

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



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of Missouri**

**General Orders #2
September 2011**

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

At the 2011 Department Convention held June 9-12. Gigi Gill was elected as our Department Conductress and Sheila Allen was elected as Department Guard. Congratulations ladies and welcome to the "Team", I know that you will be a great asset to the Department of Missouri.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the sisters of Auxiliary 5789 and the sisters of Auxiliary 3944 for your hard working in hosting the Department Schools of Instruction held in July. We had a total of a little over 200 Auxiliary sisters in combined attendance, of which 50 sisters attended their 1st School of Instruction, and our Department Jr. Girls President Elizabeth attended the School of Instruction at Post 3944.

Congratulations to our Past Department President Deborah Griffin on her appointed as National Veterans and Family Support Director. Your Department is so very proud of you and we know that you will do an excellent job.

- 1. District and Auxiliary Presidents:** By now you should have your National and Department Program Books, the NEW report form and your Department Year-End Report forms, along with the supplemental information received at the Department School of Instruction. Please, please make copies of the materials and provide them to your Officers and Program Chairmen, so that they will know what will be expected this year and will be prepared for the coming year.
- 2. Patriots Day:** No one will ever forget what happened on September 11th, the day that American soil was attacked and so many lost their lives. Part of our duties as members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW is to see that if no one else does, plan a ceremony in your community, your local schools or at your Post home and invite the public.

3. **Department Council of Administration Meeting:** The Department Council of Administration meeting and the Department Commander and Department Presidents Homecoming and Testimonial Dinner will be held October 7-9, 2011 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel by calling 800-338-8088 and identify yourself as part of the VFW group. The Testimonial dinner reservation form is included in this packet; please share with your members.

4. **National Representative:** Our National Representative for the Department Council of Administration meeting will be our newly elected National Council Member #5 Betsy Buchanan from Indiana. A breakfast reception for Betsy will be held on Saturday.

5. **Tentative Agenda for C of A:**
 - Friday, October 7, 2011 (Business casual will be the dress)
 - 4:00 pm Department Line Officers Meeting (Room TBA)
 - 5:15 pm Dinner with National Representative (by invitation only)
 - 7:30 pm Department Council of Administration Meeting
(Floor Practice will follow immediately)
 - Saturday, October 8, 2011 (Uniforms will be required dress)
 - 7:30 am Department Chairmen Meeting
 - 8:15 am District Presidents Meeting
 - 9:00 am Breakfast Reception for National Council Member
 - 10:00 am Department Meeting
 - 12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)
 - 1:00 pm Department Meeting resumes
 - 2:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Web Site workshop
 - 6:00 pm Cash Bar in the Atrium
 - 7:00 pm Commander & Presidents Testimonial Dinner (Resort Casual attire)

6. **Cancer Booth:** The odd number Districts (1, 3, 5, 7,9,15 and 17) have been requested to bring Raffle items, baskets, quilts, Afghans etc. The even number Districts (2, 6, 8, 12, 14 and 18) have been asked to bring items for the "Cakes and Candies for the Cure" (cakes, cupcakes, cookies, candy). Let your creativity take over and watch to see who brings in the most funds for Cancer Aid and Research. 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.

7. **National Presidents Homecoming:** Our National President Gwen Rankin's Homecoming will be September 22-25, 2011 in Sacramento, CA. The agenda and reservation forms were included in your July/August packet.

8. **Big Ten Conference:** This year the conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 21-23, 2011. The registration forms were in your July/August General Orders packet.

9. **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. Also new this year, we

are conducting a raffle to help raise funds to help fund the National Home trip. The raffle is for a FREE trip to the VFW National Home for Children, tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Checks should be made out to Missouri LAVFW and mailed to Charlotte Jones, 5665 Windy Meadows Lane, Fulton MO 65251. What a way for your members to win a trip to the VFW National Home for Children.

10. **Membership:** Watch the deadlines for the awards from Department and National, sisters there is money there to be won, just hits those deadlines and percentages. Remember Missouri needs to be at 91% as soon as possible.
11. **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.
12. **Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen:** Schools are back in session, you should have the materials to the teachers and students by now. Stay in touch with them and encourage them to keep working to make the deadlines.
13. **Youth Activities:** The pamphlet for the Patriotic Art should be given to the local schools, art museums, home schooled children, and the media so they may begin their artwork. Have you thought about starting a Jr. Girls unit in your Auxiliary? If you already have a unit are you working with them?
14. **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.

Our year of "Step Up ~ Leave No Veteran Behind" by "Leaping into the Future for our Veterans" because we are "Standing for Veterans" has begun. 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
Department Secretary