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JAMES F. WADE, SR.
COMMANDER
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Hello VFW, Auxiliary & Cootie Members,

I want to express my gratitude to everyone for their vote of confidence allowing me to be your representative as Department Commander for the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Department of Maryland supporting the many Veterans and their Families. This is truly an honor, and I am highly grateful for the new opportunity. Thanks for having faith in me and my capabilities and I am looking forward to working closely with all of you. I have been amazed how energized and dedicated our volunteer force has been and continue to strive towards taking care of our Veterans and their Families.

I want to congratulate and welcome all the newly installed VFW, Auxiliary and Cootie Officers for the 2021-2022.

I have never been prouder to belong to an organization that truly cares for its members and fellow men and women. Moving forward and with lessons learned, I believe working together along with both the Auxiliary and Cooties, towards rebuilding our brand (VFW) within the State of Maryland will enhance us to embrace and engage technology that is at our fingertip. Most of us, by now, have utilized some sort of video conferencing to conduct business or even to talk to family and can see the potential it has in and for our organization. It will never replace the face-to-face meetings, but possibly it can easily improve upon it, by allowing those members that may be physically unable to attend a meeting, still feel like they are part of the team.

Comrades, the past has been challenging times for all of us. Personally, I

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Hello Comrades,
Welcome to the 21-22 VFW year.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Dept Surgeon for another year.

As for holding the position of Surgeon on the District and Post levels you are responsible for maintaining your Post and District's health. As a Surgeon you are responsible for scheduling and holding health fairs and other attractions to benefit the health and well being of your members and community. Any time you schedule any health affiliated classes or lectures always invite your community to participate. Any classes needed can be scheduled thru the Red Cross or a local EMT Squad/Fire House.

ROBERT HENNSLEY
SURGEON
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

You should schedule the following at least every two years for your Post or as a District being held at a central post that can accommodate all post in the district. Most certifications are only good for 2 years:

- First Aide /CPR Class
- Blood Drives
- Diabetes awareness and prevention
- Heart Health, etc.

For this year the District and Post Surgeons are required to submit six reports **due on the 30th of every other month starting with July**. Please send them to bob.hensley@t-mobile.com or for those who aren't computer savvy please mail to: 4007 White Rock Rd, Friendsville MD 21531. And, always make sure you cc or mail a copy to Dept as well. I am always available if you need to speak one on one, 240-321-4120. Your District commanders should have the most updated form or you can get it from the Department website. If all else fails please reach out and I will get you what you need.

I am also the Department Safety Chair for this year as well. The same dates will apply for your safety reports as well. Only six reports are needed for the year, but three need to have something pertaining to youth starting with the first one due on 30 July and then every other month due on the 30th.

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Here are some Safety related project ideas that you Post could sponsor:

- Install smoke detectors and/or supply the Community with smoke detectors.
- Hold a fire safety classes. Reach out to your local Fire Department. They will be more then willing to set a class up for you.
- Clean a ball park
- Hold a Hunter Safety class for area youth and adults instructed by DNR Certified State of Md Instructors. If you need assistance setting up a class, please reach out and I will put you in contact with an Instructor in your area.
- Bicycle Safety, proper way to wear a helmet.
- Safe practice info for joggers, wearing of reflective gear etc.
- Provide a HQL class for members and your community

I look forward to hearing from anyone who may have any questions. I am available 24/7 by email, text or phone. Remember if you want credit, please make sure you send me your reports directly and cc the Department.

FAMILIES FIRST- VETERANS ALWAYS!!

Regards,
Robert (Bob) Hensley
Dept. Surgeon 21-22

2020-2021 COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT PRESENTATION—CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS' HOME—JUNE 12, 2021



Pictured left to right: Mike Johnson, Brian Sturgis, James Wade, Thomas Kimball and Sharon Murphy, Director.



Comrades,

As we reflect and move into what most are calling our new normal, I just want to take this time to thank all our Chaplains for a job well done. You see even when the Post were closed most of our Chaplains were still busy at work. So, allow me to share just a few of the Chaplain’s tasks at hand.

TIFFANY DANIEL
CHAPLAIN
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

THE WORK OF A CHAPLAIN

Each Post has a Chaplain, but how many of you really know what a Chaplain is supposed to do? Most comrades think that all

the Chaplain does is show up at the Post meetings and read the perfunctory Ritual prayers. But that is surely not the real work of the Chaplain. In fact, most of the work done by the Chaplain takes place outside of the Post meeting, and if done well, goes unnoticed by virtually everyone in the Post.

First, the Chaplain nurtures the living. We do this by spending time with our fellow comrades, and when the need arises, we help them with life situations. Every one of us needs a trusted friend and confidant to turn to in times of disappointment and distress. At times, we must confront harmful and destructive behaviors. However, the Chaplain is not only there to help navigate comrades through tough times, but we are also there to offer encouragement and wise counsel.

Second, the Chaplain cares for the dying. Whether in the hospital or at home, the Chaplain is there to offer supportive care to dying comrades and their families. We help them as they transition to glory and assure the person that he or she will not suffer or die alone. During this time of transition, the Chaplain encourages the expression of personal feelings, anxieties, and thoughts concerning dying and the afterlife. In car-

ing for the dying, the Chaplain helps the person achieve a comfortable death in all areas: spiritual, emotional, and physical as the comrade transitions from his time on earth to his eternal home in glory.

Third, the Chaplain honors the dead. Working closely with the immediate family, the Chaplain ensures there is a proper burial and memorial service for the deceased. At each of our Post meetings we have a moment of silence to remember our departed. And each of our Posts has a plaque dedicated to our deceased comrades. In addition, each District is to hold an annual Memorial Service, according to Section 418 of the Manual of Procedure, the District Chaplain shall see that a fitting tribute is paid to our departed comrades. Memorial Services are also held each year at the State and National Conventions.

Please obtain a copy of the new report. You may still email reports to me directly, but to be sure each post gets credit for their annual reports please mail your hard copies to our Headquarters. We also have access to the National Chaplain’s automated report, but I must advise, if you use this automated report, you must be sure to forward a copy of the original report with the comrade’s names to your District Chaplain and myself. The link is as follows:
[VFW National Chaplain \(pupent1.org\)](http://pupent1.org)

Until we met again, blessings and stay safe.

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would like to thank those Districts and Posts that continued to serve our

Veterans and their Families. We cannot lose perspective and need to ease back into a new normal. Please stay positive and continue to work within your Posts and within your Communities to let your members know that we are still going and there for support.

My goal as Department Commander is to provide all the necessary resources to become successful. I also believe in with sharing innovative and creative ideas with one another will assist towards moving forward to a better Maryland VFW.

Getting back on track requires all of us shifting from being powerless to being empowered, from waiting for orders to take action. From reactive to being proactive. From placing blame on others to problem solving.

I would like all District Commanders to communicate with your Post Commanders by keeping them all informed with the information which comes from Department. Post Commanders, please understand that communication works both ways, as well. Let us all have a great year together, which I know we will.

FAMILY FIRST; VETERAN ALWAYS!!

James F. Wade Sr.
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INSTANT LOAN APPROVAL FOR INSURANCE LOANS

Instant Loan Approval has arrived for veterans who have VA Life Insurance. The service is available to over 350,000 life insurance customers who have loan value in their policies, and to more than 42,000 Veterans with current loans. This modernized feature offers an advanced option for access to policy benefits.

The new Instant Loan Approval service streamlines and automates online processes that eliminate human intervention for providing decisions for loan requests.

This benefit offers Veterans with permanent insurance plans the option to borrow up to the reserve (cash) value of their policy less any indebtedness. The policy cannot be lapsed, and premiums must be paid or waived at least one year before a policy has loan value.

HOW IT WORKS

Instant Loan Approval includes basic verification requirements that a customer must meet in order to request a loan and receive an instant decision. Veterans must be an “Authenticated User” and be able to successfully log into the, “VA Insurance Online Policy Access” [website](#). Once logged in, Veterans can access the loan application page if they have available loan value on their policy and meet other basic security criteria. If all criteria are met, the Veteran will advance to the next screen and be prompted to enter the requested loan amount. The Veteran will submit the request and receive an instant decision on their loan request. If the loan is approved instantly, the payment will be processed. On average, it takes two to five business days for a loan payment to be received.

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ANCHORS UP FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

AUXILIARY NEWS



CHERI BROWN
PRESIDENT

STATE OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am honored to be installed as the VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary President for 2021-2022. Thank you for your support and confidence in me.

I look forward to working with my *"Anchors Up for Veterans and Their Families"* team as well as each and every one of you. **Each member of the auxiliary is important.** Your membership keeps the VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary moving forward. Thank you to everyone who took a step up and accepted a position to keep the Auxiliaries functioning. **I love being a part of this "family".**

Congratulations to newly elected VFW Commander James Wade and his team. We will be working together to encourage the Posts and Auxiliaries to work as a team and stay focused on the goals of this great organization.

I encourage everyone to be supportive, think positively, and spread the word about the VFW and VFW Auxiliary as we continue serving our heroes, their families and the community.

It was great to be together at our "mini-convention" and be able to see smiling faces without masks. Congratulations to Past Department President Felicia Weeks and her "Dive Team" for working through the COVID-19 challenges and still

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VANETTE JONES
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW
AUXILIARY

Hello brothers and sisters,

It is with a truly humble heart, that I am so thankful to each of you for electing me as the Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary Junior Vice President for the 2021-2022 year. Thank you for putting your confidence in me and my abilities to hold such a high position.

The Coronavirus pandemic presented some truly unique challenges for us in 2020-2021 but we prevailed for our Veterans and their families. Wasn't it wonderful to meet for the Awards Convention? It was so nice to see those of you that attended in person and via Zoom.

Let us continue to keep the momentum up by finding more creative and unique ways to serve our Veterans and their families.

Do not keep it to yourself. . . **REMEMBER** to report to your chairman all the wonderful things that you and your auxiliary are doing. This information is passed along to the VFW and assist with programs and funding for our veterans. **Report, Report, REPORT!**

This year keep in mind our Department President Cheri Brown's theme Anchors Up for our Veterans and their Families and our Department Commander James Wade Sr. theme of Family First – Veterans Always!!! Nothing is impossible – The word itself says I'm possible ~ Audrey Hepburn.



DEBBIE STURGIS
CHAPLAIN
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW
AUXILIARY

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the ongoing Worldwide Pandemic; we have had to stay close to home to stay safe. We need to reach out to our auxiliary members and Veterans now, more than ever. Especially the ones who live alone and do not have any personal contact outside of the home.

If you are not a card sender, then you can reach out in another way. A telephone call, an email, a text message, a personal visit if everyone has been vaccinated or even a written letter. Be cheerful and positive so we can lift our brothers and sisters up.

“Anchors Up For Veterans and their Families” is the theme for

Madam President, Cheri Brown, this year, so help me pull those anchors up and get our brothers and sisters lifted in prayer and spirit.

“Good news from far away is like cold water to the thirsty.” Proverbs 25:25

Debbie Sturgis
Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary Chaplain
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Comrades, Brothers & Sisters,

Isn't this an exciting time as we begin a new program year? A year for "Anchors Up for Veterans and Their Families". I'm sure we are all excited to regain some normalcy in our lives and in our VFW Auxiliary. It is important that we get back to conducting live meetings and enjoy the comradery of our brothers and sisters. Hopefully, this 2021-2022 program year will resemble the years prior to 2020-2021.

Immediate Past Department President Felicia Weeks finished her uniquely memorable, yet very successful year with a fast-paced, fun-filled mini-convention on June 10th at Delmar Memorial VFW Post 8276. We were able to conduct lots of business, hand out many awards and celebrate time together. Elections were held and PDP



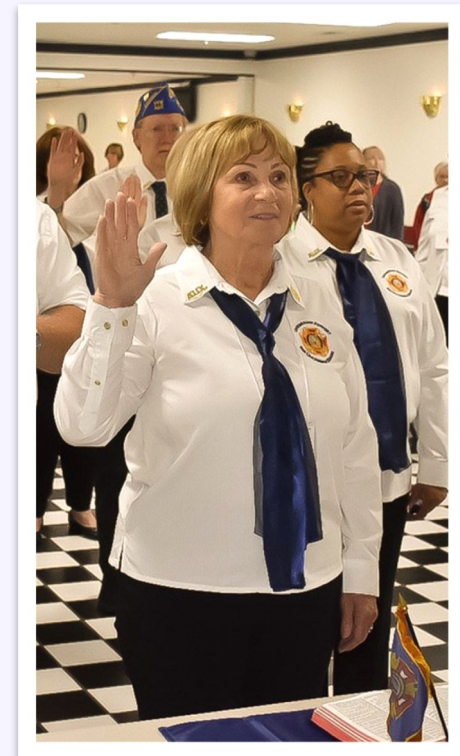
LIBBY DALLATEZZA
SECRETARY
STATE OF MARYLAND
VFW AUXILIARY

Cathy Estep installed the following Department Officers:

2021—2022 DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT CHERI BROWN

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sr. Vice President | Wayne LaFleur | Jr. Vice President | VaNette Jones |
| Secretary | Libby DallaTezza | Treasurer | Carole Betro, PDP |
| Chaplain | Debbie Sturgis | Conductor | Bill Siperek |
| Guard | Nancy Shenk | Historian | Nancy Shenk |
| Jr. PDP | Felicia Weeks | | |
| District 1 Pres. | Karen Rooker, PDP | District 2 Pres. | Carolyn Bledsoe |
| District 3 Pres. | Jann Swiger | District 4 Pres. | Betty Ann Johnson |
| District 6 Pres, | Emily Hall | District 7 Pres. | Kathy Williams |
| District 10 Pres. | JoAnne Bierly | District 11 Pres. | Cynthia Davis, PDP |
| District 14 Pres. | Paul Olivares | District 16 Pres. | VaNette Jones |
| Patriotic Instr. | Terry Dawson | Flag Bearer | Stephanie Hallowell |
| Color Bearer #1 | Cathy Estep | Color Bearer #2 | Jacquelyn Knight |
| Color Bearer #4 | Rosalind Salmond | Asst. Secretary | Pam Edmiston |
| Asst. Treasurer | Susan Feyl | Asst. Conductress | Toni Smiley |
| Asst. Guard | Dee Russo | | |



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accomplishing EXCELLENCE. Great Job! Best of luck at the National Convention in Kansas City. Thank you for your mentoring! Thank you to my many mentors. I will continue to rely on you.

Thank you to my Chesapeake City VFW Post 7687 and Auxiliary for your constant support, and especially My Hero...My husband Wally for always being there for me.

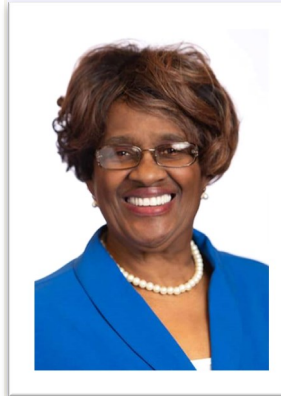
Let's pull up the anchor and move forward! Encourage your members to recruit new members and encourage members to pay their dues to retain their membership. Listen to new ideas and always remember "your why".

I'm looking forward to a rewarding year. I'm a phone call, text or email away.

Cheri Brown
Department President
"ANCHORS UP FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES"



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CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected National District Council Member #3 Cynthia Davis. Cynthia is a member of John & Samuel Tyson-Wilbert-Walker Memorial Auxiliary 8509 and served as 2019-2020 Department of MD President.

CONGRATULATIONS CYNTHIA!!!

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST LINE OFFICER – DEPARTMENT GUARD NANCY SHENK

Nancy Shenk, a member of Cecil County Memorial Auxiliary 6027 was elected as Department Guard at the June 10th mini convention.

CONGRATULATIONS NANCY!!!



AND OUR 2021-2022 PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

Americanism
Auxiliary Community Outreach
Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home
Chief of Staff/Extension
Historian & Media Relations
Hospital & VAVS
Legislative
Membership
Mentoring for Leadership
Scholarships

Terry Dawson
Lee Lewis, PDP
Betty Stahm, PDP
Sandi Kriebel, PNP
Nancy Shenk
Cynthia Davis, PDP
Bobbie Goldman
JoAnne Bierly
Camilla Williams
Betty Ann Johnson

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Veterans & Family Support
 Youth Activities
 President's Special Project
 Circle of Champion Auxiliaries
 VFW Community Service Rept. Coord.

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, PDP
 Sheila Justice
 Jonel Marts
 Bill Siperek
 Pam Edmiston

Department President Cheri Brown and I, along with her entire team, are hopeful that this will be a year to recover our momentum for serving our veterans and their families. Whether we are pulling up anchor to move forward or lowering our anchor to take a hold on our efforts, let us all stay on board for a record-breaking year. I wish you fair winds and following seas!

2021-2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>2021</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
June 26	School of Instruction	Cecil County Memorial VFW Post #6027 813 Turkey Point Road North East, MD	Program begins at 10:00 am See SOI flyer for details
July 1 – Aug 3	108 th VFWA National Convention	Kansas City, MO	
Aug 21	Dept Commander & President's Homecoming	Chesapeake City Memorial VFW Post #7687 304 Basil Avenue Chesapeake City, MD	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
September 12	Council of Administration Meeting	Gunpowder VFW Post #10067 6309 Ebenezer Road Baltimore, MD	12 noon
October 26-28	National President's Visit to Maryland	TBD	
Oct. 30 & 31	Eastern Conference	Princess Royale, Ocean City	
December 11	Auxiliary Christmas Conference	Jarrettsville Memorial Manor VFW Post #8672 1714 Morse Road Forest Hill, MD	Doors open at 9:00 am. Conference begins at 10:00 am.
<u>2022</u>			
TBD	VOD & Patriot's Pen Department Banquet		
January 29	National President Jean Hamill's Garden Party Celebration	Crowne Plaza Melbourne, Florida – Grand Ballroom	Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
January 29 - February 3	2022 Mid-Year Conference and Celebrating America's Freedom Event	Melbourne and Cape Canaveral, Florida	2022 VFW Auxiliary Mid-Year Conference
TBD	Commander & President's Testimonial	TBA	
TBD	Council of Administration Meeting	TBA	
	VFWA MD 95th Department Convention		



SANDI KRIEBEL, PNP
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 STATE OF MARYLAND VFW
 AUXILIARY

POSTS AND AUXILIARIES
COMMUNICATIONS...
REPRESENTS SUCCESS

Organizational communication is the way in which members of our organization interact with each other and the people they serve

- Organizational communication includes the Post Commander, Auxiliary President and the officers, chairmen and members on both sides.
- These interactions can happen face-to-face, over the phone, or electronically.

The most important result of this communication is how valued a person feels during and after the interaction

- When members interact positively, an emotion is generated, an impression is formed,
- and an experience is had.
- It is this experience people will carry with them and the perceptions of our organization, as well as the stories they tell others about the successful mission of our organization.
- The more highly developed a person's interpersonal communication skills, the better the all-around communication is.
- The better we communicate together the more our organization can accomplish and provide necessary services to others.

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Department Program Awards

	Americanism	Community Outreach	Buddy Poppy Nat'l Home	Historian Media Rel.	Hospital	Legislative	Membership	Scholarship	Veterans & Fam. Support
Group 1 3RD Place	District 6 304	District 2 7757	District 5 6054	None	District 6 304	District 16 2996	District 2 5627	District 2 5627	District 2 7757
Group 1 2ND Place	District 16 2996	District 5 6054	District 16 2996	District 11 8509	District 5 6054	District 6 304	District 16 2996	District 2 7757	District 11 8509
Group 1 1ST Place	District 2 7757	District 11 8509	District 6 304	District 2 7757	District 2 7757	District 2 7757	District 6 8097	District 11 8509	District 6 304
Group 2 3RD Place	District 3 10077	District 6 160	District 5 10146	District 11 3065	District 3 1411	District 11 5367	District 5 10146	District 11 5367	District 6 160
Group 2 2ND Place	District 16 10159	District 5 10146	District 11 5367	District 6 2462	District 5 10146	District 5 10146	District 1 5471	District 16 10159	District 5 10146
Group 2 1ST Place	District 11 5367	District 6 2462	District 16 10159	District 16 10159	District 16 10159	District 16 10159	District 11 3065	District 5 10146	District 11 5367
Group 3 3RD Place	District 1 10081	District 5 10028	District 4 652	District 1 10081	District 4 652	District 10 8185	D1—8810 D1—10081	District 4 652	District 11 2916
Group 3 2ND Place	District 4 652	District 1 10081	District 1 10081	District 5 10028	District 1 10081	District 5 10028	District 14 2621	District 1 10081	District 5 10028
Group 3 1ST Place	District 5 10028	District 4 652	District 5 10028	District 10 8185	District 5 10028	District 1 10081	District 10 8185	District 10 8185	District 1 10081
Group 4 3RD Place	District 5 8126	District 1 2632	District 7 6658	District 1 2632	District 5 8126	District 1 2632	District 1 2632	District 7 6658	District 1 2632
Group 4 2ND Place	District 10 8175	District 7 8806	District 5 8126	District 7 7472	District 7 8806	District 5 8126	District 5 8126	District 7 8806	District 7 8806
Group 4 1ST Place	District 7 7472	District 7 6658	District 7 7472	District 5 8126	District 7 7472	District 7 8806	District 10 6027	District 7 7472	District 7 7472
Group 5 3RD Place	District 7 3285	District 16 194	District 7 3285	District 1 9619	District 1 9619	District 1 9619	District 2 2562	District 7 10076	District 7 3285
Group 5 2ND Place	District 10 7687	District 7 521	District 7 521	District 10 7687	District 7 521	District 10 7687	District 14 10067	District 10 7687	District 7 521
Group 5 1ST Place	District 7 521	District 7 3285	District 10 7687	District 7 521	District 10 7687	District 16 194	District 16 194	District 7 521	District 10 7687
Group 6 3RD Place	District 5 8672	District 16 8276	District 4 5118	District 14 6506	District 14 2678	District 11 10078	District 5 8672	District 4 5118	District 4 5118
Group 6 2ND Place	District 4 5118	District 14 6506	District 14 2678	District 4 5118	District 14 6506	District 5 8672	District 4 5246	District 14 6506	District 5 8672
Group 6 1ST Place	District 14 2678	District 14 2678	District 14 6506	District 14 2678	District 4 5118	District 4 5246	District 4 5118	District 14 2678	District 14 2678

	Youth Activities	President's Special Project	
Group 1 3RD Place	District 6 304	District 6 327	<p>Extension Certificates Presented to: "ET." Extension Team—Carole Betro, PDP, VaNette Jones, Terry Dawson, Libby DallaTezza, Debbie Sturgis, Betty Stahm, PDP, Cynthia Davis, PDP, Cheri Brown, Wayne LaFleur, Bill Siperek and Dee Russo. "5 Point" Team D1 President Karen Rooker, D4 President Betty Ann Johnson, D7 President Kathy Williams, D10 President JoAnne Bierly, D11 President Dr. Joyce Thomas, D14 President Bill Siperek, D16 President VaNette Jones Special Citations: Monica Menard, JoAnne Bierly.</p> <p>Outstanding Newsletters– Drawing for a chance to win \$50 (one per group) Group 1—District-8509, Group 2—District 11-3065, Group 3—District 10-8185, Group 4—District 10-6027, Group 5—District 2-2562, Group 6—District 5-8672 Best Overall Use of all Media Resources (one drawing for a chance to win \$10 and citation) Group 3—District 3-6775</p> <p>Veterans & Family Support—Suicide Awareness Teardrop Award: Group 1—District 6-304, Group 2—District 11-5367, Group 3—District 1-10081, Group 4—District 7-6658, Group 5—District 10-7687, Group 6—District 4-5118</p> <p>Mentoring for Leadership Awards: 3rd Place—District 1—9376, 2nd Place—District 4—5246, 1st Place—District 16—10159. \$25 Awards to District 100% Reported: District 1, District 4, District 10, District 16. Presidents of the Year Group 1: Runner-Up—Sharen Williams—8509, 1st Place—Emily Hall—304 Group 2: Runner-Up—Barbara Lorence—10081, 1st Place—Sandra Rowe—8806 Group 3: Runner-Up—JoAnn Bush—6506, 1st Place—Debbie Sturgis—5118 District President: Runner-Up—Betty Ann Johnson—District 4, 1st Place—Kathleen Williams—District 7</p>
Group 1 2ND Place	District 2 7757	District 2 350	
Group 1 1ST Place	District 16 2996	District 6 304	
Group 2 3RD Place	District 3 10077	District 11 5367	
Group 2 2ND Place	District 16 10159	District 16 10159	
Group 2 1ST Place	District 6 160	District 5 10146	
Group 3 3RD Place	District 5 10028	District 4 652	
Group 3 2ND Place	District 1 10081	District 1 10081	
Group 3 1ST Place	District 10 8185	District 10 8185	
Group 4 3RD Place	District 5 8126	District 1 2632	
Group 4 2ND Place	District 7 6658	District 7 7472	
Group 4 1ST Place	District 7 8806	District 7 6658	
Group 5 3RD Place	District 7 521	District 4 7464	
Group 5 2ND Place	District 10 7687	District 7 3285	
Group 5 1ST Place	District 7 3285	District 10 7687	
Group 6 3RD Place	District 2 341	District 4 5118	
Group 6 2ND Place	District 14 6506	District 14 6506	
Group 6 1ST Place	District 4 5118	District 14 2678	

The leftover letters spell: "A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide." ~Mickey Mantle
 Bonus answer: Diamondbacks



ANSWERS—TEAM SEARCH

- At the same time, a strategic understanding of how to best serve our organization is formed.

Why is Organizational Communication Important?

Organizational communication is important because it significantly impacts four (4) very important areas of our organization:

- Membership engagement
- A positive working relationship
- Effective accomplished projects and programs
- An impressionable public perception

All four (4) areas are critical to organizational progress. If you overlook the importance of organizational communication, you are really overlooking your organization's ability to succeed.

We all know that communicating with one another is critical to our organization's survival and accomplishments. So...let's start the communications today....together. Forget the past, put away the differences you each may have and start a new day...fresh with no mistakes. We have too much work to do. Too many Veterans and their families depending on us!

If we don't start communicating with one another, we will never accomplish anything. Communicating together (posts/auxiliaries) can help us to grow and become strong and productive. 90% of the problems Posts & Auxiliaries have...Not Communicating.

Sandi Kriebel, PNP, Dept. of MD – VFW Auxiliary Chief of Staff/Extension – kwizoz@verizon.net

TOP 10 REASONS FOR YOUR POST TO HAVE AN AUXILIARY



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

10. Offers valuable assistance with event preparation.
9. Assists with “Buddy”® Poppy drives.
8. Opens the door to potential members.
7. Assists in recruiting and retaining members to strengthen the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. Provides events and volunteer opportunities for veterans' family members.
5. Boosts the Post's visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.
4. Increases Program participation and helps spread the word on scholarship and youth programs.
3. Presents an opportunity to serve more veterans, active-duty military, and their families.
2. Increases the number of advocates to fight for veterans' rights and benefits.
1. Positively reinforces the values and beliefs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does it cost the Post anything?

The VFW Auxiliary Charter Kit fee is \$100.00. The Post and/or Department and/or the interested, eligible applicants may pay the Charter fee. The Charter fee accompanies the completed Charter application.

How long does it take to start?

From the time your Post votes to have an Auxiliary, it could take from two (2) to four (4) months to get an Auxiliary up and running.

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Ready to Add an Auxiliary to your Post?

In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a notice is to be mailed or emailed to each Post member advising them that members will be voting on having an Auxiliary and that the vote will take place at a specific meeting.

In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Post members present is required to set into action the formation of a new Auxiliary to that Post.

Inform the Department President of the approval and the Department President will then assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.

What are the Benefits of having an Auxiliary?

A stronger, effective and more productive VFW Post?

Still have questions?

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If you don't meet instant loan verification requirements
If the Veteran does not meet the verification requirements, they will still be able to submit a loan application online by downloading [VA Form 29-1546](#), completing the application and saving it in the secure Insurance Document Upload tool.

Note: Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) programs do not offer loans. Current Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance (SDVI) customers may apply for Instant Loan Approval if all requirements for eligibility are met.

VA has provided life insurance for service members, Veterans and their families for more than 100 years. Life Insurance is designed to provide financial assistance for a variety of reasons, including income replacement, financial inheritance and end-of-life costs. The purpose of VA Insurance Service is to provide our nation's Veterans, service members and military families with quality and effective insurance products and services. VA life insurance programs provide financial security for policyholders and their families that honor the risks involved with military service and reflect the benefits earned for the sacrifice of serving our country.

For more information on Instant Loan Approval, as well as other online tools and features, visit www.benefits.va.gov/insurance.

TEAM SEARCH

Every word listed below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may read either forward or backward.

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| ANGELS | INDIANS | RAYS |
| ASTROS | MARINERS | REDS |
| ATHLETICS | MARLINS | RED SOX |
| BLUE JAYS | METS | ROCKIES |
| BRAVES | NATIONALS | ROYALS |
| BREWERS | ORIOLES | TIGERS |
| CARDINALS | PADRES | TWINS |
| CLUBS | PHILLIES | WHITE SOX |
| DODGERS | PIRATES | YANKEES |
| GIANTS | RANGERS | |

Leftover letters reveal a quote from a Yankee legend.

Bonus: What team is missing from this list?

A T E A M S S I S S W H E B R
 E S A B B T S C R A N G E R S
 O E S Y R N S E I K C O R E N
 C E A R I A G Y N T N P R W A
 O K V L E I V A A E E H I E I
 S N R C T G T E O J U L P R D
 R A S A S I D S S T E M H S N
 M Y E A O L G O N E O U I T I
 N S T N H C A R D I N A L S A
 I E A G A S O Y W N W S L B A
 G L R E D S O X O S E T I H W
 S O I L A N T M A R I N E R S
 G I P S I S W R D A E H S E B
 R R E A C O W A O Y A D R D U
 G O O E S T P O H S I D S E C

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