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Message from Department President Mildred "Millie" Holland

"Veterans Are Our Angels"

April is here and your Year-End Reports are due to your District Presidents by the 10th of this month! Department chairman you should have all reports by the 20th. I would like your final report to me by the 30th of April please. Also remember all deadlines and Audits. This is very important. Be on time please.

Mid-Year conference was a blast and a stomping good time. Weather was cool but nice. Watch for the proposed changes to the National Bylaws which will be on the National website April 1.

Health and Happiness: some Auxiliaries are not sending the amount per member. So this is down by almost \$30,000. So please make sure you are sending in the correct amount. National Home has had some issues with burst pipes (due to extreme cold weather) and security issues. Yes I said security. National Home, if you have never been, there is no check in you just drive in and go where ever you like. Homes have come to a threat of break ins. They are checking in on security options to protect the homes. Security for our National Home was the last thing anyone would have thought would happen. This is suppose to be a safe haven for our Military Families. So we might want to think of something big to do to help. Also Life Memberships to the National Home will be going up next January to \$50 and this will include a pin.

The Council voted and approved membership pay outs to increase by \$.45 per member per level. It was announced that the following States that are closing in on 100% in Membership – Delaware, Alaska, Alabama,

Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio. So Texas needs more. Get out and find the ones that have not paid their dues. If someone has not been back for a few meetings find out why. We need to retain members and get them to come back and get them interested in our programs. This is a Challenge and I know we can do this!! We owe this to our Veterans and the Flag that they fought for. Honor Veterans we joined under by our love and kindness to all.

We have male members that are eligible and Texas is behind in the count. So look at the membership wheel and see what we can find. When you get out and help the Post with the Buddy Poppy drive set up for Membership as well.

Thank you to Districts 4, 6, and 28 for all your wonderful Hospitality and fellowship. You all are doing Great work!

VETERANS ARE OUR ANGELS AS WE CATCH THE DREAM FOR OUR VETERANS

Scheduled Events

April 6th – 8th District 3
April 13th – 14th District 8
April 21st District 30
April 26th – 28th District 25

Scheduled Events

May 3rd – 6th District 9
May 17th – 20th District 13

Scheduled Events

June 13th – 17th 2018 – State Convention
Sheraton Dallas Hotel

MEMBERSHIP
Karen Kaylor – Chairman
Juanita Workman – Co-chairman

Sisters and Brothers, You have made 1st, 2nd and 3rd base, now put your hats on, grab your bat and ball, and finish the game, **Recruit**, old and new members, we need to make that final home run! We have 3 months left, even though Year End Reports are done in April, **Membership does not stop**. Make these last few months count! We still have not made our 100%+1! We, The Department of Texas want our Madame President Millie to be in the Circle of Excellence. National Convention would be so memorable for her and our “**Veterans Are Our Angels**” Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Team!!

Here are some awards to help you get motivated again. Sometimes we lose some steam when we are towards the end of the year. If you started working on your National Awards just remember you still have time to earn your “Catch Five” pin and your VFW Auxiliary Member Award. Each Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures five new and/or rejoined members from July 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018, with the [official form](#) received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters no later than May 31, 2018, will be honored with a Catch Five Member Recruiter pin. These are presented at our State Convention. Each Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 20 new and/or rejoined members from July 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018, with the [official form](#) received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters no later than May 31, 2018, will be honored with a National Membership Achievement Award presented at the National Convention in 2018. Department Treasurers are not eligible. Make sure you send the [form](#) into National Headquarters to get your pin! The member must submit the form. The pin is another way to start a conversation with a potential member. So, finish up that challenge! Then you will be helping to “**Catch the Dream for Our Veterans**”!

The quick easy way to process your membership would be to utilize MALTA. You can use it anytime, just remember to send any **New** or **Rejoin** applications to the office after they have been input. The files need to be updated. If you work transmittals by sending to the office, **Do Not Hold!** Keep up the good work in **Recruiting, Rejoining and Retaining** members. One of the most important things to remember when recruiting new or rejoining members is that you need to follow up. Remember to contact them to see how they are doing, ask if there is anything you can help them with and keep them informed of upcoming events. Let them know they are **appreciated as a volunteer!** A heartfelt thank you can do wonders!

Thank You for all that you do and have done for our veterans! The VFW Department of Texas Auxiliary could not accomplish as much without volunteers like you. Juanita and I both thank you for all your support this year. We know you will continue for these next 3 months. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call myself 254-547-5619 or Juanita 254-652-9080!



NATIONAL RECRUITER
Aletha Jeter

This is my last National Recruiter article for the Our Two Cents for the Department of Texas Auxiliary. Our National Organization has decided to discontinue this program for the 2018-2019 Auxiliary year and most likely beyond. I want to thank our National leaders for choosing me to hold this appointment and letting me share with all of you the information and ideas they shared with the recruiters on how to expand our organization with new members.

This program may be over but recruiting in the Department of Texas will continue, I encourage you to continue to recruit new members and stay in contact with those members who have yet to pay their dues. Continue to ASK everyone if they have a Veteran in their family... continue to get the name of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary out in your communities...continue to keep new members interested by keeping them active... continue to be the best Veteran Auxiliary organization in the world. The job of recruiter belongs to every member, not just the membership chairman. As a member it is our obligation to increase membership. We have a wonderful organization, you should be eager to share it with others. I encourage you to remember the 11 potential members eligible to join under each Veteran, Spouse, Son, Daughter, Grandson, Granddaughter, Brother, Sister, Mom, Dad, Grandmother, Grandfather. Ask if you can speak to a bachelor post, if they don't want an Auxiliary

they still have family members who are eligible to join our Auxiliary. When your Auxiliary has a function be sure and get it out to the public...invite the local newspaper and radio station to attend. The more our community hears of our good works the easier it is to invite them to join us.

Texas is a big state, with big ideas and big hearts, I thank you for all you do for our Veterans, youth and communities. Keep up the good works and continue to expand your Auxiliaries, new ideas are always welcomed. I will no longer be a National Recruiter, but I will always be a life member of the greatest Veteran Organization in the world and I will always be available to help our membership in any way I can. God bless each of you.

Remember that **VETERANS ARE OUR ANGELS** and we will **CATCH THE DREAM FOR OUR VETERANS**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES **Dorothy Bennett – Chairman**

Now is the time for year-end reporting! Remember the dues dates are April 10th to the District President and to the chairman by April 20th. Did you know that I then have to report to Madame President on the outcome of the year? Chairmen have a very short window to tabulate the numbers to have them to Madame President.

I will be looking at the year-end reports and the monthly reports to see who receives awards at this year's convention. Please ensure that I have information on citations, R.A.P. coins/cards, recognition of youth groups in the communities, and the Veteran's History project.

It has been a wonderful year reading all the reports and learning how our organization works with the youth or today. They are our future so it is still our job to see that they learn the love of country and respect for our veterans.

Thanks, Madame President for seeking me out to fill this chairmanship, it has been great!

HISTORIAN **Bernadette Adams**

This year started out with Department President Millie's special boots and they sure walked through many Districts. Speaking of Districts I have some Districts who have not reported to me for her visits. Please District Historians and Post Historians your Presidents had faith and confidence in you for that job.

Just a reminder, we are coming to the end of Department President Millie's year. I know I sound like a broken record but please send your pictures to me so

that I can finish up President Millie's year. Thank You President Millie for showing me that "**Veterans Are Our Angels**" and for being able to "**Catch The Dream for Our Veterans**".



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT **Tanya Jackson – Chairman** **Cheyenne Weiche – Co-Chairman**

What a year this has been. Everyone in this great state has done an amazing job for OUR VETERANS and their families. I have really enjoyed all of the reports that have come in and the pictures have really shown what you have accomplished and what differences there are with all the different auxiliaries.

Year End Reports are due to your District Presidents by April 10th and they will in turn send them on to me by April 20th. I know that there are some amazing reports coming. Please be sure to answer every question on the Year End Report form.

I need to start receiving some "Share Their Story" from the District Chairman. Please make note that AWARD #4 is for District Chairman.

If you have not done your National Home Life Memberships please take the time to do that now. This is nice award to give to someone in your auxiliary or post, although you can also do Associate Membership for guests that are not members of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. What a nice gesture for someone that works for our Posts.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the VFW National Home for Children and what they are working on now. There have been reports of burglary at different homes. They are looking into getting some security cameras on the homes and they are looking for help to purchase these. Why not have a fundraiser for National Home. If you decide to do this please make sure to write a report and send to the Chairman next year.

Thank you for all that you have done for Veterans and Family Support with "**CATCHING THE DREAM FOR OUR VETERANS**" using "**ANGELS ARE OUR VETERANS**", we have been very busy with all that needs to be done and I have been very happy with all that has been accomplished.

HOSPITAL/VAVS
Peggy Johnston - Chairman

Thanks to everyone for their hard work this year. WE have had a great year and all the credit is yours.

Thanks, Auxiliaries for all you did, serving and visiting, with our veterans. They have been so pleased with all you have. Also I am very happy to let you know you are 100% in reporting. Without your reports I don't know what you did.

District Presidents, you also are great. Thanks for working with your auxiliaries to make them great and 100% in reporting. Without all your hard work we could not have got things done. It was such a pleasure to work with you. Thanks for allowing me to visit at your District meetings. I wish I could have made more but wasn't able to.

Also many thanks to our office help: Jo Ella, Bert, Glenna, Margie and to all who came as extra help when needed. Couldn't work without all your help and knowledge. Now again Thanks to Millie and her line officers. Had some hard time but the good times far outnumbered the hard, Many Thanks!!!!

Things would not be complete without our Program Coordinator Kathy Marrelli. She knows everything about our programs, forms needed, how to put things together, and much more. Thanks Kathy for all your help.

Last but not least I want to thank my Ambassador Janice Holm. She is the best. She has helped me so much with teaching, literature. Support and so much. Janice you are great. THANKS!!!!!!

So now we must remember why we do what we do, **"VETERANS ARE OUR ANGELS"** and we must be there to help them **"CATCH THE DREAM FOR OUR VETERANS"**.

SCHOLARSHIP
Aletha Jeter- Chairman

We are almost through with our 2017-2018 year but not yet. We must get our Patriotic Art judged and sent to me by April 15. Please read the information and make sure the artwork complies with the requirements listed. Must be on paper or canvas, digital art and photographs are not accepted. If the American flag is used in the artwork it must comply with the Federal Flag Code as to color, number of stars and stripes and other rules of the code. Make sure the teacher or other adult signs the application and the application complies with the contest rules. Texas came in second at National last year, I hope we can come in first this year. Read the application

thoroughly because if all is not filled out correctly I cannot have it included for judging.

I will have all except the first-place artwork at Department Convention in Dallas in June. Please have someone assigned to pick it up. I will have a sign out sheet that will need to be signed. Any art work not picked up I will give to District President to take back, if she will accept it, if not I will mail it back to the Auxiliary COD. These kids work hard on this artwork and deserve to have it returned in good shape with an acknowledgment of the time and effort they put in. Please reward these kids with a certificate and or a check for their entry. Remind them if they are not a Senior this year they can enter again next year.

I did not have a Mid-Year Report, but I do have a Year End Report. Did you have a "FUN/FUND" raiser for your scholarship program? If so, please report it. Make sure you answer all the questions. Did Not Participate is NOT and acceptable answer. I know you are doing the work so report it and get the credit you deserve.

I want to thank Madam President Millie for this appointment. I so enjoyed getting to know the VOD top 10 winners at Mid-Winter, along with our Patriot Pen winner. Frank and Janie Andrada, the VFW VOD chairman and his wife were wonderful to work with. I feel truly privileged to have seen first hand the hard work that is put into this program by so many. Our future is in good hands. Thank you to all the Auxiliaries that worked our Scholarship program and the Auxiliary members who took information to the schools and newspapers, radio stations and everywhere and anywhere they could to get our information out to those who were eligible to enter for one of our scholarships.

Remember that **VETERANS ARE OUR ANGELS** and we will **CATCH THE DREAM FOR OUR VETERANS** as we continue to honor those who served.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS
Ramona Henson – Chairman

Well we are winding down for the year. Please be sure and get all reports are in to me as soon as possible.

We have had a great year, each one of you have done a wonderful job, and I thank you for it.

From my home to all of yours, We wish you a
Happy Easter and bountiful blessings.

God bless each and every one of you.
Remember Veterans are our Angels.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION
Patricia "Patsy" Kemp

District Presidents and Deputy Chief of Staffs: Thank you for all you have done to make your Districts and Auxiliaries the best they can be. Also, for all of the help and assistance you have given to your Auxiliaries. Are there more "Healthy Auxiliaries" this year because of your love, care and continued concern to help make them Healthy? I hope each one of you can say yes.

We are coming to the close of our 2017-2018 "Veterans Are Our Angels" year but now is the time to stop and think about what this year has meant to you, as an indivial member and your Auxiliary as a whole.

Did you show Love to all members? Did you put on a smile, welcome and mentor New members or volunteer to help with programs and activities? Did you show compassion for our Veterans & their families?

We have lost so many Brothers & Sisters.... I hope we let them know how much they meant to us and our Auxiliary. Why is it easier to praise and celebrate someone when they are no longer here? Why not value them while they are still with us.?

Be true to the person next to you and let them know you genuinely care. Do not take them for granted. Life is so short for the games we play as human beings.

Continue to work membership -- We still have April to May 15th to get it into Department. Membership Chairman, Karen Kaylor, has done an outstanding job this year. Let's give that extra push to be 100% plus for her and Texas.

This has been an exciting, learning and most memorable year for me. Madam President, Millie, thank you for the honor to serve as Department Chief of Staff this year.

To all newly elected officers on all levels...my prayer is that you have a better year, achieve a "Healthy Auxiliary" status and meet all of your goals. We are to strive to be better than the year past...that is how we grow. *Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.*

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM
Linda Henry

With the April 10th deadline fast approaching, there is still time to send reports for Chaplains. Thank you to all who have submitted reports. It is such a joy to read the inspiring and rewarding work that Chaplains do every day. Thank you for all that each Chaplain does for the Auxiliary.

LEGISLATIVE
Susie Carter - Chairman

From our National Ambassador:

Our Washington, D.C. office allows us to monitor all legislation affecting veterans, alert VFW membership to key legislation under consideration and to actively lobby Congress and the administration on veterans' issues.

Our National Legislative Service establishes the VFW's legislative priorities and advocates on veterans' behalf. By testifying at congressional committee hearings and interacting with congressional members, the VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th Century.

Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's Priority Goals and veterans' well-being in mind. With the strength of the more than 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, our voice on Capitol Hill cannot be ignored!

The VFW has recently released their 2018 VFW Priority Goals. The Priority Goals Brochure identifies the major policy goals and legislative priorities of the VFW.

Please click on the following link to see where the VFW stands on these issues: <https://www.vfw.org/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Advocacy/PriorityGoalsBrochure.pdf>

Familiarizing yourself with the issues will prepare you to discuss them with the congressional members in your District. When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 115th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and it's Auxiliary.

As our year ends I would like to thank you for all that you have accomplished this year. Together we have supported and helped pass legislative bills for our Veterans.

Let Congress know that we will not stand by quietly as they continue to break the promises made to our Veterans and Active-Duty Military!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our State Convention in Dallas next month.

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"Catch The Dream for Our Veterans"

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Jo Ella Menn

Candidate for Department Treasurer
2018-2019

Endorsed by

Auxiliary 8621 and District 6

I am running for Department Treasurer
2018-2019

I will serve the Department of Texas
to the very best of my ability.

Thank you for your support in the past and am
looking forward to serving in the future.

Thank You

*I would like to extend my thanks for all
the cards and phone calls during my stay
in the hospital.*

*I appreciate each and every one of you.
Juanita Workman*

Susie Carter

Candidate for Dept. Guard 2018-2019

Endorsed by

Auxiliary 6873 and District 8

Auxiliary - President 2 years

Numerous positions & all Chairmanships

District - President 2 years/Outstanding 16-17

Numerous positions & all Chairmanships

Department

Veterans & Family Support Co-Chair

Scholarship Chairman / Legislative Chairman

98TH Annual

June 13 – 17, 2018

VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2018

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

400 North Olive Street

Dallas, Texas 75201

Hotel Phone: 214-922-8000

Group Rate is only available until
May 14, 2018.

If Auxiliary member has a problem making
reservation please call
Jo Ella Menn.

*****Notice*****

Calendars for 2018-2019 and the Delegates
Dues will be mailed directly to the Auxiliary
President April 1, 2018.

*****Notice*****

Podium Books are on sale in the
Department Office if needed. Cost \$7.50.
Please contact the Department Office.

****Notice From Department Treasurer****

All check dated before January 31, 2018 not
cashed by April 30, 2018 will be **VOID ON** May
1st, 2018.

Please note that when you receive a check from
Department of Texas that it states on the Check:
VOID AFTER 90 DAYS.

Jo Ella Menn

Department Treasurer

Important Notice

Due to the change in format that National
will be making on the Warrant, it will be
mailed from the Department Office.

2018 Texas VFW Auxiliary State Convention
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – FINAL SCHEDULE WILL BE IN THE MAY ISSUE

Wednesday June 13, 2018

12 Noon	4:00 PM	Vendor Booths & Poppies
12 Noon	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials
12 Noon	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	President Reception (Invitation Only)
6:00 PM		Dinner with National Representative

Thursday June 14, 2018

8:00 AM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Registration Credentials
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means
8:00 AM	9:30 AM	VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Joint Memorial Service –
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Past Department President Luncheon
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session
4:15 PM	5:00 PM	Floor Practice

Friday June 15, 2018

8:00 AM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Registration Credentials
8:00 AM	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means
8:00 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Financial Advisor
1:30 PM		VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception with Cash Bar
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Awards Banquet

Saturday June 16, 2018

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	VFW Auxiliary Incoming Council Picture Shoot
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials
8:30 AM	12:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting and Elections
		Presentation of Pages, Historian
		Memorial Service
		Presentation Jayne McCormick National Council Member H
11:00 AM		Election of 2018-2019 Officers
2:30 PM		Meeting Adjourned
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Joint Installation of Officers
6:00 PM		Joint Reception to Follow

Sunday June 17, 2018

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast with VFW Commander, VFWA President, Line Officers
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Best wishes to all the Auxiliary members in the State of Texas  
Celebrating birthdays in April.

Bountiful blessings are extended  
to each and every one.