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**Department President**  
**Esparanza "Eppie" Lackey**

I can't believe that we are already into December and preparing for Mid-Winter Round Up. What a ride it has been so far. Since we last talked, I headed out to District 25 stopping by Brownwood to pick up Area H Council Person Debbie Daniel. She traveled with me to Odessa. We were able to spend several hours with Past Department President Linda Henry and Past State Commander Danny Henry. I would be remiss if I did not add that I got to watch Asst. Conductor Bubba Clark and Kim Phillips hard at work at 'Happy Everything' making beautiful pieces of arts and crafts. Then it was off to Big Spring for a tour of the VA facility. We had a great weekend and meeting with District President Quita Parker and Past Department President Dorthy Bennett. It was so good to see everyone there.

I was able to spend time at home working on things for my own auxiliary before heading off to family for Thanksgiving. After some much needed rest, it was back in old "Bessie" and off to District 24 in Weimer, where District President Pat Kessler held a good meeting. Thanks for your hospitality. District 18 in Brownsville was a good visit as well, and it was good seeing Past State President Jayne McCormick. President Irma Solis held a good meeting and I was so honored to see two WW2 veterans wrapped in "Quilts of Honor".

Thanks to all of these great districts and auxiliary members for your hospitality, friendship and commitment to our veterans. I hope to see many of you at Austin for Mid-Winter. The staff, hotel, line officers, program coordinator and chairmen are working very hard to ensure we have a good conference. Don't forget that our lovely National President Sandy Kriebel will be there. Have a Happy New Year.

**"Unite As One" "Believe We Can Do It"**



**National President**  
**Sandi Kriebel**

Sandi Kriebel of Ellicott City, Md., was elected National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 105th National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., on July 25, 2018.

A Life Member of Yingling-Ridgely Auxiliary 7472 in Ellicott City, she joined on the eligibility of her father, a World War II and Korean War U.S. Army veteran.

She has served the organization in several capacities, including Auxiliary and District President, and as Department (state) President, for which she earned Outstanding President of the Year in her membership group in 1996-1997.

On the National Level, she has served as National District Council Member, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism and Membership programs, and National Director for the Cancer Aid & Research, Hospital and "Buddy"® Poppy programs.

She has also been National Patriotic Instructor. Sandi is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA).

In her spare time, Sandi enjoys collecting thimbles and cameo broaches, watching old movies and spending time with her family: husband Paul, three grown children seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

***WELCOME TO TEXAS***  
***THE LONE STAR STATE***

## NATIONAL HOME/BUDDY POPPY

**Janet Brown - Chairman**

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? It seems that the VFW National Home for Children has made and kept the same resolution for over 90 years... "to honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families".

Now with the holidays behind us we have Mid-Winter in front of us. I'm looking forward to seeing the District winning Buddy® Poppy displays honoring Gold/Blue Star families. Also, I have it on good authority that I will have my special helpers at Mid-Winter.

They will help kick off the golden spatula campaign. If you want more info about that make sure you don't miss any of Mid-Winter! It will be a great time to show that we truly "**Believe We Can Do It**" if we "**Unite as One**".

## OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

**Tanya Jackson - Chairman**

Happy New Year!!!!

Mid-Winter is right around the corner! Are you prepared and do you have all your reports in? I am going to be at Mid-Winter hoping to see a lot of Auxiliary Presidents in attendance.

Just a quick note to let you know what I have planned for that weekend. I know that you are all busy with the holidays and with family so to make this a stress free time I am going to offer up a way to get your reports to me.

If you bring me a report during Mid-Winter I will give you a ticket. I will draw the winner during my presentation. So, if you, the Auxiliary President, brings me a report I will give you the ticket. I will have a list and I will mark you off. If you have sent in a report come see me.

This is for fun and a way to report. Thank you for all that you do for OUR VETERANS as we will "**Unite As One**" and we "**Believe We Can Do It**"

## MEMBERSHIP

**Candice Baines – Chairman**  
**JoAnne Lawson – Co-Chairman**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! You Butterflies have been hard at work. Department of Texas is moving toward 100% at a steady pace and with your dedication we WILL get there!

Let me update you on where we stand as of December 5, 2018. Department of Texas needs 2100 new/rejoin/continuous members to be 100%. That sounds like a lot, but Texas is huge and if we all get to work, we can certainly make it happen. We are currently at 91.26% and the National Ambassador threw in a new goal to reach 95% by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

I sure hope by the time you read this we will have surpassed that goal. Texas is still number one in the Southern Conference, but not by much and are number 6 in the Nation! Southern Conference is number 2 and are only behind by about 3%.

Okay, now our next new/rejoin member quota to reach is 380 by January 31<sup>st</sup>. As of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, we have 146 which means we still need 234 to reach that goal.

With your excellent recruiting skills, it should be no problem. Put your wings together and pray for strength to "**Unite as One**" and "**Believe We Can Do It**"!

I hope to see you all at Mid-Winter, and I hope we blow the budget with the number of Auxiliaries we will have at the Membership gathering. If you made 100% by Dec. 15, 2018, keep an eye out for your invitation.

Now for the updated districts in the lead as of 12/5/2018:

First Place	District 10	95.31%
Second Place	District 2	95.16%
Third Place	District 21	94.04%

Keep up the great work, and let's see who will be in the lead next month.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

## OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT

**Jeanenne Lumpkin - Chairman**

Here we are at the beginning of 2019!!! I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year--one filled with joy, happiness and much success!

I am so very proud of all that you have done and will continue to do with your Auxiliaries! You are each working so hard, and it shows!

Any information that you would like to share with me about what and how you are supporting your Auxiliaries would be great. Your inspections should be completed by this time, and I know that you are planning your second visits to your Auxiliaries. Remember that this award is based on all audits being completed in a timely manner as well as the other requirements.

Make sure all of your blocks are checked on the stat sheets. If you have an Auxiliary which may need some extra assistance, send a mentor to help them.

Wishing each of you a great second half of the year! Please know that I am only a phone call away if you need anything. **BELIEVE WE CAN - UNITE AS ONE**

## CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION

**Andrea King**

District Presidents and Deputy Chiefs of Staff are the Go-To Individuals if an Auxiliary has issues or needs help. Be enthusiastic when dealing with the Auxiliaries and provide them with positive reinforcement and information to help them become and continue to be a healthy Auxiliary.

### **Reminders:**

\*\*District Presidents bring their District Welcome Bag Winner to Mid-Winter.

\*\*Inspection deadline was December 13, 2018. All inspections should have been turned in to me by now. Inspections that were late and missed the deadline date will not be considered for any awards. As we continue working on the accomplishments that we “**Unite As One**” to complete, our success will be a legacy for the organization and as we “**Believe We Can Do It**” will help attain a stability within the organization and promote continued growth of the organization.

## VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

**Renee Clark – Chairman**

**Beth Creasey – Co-Chairman**

It's time to **UNITE AS ONE!** as we push into the new calendar year and fast approach Mid-Winter, there is some new information and reminders to share with you.

Our National Ambassador, Donna Mills, shared information concerning Operation Uplink. There is a new webpage that you must us to request Virtual Pins:

<https://vfwprograms.formstack.com/forms/operation-uplink-virtual-pin-request-form>. For more information on Operation Uplink, please contact Renee or Beth.

Applications for the Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship are accepted beginning 01 January through 30 April. The application can be found at <https://app.wizehive.com/appform/closed/vfwsp-ortsclipsfall2019>.

Thank you all for the amazing reporting we are receiving. **KEEP IT UP!!** We know you are all doing amazing things for our veterans and their families, so please report, report, report it!

See you at Mid-Winter, and **BELIEVE....WE CAN DO IT!!**

## AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

**Susie Carter - Chairman**

This month our National Ambassador, Patti Leitner, reminds us that disasters can happen at any time and we need to be prepared. She suggests that you have a backpack or container such as a bucket with a lid and handle with a two-week supply of needed items. Keep your backpack in your car and the container in a location that is easily accessible for a quick getaway. Here are a few items you can include in your kit. For more information go to [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

\*Copies of insurance information for health, home and auto

\*Bank Information

\*Medications for one to two weeks

\*Medical mask and gloves

\*Keys for your home, car and safety deposit box

\*Phone and charger

\*Flashlight and batteries

- \*Fire starter
- \*Emergency blanket-MCR medical silver metallic (prevents heat loss and hypothermia)
- \*Hood poncho
- \*Water
- \*Crackers
- \*Canned food and opener
- \*Whistle

These are just a few of the items that can be put in your disaster preparedness kit. Customize it to fit your needs. Suggestion, these kits can also be made and used as a fundraising project.

Remember to wave your Red, White, and Blue to show your pride and support for our Veterans.

**“Believe We Can Do It” “Unite As One”**

**With Deepest Sympathy  
PDP Marie Childs**

Clara Marie Childs was born June 12, 1926 in Freestone County to Alvin Thomas and Alice Winkler. She married Aubrey Childs on February 5, 1946. They were married a little more than 72 years until Aubrey’s recent passing in June. They had two children: a daughter, Alice May Waldrop, of Fairfield, and a son, Robert “Bobby” Childs, of Teague. Together Marie and Aubrey were very active members of VFW Post #5872 in Fairfield, serving in many different capacities. Marie was very active in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She served as District President, State President and held a National Office.

**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

**UPCOMING DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION**

Anyone wanting to donate items for the hand-out bags for State Convention please bring your items to Mid-Winter. We will have 300 bags to fill with items so need that many different things.

Suggestions: pens...pencils...notepads...hand creams...Avon give aways...little bags of candy, peanut butter crackers...etc. I hope to have 300 bottles of water to add to the bags. If you know of a business in your town that is Veteran friendly and would like to get their name out ask them if they would like to donate something that you can bring with you. Every town in Texas is important and we welcome them to participate in our State Convention.

Please bring the items to myself, Aletha Jeter or Andrea King. Thank you in advance for all you do.



**Candidate - 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"**

**Mid-Winter Round-Up  
Crowne Plaza**

**6121 N IH 35  
Austin, TX**

**Phone: 512-323-5466  
Dates: Jan 24-Jan 27, 19  
Rooms: \$105.00 Per Night+Taxes**

**CODE: VFW**

**Safe Travels to Austin  
for Mid-Winter  
Round-Up**

**Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Department Office**

PO Box 15285  
Austin, TX 78761

**If You Have a Question Please Call - 512-834-9190**

ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$30.00 FOR EACH LUNCH

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE - DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY EARMARK LUNCHEON**

**Please check District President or Past Department President and choice of Creole Blackened Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan**

**DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019**

**District \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DP \_\_\_\_\_ PDP \_\_\_\_\_ Creole Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ways and Means  
Brenda Foltz**

**Happy New Year**

Just a reminder that money for the scratch off tickets is to be brought to Mid-Winter.

Also please continue sending in all monies and all tickets to the **Department office** not to me.

Thank you for supporting the Ways and Means Program.

**Department of Texas  
District and Auxiliaries**

\*Ways and Means      Tickets + Money  
\*Calendar              Tickets + Money  
\*Butterfly Pins        Money

\*GUN RAFFLE        Tickets + Money

All of the above are to be sent to  
Department of Texas  
PO Box 15285  
Austin, TX 78761

**Podium Books  
available at  
Department  
Office.**

**Auxiliaries/Districts**  
Any changes to the following Offices:  
President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
**Sent to Department immediately**

**VFW AUXILIARY MID-WINTER ROUNDUP**  
**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday – January 22, 2019**

**National President Arrival – 1:35 PM. Nothing Scheduled.**

**Wednesday – January 23, 2019**

1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Registration
		VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means
11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Outside Event with National President
6:00 PM		Past Department Dinner-Dutch Treat Dinner -National, District Council Members - Line Officers ( <b>Crowne Grill</b> )

**Thursday - January 24, 2019 Dress of the Day – Business Professional**

8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Registration and Booths
7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Breakfast with National President, Line Officers
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Council of Administration Meeting
12:00 Noon	1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Training
6:00 PM		Tentatively Scheduled Event

**Friday – January 25, 2019 Dress of the Day – Business Professional**

8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Registration & Booths
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Joint Memorial Service – District Presidents dress black coat, pants, Aux shirt)
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Joint Opening Session
12:00 Noon	1:00 PM	President’s Lunch ( <b>Crowne Plaza</b> ) ( <b>Purchase Tickets in advance</b> )
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Presentation Past Department Presidents
		Presentation District Presidents
		Programs: Program Coordinator Debbie Daniel
		Special Program Disaster Awareness
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	*SVP Meeting with Incoming <b>2019-2020 Chairmen &amp; Incoming District Presidents (if known)</b>
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Membership Butterfly Social – <b>Invitation Only</b>

**Saturday – January 26, 2019 Dress of the Day – Business Professional**

8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Registration & Booths (all tickets sales <b>END at 10:00 AM</b> )
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	POW/MIA Ceremony
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Completion of Programs
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Completion of Programs
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	National President’s Final Remarks
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Reception Cash Bar ( <b>Doubletree</b> )
6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Voice of Democracy Banquet ( <b>Doubletree</b> )

**Sunday – January 27, 2019**

Depart for Home

**DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS VFW**  
**2019 MID-WINTER CONVENTION SCHEDULE**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting ( <b>Invite Only</b> )	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom
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**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

9:00 AM to Noon	Texas VFW Foundation Board Meeting ( <b>Closed Meeting</b> )	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Registration and Booths	Hotel Foyer
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	C of A Seminar ( <b>Closed meeting, C of A Only</b> )	Austin Room

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Registration and Booths	Hotel Foyer
8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	Joint Memorial Service	Phoenix Ballroom
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Joint Opening Session	Phoenix Ballroom
11:15 AM to Close	Past State Commanders Lunch	De Zavala Room
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	VFW C of A Meeting ( <b>open to all VFW members</b> )*	Phoenix Ballroom
	Includes VFW Committee Reports**	
5:15 PM to Close	Motorcycle Group Meeting	Phoenix Ballroom

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

8:00 AM to Noon	Registration and Booths	Hotel Foyer
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Service Officers Training	Phoenix South
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Quartermaster/Trustee Seminar	Phoenix Central
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	District SVC Meeting	Austin Room
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM	District JVC Meeting	De Zavala Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	VAVS/State Surgeon Seminar	Austin Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	VFW POW/MIA Seminar	Phoenix Central
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Membership Seminar	Phoenix South
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Chaplain's Seminar	De Zavala Room
11:15 AM to Noon	Student Veterans	Phoenix South
11:15 AM to Noon	VPRs/Community Service Seminar	Phoenix Central
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	VOD/PP Reception	Hotel Foyer
6:30 PM to Close	VOD/PP Awards Banquet	Phoenix Ballroom

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Depart for home

\*Texas VFW Council of Administration meeting is open to all Texas VFW members in good standing and invited VFW members and Non-Member guests by the State Commander. During this meeting, business of the Texas VFW will be conducted that is important to every member and attendance is strongly encouraged. National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Hal Roesch will be the National Representative in attendance.

\*\*VFW Committee Reports – Convention Chair, Buddy Poppy, Budget & Finance, Community Service, Homeless Veterans, Hospital/MAP, Legislative, Membership, Motorcycle, POW/MIA, Student Veterans, Veterans Employment.

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*Happy New Year*



*Happy Birthday  
Past Department Presidents  
Department Line Officers*



Pat Murphree – January 24

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