

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin

General Orders for May 2016

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Hopefully when you read this bulletin at your May meeting we are well into Spring and the birds and butterflies are back in your yard. It also means that another VFW Auxiliary year is rapidly coming to a close. Our 91st Annual Convention will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton, June 8 – 11th and I hope you plan to attend. There are a lot of awards to be claimed and if you have worked hard this year, you may be bringing some of them back to your Auxiliary. Bring someone along from your Auxiliary who has not attended for a while.

Americanism – Chairman Mary Kimmel has agreed to do a Parade of Flags Friday morning at the Department Convention. Please check her form in this mailing for complete details and get it emailed/mailed to her as quickly as possible.

Flag Day - The largest Annual Flag Day Parade in the nation is hosted in Appleton, WI on June 11th at 2:00 p.m. If you are at the Convention, why not stick around and watch the parade. The Paper Valley has promised to put up some chairs for us in front of the hotel, or you can bring along some comfortable lawn chairs – it's a 2 hour parade. Then on Sunday, June 12th, Waubeka will again be hosting their Flag Day Parade. Look for details in the WI VFW News.

Membership – It's time for one final push on membership. We have slowed down considerably, but 100%+ is still reachable with your help. Remember, any member who has not renewed their membership by June 30th will be dropped and will have to start over as a new member. Don't let this happen in your Auxiliary.

New 990 Website – Treasurers, please note that the IRS has changed the website for entering the 990 postcards. The new website is: <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcard/>

Butterfly Pins and Cookbooks – We are still short on money that should have been mailed in for the sale of pins and cookbooks. Please check your Auxiliary books, and if you sold either and have not mailed in the money for the sale, please forward your checks to Department Treasurer Lenore immediately. If you have any that you have not yet sold, consider purchasing and donating to members who can no longer make meetings or return them to someone attending the Department Convention. Lost & unsold pins hurt the Department budget and our programs.

Installation Reports - immediately following the Installation of Officers at this meeting, complete and mail your Installation Report to Secretary Jackie Gregory at the address on the form so that she can begin work on next year's roster. We would like to get the roster in your hands earlier this coming year, but that can only happen if you complete and mail the forms quickly.

My special thanks for all each and every one of you have done for our Veterans this year. It has truly been a year of "Flying High for Veterans!"

Judy Borg, Department President