



Do Unto Veterans As They Have Done Unto You

VFW Auxiliary

Department of Nebraska

October 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had a wonderful time with our National President, Sandi Kriebel, when she visited Nebraska. Sandi commented on how well Nebraska took care of their veterans after touring the Veterans Home in Norfolk. She was impressed that Nebraska had four Veterans homes as Maryland has only one. She enjoyed her ride to Ash Falls Historical State Park and was amazed to see what was there. Thank you Auxiliary #3602 Stanton and Auxiliary #1644 Norfolk for hosting suppers for us and for Creighton Auxiliary #1151 meeting us for lunch at the Green Gables Country Café. Thank you for everyone that was able to join us to welcome Sandi Kriebel to Nebraska.

I am happy to report that Nebraska is 100% in bonding all Auxiliaries and Districts. I appreciated everyone's help in accomplishing this important task.

Now we all need to work hard in making Nebraska 100% in membership. If we all work together in growing our membership we will meet the numbers we will need to reach that goal. BELIEVE! YOU CAN DO IT.

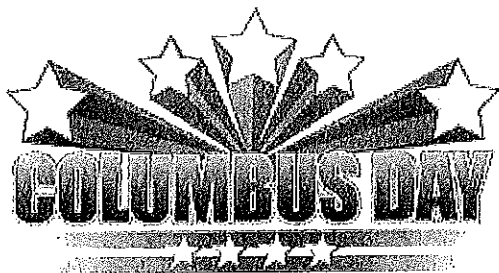
I appreciate my Department Representatives visiting District meetings this fall. I also thank all the District Presidents making their annual visits to the Auxiliaries. Enjoy this time with our Auxiliary members.

I am looking forward for Gary and my Homecoming and Fall Conference meeting in Ogallala on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6, 2018. Hope you can join us!

Enjoy this beautiful season of Fall!

Loyally,

Linda Vogel



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Your first deadline for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen is coming up fast! All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of the VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2018. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location. Be sure that the student part of the entry form is completed properly, including all signatures required.

Also before submitting for your District judging, make sure the Post part of the entry form is completed including all signatures required.

After District judging make sure the District portion of the entry form is completed properly including all required signatures.

E. Jane Petersen

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

National President, Sandi Kriebel made her visit to Nebraska in August. President Linda had a fun filled agenda in and around Norfolk. Then the Dedication of the new Veterans Home in Kearney took place. The Veterans are going to be very lucky to have such a beautiful place to stay.

Presidents, if you have had anything to report about, please do so. I have had only two Auxiliaries report to me so far.

Report on what you are doing for The Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Contest. Have you had any Buddy Poppy drives? With school in full spring, are you doing any other programs with the youth?

If your Auxiliary does not have an Historian/Media Relations chairman, please fill out a report form and tell me that you do not have one. This way you have reported. If you are on Facebook, anyone from your Auxiliary can post something about what you are doing. Then fill out your report that you posted something to Facebook.

Auxiliary members, LET'S BE 100% REPORTING for NEBRASKA!!!!

Any questions please call and I will be glad to help you.

God bless all of our VETERANS and God bless all of our AUXILIARY members.

Loyally,

Sheree Brown

AMERICANISM

School teachers across Nebraska are teaching citizenship, promoting American history and traditions, and play a key role in the success of our future leaders. If you are nominating a teacher for the Smart/Maher VFW National Education Teachers Award, deadline on the Post level is **October 31**. I hope your Post/Auxiliary will nominate a teacher for this award.

"Flags Across America" - It is so inspirational to see the American flag at the top of a building or a crane at a building site. This is a special way for promoting Americanism.

Last month flags were placed in remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001.

Flags can be of different sizes - small or large - to display patriotism and love for our country.

We do not need a special day to have flags lining sidewalks, driveways, or as a group. Posts and Auxiliaries can fly flags around their Post in remembrance of the veterans in their community who have given us our freedom while serving under the American symbol - THE AMERICAN FLAG!

Believe! We can do it. "Flags Across America."

Fly your flag every day or on the following special days:

2nd Monday in October - Columbus Day
Navy Day - October 27

Eleanor Pacas

In the words of our National Chief of Staff, Carole Betro

"Mentoring—Makes All the Difference"

August 31st, 2018, was the deadline for Auxiliaries to be bonded. Thank You!! NEBRASKA BELIEVED "We Can Do It," and we did. We had to think outside the box, had to send out some forms, make some phone calls, and provide some MALTA training and mentoring and "WE DID IT." Auxiliaries got onto MALTA and "Just Did It", and discovered the easy way the system can help you. The Treasurers discovered they were able to print letters, labels, and submit membership. I call that SUCCESS.

Loyally,
Donna Fenske, Chief of Staff

Reminder

Please remember your secret sister!! A birthday, anniversary or thinking of you card or note. Share some love, kindness, or laughter!! Thank you.

BUDDY POPPY AND NATIONAL HOME

It's time for Buddy Poppy promotions as Veterans Day is coming up. Remember your ten or twenty-five cents for the National Home for Children.

If you are having a dinner or program decorate your table with Buddy Poppies and report to me

Joyce Witt

MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all my sisters and brothers!

I want to say THANK YOU to each and every one of you. Whether you are a life member, continuous annual member, or new (yea) You are what makes the VFW Department of Nebraska great, and You make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families.

Good news is that I have received several membership reports. It is never too early to send me updates on what is happening in your Auxiliary. You may email me updates or send by mail. I look forward to reading them however you choose to send them. Here are a few of the ways in which some of the Auxiliaries found new members: At a fundraiser for their Post, at the funeral of one of their members, and at the opening ceremony of a new facility. Another great place is at a Buddy Poppy drive. I will occasionally post on our Facebook page other ideas I receive from members, so be sure to check it often.

Football season has started here in Nebraska, and here is what is happening in the first quarter of National's first quarter goal for membership. With only days left in the 3rd quarter, we are down by 28 members. The month of October starts the 4th quarter, so come on Big Red, we can get those last 28 by the end of October! At Fall Conference on October 6th, I will have information for each Auxiliary on members that have not renewed for one or more years. Auxiliary Presidents, if you are unable to attend, I will give the information to your District President, so be sure to contact her for this.

Current standings for District team membership:

District 1: 64.45% up from 63.05
District 3: 72.48% up from 66.86
District 4: 60.84% up from 52.65
District 6: 54.97% up from 44.75
District 7: 67.27% up from 53.45
District 9: 79.46% up from 76.49
District 10: 75.59% up from 69.38
District 11: 72.22% up from 67.96
District 13: 77.75% up from 73.31
District 15: 80.37% up from 72.96
Great job! Believe! We can do it!

Every Golden Rule newsletter has the current membership stats in it. Auxiliary Presidents, are you reading and sharing this information with your members? There is always something in them to share with your members about all of the programs and keeping informed about what is going on in the department.

Number 2 thing that strong Auxiliaries should avoid is to expect immediate results. You may have had several people take an application to fill out or talked with them on the phone about joining and did not hear back from them. Wait a week or so and then contact them again. Also, haven't heard from some members after sending out your first dues reminder letter? Now is the time to be sending out your 2nd dues reminder letters.

Hoping to see everyone at Fall Homecoming and Conference.

Bonnie Gerlt

GOLD STAR

As the holidays are coming, please remember our Gold Star families with a small gift, treats, or a luncheon. Did you remember your Gold Star members in September? Please report. Do not wait until the end of the year. For all that have reported thank you. Great job.

Send all deceased members to me and Sandee Bellows, so that we can be sure to get them in the Memorial Book and MALTA. Please print the member's name, Auxiliary number, and date of death clearly. Remember the Golden Rule: "Do Unto Veterans as They Have Done Unto You."

Sharon J Thorne

A Note or Two from your Department Secretary

In this mailing you will find a new change form for all elected officers. It must be completed and sent as soon as you change officers (including the death of an officer) and it **MUST BE SENT TO ME!** **DO NOT** send the information to National any longer and **DO NOT** change it in MALTA. That must all be done on the Department level from now on. Secretaries - Please make a copy or two for your files to have on hand. Taking charge of this is one of your responsibilities.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Fall Conference and Homecoming in Ogallala on October 5 & 6.
Have a safe and Happy Halloween!



DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER GOLDEN RULE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 (I seem to be getting a lot of articles the day after so the new deadline is the deadline date by midnight!)



Department of Nebraska VFW Auxiliary Memstats as of 9/15/18

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuous	Prior Total	Percentage
1375	0	0	24	0	0	0	24	51.47.06 %
1681	0	0	43	6	0	6	55	63.87.30 %
2243	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	62.40.32 %
5639	0	0	5	0	0	4	9	12.75.00 %
7970	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	100.00 %
Total - DNE01	0	0	120	6	0	10	136	211.64.45 %
1151	0	0	41	0	1	0	42	79.53.16 %
1644	0	0	222	0	2	79	303	381.79.53 %
3602	0	0	92	0	0	62	154	182.84.62 %
4504	0	0	17	1	0	14	32	31.103.23 %
4996	0	0	32	0	0	0	32	77.41.56 %
5287	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	18.27.78 %
5291	0	0	6	0	0	9	15	15.100.00 %
5545	0	0	7	0	0	24	31	35.88.57 %
5765	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	10.40.00 %
5816	0	0	2	0	0	6	8	19.42.11 %
5824	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00.00 %
7838	0	0	8	0	0	2	10	10.100.00 %
Total - DNE03	0	0	436	1	3	196	636	872.72.94 %
1504	0	0	82	0	0	19	101	144.70.14 %
1652	0	0	14	1	0	19	34	40.85.00 %
4688	0	0	27	0	0	20	47	73.64.38 %
5379	0	0	11	0	0	4	15	15.100.00 %
6219	0	0	13	1	0	0	14	31.45.16 %
7028	0	0	47	0	0	0	47	68.69.12 %
8258	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	35.37.14 %
9155	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	46.8.70 %
Total - DNE04	0	0	211	2	0	62	275	452.60.84 %
1077	0	0	36	1	0	32	69	99.69.70 %
1765	0	0	26	0	0	0	26	90.28.89 %
2634	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	29.55.17 %
3113	0	0	23	0	0	19	42	62.67.74 %
4959	0	0	56	0	0	0	56	87.64.37 %
5289	0	0	49	0	0	0	49	97.72.16 %
5547	0	0	14	0	0	21	35	85.41.18 %
7102	0	0	14	0	0	43	57	89.64.04 %
8221	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	24.33.33 %
10042	0	0	14	0	0	0	14	35.40.00 %
10579	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	27.40.74 %
Total - DNE06	0	0	267	1	0	136	404	724.55.80 %

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuous	Prior Total	Percentage
854	0	0	56	1	0	25	82	98.83.67 %
1251	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	23.30.43 %
4912	0	0	32	0	0	0	32	85.37.21 %
5543	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	32.21.88 %
5767	0	0	31	0	0	4	35	50.70.00 %
6928	0	0	11	0	0	20	31	46.67.39 %
7998	0	0	19	0	0	0	19	62.30.65 %
8223	0	0	57	0	0	5	62	82.75.61 %
8332	0	0	34	0	0	16	50	58.86.21 %
Total - DNE07	0	0	254	1	0	70	325	537.60.52 %
131	0	0	184	2	0	49	235	275.85.45 %
1609	0	0	13	1	0	24	38	53.71.70 %
3606	0	0	74	0	0	2	76	128.59.38 %
4502	0	0	74	0	0	14	88	112.78.57 %
4755	0	0	135	1	0	5	141	151.95.38 %
9776	0	0	25	0	0	12	37	55.67.27 %
Total - DNE09	0	0	505	4	0	106	615	774.79.46 %
247	0	0	42	1	0	9	52	71.73.24 %
2503	0	0	233	4	0	130	367	435.84.37 %
2543	1	0	74	0	0	0	75	146.51.37 %
2704	0	0	5	0	0	3	9	16.56.25 %
3421	0	0	23	0	0	14	37	43.86.05 %
8334	0	0	128	0	0	55	183	250.73.20 %
10727	1	0	60	4	0	39	104	133.78.20 %
926	0	0	46	0	0	0	46	55.83.64 %
1347	1	0	143	3	0	47	194	220.88.18 %
3576	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	84.29.76 %
4677	0	0	14	0	0	4	18	19.94.74 %
5138	0	0	11	0	0	6	17	38.44.74 %
5820	0	0	12	0	0	3	15	60.25.00 %
6159	0	0	29	0	0	4	33	59.55.93 %
7029	0	0	153	3	0	18	174	200.87.00 %
8256	0	0	23	0	0	14	37	39.94.87 %
Total - DNE11	1	0	456	6	0	96	559	774.72.22 %
759	0	0	55	1	0	45	101	116.87.07 %
890	0	0	16	0	0	15	31	37.83.78 %
1346	0	0	70	0	0	20	90	112.80.36 %
5136	0	0	80	0	0	0	80	104.76.92 %
5539	0	0	48	0	0	0	48	62.77.42 %
5641	0	0	17	0	0	0	17	41.41.46 %
Total - DNE13	0	0	286	1	0	80	367	472.77.75 %
756	0	0	51	1	0	5	57	74.77.03 %
3704	0	0	68	0	0	34	102	124.82.26 %
4836	0	0	17	0	0	16	33	39.84.62 %
5814	0	0	9	0	0	16	25	33.75.76 %
Total - DNE15	0	0	145	1	0	71	217	270.80.37 %
NE at large	0	0	302	0	0	0	302	308.98.05 %
Total - NE	3	0	3548	32	3	1077	4663	6488.71.87 %

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
"In Fortitude and Loyalty"

AUXILIARY OFFICER CHANGE OR CORRECTION

Auxiliary No. _____ Dept. of _____

Change from: _____

		Name			
President	Sr. Vice President	Jr. Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	
Chaplain	Conductress	Guard	Trustee #1	Trustee #2	Trustee #3

(Circle the appropriate officer)

Change to: _____
Name

Membership ID No. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Change of Annual Auxiliary Dues: from _____ to _____

.....This form is not to be used to report Annual Elections.

Send to: Department Secretary
Jean Barton
8100 Regent Drive
Lincoln, NE 68507-3366

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OR CHANGE ANYTHING IN MALTA.**