



General Orders for October 2015

Because it has been brought to my attention that some Auxiliaries do not feel the President's Message needs to be read at their meetings, I am changing the name back to General Orders. Our Booklet of Instructions states "General Orders must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference." (Booklet of Instructions, Auxiliary Order of Business, Section J – 2nd paragraph, pg. 6.) Much time and effort goes into this mailing by your President and our Dept. Chairman, so please read & share this information with your members.

Celebrating America's Freedom Event – On August 29th, along with 300 members from all over the U.S., Rita Byers, Madge Murphy, Karen Johnson, Linda Moran & granddaughter Josie, Bill Knudson, Marla Morgan and I had the privilege of attending the C.A.F.E. held at Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minnesota. We were also joined by Treasurer Karen Odegard & 2 Auxiliary sisters visiting from VFW Auxiliary #7929 in Amery. It was a very informative & patriotic event and enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to all from Wisconsin who attended.

Fall Council Meeting – Our Fall VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. in Plover. A Chili lunch with all the toppings & dessert will be served following the meeting for \$5.00. Immediately following lunch, we will have a Secretary/Treasurer Workshop. With all the changes in the VFW Auxiliary, it's a great time to come and get your questions answered. Please RSVP by emailing Mary Kimmel @ mkimmel5@yahoo.com or calling 715-341-6299 with a number attending.

Veterans and Family Support – Please refer to Chairman Linda Schluter's bulletin for information on the VFW National Home. October 24th is the date for the Halloween Party – why not consider visiting this year and making it a good time for the kids.

Membership – Thank you to all who recruited and processed dues shooting for our second Dept. goal of 80%. Welcome to our new male members – we are happy to have you a part of our VFW Auxiliary and with this new eligibility, I challenge each and every member to take National Ambassador Joyce's pledge to "Recruit Just One." If everyone did this, we could double our membership!

Legislative – How do you keep up with all the legislative issues that concern our Veterans & Auxiliary? If you have not yet signed up for Action Alerts or given our Legislative Chairman Kathy your email address, please do so now. She will keep you up to date on everything that is a concern. Check out her bulletin in this mailing.

Americanism – Remember to show your patriotism by flying your flag on all upcoming holidays. Refer to Chairman Mary's bulletin for additional information and please consider making a donation to help keep new & beautiful flags flying on both ends of Hwy. 32.

Hospital – Special thanks to Auxiliary Hospital Chairman Inez and our Hospital Reps for coordinating visits this year. By October 5th we will have visited all but one facility. Thanks also VFW Commander Mike and VFW Hospital Chairman Phil for joining us on most visits. I know you will agree with me when I say how proud I am of all that is being done to improve the care given to our Veterans in the facilities we have visited.

National Scholarships – Make sure you share with our youth how much money can be won through our VFW & VFWA scholarships. Refer to Donna's bulletin for ideas.

Bylaws & Rituals – It is more important than ever that you consider purchasing new Bylaws this year for your Auxiliary. There were many changes made at last year's National Convention, so when you get notice they are available, please purchase new ones for your officers.

Ways & Means – We are down to less than three months to sell the calendar raffle tickets that were given to your Auxiliary. Remember the checks need to be made payable to the VFWA-WI earmarked raffle calendars and returned **with the stubs**. Our November Council Meeting is a good time to turn in what you have sold; remember, they cannot be mailed. In order to keep working and promoting our Veterans programs, we need the monies derived from the calendar sale, so please make every effort to get them all sold. Please also get those butterfly pins sold before the butterflies migrate to Mexico (something we learned at our tour of the Butterfly Gardens and you thought we were just there having fun). Checks for the pins can be mailed to Dept. Treasurer Lenny made payable to VFWA-WI earmarked "special project pins." Cookbooks or monies for the cookbooks must also be turned in now!

Get well wishes to all who are recuperating, sympathy to all who have lost a loved one. May you all continue 'FLYING HIGH FOR OUR VETERANS – NOW & FOREVER!'

Judy

Judy Borg, Department of WI President



****NOTE:** The National VFWA Website has changed to: www.vfwauxiliary.org