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MY HEART REVS FOR HEROES

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AR VFW AUXILIARY VIEW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: To Be Read and Filed! Kimberly Davis kdgun11@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am so excited and honored to serve as your 2021-2022 VFWA Department of Arkansas President! Thank you for reaching out to me with love, support and encouragement! Team Arkansas is AWESOME!

We have hit the ground running and it is so important to continue with that energy and drive. Our veterans and their families need to know that we love them and are here to support them and each other.

We serve in a myriad of ways, with endless talents and passions. Our programs are designed to effectively help our nation's heroes and their families. We will be gathering at Post 4548 in Cabot/Jacksonville on Saturday July 10th at 10 am to explore these programs and the opportunities we can extend in our communities. Immediately following our program training, we will celebrate our FREEDOM at our Family Freedom Festival. Many thanks to Janice Shepard and her committee for making this happen!

National President Elect Jean Hamil's theme is "Soaring Above and Beyond". I am so excited to be representing us at the VFW and VFWA National Convention in July. It is a business only convention, but since we have feared not having one at all, it will be such a blessing to attend!

My theme "My HEART REVS for HEROES" combines two passions in my life, Veterans and Motorcycles. Riding my own motorcycle is thrilling and stress relieving, it makes my heart stir in joy, and I am thankful for the freedoms I enjoy every day! These freedoms come with a price that can never fully be repaid but we spend our lives helping others to honor their legacy. My heart doesn't just beat, it REVS!

As we begin this year, please join me in keeping our Heroes and their families in our prayers, using the selflessness of their service to inspire us to care and respect one another, to use our individual talents to serve the purpose of the VFW Auxiliary "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes".



Chaplains Corner:

Dear Lord: Today and everyday our hearts and souls are free to praise You. For this we are thankful. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual for granted. May we always remember a very high price was paid for our freedom. Watch over this country ad those who are in a leadership capacity. Amen

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Evans revans123@windstream.net

Hello Members! You are one of the 470,000 members of the VFW Auxiliary Organization. We work to help improve the lives of our Veterans and their families. Never forget what these men and women sacrificed to make it possible for us today and some gave it all!

Thank you for your membership last year. This year we have a big challenge. The VFW was shining like a star at Christmas with their membership being #1 in the Nation at the time of our State Convention, boy did we get the message loud and clear!! This year we want to be right beside them with our membership percentage being just as good as theirs or better. Please go to: www.vfwauxiliary.org and Sign into MALTA there is so much information waiting for you!

During Leadership Training on July 10, 2021 at 4548 Jacksonville Post Home, you will receive: 1. The June 30th, 2021 membership report, (this will be the Auxiliary/District goals to be 100% or more for June 30th 2022). 2. The awards/goal for Members/Auxiliaries/Districts. 3. The membership groups and much more of the Membership Program.

I am proud to announce that when MALTA goes back online around July 8th, I will enter #8885 Mountainburg, District 7 annual dues into the system making them the first Auxiliary to reach the 100% goal. Thank You to the Auxiliary! You need to recruit a new or rejoined member to receive the Department President, Kim's, Recruiter Pin! I know I can count on you to make it happen this year! Just get it done!

CHIEF OF STAFF: Vicki McGahhey vmcgahhey@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It was so nice to see everyone at our Department Convention! One of the goals of the Chief of Staff program is to Maintain and Strengthen Auxiliaries. We don't want to lose any Auxiliary! I want to train and guide District Presidents to assist in ensuring Auxiliaries function in a "healthy" manner. We need to identify Auxiliary "red flags" so we can assist them with issues that could potentially be big problems later and require intervention. I want the Auxiliaries to understand we are there to assist them and make them stronger. We need to encourage our Auxiliaries to empower, engage, include, and inspire our members. We

are there to support them to make them successful. “My Heart Revs for Heroes” and together we can “Soar Above and Beyond”. Please come to the Leadership in July to learn more. Do everything with a smile on your face and with kindness, it does wonders.

With love,

Vicki

Veterans and Family Support: Cheri Wood standstrong7575@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Spread the word about National Veterans Service

NVS helps veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve at no cost.

NVS provides a nationwide network of VFW Service officers who help navigate the Veterans Affairs system. They assist all Veterans in filing claims. They also work to ensure veterans receive quality, timely and accessible VA health care.

Donations can be made by sending funds to the VFW earmarked for NVS.

Mail checks to VFW National Headquarters

ATTN: NVS

406 W. 34th Street, 11th Floor

Kansas City, MO. 64111

Be sure to report to me after your donation is made and please include a copy of the check. Let's get off to a great start this year and support our Veterans.

Cheri'

Americanism: Tommy Hughes southernmountainman@gmail.com

Hello Auxiliary Arkansas!

“Americanism is an unfailing love of country; loyalty to it's institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the Flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.”

What can we as an Auxiliary do to promote Americanism and Patriotism?

Recognize businesses and individuals for properly displaying and caring for our Flag. Celebrate Patriotic holidays at every opportunity and invite the Public to participate. Teach Flag etiquette at our local schools and youth groups. These are just a few ideas of what we can do. I personally feel, that we, as Americans, have a duty to Honor our Flag and our Country, and be a shining light to the world!

Respectfully,
Tom Hughes

Auxiliary Community Outreach: Martha Cothren-Ivy mrcothren@yahoo.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am so excited to be your Auxiliary Community Outreach Chairman! This is the second year for this program, and I know we can do a wonderful job in contacting our community areas!! Not only do we do work for veterans, we do other things that make our communities better. While working with other organizations it gives us a great opportunity to make our auxiliaries better known. We want to be more visible to them in community events and local affairs. What better recruitment tool could we ask for?

Our program goals are simple: Member participation in Community Outreach and Auxiliary participation in Community Outreach. Our volunteer work needs to be counted in these two areas!

At your first auxiliary meeting in July a motion must be made, approved, and recorded that the projects done by members of your auxiliary with other organizations are approved as Community Outreach projects. That gets you ready for either type of projects We want to let people know that we are auxiliary members, so when you participate in one of these projects, you must wear something that reflects your membership in the auxiliary such as, our shirt, pin, hat, jacket or name badge.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have. See you all in Jacksonville July 10th !

Much love,
Martha

Buddy Poppy – National Home: Terri Gothard terri72257@yahoo.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It was so good to see everyone at State Convention, and all the awards that were handed out. Now, we are going to move forward and start working just as hard on the programs for this year. I am going to be your Buddy Poppy/National Home chairman this year, I've never had this program, so we are going to be learning new things together.

My main program goals are going to be, Buddy Poppy National Display contest, Buddy Poppy Education and Community Outreach, and VFW National Home Education and Community Outreach. Sounds like National is wanting to educate our community this year. We can get er done!!

Remember, you do not have to wait on the Post to have a Buddy Poppy drive. You can order your poppies straight from Headquarters. Veterans Day is, sad to say, only a few short months away, why not start planning one now.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10th, for Program Training. This year it is going to held at Post 4548

Jacksonville. Make plans on attending and learning a lot of information to share with your auxiliary. Stay tuned to the View, for all upcoming news, and I hope to see everyone at Jacksonville. Our Hearts are going to be Revving for our Heroes.

Terri Gothard

Historian – Media Relations: Melissa Little missamae0427@gmail.com

Hello Brothers and Sisters !! I am so excited to be your Department Historian this year and I am ready to “REV MY HEART FOR HEROES”. I am from Post 4548 Jacksonville and have been a Life member since September 2007. I can not wait to see what all you are going to do this year. Something to get you going. Make sure you have a number to your local newspaper. Call and email them events that you have at your Post or fundraiser you are having for your community. Make sure if they do publish anything to put it in your scrapbook and send it to me.

Don't forget our 5 W's

- * Who
- * What
- * Where
- * When
- * Why

Best wishes,

Melissa M Little

Hospital: Karlene Beams karbeam@aol.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters: It's a brand-new program year and the first thing every chairman should do is throw the previous years report forms away. I will have new Hospital forms for you at leadership on July 10, 2021.

Hospital is one of the first programs and began in 1914. I have been working this program for over 25 years. It has grown and is always changing. This year it is my goal to have every Auxiliary involved in the Hospital Program. Some of the work that you do can be done from home and still counted towards Hospital.

We have four (4) goals from the National Ambassador, and I will give you tips and ideas along with new information on how these goals can be met. We will still be promoting the Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition and Support along with Valentines for Veterans, Women Veterans Health Care, and a new program for us called Honor Escort.

Make plans now to join us at Jacksonville Pot 4548 to pick up your program books and forms. I hope that you will find new and exciting ways to volunteer, recognize volunteers and continue serving our Veterans and Families through the Hospital Program.

Always, Karlene

Legislative:

Rhonda Lawrence

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Dear Brothers and Sisters: Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I am the new Legislative Chairman, I would like to thank our Department President Kim Davis for appointing me. I don't know about you but My Heart Revs for Heroes.

VFW Action Corps Weekly. There is a lot of information that will keep you up to date on the issues.

About Action Corps:

It is our National grassroots advocacy network comprised of more than 300,000 VFW members and supporters of Veterans. This group will keep you up-to-date on all the issues facing our Veterans, our Military and their families, standing ready to email, write, call and visit our nation's lawmakers to make their voices heard. So if you are not signed up please sign up now, add your voice to the thousands of Veterans Advocates making a difference every day.

Loyally,

Rhonda Lawrence

Mentoring for Leadership:

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Brothers and Sisters,

Ensuring Positive Member Experience is one of the goals of the Mentoring for Leadership program. We will be encouraged to endorse and promote the CARE concept. We want to CATCH the member when they first join, ASK them to participate, REMEMBER what it felt like when we were new, and ENGAGE them in a program that fits them. "My Heart Revs for Heroes" as our new member's hearts do. We have to make our new members feel a part of the Auxiliary. During your meetings, pause and take the time to explain our traditions, ritual, and programs. They need to understand what we're talking about and what we are doing. We need to teach them and listen to them. We also need to be open to fresh new ideas that we didn't think about. We must be flexible and blend our past with the present and together we can "Soar Above and Beyond". I hope to see you at our Leadership and Training in July where you will get lots of good information to promote our programs.

Love to all.

Vicki

Scholarships:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters: What a great year this will be. With everything getting back to normal or the new normal and more kids attending school again, it will mean that we need to hit the schools harder than ever. We have so much talent out there and not enough members able to get the word out about our scholarships. That being said, we need to get with our history teachers, literature teachers, and our counselors just as school is opening back up so that they have plenty of time to tell the students about the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen. We need to get with the art teachers and give them the information for our Patriotic Art. We cannot forget about our continuing education scholarships either. This one seems to be overlooked and it is important for our youth that are continuing to college and the others that have been struggling to continue. I know we can have a great year all we have to do is let our Hearts Rev for Our Youth about scholarships. Also, if you need anything please do not hesitate to contact me. If you do not know the answer, I will find out for you. There will be more information to follow National Convention so be on the lookout for it.

Youth Activities: Jennifer Powell jennpowell.aux@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am so honored to have been chosen to be the Youth Program chairman this year. There are so many things we can do to help our youth and to get them involved to help us.

The goals of the youth program are as follows. We want to create, sponsor and work with youth groups. We want our youth groups to support our Veterans National Citations. We want to get as many of our youth Excited For The Red White and Blue as we can. Patriotism through literacy is another big one we want to get our youth involved in along with the Illustrating America Patriotic Youth Award. More information will be provided to you about these goals at the leadership training on 10 July. I will have handouts for all of you to pick up. I hope to see you all there.

I will always be here to help you however I can. If there is anything I can do to help you with your reporting or getting out to get involved with the youth, don't hesitate to contact me.

Here is to an amazing year!

Jennifer Powell

President's Project: Becky Lamb ljbb4072t@gmail.com

Hello Members,

Our President's Project this year is Warfighter Advance. Formed in 2003 by psychologist Dr. Mary Neal Vieten, U.S. Navy officer to return Warfighters with operational stress to a fit-for-duty status. This is an Advance 7-day intensive didactic and experimental program with volunteer staff that are dedicated and highly credentialed, in a serene, retreat-like setting.

At no cost to Veterans. Serving Active and Veteran members from all branches and eras of war, The goal is to reintegrate every Warfighter with no medical or drugs used. Cost per Veteran is \$1850 – remember the Veterans pay nothing. They are 100% checked in with Alumni forever -24/7/365.

Let's raise the roof and raise all we can to support this very worthy cause. Hope to see you July 10th for program school. I will have information on hand. Have a fun and safe 4th of July!

Becky Lamb

Upcoming District Meetings: Subject to change

District	Date	Location	Eat/Meet	Representative
1	7/18	Cross Point Church Springdale	2:30	Amanda
2	8/15	1341 Bull Shoals	1:00/2:00	Kim
4	7/18	Harrisburg Community Ctr	1:00/2:00	Kim
5	8/14	2330 Searcy	12:00/1:00	Cheri
6	8/7	4764 Choctaw	2:00/1:00	Kim
7	9/26	8532 Coal Hill	1:00/2:00	Tommy
9	8/15	ASU -One College Circle Malvern	1:00/2:00	Amanda
10	8/14	Star City TBD	12:00/1:00	Rhonda
13	8/15	11474 Levy	2:00/1:00	Becky

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hello, Hello, Hello,

Country Store is getting a face lift. Trying new things. Since the home-made goodies fly off the table, this September baked goods are the "Stars". I will need cookies, brownies, cupcakes, banana bread, home made bread, etc. If you can bake it, I'll take it.

I would like to have a Gift Shoppe and would like each District to donate a Gift Basket. There will be Gift Baskets of all kinds. All fancied up and attractive. They can be gardening, baking, bath & spa, even a pet basket. Baskets can be big or small. If any Auxiliary would like to contribute, please do so. Surprise me.

Please have a card for me telling me...who made the basket, and the cost. This will help me with the pricing and how to get the most dollars from your donation. With the Country Store and crazy old woman

running it, you will always be surprised for you never know what I will try, to help our Department Auxiliary with their budget.

Let's do it. Thanks for helping.

Mary Jo

Laurie Herman

Department Secretary

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