



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
General Orders for May 2018**
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"Stand Together With Veterans & Family"

As we continue to serve our Veterans, it is time set our vision toward our **Department Convention**. It will be June 13-16, 2018 in Green Bay. It is the time to acknowledge our accomplishments, renew friendships and meet and welcome first-time attendees. Our chairpersons are making the final tally and getting their awards ready for presentation. I would ask that you encourage all members of your Auxiliary to attend. There will be time on Friday afternoon for Auxiliary members to view the sites around Green Bay, enjoy the waterpark, or just kick back and relax.

Council of Administration Meeting will be at 1:00 pm on **Wednesday**, June 13. The **Opening Session of the VFWA Convention** will start at 3:30 pm on **Wednesday**, June 13. The dress code for the Convention will be business casual, with anyone on orders for Convention wearing the Blue Uniform shirt, black pants and black shoes. A white shirt/blouse may be worn under the blue shirt if the choice is to wear it open. Patriotic attire is recommended for the Rally on Wednesday evening.

Election of Officers will be **Friday morning**, June 15th, so registration will be closing at 8:30 a.m. Please consider being nominated for an Officer's position on the Department level. If you are interested, please talk to one of the Line Officers or a Past Department President and ask us questions. We are always happy to help.

I am excited to announce that our National Representative will be Past National President Dixie Hild from Nebraska. Please join us and welcome her to our Convention.

It's time for one final push on **Membership**. We have slowed down considerably, but 100% plus could be reached if everyone helps by asking one person to join. Remember, any member who has not renewed their membership by June 30th will be dropped and must start over as a new member. Remind those who have still not paid their dues that they will also lose their benefits. Please do not let this happen in your Auxiliary.

Immediately following the Installation of Officers at your May meeting, complete and mail or email your **Installation Report** to Secretary Jackie Gregory at the address on the form so she can begin working on next year's roster. This will expedite getting the roster into your hands as soon as possible.

The **July Council of Administration Meeting** will be July 13-14, 2018 at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

I want to thank everyone who attended National President Dee Guillory's visit. It was a wonderful four days of spending time and sharing insights at all levels. Thank you for attending the many events that were planned. If you were in attendance and took pictures, please see that Historian Karen Janssen gets a copy to complete the picture book.

Finally, my little Patriotic Bear and I would like to say "farewell." This will be my final General Orders. It has been an exciting year of travel and an extreme honor to represent the VFWA Department of Wisconsin. The networking throughout my travels has allowed me to become familiar with the many facets of not only our own but the VFW parent organization. It has been a bit overwhelming at times, but in a good sense.

To the entire "**Stand Together with Veterans & Family**" team, I extend my arms for a "*big hugging thank you.*" Each and every one of you has represented the Department and the organization with dignity, honor and respect and has represented all Veterans well. Please continue to serve them in all your future endeavors.

A special "*thank you*" to my Line Officers for your insights and support. Thank you to the Past Department Presidents for your wisdom. I ask that you continue to "mentor" the members of the Auxiliaries in your area and in the Department. Valuable wisdom should be shared not hidden.

Laurel Ann, I wish you, your Line Officers, chairmen and appointed officers good luck in your year. I hope you accomplish everything you set out to achieve.

To all members of the VFW Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin, thank you for all you do!!!!

Thank you for being beside me this year in all we have accomplished. Although I plan to take a more active role on the District level, (yeah 2nd District) I will be visible in the Department.

I will always "Stand Together With Veterans & Family". They are a part of my life and always will be. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve as your President during this 2017-2018 year.

Love to all,
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