



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota

GENERAL ORDERS #12
JUNE 2018

"General Orders are to be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference."

- 1. FLAG DAY** is celebrated on Thursday June 14th. It is the same day every year. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1977. Flag Day is the same day that the United States Army celebrates its birthday.
- 2. AUDITS:** 2nd Quarter Audits for the months of April, May and June are to be completed in the month of July. Both the incoming and outgoing Treasurers and Trustees are to be at this audit. The audit is to be sent to the Department Office by July 31.
- 3. REPORT TO THE COMMANDER:** Presidents on all levels shall within (30) days submit the last quarterly audit, membership status report, and such additional reports as may be required by the liaison committee to your Commander. This is under Sec. 810 of your By-Laws.
- 4. MEMBERSHIP:** Please DO NOT hold any dues for the next year!!!! Continue to work on membership. If we continue to decrease in members, we may be unable to continue to help our Veterans.
- 5. DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** The Convention will be held June 7-10, 2018 at the Minneapolis Marriott NW Hotel in Brooklyn Park. A special invitation was in the May General Orders to all 45+ members to attend and be recognized. Everyone is welcome to attend ATS that will take place on Thursday starting at 9:00 a.m. This is where you will hear of the new program changes from your 2018-2019 chairmen. Please also attend the Joint Awards and the Joint Memorial Service. We are so honored to have as our National Representative, National VFW Auxiliary Guard Jane Reape from New York, attending the convention.
- 6. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOTS PEN:** Have your Auxiliary Chairman make contact now with the schools to get these programs into the September curriculum.
- 7. NATIONAL CONVENTION:** I'm hoping to see many members from our great state in Kansas City in July to honor our Department Chairmen when they bring home the bacon!!
- 8. INSTALLATION REPORTS:** Make sure that all the names are spelled correctly, addresses and phone numbers are correct. Please send the completed and signed report to the Department Office by May 31.

We still need a Musician for Department Convention!

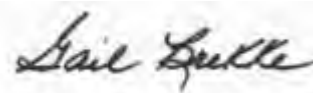
“Best of Luck and Congratulations to all the newly installed Officers for 2018-2019”

Thank You for all the courtesies and hospitality that was extended to me as I traveled around our great state of Minnesota. To each member, I applaud you for your dedication to our Veterans. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Department President. Thank you for the opportunity as I will cherish the many memories and the friendships I have made here and far away.

“Get well wishes to those who have been ill and sympathies to those that have lost a loved one; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers”

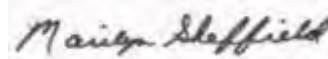
"Catch The Dream For Our Veterans"
While we keep
"Continuing Our Legacy for ALL Veterans and Their Families"

By Order of:



Gail Brekke
Department President

Attested to:



Marilyn Sheffield
Department Secretary

VFW Auxiliary
2018 Department Convention
Tentative Schedule (as of 5/17/18)

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest, Brooklyn Park MN
June 7-10, 2018

Thursday, June 7

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	ATS Registration
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	ATS Training
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	ATS Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

Friday, June 8

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Joint Awards Session
11:45 a.m.	Past State Commanders and Presidents Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Convention Opening Session
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Joint Memorial Service
7:00 p.m.	Council Dinner (by invitation only)

Saturday, June 9

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration/Credentials
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Convention 2 nd Session
11:30 a.m.	Recess
12:30 p.m.	Flag and Banner Practice
12:55 p.m.	Flag and Banner Presentation
1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention Reconvenes
5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Social (Cash Bar)
7:00 p.m.	Banquet

Sunday, June 10

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Final Session
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Joint Installation of Officers
1:00 p.m.	Brief 2018-2019 C of A Meeting

**DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT
ROSTER ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS
June, 2018**

Department

Past Department President

Millie Lauer, 19356 Karen Lane, Big Lake, MN 55309

Auxiliaries

7th District Auxiliaries

Columbia Heights #230
Auxiliary President

Marguerite Kangas, 4550 Central Avenue NE, #1171, Columbia Heights, MN 55421
Telephone 763-572-9786

Palmer Lake #3915
Meeting Time changed to 6:30 p.m.

8th District Auxiliaries

Peter Graham #2948
Meeting Day changed to second Monday

Timothy Robinson #8144
Meeting Time changed to 5:00 p.m.



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Treasurer's Tips
June 2018

- Remember that Membership Statistics on MALTA are **real time!**
- A Membership Application **must** be completed for every new or rejoined member.
- A copy of the Membership Application for any new or rejoined member **must** be sent to Department VFW Auxiliary Office in St. Paul.
- Only use the Membership Application that was revised 12/2017.
- All new and rejoined members **must** have their eligibility investigated.
- Prior year's dues **may not** be paid after July 1.
- All transfers (Annual or Life) **must** execute a completed Membership Application and have their eligibility investigated and be voted on.
- A person who was widowed from an eligible veteran **may** join the Auxiliary even though they have remarried.
- Bills **may not** be paid electronically, with the exception of money transferred to National Headquarters or for the purpose of paying taxes.
- No motion to accept the Treasurer's Report is necessary.
- A minimum of two (2) Trustees must be in attendance to complete the Audit. At least 1 (one) must be an elected Trustee.
- It shall be the duty of the Trustees to see that the offices of the President and Treasurer are bonded, as surety in a sum at least **double** the amount of funds and value of property for which they may be accountable.
- The amount of the Bond shall be approved by the body (the Auxiliary).
- A copy of the Bond shall be incorporated into the minutes each year.

Laurie A. Dale, Treasurer
Department of MN
VFW Auxiliary

*Have a
great
summer!*

VFW Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota

2018 – 2019 General Orders Order Form

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE MAILED GENERAL ORDERS FREE

US Mail

Any member may receive General Orders by US Mail at a cost of \$35.00 **

Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

** Includes Program Book, upon request.

E-Mail

Any member may receive General Orders by e-mail at no cost

Auxiliary # _____ District # _____

Name _____

Title _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

(print legibly)

Mail form/check to:
VFWA Department of MN
20 W 12th Street, 3rd Floor
St. Paul, MN 55155

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

NAME BADGE ORDER FORM 2018 – 2019

AUXILIARY # _____ DISTRICT # _____

PRINT:

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

YEAR: _____

Nametag is rectangular
Black and framed in silver

_____ I WILL PICK UP AT JULY C of A (ORDER DEADLINE JUNE 25, 2018)

_____ I WILL PICK UP AT FALL CONFERENCE (ORDER DEADLINE AUG 29, 2018)

_____ PLEASE MAIL MY BADGE TO ME (ADD \$1.90 PER BADGE TO SHIP)

COST \$10 EACH

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHECK # _____

MAIL THIS ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

VFW AUXILIARY

20 W. 12TH ST. – 3RD FLOOR

SAINT PAUL, MN 55155

IF SHIPPING COST WAS INCLUDED, PLEASE GIVE THE ADDRESS YOU WOULD LIKE IT SHIPPED TO:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (IF QUESTIONS) _____



VFW AUXILIARY

[] REPORT NUMBER

20 19 [] MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

MN [] [] [] [] []
 STATE DISTRICT LOCATION AUX. NO. DATE CHECK #

ANNUAL MEMBERS

NEW..... []
 REJOINED..... []
 CONTINUOUS..... []
 TOTAL ANNUAL MEMBERS (THIS REPORT) []

DUES THIS REPORT

NATIONAL \$ []
 DEPARTMENT \$ []
 TOTAL \$ []

I CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL MEMBERS IN THIS REPORT HAVE PAID DUES TO 12/31 OF THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR LISTED ABOVE.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO REPORT LIFE MEMBERS!

 AUXILIARY TREASURER

 PHONE NUMBER

	<u>Last Name (alphabetical)</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Member ID #</u>
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Department of Minnesota

FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
Bulletin #12
June 2018

As we sunset another program year, consider this. 20% of U.S. households have a Veteran family member who is either a Veteran or served in the military. According to Feeding America, this statistic affects several men and women who now face hunger. In other words, one (1) in five (5) homes reaches out to this organization for help with putting food on their table. These are our heroes who are experiencing food insecurity. This is considered a 'state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.' What can you do to help? As volunteers, work with your Post and Auxiliary to either collect and donate food items for your neighborhood food pantries or collect and distribute these items to Veterans and their families directly at your Post home. Below is a list of needed food items:

- Cereal
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Tuna
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed potatoes and rice
- Ramen noodles
- Soup
- Baked beans
- Pancake/muffin mix and syrup
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Bread or grains



Veterans and Family Support, through special recognition of the military family, will ensure a successful year by "***Continuing Our Legacy For ALL Veterans and Their Families***" as we work to "***Catch the Dream for Our Veterans.***"

Francesca Bill, Chairman
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AMERICANISM
JUNE 2018 BULLETIN #12

FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Our year end reports showed we hosted 20 events, held to promote Patriotism and include an aspect of every Natl Program in one event. Thank you to those taking the time and effort. What a great promotion idea from our National leaders.



Thank you for supporting our **POW / MIA** mission to spread awareness and demand results.

Navy Radioman 2nd Class Quentin J Gifford, 22, of Mankato, Minn., was buried May 12 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Gifford was stationed aboard the Battleship USS Oklahoma, attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941 resulting in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

MN Americanism School Contests

Another great MN Success story

Thank you for participating in teaching our young by reaching out to our schools and guiding them in fostering true patriotism.

FREEDOM FLIGHT, INC

Did you send a donation to assist their mission of POW/MIA awareness.

PO Box 1052
St Cloud, MN 56302

Sending thanks to National Ambassador Diana Rudeen and Big Ten Chairman Penny Hurt for their support and vision with the Americanism Program.

Thanks to all Members, all Auxiliaries, District Presidents and District Americanism Chairmen. We can be proud of our Americanism Program right here in Minnesota.

Use the National website: vfwauxiliary.org to Log in, choose Program & Publicity and scroll down to utilize, copy, print and distribute these helpful tools.

Finally, Thank You to Department President Gail for choosing me to hold this chairmanship. It was a challenge, a joy and a piece of pride, every day.

In Patriotism,
Carol Kratz / MN Dept Americanism Chairman ckratz2003@comcast.net 651-245-1024





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HOSPITAL Bulletin #12 - June 2018

Thank you all for the wonderful Year End reports, you never cease to amaze me by all the wonderful work you do for our Heros!

Now is the time to start your new year. What are your goals for the year?

Recruit those new volunteers; get their ideas, what would they like to help with, where would they like to volunteer? Do they sew, quilts are always in demand.

Meet with the Volunteer Coordinators and find out where they need help.

Educate yourself and your Auxiliary members on the signs of Mental Health Issues and Suicide Awareness.

Get involved in the Veterans Writing Project, visit their website at www.veteransvoices.org

Keep that Year End report handy, at every meeting document what your Auxiliary did this past month, who volunteered, and the number of hours they volunteered.

What's happening at our Veterans Homes and Hospitals?

Fergus Falls Veterans Home - Fergus Falls is full of activities. On May 11th the Cooties did a fish fry followed by Cootie Bingo. A group went fishing on May 12th. On Armed Forces Day, a trip to the ITOW in Perham is planned. A program is planned for Memorial Day. The General Store is busy with residents needing various clothing items. The needs for the residents are same as the handout in January. Per Deanna Mounts, donations are welcome to finish the greenhouse, purchase a new bus and shadow boxes. Shadow boxes are given to all new residents. Volunteers will help to put the resident pictures in the boxes. Celia Piippo

St. Cloud VAHCS - It may be the end of our VFWA year, but it definitely is never done with our St. Cloud VA Veterans. It is wonderful with the picnic season starting, but also you have made it possible for 127 tickets for Veterans in CLC to attend all Rox Baseball home games. They also receive vouchers to each have a hot dog and pop. They are always thankful for the many quilts and other sewing and personal need items you bring in and esp. your visits. Prepaid phone cards are still in great need. Volunteer Service has the opportunity to send their volunteers through Key Medical Center Issues with an annual four hours training facilitated by the Education Department....Family Day, Saturday, June 16 12:30 – 4 PM....Volunteers are needed.

A ribbon cutting was held at the Brainerd VA Clinic on Tuesday, May 1. A ceremony honoring Vietnam Veterans and a Veterans Town Hall was held following the ribbon cutting. The expansion adds approximately 3,900 square feet of additional clinic space, including two audiology booths and 15 new exam rooms. St. Cloud VA will then be able to deliver on-site audiology and optometry services. This will allow additional capacity to serve the increasing numbers of Brainerd Lakes area Veterans seeking VA health care.

I started volunteering at the St. Cloud VA as Deputy Representative in 2004, shortly after moving here from Grand Rapids when my husband Orlin passed away. Like a year later Beverly Butman, the VAVS Representative retired and I was appointed her position. Now after 14 years, I too have decided to retire as VAVS Representative and hope to become an honorary VAVS member. Karen Wolbeck has been the Deputy Representative and will now become the VAVS Representative. Thank you members for all you have and will continue to do for our St. Cloud Veterans.

Darlene Jackson

Luverne and Sioux Falls - Money has been sent to the Luverne Veterans Home for 4 wheelchairs for the residents. We attended the Volunteer Appreciation program for both facilities. Coffee is served every day in the afternoons so we need 2 coffee servers from 2:15 to 3:30 every day from the 11th to the 20th of each and every month, so if anybody would like to volunteer, please contact either Ann Krueger or Lois Novosad. Phone # for Lois is 507-532-5236.

Minneapolis VAHCS –Just some highlights from our VAVS meeting. The average age of patients is 65. The last year 4200 World War II veterans were served and the patients over 85 was 10,128. A busy hospital. The second Super Clinic on 4D is currently open. All primary care providers will be located on the 4th floor. There is still construction work on Super Clinic 4F. The VA will honor their volunteers on June 21 at the Prom Ballroom in St Paul. The theme this year is “Celebrate the Magic of Volunteering”. Always a great time. Needs at this time are fund for Emergent Fund, Recreation, Coffee, Gas Cards (Holiday or Quik Trip) phone cards. Send checks earmarked what fund directly to the VA. There are 12-14 regular volunteer therapy dog teams visiting patients. The VA has a new machine called “Golfzon Driving Range” that simulates a real game of golf. It is becoming very popular. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your support again this year. Reva Swanson, VAVS Representative

Minneapolis Veterans Home

With the completion of Building 22 the Minneapolis Veterans Home campus is now completed. The move of the Residents from Building 6 to Building 22 has been completed with each resident having their own room. The Grand Opening was March 22nd with over approximately 400 to 500 people in attendance including the Residents. I have toured the building and what an amazing state of the art home for our Veterans. There is a 12 bed memory care unit which has not been filled as of yet however we know that will happen before long. April 19th I joined the staff and we took Veterans from Building 19 bowling followed with pizza for lunch at the alley. They love Pizza and pop. On Saturday, May 5th opening fishing day was held on campus. Many Volunteers, Veterans and their families attended bringing back many happy memories and enjoyed a great lunch of fish afterwards. The Veterans favorite activity continues to be bingo, outings for shopping, eating, and time with their families. Thank you everyone and all the auxiliaries for your support of our home and Veterans.

The residents are excited, the flu season has passed and Distribution was opened again and stated they hope that it doesn't happen again.

In February the 7th District Auxiliary, from the funds the Department gave from the sewing funds, made 19 no-sew fleece blankets. They had the insignias of the branches of the military, animal prints, etc. and the Veterans just love them. Thank you 7th District.

Thank you for all you do for our Minneapolis Veterans Home and our Veterans.

Doris Anderson

Minneapolis Veterans Department Auxiliary Chairman

Fargo VAHCS - Summer is here and it is time for some outdoor activities. The residents will be going to Redhawks baseball games, Big Iron, a large Farm equipment show, RibFest at the Fargodome. The Healing Garden is open with benches, tables and chairs, flower gardens and bird feeders; it is a nice relaxing place it sit. We are no longer able to do our outdoor picnics, but we will help out and serve some fun dinners indoors. The residents are able to go out for meals, they were out for a Walleye Dinner last week, and they go out for Burgers on Saturdays

Father's Day is coming up; we pay for a Stuffed Pork chop dinner for the residents and guest.

The baby shower was a huge success; at Fargo we had 12 veterans receive gifts for their new babies. What a great way to support these young families.

Deodorant, good hand lotion, chap stick, hair brushes and back scratchers are on the needs list.

Karen Haugen

Thank you to Reva and Darlene for all your years representing the Auxiliary at the Minneapolis and St. Cloud Facilities. I know you will be greatly missed by the Veterans.

“Catch the Dream for Our Veterans” by
“Continuing our legacy for all veterans and their families”

Karen Haugen

Department Hospital Chairman

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Minnesota

LEGISLATIVE Bulletin #12 - June 2018

I was honored to serve as your Department of Minnesota Legislative Chair for the 2017-2018 year. I had no idea what I had gotten myself into, but was simply humbled when Gail asked me. A special thank you goes to our National Ambassador Carmelita Jones and Department of Minnesota VFW Co Chair Tom McLaughlin for their guidance in a successful year. We had a 152 Auxiliaries this year and of those 152 we had 100% reporting. With hard work from our District chairs we reached this goal. Thank you all for your participation, I learned a lot.

As I read through the year end reports, I was over joyed with the responses I received. We had so many town hall meetings, Freedom Festivals, luncheons where Representatives were invited. Many of you came out to the Veterans on the Hill event, I heard we had a great turn out.

With all of these events we had 821 members who attended events where they interacted with Legislators. Now I didn't calculate social media in my report but the #s were astronomical.

- Emails 455
- Letters 551
- Phone Calls 331
- Action Core Weekly new members 230
- That's a total of 2388 contacts of some sort and growing

It was good to see all of you helping get the VFW priority goals out there. Our goals for the year were as follows

VFW Priority Goals
VFW Action Corps Weekly
Legislative Education & Involvement

Action Core weekly is a generous tool to help with so many of our issues we fight for. Please do not hesitate to sign up for that if you haven't already.

In closing, I wish to Thank President Gail for this wonderful opportunity to serve as the Department of Minnesota Legislative Chairman. You all did an amazing job at communicating with our Legislators on our goals and making sure our voice is not silenced for our veterans.

Department of Minnesota Chair Tracy McReynolds Trosbacka@yahoo.com 651-307-2619



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
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Membership & Leadership

Jamie Cassavant, Department of Minnesota Chairman
218-289-0865 billsgrillin@gmail.com

June, 2018

Hello everyone! Hope all is well with each of you! This is a crazy time of year and we still have a month to get those members signed up. Have you been trying the incentive that National sent out about offering the new member to pay full dues + \$10 for next year's dues? I would really like to hear from you, if you have to let me know if it works for your auxiliary.



A HUGE THANK YOU to every auxiliary for all
your hard work this year and every year!!!!

**WE STILL HAVE TIME --- We have until the
end of June to get our memberships in –
LETS GET THIS DONE!!**

WE NEED TO DO THIS because our membership is vital to the services we provide our veterans, military and families.

MN M&Ms Family Circle – You are Marvelous and Magnificent!
Jamie Cassavant, 218-289-0865 billsgrillin@gmail.com



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YOUTH ACTIVITIES Bulletin #12 - June 2018

It is hard to believe that the 2017 – 2018 program year is coming to an end for the VFW Auxiliary. What a great year it has been! It has been so wonderful working with all of you and getting to know many new faces throughout the Department of Minnesota. You all should give yourselves a pat on the back for the hard work you have done this year.

We had a great year for the Youth Activities program and it was fun to read and see all of the wonderful things each of the Auxiliaries did throughout the year. Many of you handed out R.A.P cards and coins, involved the youth in many of your events that you hosted. There was not as much participation in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project, but I was happy to see that a few of you did participate! This was a new project this year, but for the Department of Minnesota we did have 11 youth who were involved and participated in this project which is great!

The Patriotic Art Explorers contest for grades 6-8th was so fun to see all of the amazing artwork our youth did. I will be announcing the winners at the Department Convention and handing out the awards. If you want to know who wins, and to see the other entries, I encourage you to attend Department Convention in June!

For the 2017 – 2018 year, we worked with a total of 24,373 youth! That is amazing. Each and every youth that we can get involved and work with to remind them of Patriotism and Americanism and help educate them on our Veterans is something that all of us should be proud of. The youth are the future so we need to be sure to continue to keep them involved. Always remember to reward them, and thank them for helping out or for being Patriotic. I think we did a good job of this as we handed out 2,976 R.A.P cards/coins.

Anything you do with the youth over the next few months, be sure to keep notes on it so that you can report on it next year! We can be sure that one of the goals of the Youth Activities program is going to be involving our youth, so anything you do now will be a great start to your reports for next year!

I want to thank you all for a wonderful year, it truly has been an honor serving as your Department Youth Activities Chair. I want to give a special thank you to Gail for the appointment and congratulate her on a wonderful year serving as our Department President.

Thank you President and Congrats on an outstanding year!

“Continuing our legacy for ALL veterans and their families”

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