

The Navigator

Stay on Course for Our Veterans

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

May 2018

Dear members,

Our 2017-2018 year is rapidly coming to an end. Thank you so much for your dedication and hard work. This has allowed us to "Stay on Course for Our Veterans."

I am beginning to receive applications for the Outstanding President award. I am looking at program participation and reports submitted to the Chairmen (a program is not completed until it is reported); membership percentage; percentage of Auxiliary growth; training and utilization of MALTA (if you have accessibility); Health and Happiness donations for the National Home for Children and Presidents Special Project; Buddy Poppy distribution; payment of District and Department Convention fees; and of course, timely audits. Your audits should NEVER be delinquent. Remember, if your audits are not in to Sandee and current prior to convention, you will not be eligible to vote at District, Department, or National Convention. Also, you need to send your Delegate fees to Department Sandee whether your Auxiliary is attending or not.

Please continue to work on your membership recruiting and retention. It is NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE 100% IN MEMBERSHIP

We all need to make one more big push to reach out to your unpaid members to renew their membership. Inform them that their membership guarantees our continued work for the benefit of our veterans and their families. Let them know that their membership means a lot even if they cannot attend meetings and events. Their numbers count when working with our politicians to implement and retain the benefits that our veterans and their families need and deserve.

As always, please feel free to call me at any time if you have a question or concern.

Yours in loyalty and friendship,

Carol Brosnihan, Department President

MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

As I sit here writing this article we are at 92.18% in membership. We are really going to have our work cut out for us if we are going to reach 100% in membership, as we only have two months left in our membership year. I am happy to say we are instituting a new Auxiliary this year. They should be up and running soon.

I will be 100% in reporting by the time you read this. As of right now I am not, so I'm going to be making some phone calls. We have 18 Auxiliaries that are (or have been) 100% in membership this year, but I have not gotten the Circle of Excellence report

form from all of them. Remember that you can call, mail, or email me your report. Three Auxiliaries have earned the Special awards that I will be giving at convention. There are a few more that are close to the 105%.

I'm asking all of you to go out and recruit, retain, and rejoin those members. The weather is getting better, and everyone is coming out of their winter funk so let's get to work. Remember that you can earn a National "Catch 5" pin if you recruit or rejoin 5 members. All you need to do is fill out the form in the program book and send it to National. Thank you for all you do for our members and Veterans.

Linda Hansen

HOSPITAL

Happy May Day!

Even though we have hit the deadline for reports, our work helping our veterans is never done! They still need our help with donations of clothing, money etc.. I will have copies of items needed for the veterans at June Convention.

It has been an awesome year, and everyone has been working hard volunteering in the hospitals and nursing homes. By doing our volunteer work we are giving love and compassion to many that may not receive it otherwise.

Keep up the fantastic work! See you in June.

"Stay On Course for Our Veterans"

Loyally

Sharon J. Thorne

LEGISLATIVE

It is spring time, but we still have work to do. Some of your hometowns have elections for mayor, city council, law enforcement, etc. This is a great opportunity to find out what these officials are offering for your hometown. Read up what they stand for in your local newspapers or online reports. Then make sure you get out there and VOTE!!

I want to thank all who submitted a Legislative report. It was fun reading what some of our Auxiliaries do to promote the Legislative program. Now keep up the good work and "Let's Stay on Course for our Veterans."

Let me end with this quote I saw on the VFW Legislative webpage: "Our nation made a promise to those who serve, and we fight to ensure it's kept."

God's Blessings, Vicki Luebbe

AMERICANISM

This has been a good year by the reports that I have read. Flags have flown in our communities, Auxiliaries participated in parades, patriotic programs, and visited many schools across Nebraska. In addition pencils, rulers, bookmarks, and literature were handed out to school children. Auxiliaries have promoted Americanism.

This month continue to promote or participate in the Americanism program. On the following days be sure to fly the American Flag to show your patriotism in your community.

The first day of May – May 1 – is Loyalty Day. On this day we are able to reaffirm our loyalty to the United States.

In May, mothers should be recognized for they have given so much by having a spouse or family member who has served our country in the armed services. May 13 is Mother's Day. Thank a mother with a phone call or a note before or on this day.

Memorial Day is a day when flags and crosses are placed in cemeteries signifying the grave of a veteran who served in the armed forces during a conflict. Special Memorial Days programs are held in most communities. Be sure to attend one near you.

As our program year is almost over, continue promoting Americanism every day, fly the American Flag, and as always remember to "Stay On Course For Our Veterans."

Eleanor Pacas

GOLD STAR/CHAPLAIN

April showers bring May flowers. Most of us have probably heard that a few times over the years. April showered me with many year-end reports. Thank you to all Auxiliaries who sent those in before the April 15th deadline. I am hoping that May flourishes the Department and all Auxiliaries with 100% participation in all of our programs to help our veterans and their families, especially in membership! As of this writing, we have lost over 150 brothers and sisters.

This month's Gold Star article was given to me by Elva Wilken. I was told that Elva cherishes her privacy so I am honored that she chose to share memories of her son, Bryan with us.

Bryan Lee Wilken was born on December 30, 1950. He graduated from Seward High School in 1969 and was drafted into the army in 1970. Bryan enjoyed sports, and Elva says that Bryan never met a man that he didn't like! Bryan obtained the rank of SP4. He was an infantryman serving with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. On June 10, 1971, in DaNang, Vietnam, Bryan paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country with his life. Bryan L. Wilken, along with other military servicemen who lost their lives in Vietnam, are being honored on panels of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Thank you again Elva for sharing your story about Bryan. May God hold you and all Gold Star members in his loving arms.

Bonnie Gerlt

A Note or Two from Your Department Secretary

The time to send in your year-end reports is over. I know how much each of you do for our veterans and their families so I hope you reported all that you do to our Department Chairmen. They will have awards and rewards to give out at Department Convention in Omaha.

Don't forget to send in your convention registration form to Department Headquarters on or before May 18th. Reservations for the Gold Star and Membership Luncheon are due to Chaplain Bonnie Gerlt by May 11. Always make sure to check deadlines as soon as you receive the monthly mailings.

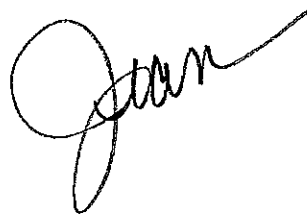
In this mailing you will find the order form for those wanting to purchase the monthly newsletters and/or the program book or roster. Please note that the amount for mailing these has gone up a bit as the postage has. It's still a good deal and gives you the opportunity to see what is going on in Nebraska.

The agenda for Department Convention is included in this mailing as well. You will note that this year's convention is 2 days (on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10.) We hope to see many of you there.

Applications for Warrant are coming in slowly. Please get them to me immediately after your April meeting so I can get the Installation Report to you BEFORE your actual Installation. The form will come with instructions to fill it out. Immediately following your Installation of Officers for 2018-19 mail the completed form to me. I will enter your officers on the National website if you would like me to but we must do it quickly or your Auxiliary will become delinquent and you'll have to jump through hoops to get back on track with National. Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries are able to enter their officers and chairmen on MALTA themselves, but you will need to send me the form as well so I know that everyone has installed officers.

I've also received a few Department Convention Delegates/ Alternates lists. Be sure to send your Convention Fees to Sandee Bellows. You will need to send them even if no one from your Auxiliary is planning to attend.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Hope to see you in Omaha.



Dept. President	Carol Brosnihan		2017-2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES:			78
LAST YEARS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:			7,012
4/13/2018			6,464
CURRENT PERCENTAGE:			92.185%

DEPT. OF NEBRASKA VFW AUXILIARY

DIST. 1		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1375	CHADRON	55	28	23	51	92.73%	4
1681	GERING	76	46	15	61	80.26%	15
2243	KIMBALL	78	25	37	62	79.49%	16
5639	HAY SPRING	14	5	7	12	85.71%	2
7970	HARRISON	25	24	0	24	96.00%	1
	TOTAL	248	128	82	210	84.67%	38
DIST. 3		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1151	CREIGHTON	86	41	39	80	93.02%	6
1644	NORFOLK	429	229	151	380	88.57%	49
3602	STANTON	191	93	91	184	96.34%	7
4504	LAUREL	33	17	15	32	96.97%	1
4996	BLOOMFIELD	84	33	45	78	92.86%	6
5287	NELIGH	17	5	13	18	105.88%	-1
5291	WAYNE	19	6	9	15	78.95%	4
*5330	PLAINVIEW	31	0	0	0	0.00%	31
5545	RANDOLPH	35	6	29	35	100.00%	0
5765	WAKEFIELD	11	3	7	10	90.91%	1
5816	ELGIN	20	2	17	19	95.00%	1
5824	WAUSA	14	0	15	15	107.14%	-1
*7603	HILDEN	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
7838	OSMOND	11	8	2	10	90.91%	1
	TOTAL	998	443	433	876	87.78%	122
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	27	46	73	101.39%	-1
5379	OSHKOSH	18	11	4	15	83.33%	3
6219	CULBERTSON	31	13	18	31	100.00%	0
7028	PALISADE	72	47	19	66	91.67%	6
8258	STAPLETON	35	13	22	35	100.00%	0
9155	STRATTON	51	5	43	48	94.12%	3
	TOTAL	502	213	231	444	88.45%	58
DIST. 6		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
1077	BEATRICE	114	37	62	99	86.84%	15
1765	FALL CITY	98	26	64	90	91.84%	8
2634	NE. CITY	38	15	14	29	76.32%	9
3113	FAIRBURY	58	22	38	60	103.45%	-2
4959	CRETE	91	55	31	86	94.51%	5
5289	PAWNEE C.	103	46	51	97	94.17%	6
5547	SYRACUSE	97	15	70	85	87.63%	12
7102	GENEVA	95	16	76	92	96.84%	3
8221	TECUMSEH	30	8	16	24	80.00%	6
10042	ADAMS	37	14	21	35	94.59%	2
10579	DAVENPORT	28	11	15	26	92.86%	2
	TOTAL	789	265	458	723	91.63%	66
DIST. 7		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
854	FREMONT	115	56	46	102	88.70%	13
*1251	BLAIR	16	0	0	0	0.00%	16
4912	WEST POINTE	92	33	54	87	94.56%	5
5543	OAKLAND	35	7	25	32	91.43%	3
5767	WISNER	55	31	19	50	90.91%	5
6928	PENDER	47	11	36	47	100.00%	0
7998	LYONS	73	19	44	63	86.30%	10
8223	NO. BEND	84	57	25	82	97.62%	2
8332	ARLINGTON	58	34	24	58	100.00%	0
	TOTAL	575	248	273	521	90.61%	54

DIST. 9		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
131	LINCOLN	294	187	86	273	92.86%	21
1609	YORK	58	14	39	53	91.38%	5
3606	LINCOLN	130	74	56	130	100.00%	0
4502	WAHOO	118	76	29	105	88.98%	13
4755	SEWARD	154	135	16	151	98.05%	3
9776	ASHLAND	59	26	30	56	94.92%	3
	TOTAL	813	512	256	768	94.46%	45
DIST. 10		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
247	OMAHA	85	46	28	74	87.06%	11
2503	OMAHA	451	236	199	435	96.45%	12
2543	PLATTSMOUTH	151	74	72	146	96.69%	5
2704	OMAHA	16	6	10	16	100.00%	0
3421	OMAHA	54	23	20	43	79.63%	11
8334	MILLARD	265	131	117	248	93.58%	17
10727	BELLEVUE	130	62	71	133	102.31%	-3
	TOTAL	1152	578	517	1095	95.05%	57
DIST. 11		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
926	O'NEILL	57	46	9	55	96.49%	2
1347	GRAND ISLAND	233	145	75	220	94.42%	13
3576	BROKEN BOW	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	48	60	109.09%	-5
6159	TAYLOR	60	29	29	58	96.67%	2
6215	ANSELMO	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0
7029	ORD	229	153	49	202	88.21%	27
8256	NAPER	41	24	15	39	95.12%	2
	TOTAL	829	459	318	777	93.73%	52
DIST. 13		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
759	KEARNEY	120	59	60	119	99.17%	1
890	COZAD	39	17	20	37	94.87%	2
1346	HASTINGS	126	72	41	113	89.68%	13
5136	LEXINGTON	104	80	24	104	100.00%	0
*5537	HEARTWELL	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17
5539	HARVARD	69	50	13	63	91.30%	6
5641	RED CLOUD	44	17	24	41	93.18%	3
	TOTAL	519	295	182	477	91.91%	42
DIST. 15		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
736	ALBION	78	52	22	74	94.87%	4
3704	COLUMBUS	136	69	52	121	88.97%	15
4836	SCHUYLER	44	17	22	39	88.64%	5
5814	DAVID CITY	38	9	23	32	84.21%	6
	TOTAL	296	147	119	266	89.86%	30
NE		TOTAL	LIFE	ON/NEV	CURRENT	%	NEED
	AT LARGE	291	307	0	307	105.49%	-16
	NEW LIFE		29				
	NEW ANNUAL		80				
	ANNUAL REJOIN		39				
	*Closed Auxiliary						

**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
JUNE 8 – 10, 2018
Comfort Inn and Suites
7007 Grover Street
Omaha, Nebraska**

**All Auxiliary meetings will be held in Ballroom B & C unless otherwise noted.
All joint meetings will be held in Ballroom D**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018

2:00 p.m. Audit in Board Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

Dress is red polos and black slacks

8:00 a.m. Convention Registration

8:00 a.m. Convention Credentials Registration opens

8:00 a.m. Council of Administration Meeting

9:00 a.m. Auxiliary Opening

11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own (Incoming and Outgoing District Presidents and Line Officers will have lunch together in the Board Room. Secret Sisters will be revealed.)

1:00 p.m. Joint Opening

2:45 p.m. Meeting reconvenes

3:30 p.m. Credential Report

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Banquet

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

Dress is blue shirt and black slacks (or white and black if you don't have the blue shirt.)

8:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Service (All District Presidents are asked to be there at 7:45 a.m. for instructions. Wear black slacks & blue shirt or black & white if you don't have blue.)

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Credential Registration continues

8:45 a.m. General Session continues

11:00 a.m. Auxiliary Memorial Service

Credential Registration closes

11:30 p.m. Gold Star and Membership Luncheon in Ballroom A

1:00 p.m. General Session Reconvenes

Election, Installation, and new Council Meeting

3:00 p.m. Reception in Ballroom A

This agenda may change at the discretion of the Department President.



Announcing the 2018-2019

monthly mailings for the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska.

Please read carefully!

All Auxiliary Presidents, Auxiliary Secretaries, Department Officers (elected and appointed), Chairmen, Hospital Representatives, and Past Department Presidents are automatically on the mailing list and will receive each monthly mailing free of charge. The Secretaries will be receiving the monthly mailing only (no program book or roster.)

If you are not entitled to the mailings through one of the above categories or your Auxiliary would like to an extra copy of each mailing to take apart and give to the individual chairmen, please fill out the form below and return it along with your check for the amount indicated as soon as possible. You can also contact me at jeanbarton@windstream.net to let me know.

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