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Sharon Helton

“Going Above and Beyond to Call of Duty”



Linda Henry

National District Council Member, Area H Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW

Dear Sisters,

The National Convention has come and gone. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the ladies who worked the Convention. Your love and devotion for this great organization really did show. You all did an outstanding job and you should be proud of yourselves. Everyone complimented you on your hospitality and your kindness. You all went **“ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS”**.

National did vote on a per Capita raise. Instead of paying National \$3.00, we will be paying \$4.50 on membership. The new per capita change will take effect on January 1, 2012. This could help you get your dues in sooner. Talk to those members that have not paid their dues and let them know that the dues are going up. If they get their dues in now they will save \$1.50.

The uniform did not change. The majority of the ladies did not want to go to the Black uniform. They wanted to stay with the marine blue uniform. The decision was to table the uniform issue and reappoint a new committee to find us a better company to go with. It was voted that the new National President would choose the uniform to wear this year. She decided to stay with the uniform that we have now.

Ladies keep up the good work that you are doing. Many of you have great projects going and I know each of you have set your goals to make your Auxiliaries look good. In closing, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to our great organization. With your support you will show that Texas is **“GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS”** and will **“STEP UP- LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND.”** God Bless each of you.

Loyally Yours,
Sharon Helton
Department President



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EXTENSION

BARBARA HOFFMAN – CHAIRMAN

Sisters, you were wonderful! The National Convention is over and you all looked wonderful with your smiles and ‘welcome to Texas’. Heard nothing but good comments and that is what we wanted.

Now, it is back to work doing what you all do so well, and that is taking care of our members and our Veterans. We have some wonderful National Programs to work on and our own State Program the Student Nurse Scholarship. Our Cancer Aid & Research Program needs our continued support. That little \$3 pin you purchase or sell plus the \$2 or more per member and special fundraisers and donations, not only help the research of this dread disease, but monetary amounts come back to our Auxiliary Sisters if the need ever arises.

Membership as always is what we must continue to achieve. This is going to be the year our wonderful Texas will hit that magical mark—100%. Presidents and Membership Chairmen contact all your members and ask them for help in achieving this goal. It takes us all to get that membership in. I now have all my granddaughters, sisters and sister-in-laws as life members so I never have to worry about them letting their membership lapse. I know your goal is the same as mine and that is to keep the Texas membership up as it should be.

We’ve lost a couple of Auxiliaries and this is very sad. District Presidents and your Deputies that is part of your job and mine, to work with these Auxiliaries. Offer advice, give them a helping hand, and appoint mentors. And, if we absolutely cannot save the Auxiliary, make sure the membership is transferred to another Auxiliary. That way we at least don’t lose the membership. Remember what our National Director Sherl Daverio stated in the National Program 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.” This Red Flag Team will strive to keep our membership alive.

Have a wonderful October and look forward to seeing you at the Department President’s Homecoming in Amarillo. Texas is going to ‘extend’ and ‘**Step Up—Leave No Member Behind**’ as we are ‘**Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans**’.

AMERICANISM

Kathy Stanley-Chairman

October is here, I sure hope we can cool down a little this month. I hope that everyone is working with your schools by now to get some programs going with the children. October 28th is the Statue of Liberty’s 125 Birthday; this would be a great day to do a program with the kids.

The Library of Congress in Washington D.C. has requested that all Veterans either video or audio tape their memories of their service to our country; we can all help our Veterans to do this. For a fee complete kit that will take you through this project go to their website: www.loc.gov/vets or you can call

1-888-371-5848. There are lots of great stories from our Veterans that should be preserved for history’s sake, so please try to get this project done.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Kathy Stanley-Chairman

I know each of you is already doing a great job, teaching new 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

Reports are coming in and they are great the one thing everyone seems to be doing is counting the mileage cost—we no longer do that we only count the miles that you travel. Visit the nursing home in your area and adopt a veteran now as the coming up holidays will be upon us be for we know it and we can’t want any veteran to be forgotten. Get them involved in the writing program. If you remember “**GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS AS WE STEP UP- LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND.**”

CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Jayne McCormick – Chairman

“Our Windmill of Courage”

Pancreatic Cancer: For me this cancer scares me beyond believe....Are there any early warning signs of pancreatic cancer? Sure there are but you must be very aware and there are more than one symptom. Pay attention to any differences or changes. Symptoms such as yellowing of the eyes or skin, unexplained weight loss, itchy hands, change in bowel elimination contact your doctor. Never be afraid to tell him all of the symptoms you are having. Do not be hesitant to insist on a MRI--Cat Scan – Sonogram – or a specific blood test in reference to Pancreatic Cancer. This is the only way early detection will be found for this cancer. Don’t back off, don’t let anyone keep you from using these tests. Your life is at stake...Refer to the article that was in your packet. If you don’t have this article let me know I will send it to you. One of the best I have ever read on Pancreatic Cancer.

Incentive Award Program

This is the program National Director of Cancer Aid and Research, Tami Elliott, wants to see on all promotions. We will struggle to make our goal if the Ladies Auxiliaries do not see the importance of reaching this goal. Remember Cancer affects all of us.

Platinum Award:

To the Department for donating \$7.00 or more

Gold Award:

To the Department for donating \$6.00 or more

Silver Award:

To the Department for donation \$5.00 or more

The Department will receive the award and be recognized at the National Convention. “**We never know how good we**”

are, until we are called to rise.” This is a direct quote from our National Director.

Our Ladies of Texas goal is \$8.00 per member. WE WILL and CAN DO THIS. Let the Lone Star State Shine with pride as we challenge, as we lead and as we seek all avenues in finding a Cure.

Thank you for this great start. Let’s get our educational programs underway and contact Cancer Research Facilities so we can get our Doctoral Grant information to them.

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”

LEGISLATIVE

Callie Lupkin-Chairman

I cannot believe that the National Convention is over and we all had a great time. Now it is time need to get on the phone or email setting up the Candidate Forms, so we can ask what their views on Veterans’ issues. Remember National is giving a special Award to the Auxiliary who effects the most community participation on Veteran’s issues. So, get out there and register votes, write letters and email and let your community now that together we can **“Step Up – Leave No Veteran Behind”**. I also want to say thank you for all your monthly reports. It just shows that we all are **“Going Above and Beyond the Call Of Duty To Help Our Veterans”**.

MEMBERSHIP

Cheryl Owen-Chairman

Congratulations to the auxiliaries who achieved award #4 by reaching 75% by 9/30/11. Now we are working towards award #5 of reaching 85% by 10/31/11.

The Membership Workshop at the National Convention in San Antonio was AWESOME! I hope you are inspired as much as I am. Put me in coach!

We’re all working towards signing up as many new, reinstated and continuous members as possible. Remember when filling out the membership application to sign it as the Recruiter. This is the only way you can make Aide de Camp. You do not want someone else to take credit for your hard work.

You should be planning your Membership Round-up for November. All transmittals must be received by 12/5/11. Please send reports and pictures of your Round-up. We love seeing your hard-working smiling faces!

Don’t forget our mantra – “We will be 100% - we will settle for nothing less.” So put a smile on your face and a pep in your step while **“Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans”** as we **“Step Up—Leave No Veteran Behind”**.

STATE NURSING SCHORLARSHIP

Andrea King-Chairman

Can you believe it’s almost time for Halloween and its starting to get a little cooler? It’s a perfect time to make up some goodie bags for the nurses and take them to the VA Hospital, your community Hospital, your doctor’s office, even the school nurses. It doesn’t have to be fancy, you can

buy Halloween stickers and stick them on brown paper bags like we used to take our lunch to school. If you can draw or know someone that does, get them to draw pumpkins, etc on the bags. The nurses really appreciate the little things we do and as part of our “Honor the Nurses” program, we DO need to show them how much we appreciate their care of our veterans and families.

I have contacted nursing schools throughout the state, and have had some very good responses. Every school that had an email, I sent it that way. One school forwarded the email to their students instead of just posting it on a board and we’ve had approximately 50 emails wanting more information, just from that school.

We are looking forward to getting the reports on your fund-raisers. Don’t forget to document with pictures.

We will continue **GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS** as we **STEP UP... LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND!**

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Debbie Gregory-Chairman

“Go Above and Beyond . . . National Military Services –
What are our National 2011 goals?

1. To assist our Troops and their families.
2. To donate \$1 million to NMS (less than \$2. each)
3. To educate the community on what we do & what needs to be done to assist our troops & their families.

I know Texas will **“STEP UP”** accept this challenge and **“LEAVE NO VETERAN BEHIND”** because we can and do **“GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS”**. Thank you TEXAS LADIES!!!

- **Correction Commemorative Coins!** Emblazoned with **Aux emblem**; flipside, reads, **“We Thank you for your service and pray for your continued safety”**. Use at farewell & homecoming events. Buy in bulk 50 @\$2. ea.

- **Ladies Aux Continuing Education Scholarship-**

A Texan could use this \$1,000.00 scholarship for books or tuition. www.ladiesausvfw.org for an application

- **Buddy Poppy – ALL Buddy Poppy donations belong in your Relief Fund.** All of your Buddy Poppy EMBLEM displays are welcome at Dept. to be judged at Mid-Winter. Please do not make this a mountain you cannot climb. If you do not make an emblem, make something. Every effort is to be praised. Place somewhere on your Buddy Poppy display an emblem of the VFW or LA. Count your poppy’s and be sure one is in the display in its entirety. This is a hugely wide acclaimed symbol of our veterans sacrifice. Keep it in front of the public as you educate them. Call upon the art dept. in your schools, allow them to help with your project then recognize them, award them during one of your events. You can place a picture in the paper with your display, the young people who helped, some veterans & your ladies. Great public relations. Don’t hide who we are or what we do by keeping it “in house”. Ask, tell, show!! At a planned event one Aux will have a Fighting Bradley and a Blackhawk. They will have a Buddy Poppy wreath on these as the public enjoys viewing them and the BP’s will be in their pictures. Way to educate & display Ladies.

- VFW NATIONAL HOME For Children – Increase our donations to \$.25 per member to benefit the children of our veterans. Let's see 100% by November 1st. Make this Veterans Day a day we have made the effort to **“Step Up Never Leave A Veteran Behind”** or their children. Bring in the labels. Make Texas the Dept. with the highest number donated. Mail to: VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Call for assist: 800-424-8360 info@vfnationalhome.org

- **Presidents Special Project: TEXAS Veterans QUILT**-You have now received tickets for purchasing. They will be placed in a drawing at Mid-Winter. Sell them early and order more tickets. While giving away Buddy Poppy's at a local bank or other venue, offer these tickets by using a display with a picture of the quilt and how the funds will be used. We can raise more money than we have even imagined if we put the pedal to the metal. Let's show our Veterans we really do **“Go above and beyond the call of duty to help OUR Veterans”**.

- **Coupons:** a previous program and one we continue to support is sending coupons to our troops on a foreign base. Please go to www.ocpnet.org/. This really lets the active duty family know they are NOT forgotten. Adopt a unit, or a single individual. You are making a difference. You must mail the coupons to the individual, the unit or base. Choose one at this website.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOTS PEN

Chris Bishop-Chairman

AS WE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP OUR VETERANS we are entering our last month to get these programs into our communities. As we all know the Holidays are soon to be upon us. This is October so that leaves us only one month to get these entries into our Posts. There seems to be some confusion on when these essays are to be turned in, so here are the dates to make sure everyone knows.

DEADLINE: Student entries must be received at the Post level no later than **November 1, 2011**.

JUDGING: Posts will conduct judging of their submissions and submit winners and all report forms to their respective District Chairman no later than **November 15, 2011**.

A Post may submit to District for judging one winner for every fifteen (15) entries or partial. Example, if a Post has 16 entries, they will submit two winners to District for judging.

Districts will conduct judging of Post winners and submit District winners and all Post and District report forms to Department Headquarters no later than **December 1, 2011**.

Districts may submit only one winner.

THIS SHOULD CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION.

Please make sure all entry forms are filled out courtly and count your words, make sure they are **not over 400** words for Patriots pen. Voice of Democracy tape should not be shorter than 3 minutes or longer than 5 minutes (+or- 5 second max). This is the major cause of entries being disqualified.

I am very Proud of all the Newspaper articles I have received promoting these programs both of these programs. Call your sister Auxiliaries to see if they have entries for both of these competitions, If they don't please share some of yours so we can get more entries into your District for judging. District Presidents, It is your duty to get all of your Auxiliaries at 100% Before November 1st. I love reading all the reports that

you have sent me in my monthly letters to Our National Director Bernadette Botbyl about the hard work her sisters are doing here in the Great State of Texas. I know she is as Proud of you as I am. So, while you **Step up-Leave No Veteran Behind**. Let's continue to work these programs until we can get as many students involved as possible. GOD BLESS.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Joyce Dalton-Chairman

Now that the schools are well into their new year, I hope you have made contact with teachers and other Youth Organizations. Have you thought about adopting a classroom to assist in providing a few supplies for the children and teacher aids?

A new promotion for Youth Activities that is easy to remember is CPR. When we want to revive someone we use CPR. We can revive Youth Activities with a different C P R. **C-Contact:** Schools, Churches, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, ROTX, FFA and other youth groups; **P-Promote and Publicize:** For 9th-12th grade the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, Youth Essay Scholarships, Junior Girls, and youth Supporting Our Troops which is our Statewide Project; **R-Report:** Report all events or projects.

Remember: each project or event must be brought before the Auxiliary and voted on by the membership at a regular business meeting and recorded in the minutes. When the Auxiliary has completed the project regardless of how large or small, report it on the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Report Form listing Number of Members Participating, Total Hours Worked, Total Number of Miles and Total Value of Dollars Spent.

Please refer to your National and State program Book for helpful information. You may email your reports to me at rejdalton@att.net; fax to 830-569-8621 or call me at 210-844-7879 for questions you might have on the Youth Activities program.

With assistance from our youth we can **“Step Up – Leave No Veterans Behind”** and continue **“Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Help Our Veterans”**.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Patsy Kemp - Chairman

Ladies, I hope you are enjoying the year so far. I know that some of you have had a problem or two already. How you handle them is what makes you outstanding. Use your Deputy Chief of Staff and those you have confidence in to aid you.

DID YOU SEND IN THE AUG QUESTIONERE? It was due to me by Aug. 30, 2011. You were given a packet, by me, at Sharon's meeting, in Houston. Remember, I said make as many copies as you need, and put them where you could find them? The next one is due Oct. 30th.

Hints from me to you

1. Have Fun 2. Stay Calm 3. LISTEN - there are two sides to every story – listen to both and weigh them carefully 4. Your Voice Tone - it may make you sound mean, mad, angry, descending, etc. Watch not only what you say, but how you say it 5. You Can Be Outstanding with hard work, determination and getting the paper work done On Time.

I look forward to watching your point's climb to the top. Please review the Program Book and make sure you and your

Auxiliaries are meeting all of the goals set by each Chairman. If I can assist you, in any way, just call. Till next time –God Bless.

THANK YOU CONVENTION WORKERS

Dear Sisters of the greatest Department in the world, each of you who participated in some way during the 98th National Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign have my deepest appreciation for making this the most outstanding Convention ever. You each gave your all from dawn to dark to have a wonderful place for our visitors to feel at home and so very welcome. You are to be commended for all you did in being kind and courteous to everyone and those smiles lit up San Antonio like a brilliant rainbow. I know that our sisters and comrades left the Alamo City with many good thoughts of the kindness shown to them from each of you.

Congratulations to all the Chairmen of the thirteen committees and special thanks to the sisters who assisted each of you. You sure made all our jobs look easy and made Texas look great. Our sincere thanks for everything each of you did to show our visitors that not only is everything bigger and better in Texas, you did it with a smile on your face.

On behalf of the executive committee we extend to you a great BIG TEXAS----THANK YOU!!! You made the 98th National Convention the success it was.

Loyally,
Betty, Barbara, Nancy and Patsy

Congratulations to the Chairman of 2010-2011

1st Place winners at the National Convention

Americanism - Donna James
Hospital & VAWS – Roberta ‘Bert’ Carnley
Membership – Dorothy Bennett
Voice of Democracy/Patriot’s Pen – Joyce Dalton

2nd Place winners at the National Convention

Cancer Aid and Research – Melanie McConaghy
Legislative – Beverly Snow
Veteran and Family Support – Patsy Kemp
Youth Clark – Renee Clark


Way to go Texas.



Roster Corrections

Auxiliary 8550 New Treasurer Cathy Roach 5205 Joe Herrera, El Paso, TX 79924
Auxiliary 10454 New President Lynette Stowe 1212 Chelsea St., Grapevine, TX 76051
Auxiliary 7426 Wendy Willeford 610 S Rice St, Farmersville, TX 75442
Auxiliary 76 New Secretary Ophelia Carrasco 2527 Kingswell Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78251
Auxiliary 1839 New Treasurer Sharon Molberg, PO BOX 311, Cleveland, TX 77328, 281-659-7598, cityglass0327@sbcglobal.net
Auxiliary 8315 New Treasurer Janice Quent, 584 Union Wine Rd, New Braunfels, TX 78130
Auxiliary 8627 New Secretary Penny Powell, 1 1502 Starshodow, Richardson, TX 75081
Auxiliary 6635 New meeting night 2nd Monday at 6 PM.
District 18 Secretary Maria Lucia Rodriguez, 308 N Eagle Pass Street, Apt 1061, Alton, TX 78573
Auxiliary 8568 New Treasurer Carol Upton, PO BOX 1174, Livingston, TX 77351
Auxiliary 3413 Kathy Martinez-Prather, 400 Browne Terrace, San Marcos, TX 78666, 512-245-6236 km60@txstate.edu
District 21 President Sue Van Rite new Address 508 E Redbud, Hurst, TX 76053

Remember Per Capita Is \$8 Per Annual Member

2012 VFW Mid Winter Round UP					
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CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL AREA H 2012-2014

DEDICATED TO IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE LADIES
AUXILIARY TO THE VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS.

YOUR CONSIDERATION AND VOTE GREATLY
APPRECIATED.

General Orders No. II October 2011

Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before filed for reference.

1. The Department of Texas Ladies Auxiliary will have its Council of Administration Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 3:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. District Presidents are reminded that they are members of the Council of Administration and should make every effort to be present at this meeting. In the absence of the District President, the Senior Vice or Junior Vice President should attend in her place. All members are encouraged to attend.
2. All resignations of Officers shall be in writing and sent to the Secretary of the body from which she is resigning. If the Secretary is resigning, she shall send her resignation to the President of the body from which she is resigning. Resignations are effective when issued. **Section 809-Resignations Page 65** in the National Bylaws.
3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Senior Vice-President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of such office and the Junior Vice President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice President. Likewise in the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of said office. An election shall be held at the next regular meeting for the office of Junior Vice President and any other office vacated. Due notice of contemplated election shall be deemed given if the President announces that the election will be at the next regular meeting. The vacant office shall be filled at the stated regular meeting.....See first paragraph, **Section 809A-All Levels (Presidents & Vice President) Page 65.**
4. Trustees – **Section 814—Trustees, Duties of Page 83** --All audits are to be completed by the elected Trustees, with a minimum of two (2) in attendance. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer should attend the audit. **All pages attached to the record books shall be signed by the Trustees at time of the audit.** A signed copy of the audit shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer.
A pro tem can be appointed to audit the books under extenuating circumstances.
Section 814A Page 83—Trustees, Duties of (Auxiliary) ‘It shall be the duty of the Trustees, no later than the end of the month following the expiration of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Auxiliary Treasurer and Secretary.
5. Any member in good standing may transfer to any other Auxiliary upon presentation of a completed and executed application card and her current membership card and acceptance by the Auxiliary, which she desires to join. She shall not be liable for admission fees. **Section 113- Annual Transfers, first paragraph page 16.**

Refer to Sec. 108 Page 13—Rejection; “If an applicant is rejected, the Auxiliary Treasurer shall prepare a duplicate copy of the original application card, writing across the top of both cards the word **REJECTED:** and the date of rejection. The original shall be retained in the Auxiliary’s application card file and the duplicate sent to the Department Treasurer.

6. **Page 12 No. 7** In the Booklet of Instructions. Do not send communications directly to National Headquarters unless a specific order is issued in General Orders requesting you to do so, or unless the National President or National Secretary asks for a direct reply.

All communications from individual Auxiliary members intended for either the Department or National Organization must be sent through the Auxiliary Secretary’s office to the respective office of Department or National. Such communications shall be read by the Secretary at the first meeting after they are received by her, but the Auxiliary shall not take any action thereon. Auxiliary Secretaries cannot refuse to send such communications to the office to which they are addressed, through proper channels.

**BY ORDER OF:
SHARON HELTON
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT**

Sharon J Helton

**ATTEST:
BARBARA HOFFMAN
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY**

Barbara Hoffman



Approved by National Headquarters 8/ 22 /11