




*VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012*



I trust each of you had a wonderful Holiday Seasons and you have made a few New Year's Resolution. As we Leap in the Future for our Veterans one resolution each of us should have made is to make sure no Veteran or their families are Left Behind.



Assisting Veterans should be the  of every Auxiliary.

Have you done everything you can do for the Veterans in your Community, making sure they are not in need or if they need someone to take them to their doctors appointment, to the grocery store or maybe just someone to stop by and visit for a few minutes. Have you check on the families of the Deployed solders to see if they are in need of anything, maybe to babysit so they can get out for a little while alone.

I don't know how many of you know this, but, the National Guard Armory in Jefferson City has a food pantry where families of the deployed can come and get groceries, diapers and other non perishable item at no cost to them. I was recently told that the shelves were getting bear and they were in need of supplies.

At the February Council meeting, I am requesting each Auxiliary to bring some of these items so we can help fill the shelves. Items needed are , Diapers, diaper wipes, cereal, can foods, boxed meals, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, any non perisible item will be excepted . Let's see if we can't fill the shelves. If you have any questions, please give me a call. (573-826-0453) I will make sure these items get to the Armory. I don't know if any other Armories in the state do this, If you have one near you, maybe you should check to see if they are in need.

National Home, as of this date we have 78 Auxiliaries that have not made a donation to the **Missouri Cottage** at the VFW National Children's home. I know this sometimes confused with sending a donation to the National Home directly and this is great, but you also need to send one to Debbie Miller for the fund. The Department of Missouri Ladies Auxiliary needs these funds to pay for upkeep, utilities and insurance for the Missouri Home. **Health and Happiness Donations**, we have about 60 Auxiliaries that have not sent in their Health and Happiness donation to National, if you Auxiliary has not done this, please do so at your next meeting.

National Military Services, as of December 5, 2011 we have donated \$5982.84, this is with 59 of the Auxiliaries sending in a donation. We still have over a 100 Auxiliaries that have not donate, at your next meeting, please make a donation to NMS, remember this is for Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs and MAP, all three of these programs are vital in assisting our Veterans and their families.

If you have not made a donation to the **Missouri Veterans Service Officers Fund**, I know this would also be appreciated. The VFW Veterans Service Officers work very hard to make sure that our Veterans are given the medical benefits and rights they deserve. This is a way we can keep this program up and running.

There will be no Bubby Poppy Contest at the February Council Meeting, I want everyone one working hard on their displays for the Department Convention. The following will give you a heads up on what to be planning for a wonderful display in June. I will send the rest of the information in the next General Orders.

Four Categories

1. Public Promotion of Buddy Poppy Campaign
2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays
3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies
4. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Junior Girls Unit)

Continuing Education Scholarship is due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2012. I hope you and your Auxiliaries have several entries to send in.

Have your ordered the book "Life in the US Military" for the area Veterans Homes and Hospitals. If not an opportunity is being missed to assist our Veterans and their families. This book may bring just a spark of the back of the Veterans we love.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans and their families, God bless all of you.

"Cheers to another new year and another chance for us to get it right."

~Oprah Winfrey

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