



Veterans and Family Support September 2011



Thank God, It has cooled off a little and I know you are all out there working hard and supporting the Veterans and Family Support Program.

VFW National Home for Children: I hope you are all promoting the National Home trip and I hope we have a lot of first timers on the bus, and if you are planning on going don't forget your Costume. The Halloween Party is a lot of fun. If you have never been before you are in for a wonderful experience.

Are you selling the Raffle tickets? We would love to have enough people to take two busses and the raffle tickets will help with the cost of the busses. Remember to send the tickets and the check made out to LAFVW MO to me. I have received a few tickets but am hoping for a lot more. The drawing will be held at the October 8th at the C of A and Commander and Presidents Homecoming. Hope to see a lot of you there. Don't forget to send a donation to Debbie Miller, Department of Missouri Treasurer for the Halloween Party. Remember we want to take some of the Jr. Girls with us this year. If you have a unit in your District and they are trying to raise funds so they can go, please try to make a donation to them to help them out.

National Military Services: 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 Donation to me no later than January 15, 2012. **Please use your new Universal report forms to report this information.**

Your donation to National Military Service will be used to support three programs, MAP (Military assistance Program). The Unmet needs Program and Operation Uplink. One donation earmarked National Military Services and mailed to Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111, covers all of these programs.

Buddy Poppies If you are planning a Veterans Day Poppy Drive, make sure you poppies are ordered and you have already started planning your weekend, to make sure it is a success. You will need to get approval from the businesses, where you plan to collect. Contact the local newspapers and let them know where and when your will be having your Poppy Drive and ask them if they will do an article about this year's Poppy Drive.

October C of A - Buddy Poppy Contest will be wreaths, at least 10 inches, **Patriotic, Branch of the Military and Christmas**. They must have at least 1 original poppy on the wreath. I hope I have lots o entries so, let's go ladies, see what we can do.

Have you ordered the New Ladies Auxiliary Commemorative coin? If not, you can order them from the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Catalog. They are beautiful, we should all have at least one in our purse, to give to anyone we meet as Thank You for their service, to this great Country.

Continuing Education Scholarship: To many time we hide these scholarship forms in our bags and unless someone ask for them, no one sees them, make sure they visible and available at your Post homes.

As of this date I have only received **two (2)** of the new report forms, we are using this year. I know this is new and a little confusing, the forms and instructions are in your Department Program Books (All Auxiliary Presidents were given one). Each time you complete a project that assists our Veterans, their families, make a donation to the Veterans Hospital, and Veterans Homes, take cookies or assist a Veteran in any way in the community, donate to the USO, VFW National Children Home complete this form and mail it to me. I hope to receive at least 100 reports from every Auxiliary. I will record the information and keep a record of what your Auxiliary is doing. If you have any questions or need any assistance with the form, feel free to call or e-mail me I will be glad to assist you.

“Step up-Leave No Veteran Behind” is our National Presidents theme, for this year. The Department of Missouri Ladies Auxiliary will make sure that if we can help it no Veteran will ever be left behind. Because we are **“Leaping into the Future for Our Veterans”**.

May God Bless each and every one of you and may he keep his protective hands on the Men and Women who are serving in harm's way and all of those who have served to make this the greatest Nation in the world.

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