

The Navigator

Stay on Course for Our Veterans

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

March 2018

Dear Members,

Our year is coming to a close rapidly, but there is still work to do. Please continue to work on your membership. There is still plenty of time to reach our goal of 100% for our Department.

Thank you to all of you who attended our Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln. What an inspiration these young patriots are to all of us. I spoke to many of the students and parents and they all stated that they were so grateful for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs.

We learned a great deal from our delightful National President, Dee Guillory as well. What a bright, lovely, and gracious lady she is. We are very fortunate to have her leading our organization this year.

I have included the information presented to us by Julie Hudson of American Warrior Entertainment. Julie has written and is now producing a full movie named "Silence" to be released in the next few months to educate the public about PTSD and the skyrocketing rate of suicide in our military community. Please consider supporting this wonderful program. Also enclosed is a letter-sized guide to Combat Duty eligibility that can be copied and easily carried or posted.

Loyally,

Carol Brosnihan
Department President

LEGISLATIVE

It was so nice to see a lot of you at Mid-Winter Conference. If you missed the speeches of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners you missed out on some great inspirational speeches.

February 2 was Legislative Day at the State Capitol. This was my 3rd one and each one I learn a little more about what is going on in Nebraska. We got to sit in the balcony again this year and actually watch our Legislators in action.

I received an email from Keith Harman our VFW Commander-in-Chief asking us to tell our Legislators to **end budget sequestration NOW!** I clicked on the link provided and sent the letter off to my Representatives, then shared it on my Facebook page.

I also got an email from Carmelita M. Jones, our National Legislative Ambassador, asking us to please participate in the VFW's Action Alert to contact your members of Congress and tell them to pass the "The Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2017." She gave us a link to contact our representatives to help pass this. I did, and hope

you all did, too. I also posted it on my Facebook page and sent Carmelita's email to all my District #9 Presidents. The email was **CALL TO ACTION: EXPAND CAREGIVER BENEFITS!**

My Representatives I asked to help pass it were Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE); Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE); and Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE 1st District.)

If you would like more information on our current State Legislators, Google "Nebraska Legislators." We need to voice what we want to help out our veterans in Nebraska by lending our voice for these bills.

I still need your reports before April 15 so please get them to me soon. Send by mail or email so we can be 100% for Carol and Stay on Course for our Veterans.

Happy St. Patrick's Day – God's Blessing

Vicki Luebbe

AMERICANISM

Auxiliaries, you have presented the Flag Code in your communities at various times. Today we observe that citizens do not honor the American Flag or our National Anthem when sung or played. Not placing the right hand over the heart, leaving hats on (stocking caps, feed caps, baseball caps) as well as talking is so disrespectful. As members of this organization we know the proper etiquette is to salute the flag throughout the entire National Anthem. Anyone who is in official military dress can leave their hat on and everyone can sing the strains of the National Anthem. If you don't want to sing or there is no flag, then simply stand and remain silent.

We continue to promote patriotic programs as a way to show our love for our country.

Always publicize any events that you present for this important program.

Now is the time for all Auxiliaries to report "**what they did for Americanism.**" They say the groundhog did not see his shadow so 6 weeks of winter or is it 6 weeks before spring?? Doesn't matter, all Auxiliary reports are due by **April 15th** which is just 6 weeks away and time passes so quickly. If you do not have a copy of the report form, jot a note and let me know what your Auxiliary did for Americanism.

Fly your flag every day or on special days

March 1 – Nebraska's Statehood

March 3 – "Star Spangled Banner" U.S. National Anthem (1931)

Eleanor Pacas

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

It's hard to believe there are only a few months left of the year. Make sure to turn your reports in so we can hit 100% in reporting. They are due no later than April 15th.

Easter is April 1st. Start planning an Easter party or Easter egg hunt for the kids. With March and April also comes Spring Break for the kids. Plan different activities throughout the break for them to do.

Do you see youth thanking a veteran for their service? Or do you watch someone place their hand over their heart correctly? Give him or her a R.A.P. card/coin. This is an excellent way to engage the youth. As "We Catch the Dream for Our Veterans," we must remember the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Let's finish this year off strong as we *Stay On Course for Our Veterans*.

Katlyn Abboud

HOSPITAL

It was great seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in Lincoln and an honor meeting National President Dee Guillory.

My hospital guest was Kaye Jesske, Bryan Health Senior Development Officer, Bryan Foundation. She talked about the Alzheimer unit and that they make up kits of items that the patients may have used in days gone by (i.e. carpenter kits, pipe fitter kits) to help the patients that are there for other medical reasons cope. In talking with Kaye she said they also have cancer treatment and nurse navigator programs that treat patients all over the state who are dealing with cancer. They have a College of Health Science as well. She gave me her information for anyone who has questions about their programs. It is: Kaye Jesske, Senior Development Officer, Bryan Foundation, 1600 S 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506-1299, (402) 481-8139, email: kaye.jesske@bryanhealth.org

Some dates to remember:

April 15, 2018, final reports are due.

National Volunteer Week – April 15-22

National Nurses Day – May 6

National Nurses Week – May 6-12

If you need to get in touch with me either call (402) 873-4388, leave a message and I will get back to you or email me at thornebear@hotmail.com.

"Stay On Course for Our Veterans"

Loyally,
Sharon J Thorne



CHAPLAIN AND GOLD STAR

Greetings to all my Auxiliary brothers and sisters.

I enjoyed seeing and talking with all those who were at Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln. I know that it would have been great to see more of our members in attendance. On that note, June Convention will be here before we know it, and with warm weather and sunshine predicted, let's see how many we can get to attend and hear what has been happening in Nebraska's Auxiliaries throughout the year.

As Chaplain, I am receiving death notices and putting the names on file to be put in the year end Memorial Book. Please get them to me as soon as possible after finding out when one of your members has passed away.

In one of my earlier newsletter articles I wrote about who is a Gold Star family or a Gold Star member. When I first heard the word "member," I thought that meant you must join a group or organization which usually means there is a cost.

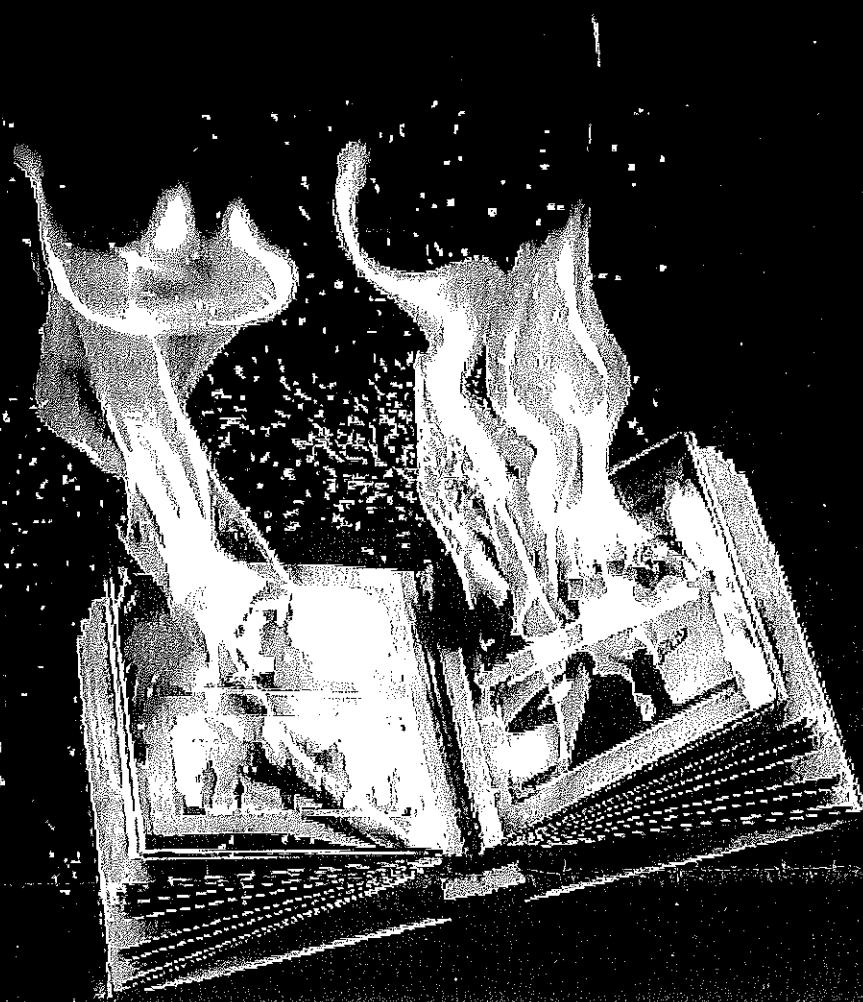
Gold Star families or members are immediate relatives of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been killed in combat or in support of certain military activities. So I guess you could say that they do join a group or organization to belong, but it is not one that you or anyone else can hardly wait to join. And yes, there is a cost to join. It is the ultimate price a family, mother, father, sister, or brother must pay. The loss of a loved one is the cost that no one wishes to pay, but you paid it by the bravery and sacrifice of your family member.

So now ask that at your next Auxiliary meeting you talk to each other, learn how you became eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Besides getting to know each other a little better, you may find someone eligible to become a "member" of a special and honored group of people.

God Bless each and every one of you.

Bonnie Gerlt





TWENTY TWO IS TOO MANY. BREAK THE

SILENCE

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Care and Concern

Past Department President Karen Linden's sister passed away on February 10. Cards and notes can be sent to Karen at 3720 W. State Street, #A7, Grand Island, 68803 if you would like to contact her.

Treasurer Sandee Bellows' mother fell and broke her hip on February 6th and subsequently had surgery. Sandee reports that she is doing much better than the doctors or therapists expected and could be released soon. Isn't that great news?

A NOTE OR TWO FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

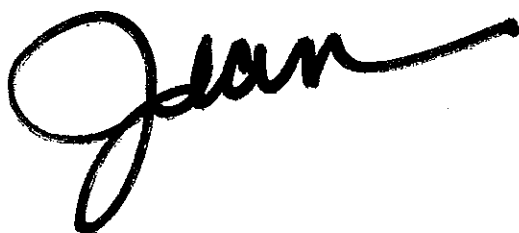
Can you believe spring will be here in a few short weeks? With the ice and snow gone you'll be able to get back out into your communities to spend time with our veterans and their families and to show everyone all the good that the Auxiliary does.

Next month I'll be sending the Application for Warrant, as well as the Department and National delegate forms. **Secretaries, please be sure to send the Application for Warrant to me IMMEDIATELY after you elect officers for 2018-19 at your regular business meeting in April as per our National Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 804A.** Remember that you must hold an election and installation even if your officers remain the same.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about anything in regard to the Auxiliary. If I don't know the answer or I don't think I'm the person who should be assisting you, I will get you to the person who can help. Don't wait until your Auxiliary is in trouble to call us. The Department Officers are here to help you and we don't want your Auxiliary to lose your Charter just because no one asked for help.

As you read in the Council of Administration meeting minutes earlier in this mailing you know that the Department is trying to raise funds for the return of the Department Membership Roundups. This will allow current and past officers to travel across the state to meet our wonderful members and hopefully encourage those who are not members at this time to join. You will find a poem written by Past Department President and current District 7 President Jane Petersen on the last page of the Navigator. I sincerely hope you will take part in this project. In order to participate in all our programs and take care of our veterans and their families we need members and this will be a way for us to get out into the communities to let everyone know about all the good things we do as an organization and hopefully raise our membership numbers.

You can reach me at 8100 Regent Drive, Lincoln/68507; jeanbarton@windstream.net; or 402-464-1586. Please note that if you call me during the day while I'm at work, you will need to leave a message and I'll get back to you.



A Bakeless Bake Sale

A bakeless bake sale has come your way,
The best idea you've heard of, you'll say.

Busy or lazy, it's sure to please
A bakeless bake sale is done with such ease.

Busy seasons are here now we know
Here is an easy way to make some dough.
Time is short we haven't much time to spare,
This bakeless bake sale we'd like to share.

There's no rushing around and about
Wondering how your baking will turn out.

There's no spilled flour on your floor,
And if there's a failure, no baking some more.

Our recipe is quite simple, so you'll soon see,
Just a few substitutes make it very easy.

Let an envelope be your pan or plate,
Slip in the dough that it will take
For a pie, cake, or rolls you would bake.

Do it now, choose your dough with care,
Sprinkle with honor, tuck in a little friendship here and there,
And with good will, send it on its way,
Do it now, this very day.

The money raised from this bakeless bake sale will be used to help the Department travel across the state to meet our faithful members and hopefully attract new.

Mail your donation to our Treasurer:
Sandee Bellows
745 K Street
Pawnee City, NE 68420



Bakeless Bake Sale

DEPT. OF NEBRASKA VFW AUXILIARY

Dept. President	Carol Brosnihan		2017-2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES:			78
LAST YEARS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:			7,012
2/20/2018			6,441
CURRENT PERCENTAGE:			91.857%

DIST. 1		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1375	CHADRON	55	28	23	51	92.73%	4
1681	GERING	76	48	15	63	82.89%	13
2243	KIMBALL	78	26	38	64	82.05%	14
5639	HAY SPRING	14	5	6	11	78.57%	3
7970	HARRISON	25	24	0	24	96.00%	1
	TOTAL	248	131	82	213	85.88%	35

DIST. 3		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1151	CREIGHTON	86	41	39	80	93.02%	6
1644	NORFOLK	429	230	149	379	88.34%	50
3602	STANTON	191	94	91	185	96.86%	6
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	10	16	84.21%	3
*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	445	429	874	87.58%	124

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	18	65	90.28%	7
8258	STAPLETON	35	14	22	36	102.86%	-1
9155	STRAITON	51	5	43	48	94.12%	3
	TOTAL	502	213	230	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	61	87	88.78%	11
2634	NE. CITY	38	15	14	29	76.32%	9
3113	FAIRBURY	58	23	34	57	98.28%	1
4959	CRETE	91	56	30	86	94.51%	5
5289	PAWNEE C.	103	46	50	96	93.20%	7
5547	SYRACUSE	97	15	71	86	88.66%	11
7102	GENEVA	95	16	59	75	78.95%	20
8221	TECUMSEH	30	10	17	27	90.00%	3
10042	ADAMS	37	14	21	35	94.59%	2
10579	DAVENPORT	28	11	15	26	92.86%	2
	TOTAL	789	269	434	703	89.10%	86

DIST. 7		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
854	FREMONT	115	56	45	101	87.83%	14
*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	45	64	87.67%	9
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	36	50	86.21%	8
3606	LINCOLN	130	71	55	126	96.92%	4
4502	WAHOO	118	76	27	103	87.29%	15
4755	SEWARD	154	134	15	149	96.75%	5
9776	ASHLAND	59	26	30	56	94.92%	3
	TOTAL	813	509	250	759	93.36%	54

DIST. 10		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
247	OMAHA	85	48	28	76	89.41%	9
2503	OMAHA	451	241	198	434	96.23%	16
2543	PLATTSMOUC	151	74	72	146	96.69%	5
2704	OMAHA	16	6	10	16	100.00%	0
3421	OMAHA	54	28	21	49	90.74%	5
8334	MILLARD	265	131	115	246	92.83%	19
10727	BELLEVOUE	130	63	68	131	100.77%	-1
	TOTAL	1152	591	512	1103	95.75%	49

DIST. 11		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
926	O'NEILL	57	44	11	55	96.49%	2
1347	GRAND ISLA	233	145	75	220	94.42%	13
3576	BROKEN BO	91	25	60	85	93.41%	6
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	30	30	60	100.00%	0
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	458	320	778	93.85%	51

DIST. 13		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
759	KEARNEY	120	58	57	115	95.83%	5
890	COZAD	39	17	21	38	97.44%	1
1346	HASTINGS	126	72	41	113	89.68%	13
5136	LEXINGTON	104	80	23	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	18	25	43	97.73%	1
	TOTAL	519	295	180	475	91.52%	44

DIST. 15		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
736	ALBION	78	52	22	74	94.87%	4
3704	COLUMBUS	136	69	45	114	83.82%	22
4836	SCHUYLER	44	17	24	41	93.18%	3
5814	DAVID CITY	38	10	23	33	86.84%	5
	TOTAL	296	148	114	262	88.51%	34

NE		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
	AT LARGE	291	307	0	307	105.49%	-16
	NEW LIFE		21				
	NEW ANNUAL		68				
	ANNUAL REJOIN		36				
	* Closed - Auxillary						

Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW - Department of Nebraska
AUDIT

Audit for the Period: 9/1/2017 To 12/31/2017
Roll Forward - by fund - per books

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
Convention Budget	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Income - Delegate fees. (434)			
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	\$0.00	\$150.00
N-7. Gold Star/Membership Luncheon - Gold Star	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
General Hospital Budget			
Income			
1. donations from Auxiliaries for General Hospital Fund	\$2,220.00	\$395.00	\$1,825.00
2. Department Donation to General Hospital Fund	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,220.00	\$2,395.00	\$3,825.00
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) @ \$125.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)	\$500.00
P-2. NVH - Grand Island (for Veterans Use) @ \$250.00	\$500.00	(\$250.00)	\$250.00
P-3. NVH - Norfolk, Western NE, Eastern NE (for Veterans Use)	\$1,200.00	(\$600.00)	\$600.00
P-4. VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha, Grand Island, Cheyenne, Hot Springs (for VAVS expenses) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$120.00)	\$120.00
P-5. VAVS for NVH - Grand Island, Norfolk, Eastern NE, Western NE (for VAVS expenses) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$50.00)	\$190.00
P-6. Deputy VAVS for VAMCs - Omaha (1), Grand Island (1), Hot Springs (4), Cheyenne (4) (for Deputy VAVS expenses) @ \$30.00	\$120.00	(\$60.00)	\$60.00
P-9. Deputy VAVS for NVH - Norfolk (4), Grand Island (1), Eastern NE (1), Western NE (4) (For Deputy VAVS expenses) @ \$30.00	\$120.00	(\$30.00)	\$90.00
P-10. Love Gift (Fall Conference, Mid-Year, Convention) @ \$150.00	\$450.00	(\$150.00)	\$300.00
P-11. Department Holiday parties/Gifts	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
P-12. Department Hospital Chairperson Official visits, postage, telephone, lodging	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,220.00	(\$1,790.00)	\$4,430.00

GENERAL FUND	Receipts (+)	Disbursements (-)	Balance Last Audit	Balance This Audit
GENERAL FUND	\$4,354.91	\$12,848.30	\$16,121.54	\$1,631.55
Receipts (+)	\$1,081.87	\$1,045.50	\$8,920.60	\$8,920.60
Disbursements (-)	\$8,920.60	\$8,920.60	\$8,920.60	\$8,920.60
Balance Last Audit				
Balance This Audit				
Pass Through Funds				
Cancer	\$358.00	\$0.00	\$358.00	\$358.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,312.00	\$0.00	\$1,312.00	\$1,312.00
Balance per Bank Statement				
Deposit in Transit (attach list)	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.00	\$1,670.00
Outstanding checks (attach list)				
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Interest	\$796.50	\$0.00	\$796.50	\$796.50
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Reconciling Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance This Audit				
SCHOLARSHIP				
Balance Last Audit	\$312.00	\$0.00	\$312.00	\$312.00
Receipts (+)	\$934.00	\$0.00	\$934.00	\$934.00
Disbursements (-)	\$944.00	\$0.00	\$944.00	\$944.00
Balance This Audit				
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT				
Balance Last Audit	\$1,214.60	\$0.00	\$1,214.60	\$1,214.60
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$1,259.60	\$0.00	\$1,259.60	\$1,259.60
Balance This Audit				
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUND				
Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
ESCROW FUND				
Balance Last Audit	\$2,885.69	\$0.00	\$2,885.69	\$2,885.69
Receipts (+) (8/24/2016)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
HOSPITAL FUND				
Balance Last Audit	\$19,057.44	\$2,735.00	\$21,792.44	\$21,792.44
General Hospital - Disbursements (-)				
Designated Funds - Disbursements (-)				
Designated Funds - Receipts (+)				
Designated Funds - Disbursements (-)				
Balance this Audit				
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS				
Savings Account #77149 - Balance Last Audit	\$800.98	\$100.40	\$699.58	\$699.58
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
Savings Account #71712 - Balance Last Audit	\$18,883.29	\$9.42	\$18,873.87	\$18,873.87
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
Savings Account #3742 - Balance Last Audit	\$1,552.46	\$189.91	\$1,362.55	\$1,362.55
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
INVESTMENTS (attach list)				
Balance Last Audit	\$45,225.09	\$189.10	\$45,035.99	\$45,035.99
Receipts (+)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements (-)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance this Audit				
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS				
Total of Investments (Savings + CDs)	\$66,761.55	\$88,322.85	\$78,438.70	\$78,438.70

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

Carol Thompson - Chairman
Elizabeth Thompson - Sec. Vice
Theresa M. Smith

TOTAL APPOINTED OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS			
	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
PROGRAM EXPENSES:			
G-13 Membership Expenses (postage)	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
G-14 Membership 100% quarterly drawings	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
G-15 Postage - Young Patriotic Art to Natl	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
G-16 Historic Scrapbook	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
H. JOINT AWARDS WITH VFW:			
H-1 Buddy Poppy	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
H-2 Community Service	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
H-3 Voice of Democracy	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
H-4 Patriots Pen Competition	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
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 American; Legislative; Editor; Hospital; Veterans & Military Support Programs; Department Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities and Historian book @ \$0.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$270.00
TOTAL PROMOTION OF PROGRAMS			
	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
EXPENSES (Continued)			
K. OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES			
K-1 Property Insurance	\$127.00	(\$117.00)	\$10.00
K-2 Big Ten Conference Dues	\$150.00	(\$200.00)	(\$50.00)
K-3 National President's Love Gift at National Convention	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
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	(\$18.80)	\$6.20
K-6 Nebraska Night at National Convention	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
K-7 National President's Visit	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
K-8 National Representatives Love Gifts (excluding Dept Convention)	\$50.00	(\$25.00)	\$25.00
K-9 Big 10 Memberships	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
K-10 Program Coordinator Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$1,077.00	(\$511.80)	\$565.20
NATIONAL CERTIFIED RECruITER TRAINER BUDGET			
L-1 Travel	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
L-2 Supplies, phone, postage	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
M. Contingent Expenses			
	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Income 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
	\$45,755.00	(\$17,461.86)	\$28,293.14

E. DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION			
	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
E-1 Chief of Staff @ \$0.00	\$150.00	(\$50.00)	\$100.00
E-2 Dept Convention & Council Meetings @ \$80.00 Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Chaplain; Conductress/Guard/District Presidents	\$2,250.00	(\$500.00)	\$1,750.00
E-3 Department Convention & Council Meetings @ \$40.00 Past National President (1); Jr. Past Department Pres (4)	\$200.00	(\$50.00)	\$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)	\$650.00	(\$550.00)	\$300.00
SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION			
E-6 Mileage for District Presidents @ .25 c per mile	\$800.00	(\$532.60)	\$367.40
E-7 Program Chairman, Officers @ \$45.00	\$585.00	(\$585.00)	\$0.00
E-8 Program Coordinator @ 45.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION	\$6,505.00	(\$2,207.60)	\$4,297.40
F. DISTRICT PRESIDENTS			
Travel for Inspection of Auxiliaries, District School of Instruction & Spring Convention @ .25c per mile	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
	\$2,700.00	(\$1,627.95)	\$1,072.05
G. DEPARTMENT APPOINTIVE OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS			
General Sessions: Fall Conference, Mid-Year Conference & Convention @ \$40.00	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Actual Expenses 2017-2018	Budget Balance 2017-2018
G-1 Historian, Color Bearers (4)	\$960.00	(\$120.00)	\$840.00
G-2 Chairman @ \$45.00 Americanist/Patriotic Instructor, Legislative, Editor; Membership; Hospital; Veterans & Military support programs; Dept. Scholarship; National Scholarship; Youth Activities	\$845.00	(\$190.00)	\$755.00
G-3 Ass't Treasurer, Budget Chairperson @ \$40.00	\$120.00	(\$40.00)	\$80.00
G-4 Ass't Conductress, Ass't Guard @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$40.00)	\$200.00
G-5 Ass't Veterans & Military Support Programs (2) @ \$40.00	\$240.00	(\$80.00)	\$160.00
COMMITTEES			
G-11 Budget (4x \$45.00 x1 meeting)	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
G-12 Audit (Chairman x \$45.00 x 3 mgs & 3 members x \$40.00 x 6 mgs)	\$485.00	(\$165.00)	\$330.00

Financial Report
July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Beginning Checking Account Balance on 7-1-2016 Page 1
\$17,218.93

Account/Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$4,275.76	\$23,835.49	(\$27,029.58)	\$1,081.67
National Dues	\$0.00	\$12,090.00	(\$12,635.00)	(\$545.00)
Cancer Quota	\$0.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.00
President's Special - Children's Home Tribute Park	\$0.00	\$846.50	\$0.00	\$846.50
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$944.00	\$0.00	\$944.00
Veterans & Family Support	\$0.00	\$1,259.60	\$0.00	\$1,259.60
Convention Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Escrow Fund (Aux 1257 - Aug 22, 2016)	\$2,865.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,865.69
Hospital (details below)	\$10,067.44	\$5,320.00	(\$1,958.60)	\$13,418.84
Account Balances - Year to date	\$17,218.89	\$45,965.59	(\$41,623.18)	\$21,561.30
Checking Account Balance on August 31, 2017				\$17,015.54

Other Assets (Dues Reserves)	Beginning Balance	deposits & Intnl Disbursements	Ending Balances
Savings # 71712	\$19,883.29	\$9.42	\$18,892.71
Savings # 79742 (equipment)	\$1,552.46	\$189.81	\$1,742.37
Savings # 77149 - Big 10 Fund	\$600.98	\$100.40	\$901.38
Total - Savings Accounts	\$20,436.76	\$299.73	\$21,536.46
CD 9623 - Bank of Steinauer	\$5,492.30	\$13.77	\$5,492.30
CD #9842 - Bank of Steinauer	\$25,919.25	\$129.95	\$25,919.25
CD #9847 - Bank of Steinauer	\$5,242.83	\$13.15	\$5,242.83
CD 9702 - Bank of Steinauer	\$8,570.71	\$32.23	\$8,570.71
Totals - CDs	\$45,225.09	\$189.10	\$45,225.09
Total - CDs & Savings			\$66,761.55
Balance of Assets & Cash - Year to Date			\$88,322.85

Restricted Funds - Hospital	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General	\$4,894.98	\$2,796.00	(\$440.00)	\$7,189.98
Veteran's Home - Norfolk	\$1,100.39	\$375.00	(\$400.00)	\$1,075.39
Veteran's Home - Grand Island	\$154.60	\$365.00	(\$350.00)	\$189.60
Veteran's Home - Western	\$506.99	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$741.99
Veteran's Home - Eastern	\$928.39	\$350.00	(\$380.00)	\$898.39
Regional Center - Norfolk	\$358.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$358.23
Veteran's Hospital - Grand Island	\$552.56	\$625.00	(\$38.60)	\$1,038.96
Veteran's Hospital - Omaha	\$971.75	\$355.00	(\$350.00)	\$976.75
Veteran's Hospital - Hot Springs	\$164.55	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$344.55
Veteran's Hospital - Cheyenne	\$425.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$605.00
Balance of Hospital accounts	\$10,057.44	\$5,320.00	(\$1,958.60)	\$13,418.84

Department Treasurer *Andee Bellows*

VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska

December 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	\$7,000.00	
2. Department Annual Dues (less 50% for dues reserve)(3400)	\$9,350.00	\$2,442.00	
3. Roster/Mailings	\$400.00	\$230.00	
4. Interest on Investments, savings, CDs	\$400.00	\$199.73	
5. Life Membership Reserve fund transferred after July 1	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	
6. Life Membership fund (less 50% for dues reserve)(3800)	\$4,655.00	\$27.56	
7. Commissions from National Supply Department (2%)	\$150.00	\$196.17	
8. VFW National Guarantee Program	\$7,280.00	\$7,280.19	
9. Miscellaneous Income (awards) from National	\$600.00	\$600.00	
10. Calendar Sales (1500)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
11. Undesignated Funds	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Total	\$45,755.00	\$27,905.65	
A. EXPENSES			
Department President:			
A-1 Official Travel	\$4,000.00	(\$307.21)	\$3,692.79
A-2 Telephone & Postage	\$75.00	(\$46.00)	\$26.00
A-3 National President's Homecoming or CAPE celebrating America's Presidents	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
A-4 National President's Homecoming Gift	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00
A-5 National Convention	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	\$0.00
A-6 National Mid-Year Conference	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
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 & Selling	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT	\$7,090.00	(\$1,981.21)	\$5,108.79
B. Department Secretary:			
B-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$6,600.00	(\$3,561.26)	\$3,038.74
B-2 Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
B-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,650.00	(\$693.00)	\$957.00
B-4 Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
B-5 Machine Maintenance Contract	\$325.00	(\$29.48)	\$495.52
TOTAL DEPARTMENT SECRETARY	\$10,975.00	(\$4,563.74)	\$6,291.26
C. Department Treasurer:			
C-1 Salary and Payroll taxes (\$550/month)	\$6,600.00	(\$3,561.42)	\$3,038.58
C-2 Travel	\$670.00	(\$90.94)	\$579.06
C-3 Telephone & Postage	\$1,000.00	(\$158.40)	\$841.60
C-4 Supplies	\$1,350.00	(\$73.28)	\$576.72
C-5 Bond - (\$120,000)	\$281.00	(\$281.00)	\$0.00
C-7 CPA Federal & State Tax Preparation	\$700.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT TREASURER	\$10,601.00	(\$5,565.04)	\$5,035.96
D. Department Chief of Staff			
D-1 Travel	\$1,000.00	(\$185.52)	\$814.48
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	(\$185.52)	\$964.48

VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
MID WINTER CONFERENCE COUNCIL & GENERAL MEETING
February 3, 2018

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 (Dixie Hild, protem) and Jr. Past President Julie Brown.

President Brosnihan introduced National President Dee Guillory.

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

Treasurer Sandee Bellows presented the July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 (Appendix A). It will be filed subject to audit.

Treasurer Sandee is checking into CD investment and other types of investments.

Budget Chairman Carol Thompson presented the December 2017-18 Budget (Appendix B.) There were no overages. Sr. Vice President Linda Vogel moved to accept the budget as presented. Second by District 3 President Linda Hansen. Motion carried.

Audit Chairman Carol Thompson presented the September 1 - December 31 (Appendix C) audit. Jr. Vice President Liz Davis moved to accept the audit as presented. Second by District 1 President Joyce Witt. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sandee Bellows talked about estate planning in regard to the VFW Auxiliary. More information to follow.

After discussion Jr. Past President Kim Abboud moved to have a Bakeless Bake Sale for a Department fundraiser for Department Membership Roundups for collecting memberships and allowing Auxiliaries to meet Department and Past Department officers, with Secretary Jean sending out information in the Navigator. Second by Jr. Past President Donna Fenske. Jr. Past President Kim amended the motion to include Secretary Jean also send the letter to the Auxiliary Presidents via first class mail. Jr. Past President Donna seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

President Dee told the members that National would be stopping the National Recruiter Trainings at the end of this Auxiliary year. Jr. Past President Donna Fenske moved to utilize the Recruiter Trainer money for the membership fund. Second by Jr. Past President Sue Moore. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned.

GENERAL SESSION

The meeting opened after the joint meeting with the VFW with the Aisle of Honor for National President Dee Guillory.

Roll call found the following absent: Secretary Jean Barton; District 6 President Paula Waterfield; Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman Eleanor Pacas (Karen Linden, protem); Assistant Conductress Lavonne Hornik (Jane Petersen, protem); Veterans and Family Support Assistant Jane Nelson; Pat Geiger, Grand Island VAMC Representative, Paulette Marquez, Omaha VAMC Representative and Marcia Jones, Assistant at Omaha VAMC; Karen Krotz, Hot Springs VAMC Representative; Wilma Dopson, Norfolk Veterans Home Representative; Lori Skala, Grand Island Veterans Home Representative; Bernidean Niemann, Grand Island Home Assistant; Paulette Marquez and Marcia Jones, Representative and Assistant at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home.

Past Department Presidents attending were: Jane Petersen, Dixie Hild, Joyce Witt, Iva Carlson, Karen Linden, Sue Ann Busing, Carol Thompson, Gayle Beran, Donna Fenske, Kim Abboud, and Sue Moore.

There were 17 Auxilliary Presidents/Sr. Vice Presidents/Jr. Vice Presidents and 23 members present.

Kaye Jesske, Senior Development Officer with Bryan Foundation in Lincoln accepted our gift of \$150 for the Ahlzeimer Unit.

Membership Chairman Linda Hansen had drawings for the Auxillaries who qualified:

- Up to 50 members 100% by October 31 – (\$25) 5545 Randolph (7970 Harrison also qualified)
- 51 to 100 members 100% by November 30 – (\$25) 8332 Arlington (6159 Taylor also qualified)
- 101 to 200 members 100% by December 31 – (\$25) 10727 Bellevue (5136 Lexington also qualified)

We have: 19 new life members, 62 new annual members, and 36 rejoins so far this year. Our total membership is 6,428 (91.67%).

Be sure to use the new membership application that Secretary Jean sent out in the February Navigator.

Veterans and Family Support raffles:

Kid's basket – Brad Williams
 Baby afghan – Terri Stokes
 Schnapps and chocolate – Jane Nelson
 Pink dream light – Virginia Schlender
 Tea towels – Iva Carlson
 Red weekend basket – Joyce Witt
 Car wash basket #1 – Don Ekstein
 Car wash basket #2 – Jerry Chlopek
 Game basket – Geanne Chlopek

Winter weekend basket – Angie Ostrander
 Glass flower – Joyce Witt
 Teddy bear basket – Sara Mumma
 Husker light – Gary Bush
 Wine and cheese – Trudie Hammers
 Small teddy bears wine glasses – Jane Nelson
 Snack basket – Don Ekstein
 50/50 - \$200.50 - John Iossi

Grab bags: Geanne Chlopek, Jane Nelson, Santa, Jerry Vogel, Gary Bush, Wendy Young, Ann Ream, Don Ekstein, Sharon Thorne, Wendy Young, and Donna Fenske.

Districts responsible for baskets at Department Convention are 4, 11, 13, and 15.

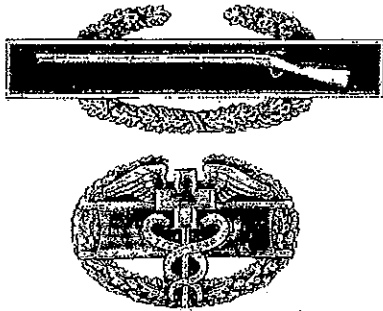
Next meeting will be State Convention at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Omaha, June 8-10, 2018.

Loyally,

Dixie Hild and Jean Barton

PATRIOT'S PEN				
Place	Student	School	District	Post/Auxiliary
1 st	Morgan Peterson	Chase County School	4	4688 Imperial
2 nd	Dylan Conover	Platteview Central	10	9558 Springfield
3 rd	Brooklyn Slaymaker	Sunrise Middle School	13	759 Kearney
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY				
Place	Student	School	District	Post/Auxiliary
1 st	Krista Wamhoff	Home school	10	9675 Papillion
2 nd	Scott Wright	Boone Central	15	736 Albion
3 rd	Katrina Meier	Pierce High School	3	5283 Hartington
4 th	Mariana Hermosillo	Cozad High	13	890 Cozad
5 th	Felisha Moore	Freeman Public	6	10042 Adams
6 th	Avery Kildow	Bayard Public	1	9915 Bayard
7 th	Leigh Jahnke	West Point Public	7	4912 West Point
8 th	Michaela Kelley	Burwell High School	11	6159 Taylor
9 th	Samuel McArtor	Perkins County High	4	3755 Ogallala
10 th	Thomas Bosmeniel	Seward High	9	4755 Seward

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Combat Infantry and Combat Medical Badges (Army)

War/Campaign	Inclusive Dates
Iraq	2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
Afghanistan	2001 - Open
Somalia	June 5, 1993 - March 31, 1994
Persian Gulf War	Jan. 17 - April 11, 1991
Grenada	Oct. 22 - Nov. 21, 1983
El Salvador	Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992
Korea DMZ	Jan. 4, 1969 - Open
Dominican Republic	April 28, 1965 - Sept. 1, 1966
Laos	April 19, 1961 - Oct. 6, 1962
Vietnam	March 1, 1961 - March 29, 1973
Korean War	June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1953
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941 - Sept. 3, 1945

Imminent Danger and Hostile Fire Pay

Receipt of these special pays has qualified veterans for membership since Congress amended VFW's charter on Oct. 16, 2002 (P.L. 107-242).

Though sometimes confused or used interchangeably, Hostile Fire Pay (HFP) and Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) are distinct. HFP is an "event-based pay," meaning a service member must actually face hostile fire or explosion of an enemy mine. IDP is a "threat-based pay" and goes to service members assigned to areas deemed dangerous by the Pentagon. The imminent danger can be caused by civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions.

HFP or IDP is verified through a service member's Leave and Earnings Statement (DFAS Form 702), issued by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The Marine Corps issues the DFAS-KC Form 7220/39.



Combat Action Badge (Army)

Sept. 18, 2001 - Open

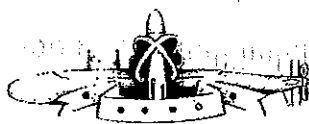
Created May 2, 2005, this newest Army award is given to soldiers of any military occupational specialty who engage in qualifying combat actions.



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Combat Frame

June 18, 2003 - Open

Awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard personnel who complete a deployment for 45 consecutive or 90 non-consecutive days overseas in a combat zone, fly combat or combat-support sorties in a combat zone or employ a weapon from outside the combat zone.



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia (Navy)

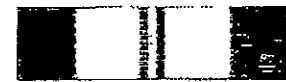
Jan. 21, 1961 - Open

Authorized Jan. 21, 1961, this insignia is awarded to submariners based on alert status and operational circumstances during patrols.

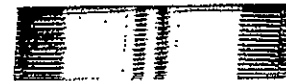
Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM)

Sept. 11, 2001 - Open

Created June 12, 2007, for Air Force personnel who have directly participated in active combat, in air or on the ground, as part of their official duty.



Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) (Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard)



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon

War/Campaign	Years
Iraq	2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
Afghanistan	2001 - Open
Kosovo	1999
Liberia	1998
Albania	1997
Liberia	1996
Haiti	1994
Somalia	1992 - 95
Persian Gulf War	1991
Liberia	1990 - 91
Panama	1989 - 90
Persian Gulf (select ships and operations)	1987 - 88
Grenada (no ships)	1983
Lebanon (no ships)	1982 - 84
El Salvador	1981 - 92
Cambodia—(Mayaguez rescue)	1975
USS Pueblo	1968
USS Liberty	1967
Dominican Republic (no ships)	1965 - 66
Vietnam War	1961 - 73
Korean War	1950 - 53
World War II	1941 - 45

Award of the CAR is based on specific unit or ship participation in actual hostilities and recommended by a commanding officer. In each action, precise dates are designated.

The CAR was authorized retroactively for Korea and WWII under the 2000 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 106-65).



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