

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



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Missouri**

**General Orders #6
January-February 2012**

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

First I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a very *Happy New Year*, wow 2012. Do you remember back to the day that to say 2012 just seemed so far away? I certainly do.

Attention all Ladies Auxiliary Treasurers: Remember effective January 1, 2012 our National dues increased to \$5.00 per member. All dues transmittals submitted to our Department Treasurer, Debbie Miller must have the correct National dues submitted along with our department dues.

Effective January 1, 2012 any Ladies Auxiliary VFW member who has not paid their 2012 dues are no longer a member in good standing. Once a member reaches that status she can no longer attend Ladies Auxiliary meetings on any level, hold an office nor receive a cancer grant if the need should arise. Ladies Auxiliary Presidents your membership team should continue to reach out to those members and stress to them the importance of their membership.

Calling all Ladies Auxiliary Presidents, we have received notice from National Headquarters that some of our Ladies Auxiliaries still have not applied for their bond and some of our Ladies Auxiliaries are only showing that the Treasurer is bonded, double and triple check to make sure that your Auxiliary is bonded and that both you and the Treasurer are bonded, per Section 814A.

1. Veterans and Family Support Chairman:

Have you sent in your Health & Happiness of .10 per member for the National Home? It's never too late to send your donation maybe you can find the funds to increase your donation to .25 per member and receive a citation from National Headquarters (this must be a 1 time donation). Heath & Happiness donations are sent to LAVFW National Headquarters 403 W 34th St, Kansas City MO 64111.

Continuing Education Scholarship deadline is fast approaching. Applications must to National Headquarters by Wednesday February 15, 2012. This is a \$1000.00

scholarship applicants must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, her spouse, son or daughter and be 18 years of age or older. Applications are available on the Ladies Auxiliary website.

2. **Cancer:** Wow the pins have really sold this year and I thank each and every one of you. If you have signed pins out and are not going to be able to sell them please return them to Betty Akers 7805 E 99th St, Kansas City MO 64134. When returning pins or sending in money to Betty please make sure that your name is listed so she can keep her records up.
3. **Membership:** Well at the writing of these General Orders Missouri was not at the 91% mark but we are very close 89.49% and we have 3 Districts that have reached 91%, yea to Districts 1, 6 and 18 and we have 1 District that has reached 100% way to go District 7. I know that more of our Districts will be reaching that 91% mark as they are all so close. Ladies I look forward to our Night on the Town.
4. **Youth Activities:** Young American Creative Patriotic Art scholarship deadline is moving in quickly, stay in contact with the schools and encourage the students.
5. **Hospital:** So far this year I have been able to visit the Veterans Home in Warrensburg and St Louis and I have visit Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital, with visits to St. James Veterans Home, Cape Girardeau Veterans Home and Poplar Bluff VA Hospital scheduled in January. The facilities that I have been to so far are outstanding and our veterans are being very well taken care of.

Mark your calendars for our next Council of Administration meeting, February 3-5, 2012 in Jefferson City at the Capital Plaza Hotel 573-635-1234. Cutoff for room reservations is January 3, 2012 rates are \$83.00 plus tax for a single or double, be sure to mention the VFW to receive the discounted rate. The Voice of Democracy Banquet will be held Saturday evening February 4, 2012. The National Representative for the Ladies Auxiliary will be Past National President Evelyn McCune.

Let's continue into 2012 by supporting our veterans and their families as we "Step Up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind" by "Leaping into the Future for our Veterans".

By order of:

Lora Dailey

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Department President

Attest:



Debbie Miller
Department Secretary