

## VFWA—DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN GENERAL ORDERS SEPTEMBER 2019



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## **GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)**

- 1. **NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Wisconsin had a very nice representation and we cheered for Past Department President Laurel Ann as she entered the Circle of Excellence! Congratulations Laurel Ann! Sadly, our Department's National Chairmen didn't receive any awards for their hard work. With 10 Departments in a group, the competition was very strong. The Veterans and Family Support Program had 3 Awards for Auxiliaries. Pewaukee Memorial Auxiliary 9537 was the recipient of Award 1, Kienow-Hilt Auxiliary 1621 was the recipient of Award 2 and Award 3 went to Chippewa Falls Auxiliary 1038. CONGRATULATIONS for an outstanding job!
- 2. NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT: Sept. 10-12.
- 3. **REQUIRED DONATIONS:** The required donations are based on your June 30, 2019 membership. Department Treasurer Lenore has given each Auxiliary a guide sheet as to where the donations are to be sent. Also, this guide has the amount per member that needs to be submitted. Extra donations are always welcome! When you send your checks to Lenore make your check payable to: **VFWA—WI** and ear mark the program. If the check is incorrect, Lenore will return it.
- 4. **HOSPITAL VISITS:** Four facilities have been visited. Seeing the wonderful work that is being done to make a difference in our Veterans lives is very awarding. These facilities are "Giving Hope to Veterans and Families". On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM the Official Visit to the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI will take place. The Official Visit is open to all Aux./VFW Members. If you want to join this group, please let me know by Sept. 18. On October 16 at 9 AM at Zablocki VAMC the Official will take place. In the afternoon, Union Grove will be visited. The William S. Middleton VAMC visit is pending.
- 5. **BOND:** Is your Auxiliary or District bonded for 2019-2020? If not, this needs to be completed ASAP!
- 6. **TREASURERS:** Auxiliary and District--have you filed your 990N? The website address is **hppts://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostacrd.**
- 7. **DISTRICT DUES:** Sec. 506 in our By Laws state that the District Dues are to be paid by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> to your District Treasurer.
- 8. **BIG TEN CONFERENCE:** Oct. 18-20 in Omaha, NE. More information is on the website or call Mary Brown for further info.
- 9. **NATIONAL HOME FALL HARVEST:** Oct. 25-26 in Eaton Rapids, MI. Join the WI Delegation to have an enjoyable time with the families at the National Home and learn about the National Home. The visit will leave an everlasting memory.

- 10. **MONTHLY BULLTETINS:** These program bulletins are to be read at each meeting. If it is a long bulletin, pick out pertinent information for your Auxiliary. These chairmen put a lot of thought/time into their bulletin. Many chairmen receive an abundance of information from their Ambassador and it can be difficult to condense so much valuable information.
- 11. **VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** Read Chairman Diane Lutovsky's report and learn about Unmet Needs Program.
- 12. **AMERICANISM:** Do you know about the 4 Patriotic Days in Sept.? Read Chairman Cheryl Woodards report. Also, Cheryl has her Year End Report for you to review for 100% participation.
- 13. **MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Inez, writes about a slow start in sending in the transmittals. Read her suggestions to get members to renew their membership.
- 14. **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Have you made your school contacts? Chairman Sherrie, will guide you in how to receive information.
- 15. **VFW NEWS:** Chairman Ann, would like ALL Auxiliaries to promote this program. Read what Ann has to say.

Congratulations to those celebrating a Birthdays or Anniversary. Get well wishes to those that are ill, having surgery or are in the hospital. Condolences to those that have lost a loved one. Remember our Active Duty as they keep us free either at home or in faraway places.

"Giving Hope to Veterans and Families" while "Serving our Veterans with Aloha"

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