Seward on August 5th. Instead of each Chairman standing up and reading their program, they will each have a table laden with information for you to gather and take home. Please plan to join us from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street in Seward.

Secretaries, please take the time to read through the newsletters as I'll be sending information that will help you stay on track for upcoming deadlines, etc.

Presidents and Secretaries, PLEASE share the information we send you with your membership. The same goes with your Program Book. Your chairmen need to know the programs so they can assist you in having a healthy Auxiliary, which is something we all want.

One of the first documents I'll be sending (probably next month) is a form to use if one of your officers (President, Treasurer, or Secretary) changes address, phone number, name, or if they pass away or move and you elect/appoint someone new. Don't assume we know what is going on in your Auxiliary. Secretaries – this should be one of your duties. I have email (jeanbarton@windstream.net) or you can mail it to 8100 Regent Drive, Lincoln, NE 68507-3366. I'm pretty easy to get along with as long as you help me help you. Don't ever wait until April to tell me that you've lost an officer. Department and National need to know IMMEDIATELY.

I hope that you will all have a wonderful year Staying on Course and Catching the Dream for Our Veterans.

Stay cool and have a safe, happy 4th.



VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COUNCIL and GENERAL MEETINGS

JUL 05 2017

June 9-10, 2017

The Council of Administration was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President Sue Moore. Membership cards were checked; the Chaplain and Conductress attended the Altar and offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found the following Council Members absent: Jr. Past Presidents Donna Fenske, Julie Brown and Kim Abboud; District 10 President Sondra Albertson (Sr. Vice Katlyn Abboud was present.)

Minutes of the previous Council of Administration were approved as printed and mailed.

Treasurer Sandee Bellows presented the July 1 - May 31 Financial Report (Appendix A). The report will be filed subject to audit.

The Budget Report (Appendix B) was presented by Chairman Carol Thompson.

A motion was made by Past National President Dixie Hild to accept the overage of \$65 on line B-5 of the budget. Seconded by Jr. Vice President Linda Vogel. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sr. Vice President Carol Brosnihan to accept the overage of \$2.38 on line C-4 of the budget. Seconded by District 9 President Vicki Luebbe. Motion carried.

Carol Thompson presented the January 1 – April 30 Audit Report (Appendix C.) The committee moved to accept the Audit as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Secretary Jean Barton to approve the contract with Advanced Office Automation. Seconded by District 3 President Linda Hansen. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandee Bellows moved to use money from savings account #71712 to use as needed for M.A.L.T.A. (Membership Auxiliary Leadership Technology Access) training. Seconded by Sr. Vice President Carol Brosnihan. Motion carried.

President Sue introduced our National Representative, Kim Harney, 2016-2017 National Western Conference Membership Coach and National Recruiter for the Department of Arizona.

Past National President Dixie Hild was also introduced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

The General Meeting opened according to Ritual at 9:05 a.m. Dues cards of all those in the room were checked by the Conductress and Assistant Conductress.

National Representative Kim and Past National President Dixie were escorted into the room with the Colors.

Roll call found the following absent: Jr. Past Presidents Donna Fenske, Julie Brown and Kim Abboud; District 10 President Sondra Albertson (Sr. Vice Katlyn Abboud was present); Color Bearer #2 Donna Fenske (Barb Goebel protem); Color Bearer #3 Carol Thompson was filling in as Credentials Chairman (Terri Durham protem); Color Bearer #4 Sarah Mumma (Angie Ostrander protem); Assistant Conductress Lavonne Hornik (Synthia Stanosheck protem); National Scholarships Chairman Kim Abboud; and VAVS Representatives Karen Krotz, Hot Springs; Wilma Dopson, Norfolk Veterans Home; Lenora Norden, Grand Island Veterans Home; Paulette Marquez and Sondra Albertson, Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home.

Past Department Presidents attending were: June Wilhelm, Vivian Alexander, Jane Petersen, Dixie Hild, Eleanor Pacas, Joyce Witt, Barbara Huettmann, Iva Carlson, Karen Linden, Sue Ann Busing, Carol Thompson, Gayle Beran, and Linda Hansen.

Secretary Jean Barton moved that the minutes of the last convention be approved as printed and mailed. Seconded by District 3 President Linda Hansen. Motion carried.

Judy Workman of Kearney Auxiliary 759 welcomed all to Kearney and presented corsages to President Sue, National Representative Kim, and Past National President Dixie.

Dixie Hild presented the 2017 Convention Rules and moved to accept them as corrected. Second by Jr. Vice President Linda Vogel. Motion carried.

Convention Pages:

Jan Tilley for Sr. Vice President
Judy Workman for Jr. Vice President
Bernice Hoffart for Chaplain
Terri Hultquist for Chief of Staff

National Officer candidates:

Dee Guillory, National President
Sandi Kriebel, National Sr. Vice President
Peggy Haake, National Jr. Vice President
Jan Passmore, National Treasurer
Sandra Onstwedder, National Chaplain
Jean Hamil, National Conductress
Bernadette Botbyl and Jane Reape, National Guard

Outstanding Auxiliary Presidents

Runner Up

Group 1 (10-50 members)	Cinda Jones (5545 Randolph)	Barbara Goebel (5641 Red Cloud)
Group 2 (51-100 members)	Courtney Bremer (2243 Kimball)	Sue Moore (4688 Imperial)
Group 3 (101-150 members)	Gayle Lang (5289 Pawnee City)	Jan Tilley (10727 Bellevue)
Group 4 (151-200 members)	Sarah Klinetobe (3602 Stanton)	Anna Frederick (1504 North Platte)
Group 5 (201-250 members)	Karen Linden (1347 Grand Island)	Carol Philbrick (7029 Ord)
Group 6 (251-300 members)	Bernice Hoffart (131 Lincoln)	Dixie Hild (8334 Millard)
Group 7 (301+ members)	Marge Miller (1644 Norfolk)	

AMERICANISM – Eleanor Pacas, Chairman:

President's Certificates to: 131 Lincoln; 759 Kearney; 7029 Ord, 5641 Red Cloud; and 5824 Wausa.

19 – Auxiliaries participated in the coloring contest. 776 students entered the contest and a total of \$253 was given as awards along with pencils, rulers, and candy. The winners by grade levels are:

Grade 1 – Hailey Pfeiffer - sponsored by Auxiliary 5547 Syracuse (\$7)
Alyssa Nickolite - sponsored by Auxiliary 854 Fremont (\$5)
Grade 2 – Josh Prokupek – sponsored by Auxiliary 2543 Plattsmouth (\$7)
Brylee Wiedel – sponsored by Auxiliary 5814 David City (\$5)
Lily Billesbach – sponsored by Auxiliary 1077 Beatrice (\$3)
Grade 3 – Maddy Osborne – sponsored by Auxiliary 5289 Pawnee City (\$7)
Aracely Negrete – sponsored by Auxiliary 7029 Ord (\$5)
Addison Hoepfner – sponsored by Auxiliary 4504 Laurel (\$3)

9 – Auxiliaries submitted entries for the theme contest entitled "American Symbols". 107 students in grades 4, 5, and 6 participated. Auxiliaries awarded prizes in the amount of \$126. Winners by grade level are:

Grade 4 – Only 4 entries, not enough or too many words, and not all words used in theme
Grade 5 – Lauren Harms – sponsored by Auxiliary 8221 Tecumseh – Sterling school (\$7)
Shaylee Thomsen – sponsored by Auxiliary 7029 Ord (\$5)

Sunnie Rother – sponsored by Auxiliary 8221 Tecumseh – JCC School (\$3)
Grade 6 – Keegan Theobald – sponsored by Auxiliary 8221 Tecumseh (\$7)
Ava Neujahr – sponsored by Auxiliary 5814 David City (\$5)

Chairman Eleanor Pacas received a National Outstanding Participation Award for Americanism.

EDITOR – Angie Ostrander:

First to report: Sue Moore

The Auxiliaries with most submissions: 759 Kearney and 4755 Seward

EXTENSION AND CHIEF OF STAFF – Sue Ann Busing:

Only 6 Districts held membership instruction classes.

Outstanding District Presidents: Joyce Witt, District 1 and Vicki Luebbe, District 9

Sheree Brown was recognized for being 100 percent in reporting for our Healthy Auxiliary project.

Donna Fenske was recognized for the hard work she has done as the National Recruiter Trainer for Nebraska.

Chief of Staff Sue Ann Busing received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

GOLD STAR/CHAPLAIN – Liz Davis

President's Special Certificates for 1644 Norfolk, 3602 Stanton, 7028 Palisade, 759 Kearney, and 5767.

HSITORIAN – Sheree Brown

2 history books were submitted for judging: 131 Lincoln and 4755 Seward

HOSPITAL – Sharon Thorne, Chairman

1,163 volunteers in Nebraska logged over 22,188 miles, spent 24,446 hours and over \$30,808 on the hospital program for our veterans this year.

We had 79 new adult and 59 new youth volunteers this past year. 30 Auxiliaries promoted Veterans and Military Suicide Awareness.

President's Special Certificates to: Paulette Marquez of 2543 Plattsmouth, Dora Day of 759 Kearney, Ord Auxiliary 7029, Grand Island Auxiliary 1347, and Kearney Auxiliary 759.

First Auxiliary to report: 3602 Stanton

Hole In One Award: White Team, Districts 1, 6, 10, & 11.

Marge Ruder of Kearney accepted the \$150 check for the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Hospital Chairman Sharon Thorne received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP – Linda Hansen, Chairman

130 new members this year, 29 rejoins and 70 new life members.

20 Auxiliaries reached at least 100%: 7970 Harrison, 4504 Laurel, 5291 Wayne, 5765 Wakefield, 1652 McCook, 7028 Palisade, 3113 Fairbury, 8221 Tecumseh, 6928 Pender, 8223 North Bend, 8332 Arlington, 131 Lincoln, 4502 Wahoo, 9776 Ashland, 247 Omaha, 8334 Millard, 10727 Bellevue, 1347 Grand Island, 890 Cozad, and 5814 David City.

4 Auxiliaries met or exceeded 105% in membership: 4688 Imperial, 2634 Nebraska City, 3606 Lincoln, and 3576 Broken Bow.

1 Auxiliary met or exceeded 105% in members with the 5% being male members: 2243 Kimball.

15 Auxiliaries met all the criteria for the Circle of Excellence: 2243 Kimball, 7970 Harrison, 4688 Imperial, 3113 Fairbury, 8221 Tecumseh, 6928 Pender, 131 Lincoln, 3606 Lincoln, 4502 Wahoo, 9776 Ashland, 8334 Millard, 10727 Bellevue, 1347 Grand Island, 3576 Broken Bow, and 5814 David City.

2 Districts met all the criteria for Circle of Excellence: Districts 1 and 9.

First Auxiliary to report: 2634 Nebraska City

Most reports sent (tie): 759 Kearney and 3602 Stanton

Most recruiting efforts: 2243 Kimball

Most unique recruiting: 926 O'Neill

Membership and Leadership Chairman Linda Hansen received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

First and second call for nominations (2017-18):

President – Carol Brosnihan

Sr. Vice President – Linda Vogel

Jr. Vice President – Liz Davis

Treasurer – Sandee Bellows

Chaplain – Bonnie Gerlt

Conductress – Sharon Thorne

Guard – Vicki Luebbe

The meeting is adjourned until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017.

The meeting on Saturday opened at 8:03 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE – Bonnie Gerlt, Chairman

4 Districts reached 100% in reporting: Districts 1, 9, 13, & 15. All 4 were entered in a drawing for \$15. District 9 was the winner.

The 2 Auxiliaries with the most contacts to Legislators were 3421 Omaha and 7029 Ord.

District 3 was recognized for their effort to get Auxiliary legislative reports sent in.

Bonnie Gerlt, Legislative Chairman, received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS – Iva Carlson, Chairman

President's Special Certificates were awarded to 4755 Seward, 1077 Beatrice, 7029 Ord, 2704 Omaha, and District 9 for their efforts in supporting our Department Scholarship program.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS – Kim Abboud, Chairman

The department winner of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art award is Adam Boggs, sponsored by Auxiliary 5641 in Red Cloud, District 13.

President's Special Citations were awarded to: 736 Albion, 5330 Plainview, and 5641 Red Cloud.

National Scholarships Chairman Kim Abboud received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT – Gayle Beran, Chairman

100% in reporting.

President's Special Certificates for exceeding expectations to take care of our veterans and their families were awarded to: 759 Kearney, 1347 Grand Island, 5641 Red Cloud, 7029 Ord, and 4502 Wahoo.

A special award to Lori Skala for all she does for the homeless veterans.

A total of just over \$5,000 was donated by Nebraska Auxiliaries for this program in 2016-17.

National Certificates for Veterans & Military Support Programs:

- Silver Level – Department of Nebraska
- National Certificates of Recognition: 1644 Norfolk, 3602 Stanton, 5547 Syracuse, 4755 Seward, 2503 Benson, 10727 Bellevue, and 7029 Ord.

Buddy Poppy Display winners:

Category I: 1st Place (\$50) - 7029 Ord 2nd Place (\$24) - 10727 Bellevue
Category II: 1st Place (\$50) - 2503 Benson 2nd Place (\$24) - 5289 Pawnee City
Category III: 1st Place (\$50) - 759 Kearney 2nd Place (\$24) - 8223 North Bend

Gayle Beran, Veterans & Family Support Chairman received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Katlyn Abboud, Chairman

President’s Special Certificates awarded to: 1644 Norfolk, 5545 Randolph, 6219 Culbertson, 5289 Pawnee City, 131 Lincoln, 9776 Ashland, 8334 Millard, 10727 Bellevue, 7029 Ord, and 759 Kearney for the hard work and dedication in working with youth.

Chairman Katlyn Abboud received a National Outstanding Participation Award.

FRANCES HARMON AWARD (\$50 and a plaque) was awarded to Auxiliary 8334 Millard.

Upcoming State Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Location	Hotel (if applicable)
School of Instruction	August 5, 2017	Seward Civic Center	616 Bradford Street, Seward
Fall Conference & Homecoming	October 6-7, 2017	Omaha	Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover Street, Omaha
Mid Winter/Legislative Day	February 1-3, 2018	Lincoln	Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13 th Street, Lincoln
Convention	June 8-10, 2018	Omaha	Comfort Inn, 7007 Grover Street, Omaha

President Sue Moore appointed PDP Jane Petersen as Judge and PDPs June Wilhelm and Vivian Alexander as Tellers for the election.

Last call for nominations:

President – Carol Brosnihan - elected by acclamation
Sr. Vice President – Linda Vogel - elected by acclamation
Jr. Vice President – Liz Davis - elected by acclamation
Treasurer – Sandee Bellows - elected by acclamation
Chaplain – Bonnie Gerlt - elected by acclamation
Conductress – Sharon Thorne - elected by acclamation
Guard – Vicki Luebbe - elected by acclamation

Joint Installation with the VFW will be held on Sunday, June 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the retiring of the colors. The next meeting will be School of Instruction on August 5 in Seward.

Loyally submitted

Jean Barton, Department Secretary

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT WINNERS!!!

Basket 1	VFW Tote Cooler Blue w/Stars	Terri Stokes
Basket 2	Margarita Basket	Ken Yount
Basket 3	Cabela's Basket	1347 Auxiliary
Basket 4	Spring Basket	1347 Auxiliary
Basket 5	Laundry Tote	Linda Verycha
Basket 6	Elvis Wine	Don Eckstein
Basket 7	Coffee Basket	Karen Linden
Basket 8	Welcome Wreath	Dixie Hild
Basket 9	VFW Striped Tote	Angie Ostrander
Basket 10	Blue Pail	Ron Packard
Basket 11	Husker Blanket and Pillow	Beryl Knotwell
Basket 12	Patriotic Wreath	Dixie Hild

50/50 Raffle \$709.00 Jan Tilley \$354.50

Silent Auction

Signed Husker Picture "The Catch" autographed

by Scott Frost and Matt Davison	Jerry Chlopek
Machete	Darrell Munson
Boots	June Wilhelm
Ducks Unlimited Decanter	Jerry Chlopek
New Golf Balls	Jim Pierce
Used Golf Balls	Jim Pierce
Husker Stadium Picture	Mike Dunn

Silent Auction netted \$285.00

Army Quilt	Carol Thompson
Quilt	June Wilhelm
Plant Stand and Plant	Marge Calkin

Bag #1	Don Eckstein
Bag#2	Bernice Hoffart
Bag # 3	Carol Thompson
Bag #4	Linda Hansen
Bag #5	Jane Nelson
Bag # 6	Dixie Hild
Bag # 7	Gayle Beran
Bag # 8	Linda Vogel
Bag # 9	Gary Bush
Bag # 10	Kaylynn Wheeler

Weekend total for Veterans and Family Support Table \$1,647.11

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska

April Budget 2016-2017

	Approved Income 2016-2017	Actual Income 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
INCOME			
1. Dept Annual Dues Reserve (transferred after July 1)	\$7,879.00	\$7,879.00	
2. Department Annual Dues (less 50% for dues reserve)(3600)	\$9,600.00	\$9,976.00	
3. Roster/Mailings	\$500.00	\$345.00	
4. Interest on Investments, savings, CDs	\$4,546.00	\$2,16.84	
5. Life Membership Reserve Fund transferred after July 1	\$4,950.00	\$4,546.00	
6. Life Membership Fund (less 50% for dues reserve)(3600)	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	
7. Commissions from National Supply Department (2%)	\$150.00	\$146.14	
8. VFW National Guarantee Program	\$7,260.00	\$7,260.19	
9. Miscellaneous income (awards) from National	\$600.00	\$1,250.00	
10. Calendar Sales (1500)	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
11. Undesignated Funds	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Total	\$45,285.00	\$44,571.17	
A. EXPENSES			
Department President:			
A-1 Official Travel	\$4,000.00	(\$2,756.16)	\$1,243.84
A-2 Telephone & Postage	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
A-3 National President's Homecoming	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
A-4 National President's Homecoming Gift	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
A-5 National Convention	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
A-6 National Mid-Year Conference	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
A-7 Big Ten Conference Meeting	\$400.00	(\$400.00)	\$0.00
A-8 Community Service Conference/Patriotic Conference	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
A-9 Department President Pin Jewel & Setting	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT	\$7,060.00	(\$4,356.16)	\$2,703.84
B. Department Secretary:			
B-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$5,600.00	(\$5,218.54)	\$381.46
B-2 Travel	\$500.00	(\$186.86)	\$313.15
B-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,650.00	(\$1,015.51)	\$634.49
B-4 Supplies	\$1,250.00	(\$189.02)	\$1,060.98
B-5 Machine Maintenance Contract	\$725.00	(\$790.60)	(\$65.60)
TOTAL DEPARTMENT SECRETARY	\$10,725.00	(\$8,410.52)	\$2,314.48
C. Department Treasurer:			
C-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$5,600.00	(\$5,378.63)	\$221.37
C-2 Travel	\$870.00	(\$430.56)	\$239.44
C-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,000.00	(\$754.37)	\$245.63
C-4 Supplies	\$1,300.00	(\$1,302.38)	(\$2.38)
C-6 Bond - (\$120,000)	\$281.00	(\$281.00)	\$0.00
C-7 CPA Federal & State Tax Preparation	\$700.00	(\$700.00)	\$0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT TREASURER	\$10,551.00	(\$9,846.94)	\$704.06
D. Department Chief of Staff			
D-1 Travel	\$1,000.00	(\$239.86)	\$760.14
D-2 Telephone & Postage	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
D-3 Training Materials for District Presidents	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF	\$1,150.00	(\$239.86)	\$910.14

Financial Report
July 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017

Account/Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$2,345.75	\$39,373.37	(\$38,619.72)	\$3,099.40
National Dues	\$0.00	\$48,058.99	(\$48,058.99)	\$0.00
Cancer Quota	\$0.00	\$2,062.00	(\$2,047.00)	\$15.00
President's Special-Veterans & Families	\$0.00	\$733.00	\$0.00	\$733.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$1,410.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
Veterans & Family Support	\$0.00	\$2,092.57	\$0.00	\$2,092.57
Convention Account	\$0.00	\$354.00	\$0.00	\$354.00
Escrow Fund (Aux 1251 - Aug 22, 2016)	\$0.00	\$2,886.69	\$0.00	\$2,886.69
Hospital (details below)	\$9,680.71	\$9,223.00	(\$8,566.62)	\$10,337.09
Account Balances - Year to date	\$12,026.46	\$106,192.62	(\$97,292.33)	\$20,926.75
Checking Account Balance on May 31, 2017				\$20,926.75
Other Assets (Dues Reserves)				
Savings # 71712	\$25,864.03	\$12.90	\$0.00	\$25,876.93
Savings # 73742 (equipment)	\$1,421.38	\$142.80	(\$107.00)	\$1,457.18
Savings # 77149 - Big 10 Fund	\$700.45	\$100.34	\$0.00	\$800.79
Total - Savings Accounts	\$27,285.41	\$256.04	(\$107.00)	\$28,134.90
CD #623 - Bank of Steinauer	\$5,492.30	\$13.84	(\$13.84)	\$5,492.30
CD #642 - Bank of Steinauer	\$25,919.25	\$92.99	(\$92.99)	\$25,919.25
CD #647 - Bank of Steinauer	\$5,242.83	\$13.00	(\$13.00)	\$5,242.83
CD #702 - Bank of Steinauer	\$8,570.71	\$22.26	(\$22.26)	\$8,570.71
Totals - CDs	\$45,225.09	\$142.09	(\$142.09)	\$45,225.09
Total - CDs & Savings				\$73,359.99
Balance of Assets & Cash - Year to Date				
Restricted Funds - Hospital				\$84,286.74
General	\$4,819.98	\$5,265.00	(\$5,040.00)	\$5,044.98
Veteran's Home - Norfolk	\$1,157.39	\$443.00	(\$500.00)	\$1,100.39
Veteran's Home - Grand Island	\$275.93	\$625.00	(\$526.68)	\$374.25
Veteran's Home - Western	\$401.99	\$445.00	(\$340.00)	\$506.99
Veteran's Home - Eastern	\$1,166.33	\$560.00	(\$809.94)	\$928.39
Regional Center - Norfolk	\$233.23	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$358.23
Veteran's Hospital - Grand Island	\$322.56	\$615.00	(\$475.00)	\$462.56
Veteran's Hospital - Omaha	\$1,171.75	\$475.00	(\$675.00)	\$971.75
Veteran's Hospital - Hot Springs	\$39.55	\$325.00	(\$200.00)	\$164.55
Veteran's Hospital - Cheyenne	\$100.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
Balance of Hospital accounts	\$9,680.71	\$9,223.00	(\$8,566.62)	\$10,337.09

Department Treasurer *Shirley Bellows*

	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
E. DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION			
E-1 Chief of Staff @ 50.00	\$180.00	(\$100.00)	\$80.00
E-2 Dept Convention & Council Meetings @ \$50.00 Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Chaplain, Conductress, Guard, District Presidents @ \$40.00	\$2,250.00	(\$1,450.00)	\$800.00
E-3 Department Convention & Council Meetings @ \$40.00 Past National President (1), Jr. Past Department Pres (4)	\$200.00	(\$80.00)	\$120.00
E-4 National Convention Immediate Past President, Sr. Vice President - \$350.00 Jr Vice President - \$300.00; Chaplain - \$225.00 Conductress & Guard (\$150 each)	\$1,525.00	\$0.00	\$1,525.00
E-5 Big Ten Conference - Sr & Jr Vice (\$200 each) Chaplain, Conductress & Guard (\$150 each)	\$850.00	(\$550.00)	\$300.00
SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION			
E-6 Mileage for District Presidents @ .25 c per mile	\$900.00	(\$471.75)	\$428.25
E-7 Program Chairmen, Officers @ \$45.00	\$585.00	(\$540.00)	\$45.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION	\$6,450.00	(\$3,191.75)	\$3,258.25
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
F. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS	\$2,700.00	(\$1,957.44)	\$742.56
Travel for inspection of Auxiliaries, District School of Instruction & Spring Convention @ .25c per mile			
G. DEPARTMENT APPOINTIVE OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS			
<i>General Sessions</i> : Fall Conference, Mid-Year Conference & Convention @ \$40.00	\$960.00	(\$400.00)	\$560.00
G-1 Historian, Color Bearers (4), Flag Bearer, Banner Bearer, Parliamentarian @ \$45.00			
G-2 Chairmen @ \$45.00 American/Patriotic Instructor; Legislative; Editor; Membership; Hospital; Veterans & Military Support programs; Dept. Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities	\$945.00	(\$405.00)	\$540.00
G-3 Asst Treasurer, Budget Chairperson @ \$40.00	\$120.00	(\$40.00)	\$80.00
G-4 Asst Conductress, Asst Guard @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$160.00)	\$80.00
G-5 Asst Veterans & Military Support Programs (2) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$160.00)	\$80.00
COMMITTEES			
G-11 Budget (4x \$45.00 x1 meeting)	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
G-12 Audit (Chairman x \$45.00 x 3 mths & 3 members x \$40.00 x 3 mths)	\$495.00	(\$330.00)	\$165.00
TOTAL APPOINTED OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS	\$3,180.00	(\$1,495.00)	\$1,685.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
PROGRAM EXPENSES:	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
G-13 Membership Expenses (postage)	\$150.00	(\$25.00)	\$125.00
G-14 Membership 100% quarterly drawings	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
G-15 Postage - Young Patriotic Art to Natl	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
G-16 Historian Scrapbook			

	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
H. JOINT AWARDS WITH VFW:			
H-1 Buddy Poppy	\$75.00	(\$75.00)	\$0.00
H-2 Community Service	\$30.00	(\$30.00)	\$0.00
H-3 Voice of Democracy	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
H-4 Patriot's Pen Competition	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
J. AWARDS BY VFW AUXILIARY:			
J-1 Young American Creative Patriotic Art- 1st place \$125; 2nd place \$100.00; 3rd place \$50.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
J-2 Americanist; Legislative; Editor; Hospital; Veterans & Military Support Programs; Department Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities and Historian Book @ \$30.00	\$270.00	(\$1,130.00)	\$270.00
TOTAL PROMOTION OF PROGRAMS	\$2,100.00	(\$1,130.00)	\$970.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
K. OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES			
K-1 Property Insurance	\$125.00	(\$127.00)	(\$2.00)
K-2 Big Ten Conference Dues	\$150.00	(\$160.00)	\$0.00
K-3 National President's Love Gift at National Convention	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00
K-4 Senior Vice President Starting President Year	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
K-5 Chaplain (Memorials, Get Well, etc (See Dept Standing Rules)	\$25.00	(\$5.94)	\$19.06
K-6 Nebraska Night at National Convention	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
K-7 National President's Visit	\$300.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
K-8 National Representatives Love Gifts (excluding Dept Convention)	\$50.00	(\$25.00)	\$25.00
K-9 Big 10 Membership Skit	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$1,022.00	(\$732.94)	\$289.06
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
NATIONAL CERTIFIED RECIUITER TRAINER BUDGET			
L-1 Travel	\$125.00	(\$125.00)	\$0.00
L-2 Supplies, phone, postage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$325.00	(\$125.00)	\$200.00
	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Expenses 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
M. Contingent Expenses	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,285.00	(\$31,485.61)	\$13,799.39

RESTRICTED FUNDS - Department Convention Budget	Approved Budget 2016-2017	Actual Income 2016-2017	Budget Balance 2016-2017
Income - Delegate fees (434)	\$1,300.00	\$354.00	
N. Expenses			
N-1 Credential Committee (Chairperson - \$55.00, 2 members x \$45.00)	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
N-2 Delegate cards & Minutes (printing & mailing)	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00
N-3 Pages (ribbons, badges, love gifts, etc.)	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
N-4 National representative (love gift)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
N-5 Department President - Year End Donation	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
N-6 Gold Star/Membership Luncheon - Membership	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	\$0.00
N-7 Gold Star/Membership Luncheon - Gold Star	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,300.00	(\$150.00)	\$1,150.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS - General Hospital Budget			
Income			
1. donations from Auxiliaries for General Hospital Fund	\$2,100.00	\$1,150.00	
2. Department Donation to General Hospital Fund	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,100.00	\$5,150.00	
P. Expenses - Bi-annual allowances (\$amount x 2)			
NOTE: VAVS and/or Deputy VAVS Limited to one facility stipend			
P-1 VAMC - Omaha, Grand Island, Cheyenne, Hot Springs (For Veterans Use)	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
P-2 NVH - Grand Island (for Veterans Use)	\$600.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
P-3 VAVS - Norfolk, Western NE, Eastern NE (for Veterans Use)	\$1,200.00	(\$1,200.00)	\$0.00
P-4 Regional Centers - Norfolk (for Veterans Use)	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
P-5 VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha, Grand Island, Cheyenne, Hot Springs (for VAVS expenses)	\$80.00	(\$80.00)	\$0.00
P-6 VAVS for NVH - Grand Island, Norfolk, Eastern NE, Western NE (for VAVS Expenses)	\$240.00	(\$240.00)	\$0.00
P-7 VAVS for RC - Norfolk (1) (for VAVS expenses)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
P-8 Deputy VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha (4), Grand Island (4), Hot Springs (4), Cheyenne (4) (for Deputy VAVS expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
P-9 Deputy VAVS for NVH - Norfolk (4), Grand Island (1), Eastern NE (1), Western NE (4) (For Deputy VAVS expenses)	\$120.00	(\$120.00)	\$0.00
P-10 Love Gift (Fall Conference, Mid-Year, Convention) @ \$150.00	\$450.00	(\$300.00)	\$150.00
P-11 Department Holiday parties/Gifts	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00
P-12 Department Hospital Chairperson Official visits, postage, telephone, lodging	\$850.00	(\$45.00)	\$805.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,100.00	(\$5,085.00)	\$1,015.00

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW - Department of Nebraska
AUDIT

Audit for the Period: 1/1/2017 To 4/30/2017

Roll Forward - by fund - per books	Roll Forward - by fund - (Continued)
GENERAL FUND	HOSPITAL FUND
Balance Last Audit \$3,085.96	Balance Last Audit \$9,837.09
Receipts (+) \$12,178.26	General Hospital - receipts (+) \$2,100.00
Disbursements (-) (\$12,164.82)	General Hospital - Disbursements (-) (\$150.00)
Balance This Audit \$3,099.40	Designated Funds - receipts (+) \$90.00
Balance Last Audit (\$223.01)	Designated Funds - Disbursements (-) (\$1,340.00)
Receipts (+) \$5,197.00	Balance this Audit \$10,337.09
Disbursements (-) (\$4,973.99)	
Balance This Audit \$0.00	
Pass Through Funds	
CANCER QUOTA	Cash & Investments on-hand
Balance Last Audit \$1,666.00	CHECKING ACCOUNT Balance per Bank Statement \$23,905.65
Receipts (+) \$396.00	Deposit in Transit (attach list) \$0.00
Disbursements (-) (\$2,047.00)	Outstanding checks (attach list) (\$2,878.90)
Balance This Audit \$15.00	Interest \$0.00
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT	Bank Charges \$0.00
Balance Last Audit \$508.00	Other Reconciling Items \$0.00
Receipts (+) \$225.00	
Disbursements (-) \$0.00	
Balance This Audit \$733.00	
SCHOLARSHIP	SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
Balance Last Audit \$690.00	Savings Account #77149 - Balance Last Audit \$700.62
Receipts (+) \$520.00	receipts (+) \$100.17
Disbursements (-) \$0.00	Disbursements (-) \$0.00
Balance This Audit \$1,410.00	Balance this Audit \$800.79
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT	
Balance Last Audit \$961.77	Savings Account #71712 - Balance Last Audit \$25,870.48
Receipts (+) \$1,130.80	receipts (+) \$6.45
Disbursements (-) \$0.00	Disbursements (-) \$0.00
Balance This Audit \$2,092.57	Balance this Audit \$25,876.93
	Savings Account #73742 - Balance Last Audit \$1,363.69
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUND	Receipts (+) \$93.49
Balance Last Audit \$0.00	Disbursements (-) \$0.00
Receipts (+) \$354.00	Balance this Audit \$1,457.18
Disbursements (-) \$0.00	Total of Savings Accounts \$28,134.90
Balance this Audit \$354.00	
ESOROW FUND	INVESTMENTS (attach list)
Balance last Audit \$2,885.69	Balance Last Audit \$45,225.09
Receipts (+) (\$724/2016)	Disbursements (-) (\$93.14)
Disbursements (-) \$0.00	Balance this Audit \$45,225.09
Balance this Audit \$2,885.69	
	Total of Investments (Savings + CDs) \$73,359.99
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$94,286.74

We certify that we have audited the books for the period referenced above and have found them to be correct.

Carol Thompson Auditor
Charles Toegel Chairman
Charles Toegel Treasurer
Charles Toegel Secretary
Charles Toegel Vice Secretary
Charles Toegel Member

June 8, 2017