



COMMENTS

**DEPARTMENT
 PRESIDENT**

DONNA JAMES

Convention is over and a new year has begun. State Training is July 12 and 13 at the Crowne Plaza in Austin, the same time as the VFW State Training at the Doubletree. I hope to see everyone there. We have a great team working together to make Texas Number 1.

National Convention is July 20-24 in Orlando, Florida. Good luck to Department President Eppie Lackey and all the Chairmen who I know will make Texas proud.

The Department Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you need any help, please call. We are here to help, feel free to call myself, Chief of Staff Betty Royston or any line officer.

The forms on the website are now fillable. A HUGE THANK YOU to Kristin Parkinson for all her hard work. You are greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to visiting all the Districts and meeting all our brothers and sisters.

Dates to remember: Installation Reports are due by July 31. All Presidents and Treasurers must be bonded before August 31.

We are a team and need to work as a team. We need to make this organization as strong as possible to continue to help our Veterans.

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PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL PROJECT

**Carol Brietzke – Chairman
 Merlene Peters – Co-Chairman**

This project “Operation Comfort” is very special to me. Our Past Department President Linda Henry along with District 5 Past Auxiliary President Dolly Edwards started working with this group in 2007. Over the years I have kept in contact with Janis Roznowski, founder of the group that operates the Automotive Department in Bracken, TX (between San Antonio and New Braunfels).

This is an amazing group of Veterans who were wounded serving our country. Amputees, burn patients and those dealing with PTSD go there to work on projects and be with other Veterans who are dealing with the same injuries. Janis felt it gave them a chance to get away from the hospital and give them some time to work on something that would help them deal with their injuries.

When purchasing equipment they have to consider how the amputees will be able to use that particular machinery which can lead to additional costs. These veterans have restored vintage military vehicles and taken them to events in the local area and showed them off with pride.

I promise if you would visit and see how these Veterans keep going, doing projects for their families you would leave with a joy in your heart knowing you helped someone that served our country with pride.

Plan a fundraiser such as a challenge, a walk or pass a bowl in a meeting or several meetings. Every little bit can help these Veterans.

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Andrea King

Welcome to another VFW Auxiliary year! I know you are all excited to get started on the right foot. That first step should be to make plans to attend the Statewide Training Seminar in Austin July 12th & 13th. Your Department Chairmen have been working hard to bring you this Training so let's all plan to attend and pay attention.

Your President, all officers and committee chairs all need a copy of the Program Development Book. The more who know the expectations, the more who will work with confidence on our goals. Use your Program Book as a resource and ask questions of the Department Chairmen or me as you need.

Department Chairmen use your reports to keep National informed of what we are accomplishing in Texas. So, please make sure to report everything you do. We are all working toward the same goal, to make Texas shine and to remind everyone that **"We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo"** as we **"Serve Our Veterans With Aloha."**



HOSPITAL

Sally Ramirez – Chairman

First off, thank you Madam President Donna James, I am honored and excited to be your Hospital Chairman. Thank you for your confidence in me.

District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, and Auxiliary members, it's a new year so we need to encourage all our Brothers and Sisters to stay motivated, we also need to get excited about our program and have fun while caring for our Veterans and their families. Our Statewide Project consists of our National Program Goals this year.

Recruit new members and show how self-rewarding it is to Volunteer. Continue to support and acknowledge the volunteers you already have.

Educate your members on Mental Health and warning signs of suicide. Promote our Blue Tear Drop. The Veterans & Military Suicide Awareness Blue Teardrop sticker is the VFW Auxiliary's symbol to give this issue the attention it so desperately needs. The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified caring Department of Veterans

Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Let's not forget that we need to educate our communities on services in the VA and non-VA Medical Facilities and Health Research. **"WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS, NOT AN ECHO"** - **"SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA"**



OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kathy Marrelli – Chairman

Congratulations on accepting the position of District President and leading the Auxiliaries for the ensuing year. Each District President has been voted into this office by a show of confidence from the Auxiliaries.

The role of District President is not to be taken lightly or thought of as a means of dominating instead of leading. This office is a direct line for information being funneled from Department and National to the Auxiliaries. Keep that line open. When information is received, do not hold, pass on to Auxiliaries immediately. Any information is needed by all to have success during the year. Any communications from me will be done through emails.

Please review the requirements for this program and work to meet those requirements. Any questions please contact me.

I look forward to working with each of you and establishing a most successful and productive year for our Department President along with the many accomplishments.

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STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Vivian Johnson – Chairman

The VFW Auxiliary offers a scholarship to nursing students entering their Senior year of the nursing program.

Your Auxiliary may want to promote the program by advertising in your local newspaper. Another way to promote the scholarship and “Honor the Nurses” is by taking them baskets of fruit, cookies, or a card of thanks, leaving applications for them to distribute to students.

There are many facilities to distribute the application and honoring nurses are Schools, Public Hospitals, Urgent Cares, Hospice, Nursing Homes, Veteran Hospitals, Cancer Hospitals, and Doctor offices.

I will be contacting all the Colleges and Universities in Texas. I will be providing them with applications and all information for this scholarship.

Please donate \$15.00 to the Nursing program so we can keep giving this award yearly. If you have questions or need to talk, please call me at Vivian Johnson (830) 832-7751 or email: cejviv@gvvc.com

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VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

**Denise DuBois – Chairman
Candice Baines – Co-Chairman**

We are honored to be the chairpersons for the 2019-2020 year. As we work together, we look forward to working with each of you. No matter the size of your membership, your efforts count, but most of all they matter. Your time and efforts will be seen and heard.

We encourage you to work with your Post and within your communities by being present, offering guidance, a helping hand, and sharing information with our veterans and their families. Be a Voice – be there for the Veterans as they were for us.

Yes, we have several programs this year. Make them FUN! Each auxiliary member working together makes a TEAM so therefore lots will be accomplished.

Did you realize that there are only seven (7) Fisher Houses in the state of Texas? We encourage you to make snack bags, hygiene bags, etc. so that these homes will feel the love from The Texas VFW Auxiliary. If you do not live near one of these facilities, please bring them to mid-winter as it is one of our goals to travel to each of these facilities with loads of love.

We will continue with the collection of Coupons for our Deployed Military as this defrays the expense of the Veterans living overseas.

We have a challenge for each auxiliary as well. Be creative, use your imagination. There are many homeless vets. We are asking that each auxiliary make a mat. Use

your recycled plastic bags and crochet or braid one. What about a no longer used yoga mat? Spiff it up. As your ideas are discussed with your membership, you become a team!

Please know that we want each of you to feel that you can count on us. Call us, email us, we are here for you so that we can meet the needs of our Veterans. Let’s have fun. Enjoy your year!

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**PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL PROJECT
Helen Lara - Chairman**

Congratulations on being elected as our Madam State President. You have the honor of leading our State of Texas Auxiliaries to be the BEST! I hope you are ready for another great VFW Auxiliary year! I am honored that State President Donna James has asked me to be her chairman for her special project for 2019-2020 year.

This specific program is very important to our Madam State President. I want to encourage all our auxiliaries to get started now on our special program by creating and holding fundraisers for postage that is very much needed as well and collecting donated items for our troops, to send to them as summer is approaching. Toiletry’s, Q-tips, peanut butter, Slim Jims, cookies, etc. all is needed and much appreciated. I am asking for Auxiliary members to assist on this special program.

We, as Americans, must remember that our American Heroes are out fighting for our Freedom!

We will have a walk at Mid-Winter in honor of your Veterans service in war zones, to raise money for postage. If I can be of any help contact me at 210-788-7996/ email helenlara1212@gmail.com.

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**OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Rita Bailey - Chairman**

As the Auxiliary President, you are the leader at the helm, the example to follow, the cheerleader, the

recruiter, a strong voice for our Veterans, and a worker bee. Gosh, that sounds like a lot, but if you do it right, you will be rewarded in so many ways.

Please see the Mid-Year and Year-End report forms you are familiar with the things you will need to accomplish to be considered for this award. There are also points for attending District School of Instruction and Mid-Winter Convention. These are both great opportunities to get new ideas and network with other Presidents.

As you inspire your members and chairmen, you may also learn new things from them. Use your officers for inspiration and help. This is the year to put your mark on your Auxiliary and to hopefully leave a lasting impression for others to follow and expand on. **We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo - Serving Our Veterans With Aloha**



LEGISLATIVE
Nelda Hackett - Chairman

Okay! Are you ready for a brand new year? Congratulations to all new officers and chairmen and I pray each of us will have a very successful year! My theme this year is “Get Out the Vote”. This is not the first time this slogan has been used and it should be our focus every year; our country is in great trouble which means our veterans’ benefits will be as well. No, it is not an election year; however, in all upcoming elections, each of us needs to research the candidates and make note of where they stand regarding our veterans’ benefits and resources.

We need to be putting our focus on the 2019 VFW Priority Goals and familiarize ourselves with them. I handed a copy out to each District President to share with you at the Department Convention. Current veterans’ benefits have evolved for the better due to the VFW, the VFW Auxiliary, its members, other concerned groups and citizens advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill. Visit the National website at www.vfwauxiliary.org, select “What We Do,” click on “Legislative.” At meetings, members can also be educated on advocacy goals by using the Legislative Priority Goals word search.

Action Corps Weekly is an e-newsletter issued by the VFW’s Washington office. It is a weekly summary of current veterans’ issues and action plans on Capitol Hill regarding veterans and military personnel. You can sign up online to receive this informative resource at www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts. If you aren’t

sure how to contact your lawmakers, check out the “Guide on Contacting Your Legislators” for helpful hints when communicating with your respective congressional members.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to be involved in the Legislative process as legislative involvement is a right and responsibility of all citizens.

Please make sure you are familiar with “VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities” available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources.

Remember you can make a difference or inspire change! I don’t believe many auxiliary members are signing up for the VFW Checkpoint newsletter? It is a way to submit articles showing what your VFW and Auxiliary have done for our veterans’ and communities. Please email the VFW Magazine at magazine@vfw.org to sign up for the 2019 Checkpoint e-newsletter! The telephone number is 816-756-3390. All work and no play is not how you should work your programs! Make them fun for all involved...Speaking of fun, the awards will be: 1) Plaque to the Auxiliary for the Best Promotion of the Priority Goals. 2) Plaque for the best “Get out the Vote.” Certificates to 2nd and 3rd.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR
Barbara Koehn- Chairman

Americanism teaches how important it is to love our great country and the American flag. Patriotism, or national pride, is the way we can show that love and devotion to our country. Flag etiquette is so essential to learn at an early age. Go out to your schools and teach them the history of the flag, what does the red, white and blue stand for, and demonstrate the ways we can respect it. Invite veterans into the classroom and let them interact with the youth and let them share flag etiquette with them.

All the auxiliaries will be having District and local Auxiliary training meetings after State Convention. Be sure to attend because flag etiquette and Auxiliary traditions will be taught. This will educate you so you can pass it on.

Celebrate patriotic holidays, wear red, white, and blue clothing so you will stand out and take pride in our love for our country. Honor businesses and individuals who fly their flags daily with certificates or small tokens of appreciation. Have a coloring contest within schools, especially lower grades and have them color a patriotic

picture or the American flag. Don't forget our POWs and MIAs. Fly their flags with reverence and honor. If you have a Missing Man Table ceremony, take pictures, record and make report. Take the initiative to replace old, faded and tattered flags at the schools. Distribute and replace American flags at veterans' gravesites. Hand out flags during parades. These are just some of the ways to show patriotism.

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AMERICANISM **Barbara Koehn - Chairman**

We will be starting a new year in the VFW Auxiliary but Americanism should continue all year long 365 days a year, no vacations, no breaks, and no time off. It is so important that all Auxiliary sisters and brothers promote Americanism through their auxiliaries, through the schools, through many of the organizations they belong to, through your families, especially your children and grandchildren and throughout their community. They need to touch everyone including the young, the working class, parents, and the senior citizens of our nation. Don't forget anyone. We are so blessed, thanks to our veterans, who gave us the freedoms we now enjoy.

What a wonderful year we will have. There are many holidays to observe, to celebrate, and to learn the significance of those days throughout the year. July 4th is a day of celebration for our independence when our founding fathers developed a new nation and adopted the Declaration of Independence. Participate in a parade, invite veterans to be on a float, decorate your town square with patriotic colors, and fly your flags are some of the ways to promote Americanism and Patriotism. Some of the other holidays you can report now are Armed Forces Day, Loyalty Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Have your Auxiliary make a video that most demonstrates and promotes patriotism with community involvement. This a National Americanism Program award. They must be in to Department Chairman by March 31, 2020. Auxiliaries must fill out form to accompany the video.

Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Be creative, be resourceful and "look outside the box" and especially have fun in achieving this project.

Finally, report, report, report. If you promoted Americanism in some way and you didn't report, then it wasn't done. Many Americanism projects cross over with other programs, share your projects with other Program

chairs so they can report as well and hopefully they will do the same with you. Report monthly to the Department chair.

Working with your Post is such an asset. Posts and Auxiliaries have much in common and you can learn from each other. Ask the Post's commander if you are able to join them prior to your meetings and listen to their VPRs together. You just might learn a fact or two about historical events. Be sure and report.

I am so looking forward to being Department Americanism and Patriotic Chair this year. It will be an exciting, educative and productive year for Americanism. We can be a Voice for Our Veterans, Not an Echo and we can serve our Veterans with Aloha with open hearts and open arms. Wave your American flags high with pride and humbleness and always remember and thank those veterans who fought for our freedoms.



MEMBERSHIP **Brenda Foltz - Chairman** **Karlene Chambers - Co-Chairman**

It is a start of a new year for membership. By now you should have sent out your dues notices for the new year. Second notices go out in September. All transmittals are due in Dept. by the 15th of each month.

If each member would recruit 1 male and 1 female, we can double our membership. Let's have all continuous members renewed by October 1. You should also encourage members to purchase life memberships.

Each new member that we can enroll enables the VFW to have the representation that is required to have power in Congress, which benefits our Veterans.

Let's let National VFW Auxiliary know that Texas is here and work hard to "Round 'em up and Roping 'em in" to be 100%.

We will have a membership contest for each Auxiliary President, Treasurer and Membership person and District positions as well, which I will tell you about that in the next issue of *Our Two Cents*.

Recruit Renew Retain our members. Let's grow this organization by "Round 'em up and Rope 'em in."

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BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME

Belinda Torres - Chairman

Thank you for accepting the chairmanship that directly impacts the quality of life for our Veterans and their family. It is now your duty to educate our communities who we are and what we do. The “Buddy”® Poppy helps our disabled veterans. The VFW National Home for Children helps families in their time of despair. Working together they make a difference in the lives of our veterans, active-duty service members and their families. Your creativity and support to meet for this year’s goals equals success.

Promote and incorporate the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home in all National Programs. Team up and work with your Veterans and Family Support, Historian, Legislative, Scholarships, Chief of Staff, Americanism, Hospital, Membership, Youth Activities, and Mentoring Chairmen. Educate the community together. Include your VFW team. We are their Auxiliary support team.

Plan and organize “Buddy”® Poppy drives. Donations from your “Buddy”® Poppy distributions are placed in your Relief Fund. Help your Post purchase “Buddy”® Poppies from Department if possible. Ask for “Buddy”® Poppies from your Post officers to create displays for promotional, memorial or creative uses at all VFW and community events. Participate in your District “Buddy”® Poppy display contests.

Send a donation to our Department Treasurer and earmark the check Health and Happiness Fund VFW National Home for Children. Send a minimum of \$0.10 cents per member by October 2019. Plan a fundraiser for the “Where Needed Most Fund”. This is the statewide project for the National Home this year. We all know how important it is to have money to pay for “what is needed most” in every day life. At the VFW National Home for Children, help is always only one phone call away. Spread the word about the military & veterans **helpline 800-313-4200**.

Appoint a National Home Life Member Recruiter and tell me how many VFW, VFW Auxiliary and Associate members you recruit for the National Home. Visit the National Home website www.vfwnationalhome.org.

Your challenge is 100% participation in these programs. Send me your reports.

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HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Bernadette “Bernie” Adams

President Donna, Thank You for the opportunity to be your Historian/Media Relations this year. I learned a lot last year, and I would like to remind everyone about another award we decided to add to the program book a few months ago. The award is the Most Outstanding Media Relations/Historian and it can be awarded to either the District or Post Auxiliary for submitting the most public relations media. This award has similar rules to other Historian awards whereas you can only submit for either the District or the Post and not both, so make your selection wisely. We will cover more of this at our Statewide Training Seminar.



MENTORING for LEADERSHIP

Natalie Copeland – Chairman

Beth Creasey – Co-Chairman

The VFW Auxiliary has a new program: Mentoring for Leadership! What is it? It’s respect. It’s integrity. It’s communication. It’s member (customer) service. It’s you!!

Mentoring is about training, setting goals, supporting, coaching, providing direction, celebrating success, giving sound advice and motivating. Are you a mentor to others in your Auxiliary? Do you know a mentor in your Auxiliary? Do you want to do know more, but don’t know how? There will be more information at Statewide training. If you need a copy of that information and/or need additional information, please contact Natalie at natcopeland@hotmail.com or Beth at bethvfwaux@gmail.com. “We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo.” “Serving Our Veterans With Aloha”



SCHOLARSHIPS

Lynn Cook – Chairman

Department of Texas Auxiliary Members, welcome to the new program year! We look forward to “Serving Our Veterans with Aloha” this upcoming year. Each new year

brings new officers, new members and new ideas. Yet, our goals remain the same; we want to PROMOTE all of our available scholarships, ENCOURAGE/RECOGNIZE participation and BUILD the escrow funds. I encourage you all to hold fundraisers and host school programs. We have many talented students out there who are very deserving of these scholarships and they are just waiting to be discovered!

Let's talk scholarships! The start of a new school year is right around the corner and I strongly encourage everyone to get ALL scholarship information in to schools, churches, counselors, Art & English teachers and parents of home schooled students. The earlier the better because it allows teachers to include it in their curriculum, giving us more participation. This year, the **Voice of Democracy** and the **Patriot's Pen** contests will both have the same theme of **"WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT"**. The post deadline for ALL entries is **November 1st**. We also have the **Continuing Education Scholarship** which is available to Auxiliary members and their immediate family. The deadline is not until February 15, 2020, but it's never too early to promote! This scholarship lacks participation and our National Scholarship Ambassador, Gloria Dobbie, has given us a goal to increase awareness and participation for this scholarship. I believe in **us** and I know **together**, we can achieve this goal. Last but not least, we have the **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**. We have increased scholarship amounts available this year, many Thanks to our National Council of Administration! Again, promote and encourage participation. The post deadline for this contest is March 31, 2020.

All of the information I have provided here can be found and expanded on in the Department of Texas Program Book 2019/2020. All deadlines, applications, rules/requirements and promotional material may be found at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Please remember to REPORT all of your activities so that your auxiliary receives credit for all of the hard work put into these programs. I look forward to working with you all this year – Together, we can teach the children who are our future that **"We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo"**.



CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION

Betty Royston

For nearly a Century, the VFW Auxiliary has been a working partner with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We have assisted in many of their programs, as well as our

own to benefit our communities, Youth American Essays, Veterans and Family Support, written to our Legislators asking them to vote to pass bills that will assist all our Veterans. It takes all of us working together to make these things happen. I know you care deeply about our members, current, new, and rejoined. We must include them in all our programs and make them feel they are an important part of our auxiliary, which they truly are. We need every member to be active in serving our VETERANS and their families as we continue to support them and the citizens of our communities. I am so excited to be working with all of you this year and enjoying serving our Veterans and their families. I am asking each of you to join me in making this year successful by using the three R's, RETAIN, RECRUIT and REACHOUT. We will do as requested by our National Ambassador/Chief of Staff, Gwen, to REJUVENATE/REVITALIZE all our members.

As your Chief of Staff, it is my job to work closely with the Department President and the organizers to establish new auxiliaries. To work with the District Presidents and their Deputy Chiefs of Staff. First the Post must vote, by a 2/3 majority, to have an auxiliary. Remember an Auxiliary cannot exist on its own and cannot be started without permission of said Post along with an organizer. After the Post has voted for an auxiliary, a copy of their minutes is sent to the Department President for approval and assignment of an Organizer.

There are several resources offered by our National Auxiliary website. These tools invite all members to volunteer to accept an office of leadership and being a member who advocates for their auxiliary and for the veterans we care for. Our National website is www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources for tools to assist you in organizing the new auxiliary. I am sharing with you some of the tips that will be in the National Program Book, it will be available for you to print online, if you are unable to attend National Convention. Each month I will share helpful hints, in Our Two Cents, as we RETAIN, RECRUIT and REACHOUT. Just remember this year **"WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS, NOT AN ECHO"**, **"AS WE SERVE OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA"**.

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND PEACEFUL
4th OF JULY. MAY GOD CONTINUE
TO BLESS AMERICA



YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Laurie Hayes Wiley – Chairman

I am excited to be your Youth Activities Chair for the 2019-20 year. As we start our new year we have two wonderful additions to Youth Activities. **Illustrating America** (A Patriotic Art-Style contest for students in grades K - 2nd, 3rd - 5th & 6th – 8th).

Patriotism through Literacy Helping youth learn about America through books, both historical fiction and creative nonfiction. Keep in mind that the youth of today are not only our future leaders, they are also our future members.

Teach Youth about Auxiliary efforts, sponsor a youth group to march in the parade on patriotic holidays. The past couple of months have had some patriotic holidays-Memorial Day, Flag Day & Independence Day don't forget to report these as well.

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation is an awesome way to encourage enthusiasm and pride in the youth groups of today.

Random Acts of Patriotism is an excellent way to involve your youth, always have R.A.P cards and/or coins. Keep track or everything you do it make year-end a lot easier. When you send me your reports by email, please include on the subject line your Post # and your District #. Most of all let's get those projects started and **Teach our Youth to Help our Heroes** and have fun.



Notes from the Secretary
Natalie Copeland

As we start a new year, there have been some changes in the headquarters. I am honored to have been asked by Donna to assist as Secretary during her year. I am honored to be back in the Great State and will do my best to ensure things are smooth and that we have the best year possible.

I ask from each of you to not be afraid to contact me whether at Headquarters, email, phone or Facebook. I will ensure you are given all the proper tools to make you and your auxiliary a success.

FIRST Priority is ensuring that you have all submitted an election report. I hope that you are not afraid to use MALTA, that is the quickest way to process to both Department and to National. If you are not able to meet the department deadline, contact me, Now so that we can get the proper paperwork done if needed. Please make sure you are at State Training in July where you will learn

more to ensure that you are successful for our veterans. My current email is – nat_copeland@hotmail.com.

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Congratulations to 2019-2020 District Presidents

District 1	Linda Harding
District 2	Carson Anderson
District 3	Natosha Page
District 4	Brenda Whited
District 5	Merlene Peters
District 6	Glenda Tyra
District 8	Sherry Craft
District 9	Karen Jeffrey
District 10	Rose Raulston
District 12	Rene Batson
District 13	Judy Suggs
District 14	Susie Wakeland
District 15	Annie Nickerson
District 16	Reba Carlson
District 17	Paula Ison
District 18	Irma Solis
District 19	Tammie Mosby
District 20	Pat Jones
District 21	Shawn Terry
District 24	Barbara Koehn
District 25	Chiquita Parker
District 28	Shary Tutt
District 29	Linda Trussell
District 30	Peggy Johnston

Department Guard 2019-2020

Karen Jeffrey

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
OFFICIAL VISITS

August 3	District 29	Mexia
August 11	District 18	Harlingen
August 18	District 1	Sherman
August 24	District 17	Bryan

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Winners 2018-2019

**State Nursing Scholarship Program
Karen Kaylor Chairman**

I am pleased to announce the winners of the “Unite as One” and “Believe We Can Do It” year.

A special thank you to the Chief Nursing Officer Colonel Jennifer Robison of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Ft. Hood, Tx. for judging the applications. She and her team did a fantastic job!

There were 40 applications with 8 of them sponsored by VFW Auxiliaries 3903 4746, 5620. and 8905 The winners are: 1st Place Candice Polanco from the University of Houston, sponsored by Auxiliary 8905 Sheila Perkins, 2nd Place Varion Walton from Sam Houston State and 3rd Place Rebekah Lee from Lone Star College.

Please make note in the Program Book of the following change:

Co-Chairman for Membership is
Karlene Chambers
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Additional contact information will be forthcoming.

**VFW Auxiliary Statewide
Training**

July 12 – 13

**Crowne Plaza
Austin, Texas**

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Thursday
7:30 am – 4:00 pm**

WAYS AND MEANS

**Nora Stephens – Chairman
Marilyn Adkins - Co-Chairman**

The year is beginning and we have a lot to do. Everything is ready for a Great Year! We are asking all Auxiliaries to send to Department \$5.00 to buy scratch-offs for our Scratch-off baskets for Mid-Winter Conference and State Convention.

The Lotto Calendars, Ways and Means Pins, and Raffle Tickets should be in your hands by now. Please try to sell these. They do not have to be sold to only members. You can sell them to anyone. This money helps support the functions throughout the year.

The raffle items are very nice. Thanks to everyone who made donations. I wish everyone luck in winning a prize either at Mid-Winter Conference or State Convention.

Shirts are ready for purchase. The colors this year are red/black, blue/black, and black/grey with this year’s logo.

We are looking forward to working with everyone. We are always available when needed. If you need more of anything, just call Nora: (979) 557-1305 or Marilyn: (979) 240-5247, and we will get orders to you.

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