

# THE RUBY SLIPPER



Thanks to Our Veterans There's No Place Like Home

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

May 2020

Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe. Thank you to the District Presidents for passing on all the information as we receive it from National. Also, thanks to Jean and Sandee for their help in answering Auxiliaries' questions.

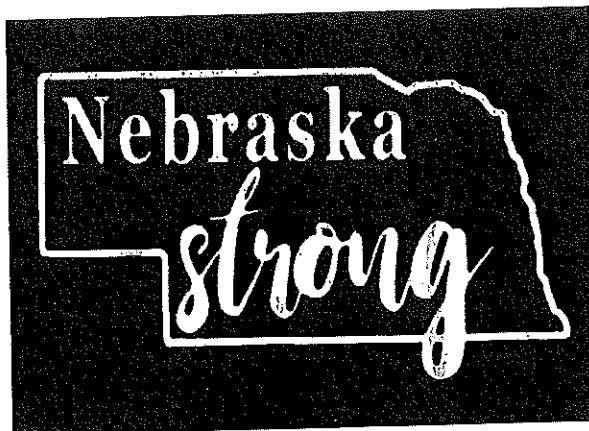
As you all probably aware at this point, National Convention has been cancelled. Nebraska's June Convention scheduled for June 6-7, 2020, in Norfolk has also been cancelled. Commander Joe is working on the possibility of holding a one-day convention later in June.

In the meantime, we can still find ways to support our veterans. For example, our Veteran Homes are closed to visitors, so cards and letters are very much appreciated.

Thanks to Our Veterans, There's No Place Like Home.

Loyally,

Liz Davis  
Department President



*A Note or Two from your Department Secretary*

Thank you to everyone for all your patience and cooperation in getting officers elected, installed, and reported to me or entered in MALTA. Many thanks to the District Presidents for getting all the information we send your way to your Auxiliaries. Please read the bullet points below carefully.

- Commander Joe Smith will be removing meeting restrictions on May 1<sup>st</sup> so that Posts/Auxiliaries and District elections and installations can take place. How each Post & District accomplish that will be up to each Post & District. He said Districts need to have officers elected seven days prior to state convention, so that's why we hope these meetings can take place. **YOU WILL STILL NEED TO ABIDE BY STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS.**
- The VFW & Nebraska State Convention scheduled for June 6-7, 2020, has been cancelled. The State VFW Commander is trying to work on a date for later in June and we will let you know as soon as we find out when, or if that will happen. You will find an Executive Order elsewhere in this mailing pertaining to the Governance of Department and National Delegates.
- The National Convention for July in Reno has been cancelled.
- If your Secretary has an email address on file with Department or National the Installation Report form is being sent via email. If the Secretary does not but the President does, I've been sending it to them. You can complete it right on your computer or you can print it off, fill it in, and return to me. If no officers have an email address, the form will be sent to the 2019-20 (current Secretary via USPS mail. Please be sure to fill out the email address of at least the President, Secretary, or Treasurer on your report form if they have one. Department and National are trying to use more email communication. It is quicker and saves money on paper and postage.
- Delegate cards are being sent to Presidents via the USPS mail **IF** you indicated on the form that someone from your Auxiliary will be attending Department Convention. If there are not any members indicated, we will not send anything. You still need to send the completed form to me and your delegate fees to Department Treasurer Sandee **EVEN** if no one attends. **Delegate Fees are DUE NOW!!** If one of your delegates/alternates decides to attend at the last minute, the Credential Chairman will have extra forms at her table.

*Jean*

## MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone is being safe and staying healthy. With what is happening in the world today we need to stay in contact with our members. Social distancing will not last forever and we want our members to come back, so let's keep them informed on what is going on, and if they have questions who to contact, so they will become active again.

As of this writing 04/17/2020 we are at 96.43%, we need 222 more members to be 100% by June 30th. I know we can do it! We may not be able to go door to door, but we can make calls, email, Facebook, text. There are ways to put our message out there and be heard. Get a list of members who haven't paid and ask them to rejoin. If they are having financial problems talk to your Auxiliary to see if you can't help by paying their dues from you Relief fund.

Just a reminder, members paid by June 30 will remain continuous members and back in good standing. After June 30 they will have to rejoin and lose their years of membership.

It takes all of us working together to get the word out about this great organization, on what we do and why we do it. Membership is a 24/7 program. We need members to continue to help our veterans. Membership is a TEAM effort, so let's "get our ASK in gear!"

Go Team Nebraska Go!!!!

And as always if you need me call or email, I will help in any way possible.

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

Loyally,

Sharon J Thorne

## CHAPLAIN AND GOLD STAR

April Showers bring May Flowers is a very old saying.

I want to thank everyone who sent me year-end reports and getting them to me before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline so I could get them in the Memorial Book for Convention.

As of this writing - District #9 is the only one that made 100% in reporting of their Gold Star Information.

Also, as of this writing we have lost over 171 Brothers and Sisters in our Auxiliaries. Remember to drape the Charter for each of your deceased members at your meetings. This is an honor for being a member of your Auxiliary.

We will be honoring our Gold Star members during our Auxiliary Memorial Service at our June Convention, if we get to have Convention.

Because of Covid-19 we are all doing our part by staying home but try to remember our Gold Star families and our veterans by sending out cards to say we are thinking of them. Stay Safe and Stay Well.

God's Blessings

Vicki Luebbe

## HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Great News - CONGRATULATIONS NEBRASKA VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER!

Voice of Democracy National first-place winner Shruthi S. Kumar, sponsored by VFW Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska, received a \$30,000 check on March 2, 2020, during the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. THIS IS GOOD NEWS WE ALL COULD USE! All the participants were winners for putting the effort in to show their patriotism.

Just a reminder if President Liz Davis or Commander Joe Smith happen to be at one of your functions or an event you are attending please snap a picture and give a brief description for me to place in the newsletter and/or her story book. Thanks to all of you sending in pictures from the Mid-Year Conference in Hawaii and the D.C. trip. If you happen to catch a fun picture of Liz or members be sure to pass on the smiles!

The Department Auxiliary History and Post book submittals are coming up pending the COVID 19 issues, of course. The guidelines for the Auxiliary History book are in Auxiliary Department Program. The Post book rules are in the Department Post Program Book put out by Commander Joe Smith. Please be sure to bring your History Books to hand in for judging at the Department Convention. The History Books are a valuable resource for Auxiliaries to reflect on 2019-2020 activities in one concise report to see all activities for the year in one place.

Thanks to all who sent in the Historian/Media Relations reports. We have some special awards coming up at the Convention.

Please call me (308) 237-2781 or e-mail opusworkman@yahoo.com if you have questions. Thank you. Remember - "There is no place like home to report on!"

Loyally,

Judy Workman



## "BUDDY" POPPY/ VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

ALOHA. We have had to make several changes in our lives currently with COVID-19 health issues among us. We miss seeing our Post and Auxillary members. They are our family. Somehow through these trying times we still can stay connected by calling each other or sending a thinking of you note. We also have been able to use the internet to have virtual time with others. We have to be thankful for our technology today to help us stay connected.

There are ways to show we care in these times of crisis by using our mighty little flower. You can send cards to your VAMC, local hospitals, and nursing homes and add a "Buddy" Poppy. Since the youth are at home have them help you with this project by contacting their parents and have the children use their imagination to create cards and pictures using the "Buddy" Poppy.

This is also a trying time for our VFW National Home for Children. As we all are experiencing ourselves, social distancing is very challenging especially for those who rely on and relate to their neighbors who understand their situations. The National Home needs supplies. One way we could help is to contribute to the "As Needed Fund." Another way is to purchase is through AmazonSmile as a 2 for 1 project. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5 percent of your purchase to the National Home. Make sure you designate the VFW National Home for Children as your charity of choice.

I want to thank everyone that has completed their report and sent it to me. I was pleased to have so many of you promoting the "Buddy" Poppy/VFW National Home for Children program in your Auxillary.

Please stay safe and hope to see you all very soon!

Linda Vogel

## AMERICANISM

The April mail brought Auxillary reports which told me about the ways you have promoted Americanism. Thank you for your reports. Americanism is a program that can be promoted every day.

This month - May - there are some special ways we can promote or participate in the Americanism program. One way is flying the American Flag on the following days:

**May 1** - Loyalty day, an occasion when we are able to reaffirm our complete loyalty to our country.

**May 10** - Mother's Day, a day every mother should be recognized for what they have done for our country. Perhaps a spouse or other family members have served our county. You can make a phone call or jot a note to thank them on this special day for being a mother.

**May 12** - Election day, be sure to cast your vote. If you will vote by a mail-in ballot or will in person we must remember that every vote counts.

**May 16** - Armed Forces Day - Thank a veteran because they continue to serve America.

Thank our veterans all year.

**Memorial Day** - observed **May 25** this year. This is a day when crosses and flags are placed on the graves of veterans who were in the service. Special Memorial Day programs are held in most communities, participate, or attend a program.

Continue promoting Americanism, fly the American Flag which is so visible - the colors of red, white, and blue. Thanks to our veterans, there is no place like home.

Eleanor Pacas

## LEGISLATIVE

Writing this article and dreaming of May flowers, I am looking out at a white backyard. But it is melting quickly. We are in the state of waiting. Waiting for green and waiting for normal.

I have a special set of people, friends since grade school, that have been so comforting during the quarantine. You knew which days were bothering people by the constant stream of texts. Some days, all day long. Live streaming from our church was healing, just seeing a note pop up from friends that usually sit in the pew behind us at church was wonderful. Katrena, President of VFW Auxillary 131, set up a Zoom meeting for our Auxillary. It was the first meeting I hoped could last longer.

The Governor is supporting President Trump's guidelines to reopen America. We will be praying for an uneventful transition back to regular life. It has been uplifting to see how our state and country has handled the Covid-19 crisis. We are blessed to live in a nation that values its people.

My training to work at the election polling places training was online this time. It will be interesting to see how voting is handled.

It has been an honor to serve as the Legislative Chairman this year. I want to thank everyone who sent reports and to the District Presidents for being diligent on encouraging Auxillaries to send reports early. I have some President's Special Certificates to be presented, hopefully in person.

Stay safe, reach out to someone you have not talked to in a while. The best thing to come out of this situation is an adjustment to our priorities, our wonderful home, thanks to our veterans!

Synthia Stanosheck

## Care and Concern

Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Assistant Marcia Jones' husband, Earl, passed away on April 12. If you would like to let Marcia know you are thinking of her you can send cards and notes to her at 7905 Lake Street, Omaha 68134. Please keep Marcia and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

April 21, 2020

## Governance of Department and National Delegates

Pursuant to Section 304 -Delegates for Department Meetings and Convention (pages 33-34), wherein it is stated that Delegates and Alternates to the Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention, the National President hereby lifts the above restriction and extends the voting for Department Delegates to include the months of March, April, and May provided the list Delegates and Alternates to Department Conventions is submitted by May 31, 2020. (If you are unable to vote on 2020 Delegates/Alternates due to the Corona Virus, you may submit your 2019 elected Delegate/Alternates.)

Pursuant to Section 305-Delegates for National Convention (page 35), should an Auxiliary not be able to elect National Delegates and Alternates to the 2020 National Convention at its April meeting, the National President hereby includes the months of March, May and June so that Auxiliaries now has the inclusive period of March through June, 2020 for elections and submission of Delegates/Alternates provided the list is completed with names and membership identification numbers and submitted/inpitted in MALTA by June 30, 2020 or emailed, mailed and received at National Headquarters by June 30, 2020. (The names and membership Identification Numbers are available in MALTA.) (If you are unable to vote on 2020 Delegates/Alternates due to the Corona Virus, you may submit your 2019 elected Delegate/Alternates.)

All Department delegates and alternates must be submitted by May 31, 2020 in order to have your vote counted. All National Delegates and Alternates must be submitted by June 30, 2020 in order to have your vote counted.

Those Departments that have Delegate Fees are hereby advised that any Delegate fees collected are to be used solely to defray the expenses for the 2020 Department Convention (Traditional or 1 Day Convention) or be refunded to the Auxiliary or individual(s) who paid a Delegate fee for 2020.

Executive Order No. 3 shall remain in effect until the COVID-19 virus restrictions are lifted for your area and the 2020 National Convention has been completed.



By order of Peggy Haake, National President  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

Attest: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

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**From Department Treasurer Sandee Bellows:**

**For now only in the Department of Nebraska:** The treasurer can do the Audit and pass around for her trustees to sign. If unable to get completed form to trustees, please write "Social Isolation" in the trustee signature space and get it in the mail. Once the Social Isolation ban is lifted or modified all Audits will be done in the normal manner.

Delinquent Audits – 3rd quarter (July – Sept 2019) and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct – Dec 2019)

Beatrice 1077

Valentine 5138

4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct – Dec 2019)

Kimball 2243

Schuyler 4836

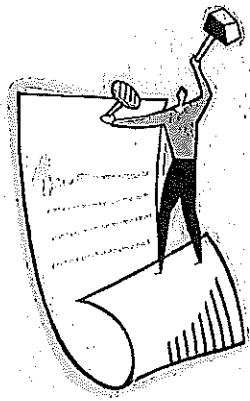
Those Auxiliaries who do not have their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter audits into Department Treasurer will not be able to vote at Department Convention.

Department Delegate fees are due and payable **now**. Send fees only to Sandee Bellows, Department Treasurer. See info in Jean's section on Department Delegates Election Form.



Dept of Nebraska Membership April 18, 2020

Auxillary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Contin uous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Contin uous	Total	Prior Total	Percentage	Auxillary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Conti nuous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Contin uous	Total	Prior Total	Percentage
1375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0.00 %	854	2	0	60	1	0	43	106	106	100.00 %
1681	0	0	37	4	1	24	66	67	98.51 %	1251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0.00 %
2243	0	0	27	0	5	21	53	53	100.00 %	4912	1	0	34	0	0	41	76	78	97.44 %
5639	0	0	23	0	0	7	30	12	250.00 %	5543	0	0	6	2	0	17	25	24	104.17 %
7970	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	23	100.00 %	5767	0	0	30	0	0	18	48	49	97.96 %
DNE01	0	0	110	4	6	52	172	191	90.05 %	6928	0	0	11	5	1	26	43	40	107.50 %
1151	0	0	37	0	0	28	65	74	87.84 %	7998	0	0	18	0	1	36	55	56	98.21 %
1644	0	1	218	0	1	126	346	364	95.05 %	8223	1	0	57	4	0	24	86	80	107.50 %
3602	1	0	90	0	0	90	181	184	98.37 %	8332	0	0	34	0	0	22	56	57	98.25 %
4504	0	0	17	0	0	15	32	34	94.12 %	DNE07	4	0	250	12	2	227	495	519	95.38 %
4996	0	0	30	3	0	41	74	76	97.37 %	131	3	1	165	5	0	52	226	235	96.17 %
5287	0	0	4	0	0	12	16	17	94.12 %	1609	0	0	12	0	0	37	49	53	92.45 %
5291	1	0	8	0	0	9	18	18	100.00 %	3606	3	1	75	12	1	33	125	116	107.76 %
5545	0	0	7	0	0	28	35	35	100.00 %	4502	1	0	76	1	0	34	112	112	100.00 %
5816	0	0	7	1	0	19	27	27	100.00 %	4755	1	0	133	2	0	12	148	147	100.68 %
5824	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	15	93.33 %	9776	0	0	26	0	0	26	52	54	96.30 %
7838	0	0	8	0	0	2	10	10	100.00 %	DNE09	8	2	487	20	1	194	712	717	99.30 %
DNE03	2	1	426	4	1	384	818	854	95.78 %	247	0	0	40	1	0	20	61	62	98.39 %
1504	0	0	79	0	0	19	98	100	98.00 %	2503	1	0	229	4	0	174	408	435	93.79 %
1652	0	0	12	0	0	24	36	40	90.00 %	2543	0	0	72	0	0	63	135	145	93.10 %
4688	1	0	25	1	0	47	74	73	101.37 %	2704	0	0	7	0	0	11	18	18	100.00 %
5379	0	0	12	0	0	2	14	15	93.33 %	3421	0	0	26	2	0	17	45	43	104.65 %
6219	0	0	15	0	0	17	32	32	100.00 %	8334	5	0	130	6	1	95	237	235	100.85 %
7028	0	0	47	0	0	20	67	68	98.53 %	10727	1	0	62	10	0	77	150	141	106.38 %
8258	0	0	13	1	0	20	34	35	97.14 %	DNE10	7	0	566	23	1	457	1054	1079	97.68 %
9155	0	0	4	0	0	36	40	46	86.96 %	926	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0.00 %
DNE04	1	0	207	2	0	185	395	409	96.58 %	1347	0	0	150	7	1	62	220	219	100.46 %
1077	0	0	39	5	0	52	96	98	97.96 %	3576	0	0	25	0	0	51	76	83	91.57 %
1765	0	0	25	0	0	58	83	88	94.32 %	4677	0	0	13	0	1	2	16	18	88.89 %
2634	0	0	11	2	0	7	20	27	74.07 %	5138	0	0	9	0	0	28	37	38	97.37 %
3113	0	0	23	0	0	26	49	58	84.48 %	5820	0	0	14	1	0	41	56	56	100.00 %
4959	1	0	46	2	0	19	68	80	85.00 %	6159	0	0	31	0	0	25	56	58	96.55 %
5289	0	0	45	0	0	38	83	90	92.22 %	7029	1	0	181	2	0	41	225	199	113.07 %
5547	0	0	15	0	0	61	76	77	98.70 %	8256	0	0	26	0	0	11	37	37	100.00 %
7102	0	0	14	0	0	68	82	84	97.62 %	DNE11	1	0	449	10	2	261	723	761	95.01 %
8221	1	0	10	0	0	14	25	26	96.15 %	759	2	0	57	7	0	45	111	111	100.00 %
10042	1	0	14	1	1	18	35	33	106.06 %	890	1	0	15	3	0	16	35	35	100.00 %
10579	0	0	10	0	0	13	23	25	92.00 %	1346	0	0	68	0	0	33	101	107	94.39 %
DNE06	3	0	252	10	1	374	640	686	93.29 %	5136	0	0	80	0	0	22	102	102	100.00 %
										5539	1	0	48	0	1	13	63	61	103.28 %
										5641	3	0	15	1	0	22	41	40	102.50 %
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# Announcing the 2020-2021

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 extracopy 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](mailto:jeanbarton@windstream.net) to let me know.

Please add the following name to the mailing list for 2020-2021 monthly mailings for the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**For Program Book & Roster ONLY**

- \$17 Program Book & Roster only if need to be mailed
- \$10 Program Book & Roster only if picked up at Convention

**For Program Book, Roster & Monthly Newsletter**

- \$27 if Program Book & Roster need to be mailed
- \$20 if Program Book & Roster are picked up at Convention

Make check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary**

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