

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



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW  
Department of Missouri**

**General Orders #4  
November 2011**

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

To everyone that attended the Homecoming Banquet, thank you for being a part of this wonderful evening and I so hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. The wonderful centerpieces and decorations were the creations of our own Jackie Davis and Brenda Bryant, ladies I will never be able to thank you enough for your part of this wonderful evening. To my District 5 President Trudy and District 15 President Judy for you to present Commander Olin and myself with live lei's was a moment that I will never, never forget, what a way to kick the night off. And to my wonderful dear, dear friend "sister" Yvonne Massey, thank you.

Sisters during the Council of Administration meeting held at the National Presidents Homecoming a proposed increase in the payment amount was brought forth and it was soundly approved. The amount of a Cancer Grant is now **\$550** across the board no matter the type of cancer a sister has been diagnosed with. This change became effective October 1, 2011.

Also during the Council Meeting we were introduced to the new modern Ladies Auxiliary VFW logo that also includes the new tag-line "Unwavering Support For Uncommon Heroes". Those in attendance received the NEW "Share the Joy" brochures that show the new logo and tag-line, these brochures are available now through the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters.

- 1. Veterans and Family Support Chairman:** As the holidays are quickly approaching have you started your plans for assisting our veterans and their families during the holidays. Have you made your donations to the MAP program, what about donations to the VFW Dept. of Missouri Service Officers Fund, VFW National Home for Children the list can go on for ever. By this time of the year every Auxiliary within the Department of Missouri should have completed at least one thing under this program, so please, please report to the Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman Charlotte Jones.
- 2. Cancer Chairman:** Has your Auxiliary made their donation yet of \$2.00 + per member? Have you planned a fund raiser and an educational session for your Auxiliary? Our National President Gwen has asked each Auxiliary to donate \$7.00 per member as her

special project and I know that each of has been touched by this terrible disease and if we keep working at donating to the research facilities we can and will find the cures to stop this. Wouldn't it be wonderful for it to happen in our lifetimes?

3. **Legislative:** As citizens of this great county we must VOTE, this is one of the many rights our veterans have made sure that we maintain and we MUST NOT let them down.
4. **Membership:** November is DUES ROUND-UP month. Auxiliary Presidents have you appointed that committee to contact your members, well now is the time for all Auxiliary members to really reach out to those sisters you haven't heard from. District Presidents have you scheduled a "Round Up" within your district, lets get creative and have some fun as we contact these sisters. As a Department we are 3/4ths of the way to reaching 100% or the GRAND-SLAM as our Department Chairman Danetta would say, let's stay at bat until we have cleared the bases completely and show everyone that we are the "Show me state".
5. **Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen:** Entries must be to the Post by Midnight, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Post judging should be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to District level. Sisters, please work with your VFW counter-part and make sure all entry forms are completed and your entries are forwarded on time.
6. **Youth Activities:** Have you though about starting a Jr Girls Unit at your Auxiliary or within your District, if you have please contact the Department Youth Activities Chairman and let us know what we can do to assist you, these young ladies are part of our future.
7. **Hospital & VAVS Reps:** VOLUNTEER – VOLUNTEER if you are not able to volunteer at a facility check the monthly promotional material for the numerous ways you can volunteer.

I understand that there is so much confusion regarding the reporting of your work within your Communities and that some of your Post members are not happy with the new process, if you as an Auxiliary **report your events or functions** to the individual Auxiliary Program Chairman using the new report form they then will compile the information and send such to VFW Dept. Headquarters in November and then again in the spring.

This is time of the year that we pause and give thanks for bounty we have, we must remember to also give thanks for those men and women who have served and who are currently serving our country and ask that they and their families be watched over. By doing this there is no better way to "Step Up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind" by "Leaping into the Future for our Veterans".

The Department Line Officers wish each of you a blessed and healthy Thanksgiving.

By order of:

*Lora Dailey*

Lora Dailey  
Department President

Attest:



Debbie Miller  
Department Secretary