

*Department of Missouri Ladies Auxiliary
to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States*



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Missouri**

**General Orders #5
December 2011**

These General orders are to be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference

To my Auxiliary Sisters of Missouri, I must share with you how honored I was to represent you at the Statue of Liberty's Birthday Celebration. October 28, 2011 was a beautiful sunny day that I will remember for the rest of my life. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend this very special ceremony.

From the reports I got from those who took part in the annual trip to the VFW National Home, Auxiliary Chairman Charlotte Jones and VFW Chairman Nancy Cowan did an outstanding job and everyone had a great time. Charlotte thank you for representing the Department at the VFW National Home while I was attending the Big Ten Conference in Sioux Falls SD.

- Veterans and Family Support Chairman:** The holidays are here and we all enjoy the time we spend with family and friends, how about adopting a family to share your joy of the season with. Have you made your donations to the MAP program and VFW National Home for Children yet? What a great reason to have a holiday fund raiser.
- Americanism:** December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, please show each and every WWII veteran the respect and gratitude by hosting a ceremony to honor the sacrifices of so many.
- Cancer Chairman:** Has your Auxiliary made their donation yet of \$2.00 + per member? Sisters we all must step up to fight this disease, wouldn't it be wonderful if this time next year we could be announcing that the cure is near or here. This cannot happen with the research and to do the research the \$\$ is needed. And do not forget that our donations cover the cost of the Cancer Grants that our Auxiliary Sisters receive. Also, please note the special Cancer Aid and Research Incentive Award Program found on page 5 of your National Program Book.

4. **Membership:** November was DUES ROUND-UP month and sisters you did an awesome job of rounding up those dues, but we cannot stop now. With the gifts that we are making list for how about a life membership for that daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law or that special Auxiliary friend, what a great gift to give. ***District Presidents*** has your District reached that 91% mark yet, this is the goal you have to reach to receive your medallion and to be able to join us on a fun evening in February at the C of A and remember all dues must be to Department Treasurer Debbie by December 20th. Auxiliaries, remember that the *National Dues is going to be \$5.00 starting January 1, 2012* so work a little harder this month contacting those members who have not paid their dues and remind them also that if their dues are not paid by December 31, 2011 they are no longer a member in good standing and we don't want to see any member go to that status.
5. **Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen:** District judging must be completed by December 6th for both scholarships. At the C of A February 3-5, we will have our annual awards banquet where the Department winner will be announced. Plan on attending.
6. **Youth Activities:** The Jr. Girls Conference dates are set so mark your calendars, March 30-April 1, 2012 in St. Louis. Plans are being made and I think the girls will have a grand time. Details will be coming in future General Orders.
7. **Hospital & VAVS Reps:** Has your Auxiliary made their annual Hospital donation? Sisters, no amount is too small every penny that can be donated is so needed to help keep our oldest program going. With all the injuries our men and women are coming back with the facilities are full and the staff at the hospitals is being pulled in so many directions, won't you please check your calendars and see if you can't fit in a few hours to give them a helping hand.

There has been so much misunderstanding regarding the "Special Report Form" and reporting of Community Service projects with your Post that I have made the decision that we as a Department will once again report our Community Service Projects on the VFW Community Service Report form, which you will get from your Post Chairman. I suggest that you use the "Special Report Form" to report to the Auxiliary Department Chairman any projects or events that you do for the Ladies Auxiliary Programs, keeping a copy for your records, which you will then be able to use when it is time for year end reports.

The Department of Missouri Officers (Lora, Rebecca, Danetta, Debbie, Marianne, Gigi, Sheila and Yvonne) wishes you and yours a happy, safe and prosperous Holiday Season as we "Step Up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind" by "Leaping into the Future for our Veterans".

By order of:

Lora Dailey

Lora Dailey
Department President

Attest:

Debbie Miller

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Department Secretary