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“Tipping Our Hats To Vets”



“Soaring Above & Beyond”

Department President Karen Kaylor

Thank you, Brothers and Sisters for electing me as your VFW Auxiliary Department President, it is such an honor. I could not ask for a better group of Elected and Appointed Line Officers! The **“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”** Team will both work hard and play hard for you. Together let’s set a goal to meet all deadlines required by our National and Department Leadership and by fulfilling these requirements to reach the Circle of Excellence in 2022. The added bonus is with each step our **Veterans Win!**

Our State Training starts on 15 July with registration and the “Council of Administration” (COA) meeting. Every Auxiliary member may attend but only council members may vote. Denise DuBois will have an Auxiliary 101 meeting beginning at 6:30 pm that evening. She will have a 2nd one on Friday night (16). You will be trained by our wonderful 2021-2022 Chairman and Officers on July 16-17.

We have an exceptional group of Chairmen working hard for you. They have worked diligently with your Program Coordinator Kathy Marrelli to present to you your current National and State Programs.

National Convention is at Kansas City Mo. from 31 July to 3 August. If you have never attended the National Convention, you should. Networking is so important! If you attend be sure and attend the Southern Conference meeting and count for Texas.

The Auxiliary Department Office is open from 8:00 - 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday. Jo Ella Menn, Glenna

Alexander and/or Margie Menzel will be happy to assist you. All Presidents and Treasurers must be bonded before August 31.

I and other team members will be visiting each District. We will support all of our Veterans together by **“Soaring Above & Beyond”** I pledge to work with you as a TEAM and ask that you do the same. Communication is the key component to a healthy organization and Knowledge is power.

Keep the information flowing both ways. The visits will start after you have had your organizational training. Please review Chief of Staff’s Juanita Workman’s program and be prepared for the visits. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you as we work for our Veterans and their families with the support of our **VFW Build-Bridge-Belong Team.**

I thank each of you for your hard work and wish for you another successful year!



CHIEF OF STAFF
Juanita Workman

I am happy to be teaming up with Jayne McCormick as the Mentoring for Leadership Program part of this position as Chief of Staff. I also am looking forward to teaming up with all of you who have committed to the BEST organization out there helping Veterans and their families!

Let's kick off this year committing to the mindset of "What can I do to Help" "Instead of that's not my job"☺ Let's utilize this tool (Our Two Cents) each month as an update or for information of what is coming up or what has happened. Be on the lookout for a letter from me along with a "get to know you" information sheet for District Presidents and Deputy Chief of Staff's to fill out and return to me.

Remember Membership recruiting is one of our major GOALS and is for everyone to take on as a personal goal throughout the year for us, to not only meet our goal but to surpass it would be amazing for the growth of this organization!! I challenge you to add it to your to do list when you are out living everyday life!! Make new friends and sign them up!!

Thank you for supporting your New Department President Karen Kaylor and all of us that are here working to better the lives of Veterans, their families and the communities we all live in.

"We Tip Our Hats To Veterans" By "Soaring Above & Beyond"



MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP
Jayne McCormick – Chairman

"Kindness is Free - Sprinkle it Everywhere"
Oprah Winfrey

Mentoring – a way to broaden the skills of Auxiliary members that are interested and actively wanting to be in a leadership position.

Mentoring focuses on knowledge of how things are completed, why things are done as they are, understanding the Bylaws and understanding the grassroots.

Our grassroots for the organization are the MEMBERS. Through the CARE CONCEPT we can welcome new members:

Catch them when they first join

Ask them to participate

Remember your experience as a new member

Engage them in a program that is fitting or interesting to them

As National has combined Chief of Staff/Mentoring for Leadership under one National Ambassador, Department of Texas Auxiliary has separated the program out but both chairmen will work together. These 2 programs go hand in hand.

Mentoring process offers to new members and active members a hand of friendship based on communications, interest, patience for all and a positive note among the members when it comes to wanting to be involved with the progress within the Auxiliary.

Each Auxiliary is encouraged to appoint a Mentor to work with the membership. The appointed Auxiliary mentor will report monthly to the Department Chairman, Jayne McCormick, on any issues, any assistance needed or to ask questions.

The National Website has resources that are available and will be of help to the Auxiliary and the Mentors. (www.vfwaux.org: log into Malta go to Resources) **"We Tip Our Hats To Vets"** by enhancing leadership abilities of the members who will be **"Soaring Above & Beyond."**

Goals + Mentoring + Leadership = Healthy Auxiliary



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT AWARD
Tanya Jackson – Chairman

A new year has begun! Congratulations on your appointment as Auxiliary President. Let's get to work for our Veterans. You have your chairmen that will be working the programs, trust them to do the work and help them if you can. But while they are doing their work you should be doing yours. It is just as important that the President be seen working right along with everyone else. Don't be afraid of making someone mad, if you are working within the By-Laws of this organization, you are doing your job.

One of the most important aspects of a President's job is to make sure that all reporting is done. With that in mind there is reporting that you need to do for yourself. That is where this program comes in. There is a Mid-Year and a Year-End Report for this program. There are very few questions and they need the back up. This needs to be done and all documentation for those needs to be sent in.

Please make sure that you are aware of the point system, some are the same, some have a new spot. The STATEWIDE PROJECT – will play a big role in this

program. Your Historian is taking pictures, send them to me. If you want to make a book and just send it in December and April, that is fine, if it is sent in. This project is the time for you to shine. Show what you have done, how you did it and why you did it. Show me how you got your Auxiliary to work as one.

One of the things that I heard as Auxiliary President was **“If no one does it, the President must.”** It is up to you to get your members fired up about these programs and show them how they all benefit our Veterans. A President does not work alone but a President does work.

I have broken this into two parts for a reason. What you do before Mid-Winter should be reported in December. At that point let it go and concentrate on what comes in January. What you do before May, this reports in April. That way you are not answering the same questions over and over. Report and move on to the next project.

This does not seem like an important program or it feels like a small program. Wrong, this program is just as important as any other. This is how to make sure that all the work is being done that needs to be done. **If there is no reporting done here, you cannot and will not be considered for this award!**

From the beginning to the end, I want to thank you for taking this position within your auxiliary! I want you to have fun while working the programs. Find new ways to bring the programs to life. Remember that we are **“Soaring Above & Beyond”** as **“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”**



LEGISLATIVE Norita Jackson - Chairman

The Legislative Program consists of six major areas of concern. They are: (1) Budget (2) Health Care (3) Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs (4) Education, Employment and Transition Assistance (5) Military Quality of Life and (6) National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA.

As we embark on a new legislative year in VFW let's make use of this time to not only familiarize ourselves with the issues of concerns addressed in the Priority Goals, but to dissect the issues in order to make them more everyday relatable.

As a first matter of concern is the Budget and how it is a goal of the VFW to see to it that Congress must fully fund programs for veterans, service members and their families, by delivering the promise of an adequate

VA system for the millions of current and future veterans. As VFW Auxiliary members, we need to stay abreast of these matters of concern to our Veterans and active-duty military .

We need to make sure we continue to monitor the lawmakers we have elected by researching and staying informed on where they stand on the issues in the best interest of the veterans.

We have to ensure that the lawmakers pass legislation to reform the dysfunctional federal budget process, also that the lawmakers authorize the VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare. Also, that lawmakers enact legislation that will properly fund the POW/MIA full accounting mission and that they never reduce one veterans benefits to pay for another.

As auxiliary members, we are privileged to have an active part alongside VFW members of improving the lives of veterans and military families.

The VFW slogan is: **Carrying the Voice of 22 million Veterans. Our nation made a promise to those who serve and we fight to ensure it's kept.**

Please encourage all members and registered voters to sign up for the weekly e-newsletter and familiarize yourselves with the 2021-2022 Priority Goals when they become available. **“We Tip Our Hats To Vets”** - **“Soaring Above & Beyond”**



HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS Bernadette “Bernie” Adams

I am honored to be the chairperson for the 2021-2022 year. Thank you, President Karen for having me as your Historian/Media Relations person for your year. I am looking forward to a new and exciting year. I am hoping to finish my Special Project this year with the history of all the Posts with Auxiliary's in the state of Texas to present to President Karen at the end of her year. All Post Presidents have appointed you to be their Historian/Media Relations person, so why not find out the history of your post and send it to me? Do your who, what, where, when and how. **Who** started the post, **What** took place, **Where** did they find the land, **When** was it built and chartered and **How** did it get its name? Then add your Auxiliary charter date and who started that? If the Auxiliary has already completed their history in previous years, then I would like to have an update as to what has changed at your post. Did your post go through a renovation?

It is a good idea to read and watch the media in your local area. Subscribe to newspapers. Learn the names of reporters who cover stories most similar to yours. Send information directly to these contacts and also the Managing Editor and sometimes the Publisher. In our Sunday paper we have a section called "OUR TOWN" and it has a Community Calendar of Events. Any events you have coming up, you can submit to be put it in the Community Calendar.

I am looking forward to being your Historian/Media Relations Chairperson as "**We Tip Our Hats To Our Vets**" while we are "**Soaring Above & Beyond**".



MEMBERSHIP
Mona Benotti - Chairman

Welcome to our membership drive where the most important words for us are retention, outreach and recruitment. Start with getting the Membership Committee together and working. The Auxiliary President appoints no less than five (5) committee members – including the treasurer – to contact our current members so we can retain those members. A mailout in July or personal contact will make that job go more quickly and more successfully. We should also review the list of former members and encourage those individuals to rejoin. Our outreach to them is important and should not be overlooked.

Every member is a membership promoter, whether you serve on the membership committee or not. As such it is up to all of us to recruit new members. Encourage all your members to carry with them a membership application. I've found it helpful to print applications with the wheel on the reverse side. That lets everyone know who is eligible to join our organization and is a great aid in recruitment.

This month of July is the exciting first step to a successful membership year. Your initial dues notice should be received by your annual members this month. You know your members best and should make those contacts through the method that works – emails, postal mail, phone contacts. If you have a social media page or website, use that to announce that dues for the new year are now being accepted and membership is open to new members. Your membership committee can divide up the names to contact or the membership chair can go it on his/her own. Just be sure you get first contact made this month.

Let's do all we can to reach our ultimate goal of 100%+. "**We Tip Our Hats To Vets**" this year as we are "**Soaring Above & Beyond**" to serve our veterans.

I'm delighted and proud to be your membership chair this year and I look forward to working with all of you. mlbenotti@sbcglobal.net or 817.805.3729



PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Kathy Marrelli

We are off and running for the new year. I have been asked "Who do I answer to and take instructions from during the year? Good question and glad it was asked. As Program Coordinator I fall under the direction of the Department President and no one else. Any instruction for myself or information for chairmen to be distributed is done so with her approval.

The 21-22 Department Chairmen have worked diligently to make programs that all Auxiliaries have the ability to work. Please don't be hesitant about contacting a Department Chairman for help or assistance.

As the Department of Texas begins "**Soaring Above & Beyond**" don't forget "**We Tip Our Hats To Vets**".



AUXILIARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Patsy Kemp - Chairman

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries are off to a running start, to make their Community Outreach program outstanding.

By choosing projects that will provide the most assistance to the most people, outside of our own organization is the first step to building an outstanding "**Hats Off To Our Vets**", Community Outreach Program. This year we will be making an extra effort to volunteer with a group of or for an organization that supports first responders. Dates that we can partner with others:

- January 9 – National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- October 28 – National First Responders Day
- Create Your Date – To join with your City, County and/or other groups to host a First Responders Appreciation Day or Week

My Goal this year is for every auxiliary to complete and turn in a photo collage featuring Auxiliary members volunteering with First Responders at their Community Outreach project.

This is listed as Awards for Auxiliaries #1, in the National Program Book, page 14. It is to be sent to me, Patricia Kemp, 4700 London Circle, Orange, TX 77632. Send when you complete this as per guidelines. You may complete more than one. Final deadline IN MY HANDS is March 31, 2022.

Remember: You are encouraged to wear VFW Auxiliary attire when volunteering in a Community Outreach program. Attire includes, but is not limited to, an auxiliary name badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc. Success will be ours if we properly plan, promote and complete each project.

Positive, effective promotion of our organization will increase public awareness and recognition. By partnering with other organizations within our **communities** will bring out the best in everyone, utilizing strengths, talents, time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

It's not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving!

Communicate - Educate - Participate! "Working Together We Can" achieve all of our goals.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our State Training, July 15 – 17, in Austin.



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Denise DuBois – Chairman

I am honored to be this year's chairperson for the Veterans and Family Support Program. I would like to thank Madam President Karen Kaylor for this opportunity. The state is finally getting back to somewhat of being normal so the auxiliaries are able to be out and about once again.

Auxiliaries, no matter what your membership size is: your efforts count but most of all they matter.

I encourage you to support the programs that provide assistance to our veterans and their families. These include: The Texas VFW Foundation, Military Assistance Program, Adopt-A-Unit, VFW's Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship and the VFW's National Veterans Service.

The state wide project this year is "SOCKS". I have challenged you to collect a pair of socks for the number of members you and your post have. Let's make this happen.

Please let me know when there is a "Stand Down" in your area. Start collecting items now!

I am committed to support the veterans and their families in the State of Texas.

Please make sure you have the resources available to provide them with the information that they may need. I am just a phone call away and I know that with your help, we will have a fun and fantastic year.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Annie Nickerson - Chairman

As the song says, "I'm so excited, I just can't hide it!" I hope you are ready for another exciting VFW Auxiliary year. Now that many of the COVID restrictions have lifted, it's time to get out and meet and greet our contacts in the schools and the communities to kick off our scholarship programs. We have such deserving students in our communities, let's get out and find them.

I want to encourage you to get started now on our *Voice of Democracy* and *Patriot Pen* programs. Now is the time to meet with your VFW Post and plan the promotions for these worthwhile programs. The theme for this year's VOD program is "*AMERICA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?*" This program is open to students in grades 9-12, so please meet with the school and media representatives to boost the programs. Don't forget those who are home schooled. Newsletter, newspaper and radio contacts as well as social media are great assets in promoting these scholarships. Deadlines for the VOD and Patriot's Pen programs are October 31 for entries to be in the Post. Post judging must be completed by November 15 and District judging completed by December 15. The Department winner will be forwarded to National by January 15, 2022.

The theme for our *Patriot Pen* for this year will be "*HOW CAN I BE A GOOD AMERICAN?*" This essay program is open to students in grades 6-8.

Even though the Creative Art deadline is not until March, get this information out now since art is not created overnight. When information is received early, teachers have time to incorporate it into their lesson plans ensuring that you will receive entries.

I look forward to hearing from all of you. As we **"Tip Our Hats To Vets"** while **"Soaring Above & Beyond."**

CHAPLAIN RECOGNITION

Debbie Daniel - Chairman

As we enter our “**Tip Our Hats To Vets**” year, Auxiliary and District Chaplains need to get organized and set up a system for keeping track of the cards, visits and phone calls that you make as a Chaplain. Keep records and take pictures when allowed.

Start early gathering all of your work as a Chaplain so that you can make an outstanding year end report. I don't need monthly reports.

Just enjoy your job as Chaplain, keep records and take care of our veterans and their families as you are “**Soaring Above & Beyond**”



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Ronnie Wiley – Chairman

Laurie Hayes Wiley – Co-Chairman

We are honored and looking forward to being your Youth Activities Chairpersons for the 2021-22 year. Our youth need us more now than ever before. The VFW Auxiliary is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and veterans. We have a new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflicts abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation.

Illustrating America: A Patriotic Art-Style contest for students in grades K-2, 3-5 & 6-8. Include Homeschool Students.

Patriotism Through Literacy: Encourage youth to learn about America through books, both historical fiction and creative nonfiction. Also, by interviewing and speaking with Veterans.

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

This individual singing contest for youth in grades K-12 encourages youth to display their patriotism through singing the national anthem. Contest eligibility, rules and application available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources under Youth Activities.

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P) Coins: Explain to the youth what we mean by Random Act of Patriotism R.A.P. and encourage all Auxiliaries to provide coins to their members to present to the youth when they see an act of patriotism. If a child is seen thanking a veteran, properly placing their hand on their heart during the Pledge of Allegiance or involved in some other activity that promotes patriotism, we suggest giving them a R.A.P. card and/or coin. It's a fun

and unique way to engage children elementary age and younger!

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

Involve Youth in ALL Auxiliary Programs

Youth play such an important role in our future. Encourage involvement from an early age in all Auxiliary Programs. Every young person can find their place to serve when they are presented with a variety of opportunities to serve their communities and veterans.

Teach youth about Auxiliary efforts to:

- Respect and take pride in our country
- Serve hospitalized veterans
- Elect leaders who appreciate our military
- Pass legislation that secures benefits for our veterans
- And many other worthy efforts!

Statewide Project - “Youth in all VFW Auxiliary Programs” - Include our Youth in supporting our Veterans. Invite them to take part in Americanism Program and take part in Buddy Poppy drives and programs

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HOSPITAL/VAVS

Karen Jeffrey - Chairman

I am honored to have been asked by Madam President Karen Kaylor to serve our Veterans as the Hospital/VAVS '21-'22 Chairman. I look forward to working with the Department of Texas VFW Auxiliaries to make a positive impact on the lives of our Veterans and their families.

The Hospital Pledge of \$.50 per member as of June 30, 2021 membership is due. We Thank You for these funds, which assist with our Hospital/VAVS Programs.

Thank You for celebrating Women Veterans Day on June 12, 2021. She Served, She Sacrificed, She Deserves! Send your Reports with pictures for State Project #1 to your Hospital/VAVS Chairman.

Our National Hospital/VAVS Program focuses on the Honors Escort Program. The Honors Escort Program is a ceremony to ensure the veteran's service, accomplishments and sacrifices are not forgotten as they are laid to rest. It is also an opportunity to honor each Veteran with respect and it provides a way for a veteran's family to participate in a display of high regard and reverence for the individual Veteran at the time of death. The American Flag and a procession

escort the Veteran to the morgue. As the procession moves through the medical facility, veterans who want to pay their respects are encouraged to salute and all others stand while placing their hand over their heart.

Some facilities do not have an Honors Escort Program. Reach out to these non-VA facilities, assisted living, nursing homes and local hospitals to educate staff about how to pay respect to Veterans who depart while in their care. Share what the VA Protocol is, donate a coffin flag-5x9 VFW Store #02218 cotton \$75.95 or #02217 nylon \$59.95 and inform your auxiliary members how they can participate in the Honors Escort Program.

A Special Project is to bring puzzles that older Veterans can see and assemble, to State Training July 16 & 17, 2021. The puzzles will be distributed to the VA Living Facilities, VA State Nursing Homes, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities throughout the year. The larger puzzle pieces would be appreciated.

Each Auxiliary member holds a very important piece of the puzzle. Without your individual, extraordinary piece, the world would be incomplete...that's how precious you are! **Let's "Tip Our Hat To Our Vets" while "Soaring Above & Beyond"**



DISTRICT PRESIDENT AWARD
Glenna Alexander – Chairman

Congratulations to each of you. I look forward to working with each of you this year and seeing what you can accomplish. Good Luck with your year and use all the resources that are available to you. Attending all the events that you are required and helping you Auxiliaries is the most important thing for your year. Remember all date for Audits, Bonds and 990N. Please make sure the Secretary has a list of all your District Meeting and the location. Good Luck



STATE NURSING
Trisha Mullins - Chairman

As you'll know we are still dealing with this COVID-19 pandemic, which is putting all the nurses at such a high risk of coming down with this and becoming very stressed out. So now more than ever we need more Nurses on the front line. So, we need to get

the VFW Auxiliary Nursing Scholarship information out to every nursing student that is going into their senior year, 2021-2022, of their program.

Things that can help you get the information out: advertise in your local newspapers, on social media, flyers, even having an informational table at the collages, but not last but most important is Word of Mouth, because you do not know whom you are talking to.

Please REPORT with Pictures!

Also, this year we need to make a bigger effort in making sure that our Nurses know that they are very appreciated. Please remember that they do not just work in the hospitals, they are in Doctors' offices, surgery centers, hospice, VA hospitals, cancer centers, emergency rooms, nursing homes, schools, Doctors without Borders and please **DO NOT** forget the night nurses. And if possible, please recognize the doctors, orderlies, janitors, and staff that work the front desk. Please contact me if you have any questions at 254-651-8784 or trisha.mullins.vfwa@gmail.com.



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT
Beth West – Chairman

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There are so many reasons to fundraise for the VFW Auxiliary and its programs. The underlying theme of all of them is that we joined this organization to serve veterans. Every program at the National and State level is created to help veterans, their families and/or their communities in some way.

There are also so many reasons why it seems as if all we do is fundraise. We have all heard the questions and grumblings: "Why does Department always want money?" or "We just want to help our veterans in our Post/community." or "All they care about on that stat sheet is if we have sent money to Department." or "They nickel and dime us to death."

The Presidents' Special Project is the Veterans' Assistance Program administered through the Texas VFW Foundation. This Foundation is your Foundation, created by the Texas VFW in 2002.

The Foundation, like your Auxiliary, was created to do more for veterans on a consistent basis. It takes funding to stay open and accessible.

It takes funding to recruit and retain good employees. It takes funding to be able to assist qualifying veterans.

The VFW Auxiliary is in a unique position to raise funds. We have manpower, creativity, resourcefulness and opportunity. We are the family members of veterans who can get 250 brown bags ready in less than 24 hours for troops looking at a 10-hour bus ride with no stops as they are transported to where they will deploy from. We are who can find fabric and sew 64 pillows in one weekend for the cardiothoracic wing at the VA hospital on demand. We are who comes through each and every time there is a need. We are the “Rosie the Riveters” of this decade.

Do not do it for the award. Do it because assistance does not just come into being when we wish it to. Do it for the spouse of the deployed Airman who hasn't been getting BAH and are in jeopardy of eviction. Do it for the service member who never deployed and whose options for assistance are far more limited during a period of unemployment.

Do it for the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran whose income is now ¼ of what it was while the veteran was alive and their only means of transportation was just repossessed. Do it because it is what this organization is about. Do in honor of your veteran or your Post. Just do it because without us, where can the veteran in need go? And when you do it, report it.

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**ameriCANism
Janet Brown – Chairman**

No, you're not seeing a typo!! Let's make this the year of CAN. So...please make sure to get all those reports in. Actually, by now I'm sure you have several since we've already had Memorial Day, D-Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth. Also, when in doubt, send your report.

As an early heads-up, the AmeriCANism statewide project is to create a community awareness program/presentation which includes the Missing Man Table of Honor Ceremony. Notice the “community awareness” part. This will allow you enough time to get organized. (Please don't put the ‘pro’ in procrastinate!)

I am sure that we CAN “**Tip Our Hats To Vets**” as we are “**Soaring Above & Beyond**”.

Thanks in advance to everyone for all the hard work I know you CAN and will do this year!!!

WAYS AND MEANS Tracie Frink – Glenda Ramirez

Here we are at the beginning of a new Auxiliary Year 2021-2022. Every program we do is especially important to our great Department of Texas, for example Americanism, Veterans & Family Support, Youth, Scholarship etc... Ways and Means is equally important, it may not give to our community or support our many Veteran's Programs (in monetary value).

We need to meet our yearly budget by purchasing all our Ways and Means Pins, Calendars, Raffle Tickets, Nuts, Program Books, Phone Books, T-Shirts, District bringing a Basket for Mid-Winter and new this year for each Auxiliary to bring an Auction item valued at \$20.00 for our Quarter Auction on Thursday evening at Mid-Winter (time to be determined).

Money raised through Ways and Means is used to support our Department Office in Austin, support our staff that work so hard to keep us all on the right path. This also pays for your District President to attend all functions required of her/him for the year so that she/he may bring us back the knowledge we need to do our required Programs to support our Veterans, Youth and our Community. Therefore, we are all members of the VFW Auxiliary.

Any question please call or text me at 214-460-7610 Tracie Frink, Dept Chairman. **“We Tip Our Hats To Vets – Soaring Above & Beyond”**



**BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME
Shawn Terry – Chairman**

As “**We Tip Our Hats To Vets**” just know that it is going to be an exciting year in the great state of Texas! We can finally get back out into our communities and take care of business. What an honor it is to be the Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman for Madam President, Karen Kaylor and the wonderful auxiliaries in this state. Go TEAM Karen!

It is no secret that the Buddy Poppy Program and VFW National Home go hand in hand. For each Buddy Poppy purchased by our VFW Posts and VFW Auxiliaries, one and a half cents go to the Department's Veterans Service Fund, one cent goes to the VFW National Home for Children and one cent goes to the VFW National Headquarters Veterans Service Fund.

It is imperative that we get out and distribute as many Buddy Poppies as possible. **(don't forget to report)**

The categories for the Buddy Poppy Displays for the VFW State Awards to be held at the State Convention this year are:

1. Public Promotion
2. Memorial or Inspirational
3. Artistic or Decorative

Our Statewide Project will be to decorate an Uncle Sam hat with Buddy Poppy's. The hat needs to be the size that fits on the average adult human head. It is going to be exciting to see the many creative hats at Mid-Winter where judging will take place.

The VFW National Home for Children does not receive any federal funding. It is operated solely from donations from caring people like us. It is important to continue to find ways to donate to continue serving the families at the National Home. One way the VFW Auxiliary continues this support is by paying the 10 cents per member to the Health & Happiness Fund. This is based off each auxiliaries' June 30th membership. Buying National Home Life Memberships at \$50.00 per member is another great way to help the National Home.

The Statewide Project for this year is to donate to **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** for the National Home. This allows the Home to use funds where they may be needed most.

I want to thank everyone in advance, for the great things that will be accomplished this year as we are **"Soaring Above & Beyond"**. Please do not hesitate to give me a call, text or email if you have any questions. My number is 817-776-1830. My email address is shawne1965@gmail.com.

VOD Theme:

America – Where Do We Go From Here

Patriot Pen:

How Can I Be A Good American

**PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
JULY**

STATEWIDE TRAINING

21-22 DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

Americanism

Janet Brown

Auxiliary Community Outreach

Patsy Kemp

Auxiliary President Award

Tanya Jackson

Buddy Poppy/National Home

Shawn Terry

Chaplain Recognition

Debbie Daniel

Chief of Staff

Juanita Workman

District President Award

Glenna Alexander

Historian/Media Relations

Bernie Adams

Hospital/VAVS

Karen Jeffrey

Legislative

Norita Jackson

Membership

Mona Benotti

Mentoring For Leadership

Jayne McCormick

Nursing

Trisha Mullins

Scholarships

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