

THE RUBY SLIPPER



Thanks to Our Veterans There's No Place Like Home

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

January 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A new year is beginning. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

Our Mid-Winter Conference will be February 7 and 8. There will not be a Legislative Day this year at the same time. Instead, Legislative Day will be held at the Capitol on January 31st. Please refer to the Mid-Winter Conference Agenda contained in this newsletter. Come and hear our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners. It is so inspiring to hear from our youth. Our National Representative will be National Conductress Carla Martinez.

Please don't hesitate to call if we can be of help to your Auxiliary.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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Loyally,

Liz Davis, Department President

NATIONAL CONDUCTRESS TO BE REPRESENTATIVE AT MID WINTER



Carla Martinez of Layton, Utah, was elected National Conductress of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 106th National Convention in Orlando, Florida on July 24, 2019.

She is now in the second of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2023-2024.

A Life Member of Miller-Frazier VFW Auxiliary 8307, she has served the organization in many capacities, including Auxiliary, District and Department President. She also served as Department Chief of Staff in 2017-2018.

On the National level, Carla served as National Guard during 2018-2019, National Certified Recruiter Trainer for the state of Utah from 2016-2018 and as the National Western Conference Chairman for the Scholarships program in 2017-2018.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Harry Creel, who served in the United States Air Force for 23 years, and also served in the Vietnam War.

Carla is employed at WCF Insurance and has been there for 20 years. She is a Lifetime Member of the Military Order of the Cooties, a Lifetime Member of the Fleet Reserve Association

and is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She is retired from the United States Navy and also spent 13 months in Korea.

In her spare time, Carla enjoys volunteering at the VA Hospital, recruiting with her VFW membership team, co-chairing her Auxiliary's Youth Group, setting out crosses for Memorial Day and helping with "Buddy"® Poppy events.

Carla and Stanley's family includes one adult child, a daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

Membership Moment: Why Being a Member in Good Standing Matters

With less than a month left in the year, we would like to remind our annual members why it is important that they pay their 2020 dues by December 31.

As stated in Section 104 (page 15) of the 2020 VFW Auxiliary Bylaws:

The membership year of the Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31.

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

A member ceases to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which dues have been paid.

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

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

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

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

Attend VFW Auxiliary meetings;

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

Retain eligibility for a Cancer Grant, if otherwise eligible.

We know that this information is essential to many of our members. Please be sure to pass this on to all of your annual members who have not yet paid their 2020 dues.

Sandee Bellows

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! I wish you all Health and Happiness in 2020.

As of this writing 12/13/2019 we are at 91.44%, National had given us until December 2 to be 95%, we gave it a good run but came up short. That does not stop us, it only makes us work harder. National's next goal is 100% plus by January 30, 2020, to receive \$50. If you are a 100% by December 31, 2019, you will receive money from the Department, too. We only need 533 more members to be 100% in the Department. I know it is a lot of work, but we can do this! I am very proud of all the hard work you are putting into getting those members.

We have 6 more Auxiliaries joining the 100% & plus club, they are as listed: Sheridan Gates Auxiliary 5639 Hay Springs, McClatchey-Barlow-Thompson Auxiliary 7028 Pallsade, Larson-Peterson Auxiliary 854 Fremont, Miller-Long Auxiliary 3606 Lincoln, Deml-Kopietz Auxiliary 2704 Omaha & Grant Cook Jr. Auxiliary 890 Cozad. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Please remember to report to me what you have doing for your membership drives. And as always if you need me call or email and I will help in any way possible.

"Thanks to our Veterans, There's No Place Like Home!"

Loyally,

Sharon J Thorne

CHAPLAIN/GOLD STAR

Happy New Year to all my Auxiliary Brother and Sisters.

I want to thank all the Auxiliaries that have sent in your deceased members report. My condolences goes out to all of you that have lost an Auxiliary member.

If your Auxiliary didn't get to send a Christmas card or gift to your Gold Star Member(s) then send them a Valentine card. They will be so happy that you are thinking of them at this time.

I've been checking out websites again and here is one I came across - "What To Say - And Not To Say - To A Gold Star."

Please send your reports to me by snail mail or by email (just make sure it says VFW Gold Star Report in subject line.)

God's Blessing,

Vicki Luebbe

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

Happy New Year to my Brothers and Sisters of the VFW Auxiliary!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed time with family and friends.

This is coming to you with a sad face! I have only received 11 reports out of 77 Auxiliaries! Please, please, please send those reports in. I know that you all do some mentoring in your Auxiliary whether you appoint an actual mentor or not. It is really

important that you report - **ANYTHING** - that you do within your Auxiliary as far as helping a new member, a member that hasn't been active for some time and is coming back to meetings or just going over the Ritual at your meetings.

I know we are all busy but it doesn't take but a few minutes to fill out the form in your program book. I will look forward to being bombarded with reports in my mail box!

Again, I am wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Loyally,

Sue Moore

LEGISLATIVE

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year. 2020! Twenty years into the new millennium. How many years does it take to not be the new millennium? Hmmm.

No matter how you vote, this will be an exciting and interesting year. I am looking forward to it.

So far this year I have received 27 reports and 9 of those came from District 7! Fremont is leading the pack with 6 reports. All but two Districts have sent at least one report. 61 Auxiliaries **have not** sent a report. Please get one sent. Don't wait until the end of the year. All programs need to be 100% or you get coal in your stocking. No, the real reason is, you turn into a pumpkin at midnight. No one wants that.

The challenge for January is for each District to send a report from each Auxiliary that has not sent one. District Presidents please bring a copy of the Legislative Report to your next District meeting. Have the members fill it out. Send me a packet of reports. You will be done for the year. District 9 plans on having theirs finished by January. Let's see who else can.

It can be your New Year's Resolution! Much easier than cleaning out that back bedroom.

You could do this with all the programs you need to send a report, like Legislature, or Legislature, maybe even Legislature.

Stay warm and enjoy your families during the winter holidays in this wonderful home of ours. Thanks to our-Veterans!

Synthia Stanosheck

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS/VFW NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a great time to start a new habit of reporting all the important news of what your members are doing and contributing to local VFW. Reading about the work done by Auxiliaries is truly inspiring and the articles you send in have great ideas on promoting what we do and how to expand membership. The snail mail through Post Offices can sometimes delay articles for print deadlines but, if you do not have access to email be sure to send the articles in ASAP for future newsletters. Jody Sullivan is very helpful in getting the news out as soon as possible. Pictures are better if sent electronically if possible (jpg images or phone messages work well or if you only

have a colored print that can be scanned in.) Newspaper pictures are not able to be reproduced. A print is required.

Activities and visits to VA Medical Centers and Veterans' Homes or local nursing homes no longer allow us to take pictures of residents unless permission slips are filled out and authorized by the appropriate facility personnel. The VFW group can take a picture either in front of the building or appropriate area and send it in with the article. Be sure to include the who, what, where, and when the activity occurs.

Thanks to all of you sending in articles, keep up the good work!

Looking forward to a New Year filled with news! Auxiliaries, be sure to keep updating your history book to submit!

Remember - "There is no place like home to report on!"

Loyally,

Judy Workman

AMERICANISM

This month – January - is halfway through our program year. So take a look at the report forms to see what your Auxiliary has done so far. The deadline for reporting is April 15th and that time will be here before we know it. A report NOW will let me know you have done something for the Americanism program.

Another deadline is for the coloring and theme contests. They are due on **February 15th**. You are to judge all entries and **send the first place winners to me** for judging with entries received from other Auxiliaries for Department awards.

Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism and connect with the community? Did you reach out and tell your story of events when celebrating patriotic holidays? If you did, make a visual with a photo collage on a cardboard base no larger than 20"x20" or smaller than 14"x14".

Perhaps you took a video. Submit it (no longer than 90 seconds) stating what the VFW Auxiliary does for our veterans/ community. **Entries are due to me by March 15th**.

Fly the American Flag every day or on the following special days:

January 1 – New Year's Day

January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

To all members of this great organization, I wish you a Happy New Year!

Eleanor Pacas

"BUDDY" POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

HAPPY 2020! We are moving into a new decade of life.

One way to help our veterans, active-duty service members and their families is supporting the "Buddy" Poppy and VFW National Home for Children programs. Your support is greatly appreciated. For each "Buddy" Poppy purchased by your Department for distribution:

One and a half cents goes to the Department's Veterans Service Fund. One cent goes to VFW National

Headquarters Veterans Service Fund. One cent goes to the VFW National Home for Children. Assembled by disabled veterans, this small mighty flower does so much for our organization.

Do you know that our organization became the first veterans organization to organize a nation-wide distribution of the poppy? The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today. Thank you to each of the Auxiliaries that have "Buddy" Poppy drives or give donations at the drives and proudly wear the "Buddy" Poppy flower. The monies raised from the distributions goes into the Relief Fund which in turn, can be donated to the VFW National Home for Children.

I personally thank all the Auxiliaries that have sent me a report on "Buddy" Poppy/ VFW National Home for Children.

My email address will be changing by the first of the year to: jjvogel73@gmail.com

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Linda Vogel

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION

With the holidays and 2019 almost behind us, it's time to look toward 2020—a new year, new decade, and new beginning. 2020 WOW!

District and Auxiliary Presidents work with your treasurers and ask for a list of "at large or lapsed members." Call or send a note and offer them to be part of a local or nearby Auxiliary, to please join in and help be part of an Auxiliary, and to help with projects for VETERANS.

A great opportunity to work with the Auxiliaries to mentor, strengthen the Auxiliaries and their members. Review the visit form or the Healthy Auxiliary form and help with suggestions about working the programs, recruiting new members, attendance and revitalizing your commitment to our VETERANS and the communities in which we live and work.

There are so many chances to mentor members or contact the Bachelor Post(s) in your District and offer help if they would like to start an Auxiliary. The Department of Nebraska VFW included the following in their Genmail (monthly mailing sent out to each Post):

Top 10 Reasons for Your Post to have an Auxiliary.

Frequently Asked Questions.

Ready to Add an Auxiliary to your Post?

Still have Questions??

You can contact President Liz or Chief of Staff Donna Fenske for help or assistance with starting a new Auxiliary or you can contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816-561-8655 or info@vfwAuxiliary.org.

Loyally,

Donna Fenske

HOSPITAL

Some of the Christmas parties are over and we're looking forward to February.

Have you done your suicide program yet? Maybe visited a veteran and family? Please send a report to me.

Sorry I couldn't make it to some of the parties as we had some major snow storms. I got a little cold from no heat or electricity.

Joyce Witt

Roster Additions/Corrections—PLEASE WRITE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR ROSTER

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GARDEN COUNTY AUXILIARY NO. 5379, OSHKOSH

Treasurer: Cheryl Moffat, PO Box 197, Oshkosh 69154-0197
308-778-6732

A Note or Two from your Department Secretary

I hope all of you had a holiday full of love, peace, and joy. Now it's back to work. Secretaries please take note of the following so you can assist your Auxiliary by keeping on top of the deadlines that are set.

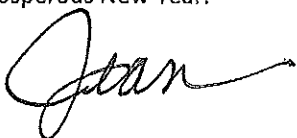
Applications for warrant will be sent in the **April Ruby Slipper**. You need to elect officers for 2020-21 at your regular April meeting. If you think you may have trouble getting officers, start **NOW**, don't wait until the April meeting. Immediately following the meeting, Secretaries **MUST** send the application form to me. I will then mail you (the Secretary) the Installation Report. Please return the completed report **IMMEDIATELY** after your installation. You can enter your officers in MALTA or I can do it for you but either way I need the form back for my records. We need to have officers reported to National in a timely manner so your Auxiliary will receive all the information you need to move into the next year. National will suspend/cancel your Auxiliary as soon as the deadline passes.

All your reports will be due to the 2019-20 Department Chairmen by April 15, 2020, in order for them to make their national deadlines and prepare for the awards presentations at Department Convention.

The Mid Winter Conference agenda is included with this mailing. By attending you will get the privilege of listening to and meeting the future leaders of our country.

Now that the weather is letting us know winter is really here please remember your older members and veterans. Give them a call or stop by to make sure they have everything they need to stay warm and healthy.

I'm sending my best wishes to you for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
Day



Monday, January 20, 2020

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuos	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuos	Total	Prior Total	Percentage
1375	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	36	33.33 %
1681	0	0	42	0	1	16	59	67	88.06 %
2243	0	0	27	0	5	9	41	53	77.36 %
5639	0	0	17	0	0	6	23	12	191.67 %
7970	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	23	100.00 %
Total - DNE01	0	0	121	0	6	31	158	191	82.72 %
1151	0	0	39	0	0	22	61	74	82.43 %
1644	0	0	217	0	1	127	345	364	94.78 %
3602	0	0	93	0	0	89	182	184	98.91 %
4504	0	0	17	0	0	15	32	34	94.12 %
4996	0	0	31	0	0	41	72	76	94.74 %
5287	0	0	4	0	0	12	16	17	94.12 %
5291	0	0	8	0	0	9	17	18	94.44 %
5545	0	0	7	0	0	28	35	35	100.00 %
5816	0	0	7	0	0	14	21	27	77.78 %
5824	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	15	93.33 %
7838	0	0	8	0	0	2	10	10	100.00 %
Total - DNE03	0	0	431	0	1	373	805	854	94.26 %
1504	0	0	79	0	0	13	92	100	92.00 %
1652	0	0	12	0	0	25	37	40	92.50 %
4688	0	0	25	0	0	47	72	73	98.63 %
5379	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	15	80.00 %
6219	0	0	14	0	0	9	23	32	71.88 %
7028	0	0	48	0	0	20	68	68	100.00 %
8258	0	0	13	1	0	20	34	35	97.14 %
9155	0	0	4	0	0	35	39	46	84.78 %
Total - DNE04	0	0	207	1	0	169	377	409	92.18 %
1077	0	0	40	5	0	44	89	98	90.82 %
1765	0	0	26	0	0	53	79	88	89.77 %
2634	0	0	12	2	0	1	15	27	55.56 %
3113	0	0	23	0	0	18	41	58	70.69 %
4959	0	0	46	2	0	20	68	80	85.00 %
5289	0	0	47	0	0	36	83	90	92.22 %
5547	0	0	15	0	0	56	71	77	92.21 %
7102	0	0	14	0	0	68	82	84	97.62 %
8221	1	0	10	0	0	15	26	26	100.00 %
10042	0	0	14	0	0	18	32	33	96.97 %
10579	0	0	10	0	0	6	16	25	64.00 %
Total - DNE06	1	0	257	9	0	335	602	686	87.76 %

Department of Nebraska VFW Auxiliary

Memstats as of 12/13/2019

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuos	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuos	Total	Prior Total	Percentage
854	0	0	62	1	0	43	106	106	100.00 %
1251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0.00 %
4912	1	0	35	0	0	41	77	78	98.72 %
5543	0	0	6	2	0	17	25	24	104.17 %
5767	0	0	30	0	0	13	43	49	87.76 %
6928	0	0	12	5	1	27	45	40	112.50 %
7998	0	0	18	0	0	36	54	56	96.43 %
8223	1	0	57	4	0	8	70	80	87.50 %
8332	0	0	34	0	0	21	55	57	96.49 %
Total - DNE07	2	0	254	12	1	206	475	519	91.52 %
131	0	0	176	2	0	35	213	235	90.64 %
1609	0	0	12	0	0	37	49	53	92.45 %
3606	2	1	76	6	1	31	117	116	100.86 %
4502	1	0	76	1	0	23	101	112	90.18 %
4755	0	0	133	0	0	12	145	147	98.64 %
9776	0	0	26	0	0	25	51	54	94.44 %
Total - DNE09	3	1	499	9	1	163	676	717	94.28 %
247	0	0	40	1	0	16	57	62	91.94 %
2503	0	0	228	3	0	169	400	435	91.95 %
2543	0	0	74	0	0	0	74	145	51.03 %
2704	0	0	7	0	0	11	18	18	100.00 %
3421	0	0	26	2	0	17	45	43	104.65 %
8334	4	0	130	5	1	89	229	235	97.45 %
10727	1	0	62	6	0	45	114	141	80.85 %
Total - DNE10	5	0	567	17	1	347	937	1079	86.84 %
926	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0.00 %
1347	0	0	151	4	0	58	213	219	97.26 %
3576	0	0	26	0	0	43	69	83	83.13 %
4677	0	0	14	0	1	2	17	18	94.44 %
5138	0	0	9	0	0	28	37	38	97.37 %
5820	0	0	13	0	0	29	42	56	75.00 %
6159	0	0	32	0	0	25	57	58	98.28 %
7029	0	0	183	1	0	39	223	199	112.06 %
8256	0	0	25	0	0	12	37	37	100.00 %
Total - DNE11	0	0	453	5	1	236	695	761	91.33 %
759	1	0	58	5	0	43	107	111	96.40 %
890	0	0	15	2	1	18	36	35	102.86 %
1346	0	0	68	0	0	32	100	107	93.46 %
5136	0	0	80	0	0	0	80	102	78.43 %
5539	1	0	47	0	1	13	62	61	101.64 %
5641	3	0	16	0	0	22	41	40	102.50 %
Total - DNE13	5	0	284	7	2	128	426	456	93.42 %
736	1	0	51	0	0	21	73	74	98.65 %
3704	0	0	64	0	1	47	112	113	99.12 %
4836	0	0	16	0	1	15	32	33	96.97 %
5814	0	0	10	0	0	15	25	34	73.53 %
Total - DNE15	1	0	141	0	2	98	242	254	95.28 %
Total - NE	17	1	3514	60	15	2086	5693	6226	91.44 %

**VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA
MID WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA
February 7-8, 2020**

Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel
333 S. 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
(402) 474-7474

FRIDAY, February 7, 2020 – NO LEGISLATIVE DAY THIS YEAR

- 6:00 –9:00 a.m. Ticketed breakfast for registered hotel guests (Hawthorne)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 12:30 p.m. Audit – Olive Branch
- 12:45 p.m. Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen students and families bus leaves for a tour of the Capitol
- 2:00 p.m. Student and families bus returns to the hotel
- 3:15 p.m. Students, Parents, and District Commanders/Presidents meet with students to line up (downstairs) Lancaster Ballroom
- 3:30 p.m. Parade of Winners – Grand Ballroom DEF (Anyone involved in this should wear their blue shirt.)
- 4:00 p.m. Officer's meeting
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- Floor Practice Lancaster 1, 2, 3 – Lavonne Hornik, Conductress
- 6:30 p.m. Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Banquet – Grand Ballroom ABC

SATURDAY, February 8, 2020 (*Red polo, blue shirt, or white shirt and black pants*)

- 6:00 –8:00 a.m. Ticketed breakfast for registered hotel guests
- 8:00 a.m. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING in Lancaster 1, 2, 3
(All Officers & District Presidents must answer Roll Call)
- 9:00 a.m. Joint Meeting with VFW in Lancaster 4, 5, 6
- 9:45 a.m. Opening and Roll Call
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- Past Department Commanders/Presidents Luncheon-Arbor I
- 1:00 p.m. Resume Auxiliary Meeting
- Close

PLEASE NOTE: The order of the agenda may change at the discretion of the Department President

VFW Nebraska Mid-Winter Conference

February 7th and 8th, 2020

The Cornhusker Marriott

333 South 13th

Lincoln, NE 68508

Room Rates: \$112.00 + taxes

Mail in form for reservations to: VFW Nebraska

PO Box 4552

Lincoln, NE 68504

Deadline for reservations is January 13th

Names: _____

Check in date? _____

Check out date? _____

Room preference? _____

Banquet tickets need to be purchased in advance!

Please send in \$35.00 per ticket with the names of the dinner guests.