



## VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT November 2011

November is the month that each and every one of us stop and think about the all we have to thankful for, our families, our friends and this beautiful free country we live in and when we think about this we also think about those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Veterans and Family Support as I have said many times is the heart of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary we are here to assist our Veterans.

Continuing Education Scholarship; the deadline for this Scholarship is **February 12, 2012**, please make sure that this application is available to your sisters. Applications can be found on the National Web site and also at our own website [vfwladiesauxmo.com](http://vfwladiesauxmo.com) or can be found in the 2011-12 program books.

If you haven't planned or your VFW has not planned a **Buddy Poppy Drive** Veteran's Day would be a wonderful day for a Buddy Poppy Drive. Remember if your Post does not do one or does not ask you to be a part of their drive, you can have your own. **Remember ladies we do not sell Poppies. I WILL NOT HAVE A BUDDY POPPY CONTEST AT THE FEBRUARY C OF A.** This will give you time to plan something really grand for the Department Convention in June.

November is also a good time to have a special event or dinner to or special event for Veterans and their families. If you are planning a special event for those now serving you may be able to receive financial assistance from the MAP (Military Assistance Program.) With Christmas only a month away we need to be thinking of adopting a unit and sending a box of goodies to those who are now serving in harm's way, I know they would really appreciate it. This would also be a good time to get some of the **Virtual PIN's** from National to give to those in the Veterans Homes and Hospitals. They would really appreciate being able to call their loved ones on special Holiday season. This is what is being used now instead of the Domestic phone cards. The application for phone cards is still completed, but this is what you will receive instead of the cards. If you need more information you can contact your District President or I would be glad to assist you.

**Just a reminder to all of you about the new reporting we have this year please, report the information for Veterans and Family Support to me. Cards, flowers, memorials sent to Veterans and their families, donations to National Military service, adopt a unit, donations National Home, purchase of the Auxiliary coins is report. If you are unsure please feel free to contact me.**

**VFW National Home;** They now have 73 children, the new roof, gutter system and soffits on the Missouri Home should be completed by now. Thanks to all of you who donations make it possible for the upkeep of this beautiful home

I know several of you have already made your **Health and Happiness** donation and I really appreciate this, if your Auxiliary had not, please do so as soon as possible. This is information which needs to be reported on your New Report form, as Veterans & Family Support.

A special thanks to all of you who sold Raffle tickets for the National Home trip. The winner was **Eve Ward** from Auxiliary 1003 in Jefferson City.

**National Military Service;** As of the last information I received the Department of Missouri had only donated \$2650 and we can and will do a lot better. Remember I am running a contest for the best fund raising project by an Auxiliary to raise funds for NMS. At the February C of A I will give \$20 to the Auxiliary in each membership group who has had the best FUND RAISER and raised the most to donate to National Military Services and reported the fund raiser and donation to me no later than January 15, 2012. Please use your new Universal report forms to report this informative. My Fund Raiser for the Department of Missouri this year will be at each meeting having a donation jar for each branch or the Military, the branch that donates the most by the end of the June Convention will be the winner. The C of A in October \$113.55 was collected, Air Force \$12, Coast Guard \$5, Marines \$16, Navy \$34.30 and the Army with \$46.25.

At the National Convention in August I saw this remarkable book written and illustrated by



Author Dan Koffman. The title of the Book is “Life in The US Military,” this book was designed specifically for veterans of the military who suffer from memory loss. The book contains images designed and tested to spark quiet reflection and shared reminiscences between the veteran, caregivers, old friend and family members of all ages. Caregivers were clearly touched by their loved ones response to this book. What a wonderful book, this would be a good book to have in all Veterans Homes and Hospitals in the state of Missouri. If you would like to order one to give to a Veteran Home or Hospital, the book can be bought for \$25. Order form is enclosed.

Please keep doing what you do so well, assisting our Veterans and their families.

Thank you,  
*Charlotte Jones*

