



The Texas V.F.W. Auxiliary
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**Department President
Esperanza "Eppie" Lackey**

It does not seem possible that the 2018-2019 year is soon to be gone and it's already time to get ready for another State Convention.

I know all of you have had a very busy year and each of you have done a wonderful job for our great department.

Now for a few house cleaning questions...Have you checked your program books to see if all requirements have been met? Have elections, installation reports, delegates and audits been sent in?

This is my last article for the year and though it sounds like a last farewell, it's not. I will still be here an active part of this great organization.

I have enjoyed my year representing you as the Texas Department President, but, I still need your help on membership. We have some serious work to do in order to be 100% by June 30th. We can do it with your help.

Thank You again for the opportunity of serving our department as your president, it has been an honor.



**National Council Member Area H
Debbie Daniel**

Debbie Daniel, of Brownwood, Texas, represents Texas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary between National Conventions.

Installed at the 105th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, she is serving a two-year term as one of 28 representatives who make up the Council along with the top seven National Officers, the National Chief of Staff and the four Junior Past National Presidents.

A Life Member of Heart of Texas Auxiliary 3278, she joined on the eligibility of her husband, Joe, who served in the U.S. Army as a master parachutist in the 101st airborne.

She has held numerous other positions for the organization, including Auxiliary, District and Department (state) President. She is currently serving as the Department of Texas Program Coordinator and as her Auxiliary's Secretary.

In her spare time, Debbie enjoys crafting, playing with her grandkids and watching TV.

She collects snowmen and sunflower items and is an active member at her local Senior Citizens Center and in her local church.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION
Andrea King

My final article to each is to leave you with 2 important words that should follow the Auxiliary from year to year:

Care Today.

C – catch and engage new members when they first join

A – ask them to participate in what they are interested in

R – recall what it felt like to be a new member

E – encourage them to be part of the activities

T – take time to share auxiliary and membership benefits

O – open the door for suggestions from new members

D – direct them to the resources and online Auxiliary Academy on the National Website

A – appreciate all members

Y – you as Deputy Chief of Staff can make a difference

As we “**Unite As One**” and “**Believe We Can Do It**” with all the auxiliaries and membership accomplishments that have been reached this year, thanks are extended to all Deputy Chiefs of Staff, membership chairmen and all members of the organization for the hard work and dedication. See you at State Convention.

VFW DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
AUXILIARY
SR. VICE PRESIDENT
DONNA JAMES

To the Department of Texas Auxiliary members, I am both excited and happy about the upcoming year. Assuming that the members of Texas elect me to the office of Department President for 2019-2020, there is information that needs to be shared.

This information is for Line Officers, Incoming District Presidents and appointed positions that will be installed at the Department Convention – Westin Galleria – Houston, June 16th.

1. The dress code for installation will be the blue

uniform blouse/shirt with VFW/AUXILIARY brass on collars, black slacks and black jacket.

2. No costume jewelry or pins except for an American flag pin on left of jacket.

3. The first Council of Administration meeting will be held during the Statewide Training in Austin, Texas July 12-13, 2019.

I am looking forward to working with everyone this upcoming year supporting Our Heroes.

INSTALLATION INFORMATION

**ALL THOSE BEING INSTALLED
ON SATURDAY MUST BE IN
FULL UNIFORM THAT DAY**

**FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF
2019-2020 OFFICERS, THERE
WILL BE A 30 MINUTE BREAK
FOR THE INSTALLATION
LINEUP WHICH WILL TAKE
PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE ELECTION**

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY
Jayne McCormick

As the Auxiliary year comes to an end, with awards and accomplishments by the districts and auxiliaries being recognized, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that has been part of Madam President Eppie’s year and the success the Department has achieved.

It has had its challenges, rewards and has been a learning experience for me and a respect for those that work behind the scenes in every aspect of a year.

Good luck to all at the Department Convention and congratulations for a successful year.

To Kathy Marrelli, for doing an outstanding job as a team member for the production of Our Two Cents. Her knowledge was invaluable to me during this year. Many, many thanks Kathy.



Candidate for Department Guard
2019 – 2020

Carol Brietzke

Endorsed by Auxiliary 7110 & District 5
Auxiliary: Numerous positions & all
Chairmanships
District: President –Treasurer
Outstanding President 2014-15
"I Will Not Take A Knee"

Karen Jeffrey
Candidate for Department Guard 2019-2020

Endorsed by Auxiliary #1657 and District 9
Auxiliary- President 3 years/Outstanding Auxiliary Pres.
'16-'17
Highest membership % in Texas '16-'17
All Auxiliary Chairmanships held
District- President 2 years/Outstanding District Pres. '17-
'18 / Mentor Award '17-'18
SR Vice, Historian & all District Chairmanships held
500 hour Hospital Auxiliary Service Pin
Department- '18-'19 Department Legislative Chairman
Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year
Candidate '17-'18

2018-2019

VFW Auxiliary Convention

The Westin Galleria Houston
5060 West Alabama
Houston, Texas 77056

Date: June 13 – 18, 2019

For Reservation Call: 713-960-8100

*******FYI*******

VA Facilities benefit our veterans in ways that it is hard to put into words. We need to show our support by volunteering.

Some of the VA Facilities are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming one of the wonderful volunteers please contact Donna James for information and facilities that are needing the volunteers. Thank You!!!

CHAIRMEN

All chairmen are to have their expense receipts into the Department Treasurer on or before May 15, 2019.

Any chairman holding program monies need to send to Department Treasurer by May 15, 2019.

Jo Ella Menn

Candidate for Department Treasurer
2019-2020

Endorsed by

Auxiliary 8621 and District 6

I am running for Department Treasurer
2019-2020

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.

*****For Your Information*****

Issues of the Our Two Cents are uploaded to the website. Back issues can be found there.

AUXILIARIES AND DISTRICTS

All program monies and delegate fees need to be submitted to Department Treasurer by May 31, 2019.

**DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP
WORK WITH DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN
100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL BY JUNE 30, 2019.**

**Texas VFW Auxiliary
Statewide Training
2019-2020**

Date: July 12 – 13, 2019

Place: Crowne Plaza – Austin Texas

Contact Department Treasurer for information about making the reservations.

Cost: \$30.00 (includes luncheon and training book)

Deadline: July 1, 2019

Send Registration to: **Department Treasurer
PO Box 15825
Austin, Texas 78765**

Earmarked: Statewide Training

1. Name _____ Aux _____ Dist _____

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10. Name _____ Aux _____ Dist _____

**“We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo”
“Serving Our Veterans With Aloha”**

2019 Texas VFW Auxiliary State Convention

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday June 12, 2019

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's Reception (Invitation only)
6:00 PM		Dinner with National Representative (Dutch Treat) (Location to be announced)

Thursday June 13, 2019

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 (Location to be announced)
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session
4:15 PM	5:00 PM	Floor Practice

Friday June 14, 2019

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	4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations
		Presentation of Programs and any National Citations
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception with Cash Bar
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	VFW Awards Banquet

Saturday June 15, 2019

7:00 AM	8:00 AM	VFW/VFW AUX Incoming Council Photos
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials
8:30 AM	Finish	VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting
		Continuation of Programs
		Historian
		Presentation of Pages
		Memorial Service
		Presentation of Debbie Daniel National Council Member Area H
		Final Nominations & Elections 2019-2020 Officers
		30 Minute Break for Line up
		Installation of Officers
		Meeting adjourned
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Joint Reception to Follow

Sunday June 16, 2019

Safe Trip Home

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Department of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78761
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Happy Birthday



Aletha Jeter	May 7	Past Department President
Jo Ella Menn	May 7	Line Officer
Jeanenne Lumpkin	May 15	Line Officer
Susie Carter	May 16	Line Officer
Juanita Workman	May 24	Past Department President
Millie Holland	May 25	Past Department President

Best wishes to all the Auxiliary members in the
State of Texas celebrating birthdays in May.
Bountiful blessings are extended to each and every one.