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Department President Jeanenne Lumpkin

WE CAME TOGETHER AS A TEAM FOR OUR VETERANS WE SERVED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH HANDS AND HEARTS THAT

CARED

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVED SUCCESS WITH GREAT TEAMWORK







DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JEANENNE LUMPKIN

Wow! Can you believe we are at the end of our wonderful year!! My heart is so full of the many joys I have received this year from our Auxiliaries! Each visit has been so memorable and full of fun! As I have walked into each District meeting, I have felt welcomed and loved. Someone asked me the other day if I was glad the year is over. I responded, "No. I am sad, because I have enjoyed every minute of my year as State President." There are so many to thank for our very successful year. The Office Staff, Line Officers, District and Auxiliary Presidents, our Program Coordinator and Program Chairmen, OTC editor, VAVS Representatives and Deputies, Past Department Presidents and most importantly every Auxiliary member have continued to support me and our department above and beyond. And for that, I thank each of you!!!

My visits to District 8 (Abilene) and District 14 (Belton) were great! Thank you for the hospitality you showed Peyton and me. It was great to be with you! I have two visits in May—District 25 (Odessa) and District 16 (Dickinson). I look forward to my time with you! We have held each District meeting as scheduled with no called meetings. I am so proud and appreciative of how the District Presidents and members worked together to make your meetings so informative, fun and hospitable.

Our visit with National President Jane Reape was so memorable! We visited the Austin VAOPC where Jane handed out small gift bags to the veterans. Our department office was one of her stops. Jane instituted our new Auxiliary 4443 in District 28. We toured the Texas VA State Cemetery, showed her other attractions in Austin and attended the 15th Annual PTSD Awareness Fundraiser at VFW Post 10427 Leander. A lot of activities were attended in a short amount of time. Jane is a wonderful and caring lady. It is so enjoyable to be in her presence. A big thank you to Renee Clark, Wyonda Laurence, Tommye Juvrud and District 28 members for making this such a wonderful weekend. I want to thank everyone who took the time to be with Jane and showed her our great Texas hospitality!!

I must give a huge "THANK YOU" to Commander Lynn Toomer for being a wonderful Commander. Lynn and I wanted this year to be a great year for both organizations by working together as a TEAM and we reached our goal! Commander, you are the best Commander an Auxiliary could have. You have been there for myself and our organization in encouraging us to always move forward in a positive manner. I so appreciate your help when it was necessary to address joint issues. I will always be thankful that you were "Our Commander".

I want to wish Sr. Vice Susie Carter and her team the very best! You will have my full support at achieving success and I wish you a wonderful year!!

Always remember, Together Everyone Achieves More for our Veterans!!!

Love and Belief, Jeanenne

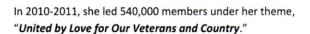


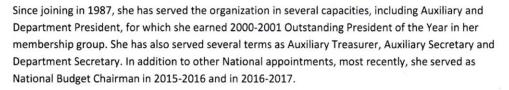
Cortina Barnes

Past National President

Past National President Cortina Barnes of Wheaton, Maryland., a Life Member of Price-Anderson Auxiliary 341 in Washington, D.C., continues to serve the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee.

She is eligible through her late father, Benjamin F. Willis, who served in the United States Army from 1944-1946 in the European Theater.





Barnes retired from the U.S. Federal Government after serving more than 37 years. She spent the majority of her career as a Resource Manager and Program Analyst with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon and at other locations outside of Washington, D.C. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Currently, Barnes is licensed as a Real Estate Sales Agent in the State of Maryland and is a Realtor. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), a member of the Maryland Association of Realtors (MAR), and a member of the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors (GCAAR).

She is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children, a member of Sodality of Our Lady at St. Francis de Sales Church, and the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA). Barnes is stepmother to three adult children, grandmother to six and great-grandmother to one.





97th TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION Anatole Hotel – Dallas, Texas

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

	wednesday, / June 2025				
12 Noon- 4:00 PM	Vendor Booths & Poppies	Stemmons Foyer			
1:00PM-4:00 PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk			
12 Noon- 4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	Stemmons Foyer			
3:00 PM-5:00 PM	President Reception (Invite Only)	East Atrium			
6:00 PM Dinner	National Rep, PDPs, Line Officers &				
	Guests (Dutch Treat)	Media Grill & Bar			
	Thursday, 8 June 2023				
8:00 AM-4:00PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk			
8:00 AM-4:00PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	Stemmons Foyer			
9:00 AM-11:00AM	VFW AUX Council of Administration	J			
	Meeting	Stemmons Ballroom			
11:00AM- 11:30AM	In-Coming District Presidents				
	2023-2024 Meeting	Stemmons Ballroom			
11:30AM- 12:30PM	Past Department President Luncheon	TBD			
12:30PM- 1:30PM	Joint Memorial	Grand Ballroom			
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Joint Opening Session	Grand Ballroom			
5:15PM	Floor Practice	Stemmons Ballroom			
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8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credential	Registration Desk			
8:00 AM 4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	Stemmons Foyer			
8:00 AM- 12:00PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting	Stemmons Ballroom			
	Opening Ceremonies	Stemmons Ballroom			
	Presentation of Pages	Stemmons Ballroom			
	Presentation of Programs	Stemmons Ballroom			
11:00AM- 12:00PM	Lunch On Your Own				
	Bobbie Scoggins-Dallas VA				
12:00 PM- 4:00PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting &				
	Nominations	Stemmons Ballroom			
5:30 PM- 6:30PM	Reception with Cash Bar	Grand Ballroom			
6:30 PM- 9:00PM	Awards Banquet	Grand Ballroom			
Saturday, 10 June 2023					
8:00 AM-10:00AM	VFW/AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk			
8:00 AM-Noon	VFW AUX Business Meeting	registration Desk			
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	Presentation of National Rep				
11:00AM	Election of 2023-2024 Officers	Stemmons Ballroom			
2:00PM- 3:30PM	Pictures of incoming 2023-2024 Officers	TBD			
2:30PM	Meeting Closed	100			
2:30PM	2023-2024 Line Officers meeting	Stemmons Ballroom			
4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Joint Installation of Officers	Grand Ballroom			
6:00 PM	State Cmdr. & Aux. President Reception	Grand Ballroom			
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Sunday, 11 June 2023 – Safe Travels

Jo Ella Menn

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Treasurer 2023-2024

Endorsed by Auxiliary 8621 - District 6



Teresa Ramon

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Guard

Endorsed by VFW Auxiliary District 20



Laurie Hayes-Wiley

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Guard

Endorsed by VFW Auxiliary District 17



NEW AUXILIARIES

Division 1 District 5 12205 Bulverde
Division 1 District 28 4443 Highland Hills/
Oak Hills

NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER

CHECKS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CASHED OR DEPOSITED, NEED TO BE DONE BY MAY 31, 2023.

ANY OUTSTANDING CHECKS WILL BE VOIDED JUNE 30, 2023



DRESS FOR CONVENTION

Wednesday dinner: Business casual

Thursday:

Council of Administration:

Officers – Black camisole with Sweater jacket

District Presidents – Blue shirt Joint Memorial – Participants – Black jacket, blue shirt, black pants

Friday:

Officers: Long sleeved red shirt, black pants - "Red Friday" for Auxiliary members

Saturday:

Officers and District Presidents – Black jacket, blue shirt, black pants Awards Banquet – Semi formal/

2023-2024 District Presidents

Names of your <u>Deputy Chiefs of</u>

<u>Staff</u> and your <u>District Meeting</u>

<u>dates</u> are to be submitted by

email ASAP to Department

President Susie Carter

<u>scarter4550@gmail.com</u>

2023 Statewide Training July 6-8, 2023

Austin Holiday Inn Express (where we met last year) 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. Austin, TX 78752 512 451-5757



STATE CONVENTION JOINT INSTALLATION

4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

OFFICERS AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

PLEASE WEAR YOUR OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Ladies - black jacket, blue shirt, black pants Men - blue shirt, black pants



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY





VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas Christmas in July "Training" July 6-8, 2023

Yes, you heard that right, Christmas in July. Why? We will be training to meet our December goals of 100% in all programs, by December 1st.

We will have fun, meet new and old friends, prepare for a new year (2023-2024) and commit to do even better than the year before.

Thursday night (July 6th) from 6 - 9 pm separate training for:

In one room

District Presidents
Auxiliary Presidents
Auxiliary Sr. Vices
Auxiliary Jr. Vices

In another room

Auxiliary Secretaries

Auxiliary Treasurers

Auxiliary Trustees

ONLY those holding this position for the year 2023-2024 will attend this session. Friday and Saturday will include a small portion of the Thursday night for all to hear. Each Department Chairman will be giving a training on their program. There will be singing and maybe a few surprises.

WHERE: Austin Holiday Inn Express (where we met last year) 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. Austin, TX 78752 512-451-5757

If you want to come in some type of Christmas dress feel free.

Please use discretion with the manner of dress.

Texas VFW Auxiliary **Statewide Training** 2023~2024

Date:	July 6 ~ 8, 2023
Place:	Holiday Inn Midtown 6000 Middle Fiskville Austin TX 78752 Telephone: (512) 451-5757
Cost:	\$50.00 (includes training book and buffet lunch on Friday & Saturday)
Deadline:	June 28, 2023
	Send Registration to: Department Treasurer PO Box 15285

Austin, Texas 78761

Earmark: Statewide Training

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