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Sharon Helton

“Going Above and Beyond to Call of Duty

September has come and gone. I know that all of you are working hard to accomplish your goals. Ladies, I am very proud of the job that you are doing. You are definitely **“GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS.”** Keep up the great job you are doing.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for all the cards you have sent to me. Each card is very special to me. They help to brighten the bad days that we all have. I want you to know that I am getting better. The healing process is slow but I am on the mend and will be back on my feet.

Ladies, I want to remind all of you, that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. It is very important for you to get the word out. It is important for you to get your mammograms. Early detection is better than waiting. Include your fellow comrades on this. They can also get breast cancer. Get the word out to all your members and friends. Have a Breast Cancer program in your post. Let the community know that you are having a program.

As a final note, Ladies if you have transmittals, please get them in. Dues will be going up in January. Thank you for your hard work. From the work that you are doing, I know you will show Texas is **“STEPPING UP- LEAVE NO A VETERAN BEHIND.”** God Bless each of You.

Starting Jan. 1, 2012 Due will be \$5.00 for National and \$4.50 for Department for a total \$9.50.

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EXTENSION

BARBARA HOFFMAN – CHAIRMAN

“**Step Up – Leave No Veteran Behind**” what an awesome statement. Step Up – as a District President, you have stepped up and worked with/and for your Sisters. Building stronger Auxiliaries as we work for our Veterans as we will always ‘Leave No Veteran Behind’.

Don’t forget what our National Director Sherl Daverio stated in the National Program Development book; ‘Under the Bylaws, Auxiliary needs a five-person team—the **Red Flag Team** – to ensure that the Membership Program includes contacting all members regarding their membership dues or specified disease insurance premiums.

Our goal is to keep all members, including those that belong to an Auxiliary that has lost their charter. The ‘**Red Flag Team**’ works wonders with maintaining this membership and trust me your Department President appreciates all efforts to keep membership.

Don’t forget Award #3 in the Department Program Development book; the Chief of Staff award to Outstanding Deputy Chief of Staff (District President submit resume by June 1, 2012.) Certificate to the Runner-Up. Your Deputies are a great assistance to you and your District so please don’t forget to say that all important ‘thank you’.

I have a request for all members. Please try with all your might to work with each other. Members with tenure give encouragement and a pat on the back to the newer members that are trying their best to be a part of our great organization. We do not want to discourage anyone from working with the VFW and our Ladies Auxiliary. And to the newer member; always listen to the advice of the member who is offering a suggestion. You may not want to use the idea but be considerate and listen. Who knows, you might hear something that would work with what you are doing.

State Project this year is ‘*Be Kind and Courteous to all Members at all times and remember we are all MENTORS.*

Sisters, you are a part of the most wonderful women’s organization there is and Texas will always go “**Above & Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans**”. Happy Thanksgiving as we give thanks for all the blessing that have been bestowed upon you, your family and our Country. and five grandchildren.

AMERICANISM

Kathy Stanley-Chairman

Ladies, time sure is flying by in a hurry. November is here already! This month, we have Veteran’s Day on the 11th, what a wonderful established on Nov. 10, 1775. Don’t forget Nov. 8th is Election Day, help the veterans get out and vote. There’s lots of ways to have a patriotic Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 24th.

Mid-year reports are due to your District President by Dec. 10th, so let’s be working on them. I am looking forward to

reading about all the great work I know each of you are doing as Americanism Chairman.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Kathy Stanley-Chairman

I know each of you are already doing a great job, teaching new Auxiliary members the rituals of the Auxiliary. I hope you are working with the Americanism Chairman to teach the children about Patriotism and the Flag. I would like to hear from all of you, about the things you are doing. Keep up the great work.

HOSPITAL/VAVS

Janet Ratliff-Chairman

Can you believe the holidays are almost upon us? Now is the time to contact the nursing homes, hospitals, and the VA clinics to set up a time to plan a party for our Veterans. We must not forget them. Contact the schools and have the kids make cards for the Veterans. The pre-K, first, and second grades have art classes and this is a great way for them to learn about our Veterans. This is the time to get new volunteers to join us, once they see what good work we do and how much fun it is doing it, they will stay with you. Reports are coming in slow there are some Auxiliaries I hear from each month, others haven’t sent in anything. This committee is so important, we serve everyone by doing hospital work, you don’t have to go to the hospital-there are lot of shut ins that could use our help, check with the Meals on Wheels in your town and see if they have a Veteran that could use some help. Remember “**Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans**” and “**Step Up Leave No Veteran Behind**”.

CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Jayne McCormick – Chairman

“Our Windmill of Courage”

Did you ever wonder just what your two dollars was used for? Why the two dollars per member is so IMPORTANT – Why do we keep stressing two dollars per member?

Two dollars per member is you basic donation from each Auxiliary member. This is sent to Department and on to National by Department Treasurer. Our National Director has requested that this be done by December 31, 2011. WE CAN DO THIS.

We are going to tell you exactly what the money is being used for other than the phrase you have heard forever “To Fight Cancer.” It goes way beyond that.

The figures from our previous year 2010-2011 might make you sit up and take notice.

Amount of Cancer Grants given out to all sisters	2845
Amount of Money given for Cancer Grants	\$1, 246, 20
Amount of Cancer Grants for Texas	124
Amount of Money given for Cancer Grants	\$ 55, 700

The amount \$36,758.75 has been returned to the Department of Texas for a Research Grant to be given to Michael D. DeBaKey Veterans Hospital doing research in Prostrate,

Breast and Immunology chosen by PDP Lynn Richards. University of Texas at San Antonio received \$25,000 for Breast Cancer Research. \$25,000 was given to M.D. Andersen Cancer Center for Sarcoma Research.

The Research Grant award back to Texas is a direct result of the \$2.00 member and other funds raised and sent to National. Each bake sale, each dinner cooked, each car wash or any other creative way our auxiliaries create to raise money makes us closer to finding a Cure.

In the first part of this article we stressed basic donation is two dollars per member. With our fund raisers we have been given the challenge of an end result of \$8.00 per member. Don't faint or become negative. WE CAN DO THIS ...WE MUST DO THIS...THE MORE MONEY WE RAISE --THE MORE RESEARCH WE DO -- THE MORE CURES WE HAVE --EQUALS A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF SURVIVAL.

Sisters, get your check-up Listen to your body. Only you can raise your percentage of survival.

God Bless each and every one of you and may God's shining light always be on you and yours.

“Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans”
“Step Up Leave No Veteran Behind”

STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP **Andrea King-Chairman**

I hope you all had a safe Halloween and with Thanksgiving this month and Christmas this month...remember you to squeeze Mid Year Reports in by December 10th.

The reports I have been receiving are looking good. However, there is one thing that you are cheating yourselves on and that is, if you have an activity with 15 volunteer participated and it takes 1 hour to get it done, you report 15 hours not 1 hour. This is for everything you report not just Nursing Scholarship Program.

I have been visiting various Districts and have found that most of you are enthusiastic about this program. I have also visited one nursing school with Dept. Jr. Vice President, Melanie McConaghy, and we received a great response. Thank you to Districts, 30, 3, 14, 2, 29, 9 and 13 for the great hospitality.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, be safe and continue **GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS** as we **STEP UP...NEVER LEAVE A VETERAN BEHIND!**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOTS PEN **Chris Bishop-Chairman**

Thank You to all the Auxiliaries that have reported as of date. A BIG Thank You to those District Presidents who called all of their Auxiliaries and had them fill out report forms, I am still receiving them as I write this article. All the Auxiliaries have **Gone Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans** and these students who have entered both the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contest. I will have all the numbers for you in our next two cents. It is now November and the Holidays have caught up with us, so I hope all of you have a safe & joyful Holiday season. Keep sending in your reports on what you are doing for you Post & Auxiliary winners. Let me know about anything special that you are doing. I will be more than Happy to Pass it along to our National Director Bernadette Botbyl so she can see how Texas is always proud to “**Step Up Leave No Veteran Behind**”. God Bless.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES **Joyce Dalton-Chairman**

It's hard to believe we are already in November. Hopefully every Post and Auxiliary has their Youth Essays in hand and ready to forward to their District.

There is still time to contact your local High School Art teachers and Students about our Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest. Advise the students there is NO DIGITAL ART ALLOWED; and if their artwork is selected to advance to the National level, they have a chance at winning a \$10,000.00 scholarship. There is a new Patriotic Art brochure available for download on the ladiesauxvfw.org website; or you can order the brochures for National Headquarters Ladies Auxiliary. Deadline to have the artwork to your Auxiliary is March 31, 2012; deadline to Department Chairman by April 15, 2012.

Include your youth group in your events for Veterans Day and the holidays; ask them to assist with the planning of your programs.

There are many different ways for Youth Supporting Our Troops. Ask the Elementary Schools to make cards for hospitalized Veterans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They can collect items for care packages to send to the Troops or Veterans in the hospital and nursing homes. Don't forget to honor the Youth groups Supporting Our Troops with a National Citation signed by our National President.

Remember the new C-P-R promotion; Contact-Promote and Publicize – Report.

As members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW it is our obligation to mentor the youth in our communities as they are our future leaders, promote Patriotism, teach them proper flag etiquette and respect for our Flag and to honor our Veterans past and present that have fought for and continue to fight for our freedoms.

Remember to “**Step Up---Leave No Veteran Behind**” and continue “**Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans**”

OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Dorthy L. Bennett – Chairman

Auxiliary Presidents remember that we are moving towards the middle of our Auxiliary year and we are **“Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans”**. Now is the time to review all the programs that have been laid out by our Department Chairmen. Has the Auxiliary addressed each of the questions on mid-year reports? If not are you planning to address those areas and has the VFW been asked for their help and support. Answers should be as complete as possible with no N/As on any of the reports.

Remember the goal in membership is 100%. National Dues are going up in January so to save the Auxiliary and your members a little bit of money send your transmittals early. Please keep in mind that for Outstanding Auxiliary you should be collecting pictures and other supporting documentation for the year end report. Mid-year reports should be yes and no answers with dates when other parts will be completed.

Auxiliary Chairmen should be reporting events as they are completed to the Department Chairmen. If the Auxiliary is having problems reporting please let the chairman for that program know what is happening so that they may help.

The holidays are coming. I pray that each of you have a special time with families and friends. I pray for the safe return of all our troops and each of our Veterans and that God blesses our wonderful Nation.

Roster Corrections

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2012 VFW Mid Winter Round UP					
	Wednesday 1/25/2012	Thursday 1/26/2012	Friday 1/27/2012	Saturday 1/28/2012	Sunday 1/29/2012
Number of people in room					
1 King or 2 Double Beds					
Group Rate \$99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
** Your reservation must be guaranteed on a major credit card or an advance deposit of one night's room and tax.**					
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Credit Card Number: _____			CHECK-OUT: 12:00NOON		
Expiration Date: _____					
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Address: _____			AUSTIN		
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____			THE PLACE TO MEET.		
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			Austin, TX 78752		
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