

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



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Missouri**

**General Orders #3
October 2011**

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

At the National Convention held in San Antonio, Texas a new National Guard was elected, her name is Colette Bishop. Colette is from the Big Ten Conference and hails from Illinois. I know that all the sisters in Missouri will give Colette their support as she starts on this journey through the National chairs.

Also during the National Convention several resolutions were brought to the floor. The first one I want to make sure that everyone is knowledgeable of is there was a resolution to increase the National dues by \$3.50, there was an amendment made to this resolution and the ***increase to National dues in the amount of \$1.50; effective January 1,2012, National dues will be \$5.00.***

It was approved at National Convention that Section 1001-Uniform of the Bylaws be deleted; therefore, there is no official Ladies Auxiliary VFW uniform. The resolutions submitted at the National Convention for a uniform were tabled. The National President is to appoint a committee to find a suitable Auxiliary blue uniform to be voted on at the National Convention in Reno, Nevada. Until such time of this adoption, members may continue to wear the old Ladies Auxiliary VFW blue uniform. Should they not have this uniform, a black suit (pants or skirt) with a white blouse will be acceptable. The new Ladies Auxiliary VFW logo pin may be purchased when available through the VFW Store and worn in place of the pocket badge and on the black suit.

- 1. District and Auxiliary Presidents:** Each month you receive informational material on our programs with the General Orders, your job as President is to make sure that your chairman receive this material. Watch all deadlines for program awards, I would hate for any of you to miss an award due to a late entry or a missed percentage.
- 2. Cancer Pins:** Please continue to sell the cancer pins, if you need more pins please contact Betty Akers at (816) 763-8580 or mail your request to 7805 E 99th, Kansas City MO 64134.

3. **National Home Trip:** This year the National Home trip will be October 21-23, 2011 with Missouri hosting the Annual Halloween Party. Please send your donations to assist with the party to Department Treasurer Debbie Miller, 2189 Forest Lane, Arnold, MO 6310 and earmark your checks National Home Trip Halloween Party.
4. **Membership:** Calling Auxiliaries that have a membership of 76-150, do you know that if your reach 100% in membership by October 31, 2011, your Auxiliary will win an award from the National Organization in the amount of \$75.00 and don't forget about the Department awards being offered so be sure to check out the Department Program book.
5. **Community Service:** The Ladies Auxiliary VFW will not have a Community Service Chairman, but we must continue to volunteer within our communities and report such to the individual Auxiliary Program Chairman using the new report form. Our Department Chairmen will then compile the information and send such to VFW Dept. Headquarters.
6. **Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen:** Would you believe the deadlines for both of these wonderful scholarship programs is only a month away? Entries must be to the Post by Midnight, November 1st and Post judging should be completed by November 15th and forwarded to District level.
7. **Youth Activities:** Continue to spread the word about our Young American Creative Patriotic Art scholarship. Have you been working with your Post Chairman concerning working with other youth groups? If not look around your communities and reach out to those young citizens.
8. **Hospital & VAVS Reps:** Volunteers are needed in all of our facilities; try to find some spare time to volunteer. If you are not able to volunteer at a facility how about the sew at home project that Missouri has. There is always something that you can help with.
9. Have you made your reservations for the Big Ten Conference in Sioux Falls, SD. The dates of the Conference are October 21-23, 2011. Sisters this is a great time to meet some of our National Officers and a grand time will be had by everyone attending.

Sisters during our year of "Step Up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind" by "Leaping into the Future for our Veterans" because we are "Standing for Veterans" we must remember the golden rule we all were taught growing up, "Treat others as you would want to be treated", wouldn't the world be a better more loving place. As we strive to improve the world around us, we must always remember to pay honor to our Veterans, to assist them and their families.

By order of:
Lora Dailey

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Department President

Attest:

Debbie Miller
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Department Secretary