



COMMENTS

**DEPARTMENT
 PRESIDENT**

DONNA JAMES



Hope everyone is enjoying the New Year

Mid-Winter Conference was a success. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We welcomed National President Peggy Haake.

She had a really good time. Thanks to Kristen Parkinson for taking care of her. We definitely made her feel at home.

The Program Chairwomen and Coordinator did excellent jobs. I hope everyone learned something new.

We visited District 21, District 14 and District 25. Thank you to District 21 President Shawn Terry, District 14 President Susie Wakeland and District 25 President Chiquita Parker for making us feel like family.

These districts are doing so much for our Veterans. I can admit I never went hungry. I think I probably gained weight.

We had a wonderful President's dinner in Alvarado, District 21 with Commander Keith King.

We visited Temple VA Hospital in Temple and Big Springs VA Clinic. Our volunteers are doing great work for our Veterans. We are still needing a volunteer in Lubbock.

We still have several Auxiliaries that have not completed their obligations. We need to get these

paid. The \$2.00 a person for cancer helps pay the cancer grants. We need to take care of our sisters and brothers. The other obligations take care of our Veterans, Nurses and Students.

Our membership is doing great! All members that were not paid by December 31 are now lapsed. After June 30, they will no longer be members. Please get these members to pay so they are not lost.

We need to take care of elderly by making sure their membership stays current.

Always remember **“We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo”**

“Serving Our Veterans With Aloha”

*****Schedule for March*****

- March 1-5 VOD Awards - Washington DC
- March 20-21 District 30
- March 27-28 District 20

BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME

Kathy Marrelli – Chairman

With the majority of the tasks met for this program, it is still important to continue to work and achieve 100%, report what is being done, hold fundraisers for donations, review the Statewide Project and Year-End Report and make sure that all questions can be answered.

Buddy Poppy

*Incorporate the Buddy Poppy into any events that are being planned for Memorial Day or recognition events that are scheduled for the end of year.

*Educate on the origin of the poppies at community events, fundraisers, Family Freedom Festivals.

*“Plant” the seed of knowledge within the communities; nurture the information at every opportunity.

The **question** has been asked “Why do we need to buy another box of Buddy Poppies when we have some already at the Post? (If there are boxes of poppies, then the utilization of what the poppy is for is not being met.)

Answer

*One and a-half cents go to the Department’s Veterans Service Fund

*One cent goes to VFW National Headquarters Veterans’ Service Fund

*One cent goes to the VFW National Home for Children.

Without the one and a-half cents to your Department’s Veteran’s Service Fund and the one cent to the VFW National Veterans Fund, who will take care of our veteran’s needs? Without the one cent to VFW National Home for Children, who will give our military and veteran children the happy family they deserve.

National Home

The National Home Community is solely funded by charitable contributions and receives no federal funds. There are many ways you can help. The purchase of Tribute Bricks can memorialize a person or organization at the National Home. Tribute Park items pay a lasting tribute to a person or organization and benefits their restricted Endowment Fund. All donations large and small have kept the home thriving and service assistance to our nations heroes and their families.

Life Member – 1. Life members may vote for the Trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation. **2.** Any individual or organization wishing to support the National Home’s mission can become an Associate Life Member, Associate Life Members do not have voting privileges.

“We Are A Voice For Our Veterans – Not An Echo”

“Serving Our Veterans With Aloha”



MEMBERSHIP

Brenda Foltz - Chairman

Karlene Chambers – Co-Chairman

Here it is March. As of 02/02/2020 Texas is at 97.52%. So close but still need to work membership. Let’s Get Our Ask in Gear. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. We are all getting ready for the year-end reports.

Reports are due to your District President by the 10th of April and District Presidents make sure I have them by the 20th of April.

Our goal is for Texas to be 100% in membership.

**WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS NOT
AN ECHO - SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH
ALOHA**



AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Barbara Koehn

If you had the opportunity to attend Mid-Winter Conference in Austin in January and observed the simple ceremony for the Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action, you came away with tears of sadness that we still have men and woman who have never been brought home from the war. The origins of POW/MIA issue dates back to during the war itself. As of November 2019, more than 82,000 missing and unaccounted for Americans exists. There is no concrete evidence today that any Americans are alive today as prisoners of war.

In 1972, the POW/MIA flag was officially recognized by the United States Congress “as the symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoners, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation.”

The POW/MIA flag is black and bears in the center, a black and white emblem. Inside the white disk bearing a white silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barb wire. Above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star. Below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto with the words “You are Not Forgotten.” Beyond Southeast Asia, this flag has been a symbol for POWs/MIAs from all US wars.

On the third Friday in September, known as POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. POWs and MIAs can be recognized at any time of the year and should be. The POW/MIA Remembrance ceremony or the Missing Man Table brings attention and remembrance to these special veterans and we will never forget the sacrifices they have made for our country, neither will we ever forget them.

The explanation of the Missing Man Table is as follows so Auxiliaries can educate the public and Auxiliary members of the special meaning the table holds.

The table is small with the setting for one person, reflecting the vulnerability of one prisoner against his enemy. The table is round to show that our concern for them is never-ending. There is a white tablecloth on the table that symbolizes the purity of their response to our country's call to arms. The empty chair depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, but all who are not here with us. There is a single red rose in a vase that indicates the remainder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved ones who kept their faith, still waiting for answers. It reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon around the vase represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call. The lit candle stands for the "Candle of Hope". It stands for the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for. The Bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God. The slice of lemon on the bread plate reminds us of their bitter faith. The salt upon the bread plate represents the tears of the families. The inverted wine glass reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening. Always, remember our POW's and MIAs veterans. They have always remembered us and we will not forget them.

We Are A Voice For Our Veterans; Not an Echo and we will always **Serve Our Veterans with Aloha** with open arms and warm hearts.



LEGISLATIVE
Nelda Hackett - Chairman

I looked up the month of March and one of the definitions on Merriam-Webster.com was great for our Legislative Program. It says, "1.: to move along steadily

usually with a rhythmic stride and in step with others. "2a: to move in a direct purposeful manner: PROCEED" " b: to make steady progress : ADVANCE." So, let's all move in a rhythmic stride and move in a direct purposeful manner and Proceed to make steady progress and advance working our "Priority Goals" and our "Get Out the Vote" projects. Let's march on for our Veterans by working very hard the remainder of the year! I would love for us to have 100% reporting on our End of Year Reports. This will happen if all our District Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Legislative Chairmen and all members report everything they do. I will say again that, all Districts and Auxiliaries are required to work the Programs and report as soon as the project has been completed. It is much easier to fill out the form as soon as your project is completed.

Many of our auxiliaries in Texas have been doing a great job working the VFW Priority Goals and Get Out The Vote projects; let's keep up the good work. I appreciate everything you all are doing and will continue to do in 2020. I would ask that you put details on the form telling me what you did! Brag a bit on yourselves and your auxiliary, you deserve it and share pictures as well!

I know I say this is over and over but don't forget that you can go to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters website and check out all the Legislative information available to assist you again this year. As always, I appreciate all your hard work!

To sign up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly: www.capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm

For lists, concerns and solutions, etc.: www.vfw.org/advocacy

For the "Guide to Contacting Your Legislators": www.vfwauxiliary.org

To contact your Senator or Representative: congresslookup.com

As I have said previously, it is our responsibility to help ensure that the Congress and Senate take care of our veterans that have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

God Bless Texas and God Bless Each and Every One of You!

Have a great March for our Veterans!

"We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo"
"Serving Veterans With Aloha"



OUTSTANDING DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Kathy Marrelli – Chairman

Year-End Reports are due next month and I must have them by the 10th of April. Not postmarked the 10th.

Selection of winners in the divisions will be very difficult due to the lack of participation by all District Presidents. To the 8 District Presidents that have reported monthly and met all the requirements 100%, myself and the Department President thank you.

Membership was to be the deciding factor in ties for winner selections, but since there are no ties, it will not be used to determine a winner.

Please make sure that the auxiliaries are in possession of the exit questionnaire, please do not fill out for an auxiliary and please instruct them to send to me directly.



HOSPITAL/VAVS
Sally Ramirez – Chairman

Greetings my Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed Mid-Winter.

Well Spring is just around the corner. Most of us should be finishing up our programs and should start working on our Year-End Reports. They are due on April 10, 2020. District Presidents need to make sure that they get to Department Chairman by April 20, 2020. Don't forget to submit your "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer."

I am looking forward to reading the reports on "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" and Veterans' Voices.

VAVS & Deputies, please make sure that your certification is current. Your certification is good for (2) years. After that you have to get recertified. Check with Volunteer Services Representative. to see when your certification expires.

VAVS Representatives. please, also make sure that you send in your monthly VAVS reports to Jo Ella Menn, Department Treasurer and me.

Thank you for all you do and Happy St. Patrick Day to all.

**"WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS,
NOT AN ECHO"
"SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA"**



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT #1

Carol Brietzke - Chairman
Merlene Peters Co-Chairman

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the Mid Winter Conference in Austin. I had the opportunity to have "Operation Comfort" founder Janis Roznowski speak to everyone explaining how this group helps so many of our Veterans that need the support they so badly need. Janis explained all the programs.

Operation Comfort makes available to the wounded whether they are amputees, burn victims or suffering from PTSD. She explained that the veterans help each other because they have something in common with their injuries.

I just ask each of you please help with your donations in any amount your Auxiliary can. Without all of you, we cannot make this project a success. You are all doing a great job as we work together as a Team.

So many times we sometimes get discouraged and we need that little extra boost of confidence.

I would like to say "Thank You" to Blanca Martinez, District 20. She is really working hard by going out and visiting with the veterans at the Operation Comfort location in Bracken, Texas. Let's make this Project a huge success for Our President Donna for her Special Project #1.

**WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS,
NOT AN ECHO
SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA**



*******SECRETARY NOTES*******

IMPORTANT!!!! It is almost time for Delegates— DO you want a vote in your District, Department and National levels? Start planning NOW! DISTRICT--- Have you paid all dues to District? Please read section 303 Auxiliary Delegates. You MUST elect at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 (thirty) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which District officers are to be elected.

1 Delegate and 1 alternate for each 15 members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates. The Auxiliary Secretary SHALL send the names of the Delegates and the alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention.

What this all means is look at the DATE of your District Convention and ensure that you back up 30 days to the month that you may need to elect District delegates. You may have to vote in FEBRUARY if your convention is in April. Do not be caught without a vote!

NOTE 2!!! District delegates are NOT the same as DEPARTMENT DELEGATES. I will be sending out DEPT Delegate strength and dept dues amount after March 1st. Your number of delegates will be different than for District delegates. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact headquarters. We are here to assist you!

EMAIL — Do you want to receive *Our Two Cents* on email? Send an email to secretary@texasvfwaux.org with subject Our Two Cents and you will receive it in your personal email. You may also get other flyers for events that apply to all auxiliary members throughout the year. But you will not be spammed.

AUDITS!!!—When completing an audit there cannot be any NEGATIVE balance on a line item. Should you find there is a negative you must move the funds from General fund to that line item. Do not spend money in DUES that you have not already received. If you are paying for a member's dues by vote of the auxiliary then it comes from General fund or from Relief Fund depending on the circumstances.

For more help and assistance contact Dept HQ we are here to serve you, the members.



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Denise DuBois – Chairman

Candace Baines – Co-Chairman

Spring is in the air! Can you believe that our reporting year is almost over? We are so proud of the reports showing all the good work you are doing for our veterans and their families. Each of you is totally amazing. We want to thank you once again for the outstanding love and support you showed us during Mid-Winter and the participation in our Hero's Walk.

Just to bring you up to date on the status of the supplies that were donated to SFC Mario Aguirre and his military service partner, Ben – they have arrived in Afghanistan as of February 8th. We have 15 boxes in route to him. Again, the auxiliaries came together and collected over 175 pounds of leashes, blankets, treats, toys and other comfort items for Ben. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please continue to send your reports and the continuation of your good deeds. The

commitment that you have for our veterans and their families has made the Department of Texas strong. We shall never forget our veterans and their families.

“We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo”

“Serving Veterans With Aloha”



OUTSTANDING AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Rita Bauer Bailey – Chairman

If you are reading this and thinking “I am President of a small Auxiliary—I can't be an OAP”. You are wrong!! It's not about how big or small your Auxiliary is, but are you an effective, hard-working, a good planner and a leader who inspires your Auxiliary?

These are some of the traits I am looking for. I realize you need to check all the boxes on the form but being “outstanding” means all the other characteristics also need to be checked off.

So, get your ducks in a row and get your “Outstanding” reports to me by April 20th!!! Looking forward to reading them.



MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

Natalie Copeland – Chairman

Beth Creasey – Co-Chairman

At Mid-winter you were introduced to the Department of Texas' Mentors for the remainder of this year. Please reach out to them and ask for assistance from someone close to your auxiliary for more mentoring. As you heard, they all are ready to assist each one of you the best that they can. If you were not there, here is a list:

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Carol Brietzke | Renee Clark | Beth Creasey |
| Denise Dubois | Karen Kaylor | Patsy Kemp |
| Kathy Marrelli | Jayne McCormick | Laurie Wiley |

These mentors (and others who have been mentors for you) are eligible for the Mentoring for Leadership Award for Members No. 1 in your National Program Book. Citation awarded to the first, second and third place member in each Department who is instrumental in fulfilling the roles as a mentor/leader. The nomination is due to Natalie and/or Beth by **31 March 2020**.

This is the **same deadline** for the Mentoring for Leadership Award for Auxiliaries No. 1 in your National Program Book. Citations to every Auxiliary that implements a Mentoring for Leadership Program and \$50 to one Auxiliary in the nation for the most outstanding implementation of a Mentoring for Leadership Program.

Contact Department for the Nomination Form for either/both. They can also be found at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>. The office staff is always standing by to assist and point you to where you can get more assistance.

For those Auxiliaries that utilize committees and are attempting to keep regular meetings shorter, please visit the Mentoring for Leadership Blog's last posting (Jan. 2020) concerning committee meetings. National Ambassador Jane Ziebarth provides 13 Tips for a Successful Committee meeting.

Don't forget year-end reports are due **20 April 2020** to Natalie and/or Beth.



PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT #2
Helen Lara - Chairman

Brothers & Sisters I would like to say that was great seeing everyone at Mid-Winter! We had a great time in Austin and meeting our National President Peggy Haake for the first time, at least for some of us!

Our convention in Austin and Spring are just around the corner. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support of the President's Special Project #2, Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County. Thanks to all Auxiliaries for all the hard work and for their time, fundraisers, all the donations and the reports. Our program had 70% participation. Madam President Donna James and I would like to ask all auxiliaries to please continue with the fundraisers so our troops can receive these care packages they so much look forward to receiving.

Summertime is fast approaching and in April Military Moms & Wives will be working hard again to getting together care packages to send to our troops. We are asking our Auxiliaries and families to please help in donated items like snack sizes Slim Jim's, Kool-Aid drink, playing cards, books, Fruit Roll-Ups, Peanut Butter w/cheese crackers, Raman Soups, toiletries etc.

As well as, and more importantly, monetary donations are needed to send out these care packages to our troops. Military Moms & Wives cannot make it happen without our involvement we need everyone's

participation.

Our end of the year is coming near and all Auxiliaries need to ask your chairmen that reports need to be to the District President by April 10, 2020 and turned into Department Chairmen by April 20, 2020.

Thank You Again Much Love to each and every one of my Brothers & Sisters!

**“WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS,
NOT AN ECHO”**

SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA

WE ❤️ OUR VETERANS!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Laurie Hayes Wiley - Chairman

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! It was wonderful reading what all the Auxiliaries did with the youth this year. I look forward to seeing the end of the year reports. **ILLUSTRATING AMERICA - DEADLINE APPROACHING** - Local entries due to Auxiliary on MARCH 31, 2020 and to the Department Chairperson by APRIL 15, 2020. Remind all Auxiliaries that Illustrating America not only gives younger kids a creative way to show their love and understanding of our country, but also gets them excited for the Patriotic Art Scholarship competition when they get to high school. Make sure when recognizing youth who have won at your local level, you give them information about the Patriotic Art contest too. National cannot wait to see your winning entries, where they will award First, Second, and Third place prizes to student artists in each age division.

The Youth groups are our youth and we need to acknowledge, understand and work with them as much as possible. The youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow. There are many ways to work with them. I know many of our Auxiliaries are doing just that through all of the amazing reports I have received and read so far! It seems like this year is flying by. I want to thank everyone that has sent me his or her reports. Keep up the excellent work. Year-end reports must be to your District Presidents by April 10 and to Department Chairperson no later than April 20. Youth Activities year-end report found on page 73 in the Program Development Book. Please remember to report! Any questions please do not hesitate to call me at any time.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Lynn Cook – Chairman

Hello Texas Auxiliary members and friends! Spring is in the air and this month we observe both St. Patrick's Day and Easter!

It also means the deadline (February 15th) for our **Continuing Education Scholarship** has come and gone.

Next up on our Scholarship agenda is the **March 31st** local Auxiliary deadline for our **Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest**.

A few quick reminders – 1) submit **Completed** applications only 2) be sure to get **ALL** required signatures 3) pay close attention to the rules, requirements and restrictions 4) don't forget the (250 or less) **typed** explanation of how the students artwork shows patriotism and 5) keep in mind the www.vfwauxiliary.org/resoures link for a fillable application, media announcement examples, score sheets and more. All art entries should be judged at the local and/or District levels and submitted **to the Department Chairman** (me) **by April 15, 2020**.

Please be sure to package the art well and deliver with "signature required". Mail your entries to my address, which can be found in our program book or directory. Also, don't forget our home-schooled students, they may need more assistance submitting their entries to the Auxiliary. Any entries submitted to me **AFTER** April 15th, will not be signed for.

The Department winner will be submitted to National before May 5th.

Remember to announce your Auxiliary's winners. Celebrate the winners and all the participants, honor the students' parents and your contest judges and then. Report your activities!

I wish everyone the best of luck!

Everyone is doing a great job reporting so far this year.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work. We are making a difference in our communities and the lives of our Veterans. Keep it up!

That brings me to the "**Scholarship Award for Auxiliaries, No. 1**". This entry form must also be submitted to your **Department Chairman** (me) **by March 31st**. Be proud of what we do as an Auxiliary and share your Auxiliary's story about how it promoted, supported and/or fundraised for our Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. This is a National honor given for the "**Most Outstanding Promotion**" of our art scholarship.

I know each Auxiliary is doing great things and I hope to hear from every Auxiliary in Texas! If I hear from you

now, I know we can reach 100% for end-of-year reporting in April.

I have faith in all of us and our dedication to our Veterans and communities because – "**We Are A Voice For Our Veterans, Not An Echo**", continuously "**Serving Our Veterans With Aloha**"!



CHIEF OF STAFF
Betty Royston

My goodness, my Sister's and Brother's, I cannot believe we are into March already. It seems as if we just began our year "**WE ARE A VOICE FOR OUR VETERANS, NOT AN ECHO**".

We need to start checking our list of things needing to be done and checking it twice to be sure we have accomplished everything we planned to do.

Are we telling our Bachelor Posts the benefits of having and needing an Auxiliary. We should be prepared and ready to list all advantages of having an Auxiliary.

Are you still working with new Auxiliaries we have organized thus far?

Continue to make sure that our new Auxiliaries understand the importance of reporting all projects, their funds spent, hours worked, number of members working, number of people benefited. Continue to train them in every way to make sure they will enjoy being members of our great VFW AUXILIARY.

Until next time remember we are "**SERVING OUR VETERANS WITH ALOHA**".





IRMA SOLIS

**Candidate for Department of Texas
VFW Auxiliary Guard
2020-2021**

Endorsed by District 18 & Auxiliary 7473

Auxiliary President – 3 years
District President – 3 years
Auxiliary Secretary – 1 year
District 18 Conductress – 1 year

**Texas VFW/Auxiliary
Department Convention
June 17th – 21st
Austin Texas**

Available ways to make reservations:

1. Online – www.crowneplaza.com/reservations
2. Contact Central Reservations at 800-227-6963
3. Contact Reservation Manager – Lupe Amador, between 7:00am – 5:00 pm - Monday – Friday at 512-371-5235 or email:

reservations@cphaustin.com

Block Code VFW

Jo Ella Menn

Candidate for Department Treasurer
2020-21

Endorsed by
Auxiliary 8621 and District 6

I am running for Department Treasurer
2020-2021

I will serve the Department of Texas
to the very best of my ability.
Thank you for your support in the past and
am looking forward to serving in the future.

**Candidate for National Council
Area H
2020-2022**

Donna James

“Always Serving Our Veterans”

**New Department Secretary
Melanie McConaghy
All Secretary needs will be taken care of by her**

**YEAR-END REPORTS DUE TO DISTRICT
PRESIDENTS APRIL 10, 20**

**TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN
APRIL 20, 20**

**Department Chairmen with National
Programs:**

**Year-End Report is due to
Department President May 1**

**Begin reviewing the year end report for
the National Ambassador and compiling
information and make sure that all
questions can be answered.**

2020 Texas VFW Auxiliary Annual State Convention Schedule

Wednesday June 17, 2020

| | | | |
|---------|---------|--|-----------------|
| 12 Noon | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials | Crowne Plaza |
| 12 Noon | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Ways & Means | Crowne Plaza |
| 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | President's Reception (Invitation Only) | Crowne Plaza |
| 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | Floor Practice | To Be Announced |
| 6:00 PM | | Dinner with National Representative (Dutch Treat) | To Be Announced |

Thursday June 18, 2020

| | | | |
|----------|----------|--|-------------------|
| 12 Noon | 4:00 PM | Vendor Booths & Poppy Displays | DeWitt/Doubletree |
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Ways & Means | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | VFW Auxiliary Council of Administration | Crowne Plaza |
| 11:00 AM | 6:00 PM | Busses to State Capitol from Both Hotels | Crowne/Doubletree |
| 11:00 AM | 12:30 PM | Past Department President Lunch | To Be Announced |
| 1:00 PM | 5:00 PM | JOINT Memorial & Opening Session | State Capitol |
| 6:00 PM | 12 PM | Combined Hospitality | Magnolia/Dovers |

Friday June 19, 2020

| | | | |
|------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Ways & Means | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:00 AM | 12:00 Noon | VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting | Crowne Plaza |
| 12:00 Noon | 1:00 PM | LUNCH | |
| 1:00 PM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations Presentation of Programs & National Citations | |
| 2:00 PM | 4:00 PM | Incoming District Presidents Pick Up Packets from Registration | |
| 5:30 PM | 6:30 PM | Reception with Cash Bar | Doubletree |
| 6:30 PM | 9:00 PM | Awards Banquet | Doubletree |
| 6:00 PM | 12 PM | Combined Hospitality | Magnolia/Dovers |

Saturday June 20, 2020

| | | | |
|---------|---------|--|-----------------|
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Registration/Credentials | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM | VFW Auxiliary Ways & Means | Crowne Plaza |
| 8:30 AM | Adjourn | VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting Continuation of Programs Historian, Presentation of Pages, Memorial Service, Presentation Of National Representative, Final Nominations & Elections of 2020-2021 Officers | Crowne Plaza |
| 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | JOINT Installation of Officers | Doubletree |
| 5:30 PM | 6:30 PM | State Commander & President Reception | Doubletree |
| 6:30 PM | 12 PM | Combined Hospitality | Magnolia/Dovers |

Sunday June 21, 2020 – Safe Travels

VFW & Auxiliary Homecoming Reception

April 23 to April 25, 2020

Hotels with Reserved Rooms – Book With Group: VFW
Room Charges are per night

Comfort Inn & Suites (55 Rooms in Block)
5100 7th St., Bay City
979-245-9300
\$70 + tax
Hotel has been blocked for Headquarters Only

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (30 Rooms in Block)
5618 7th St., Bay City
\$109 or \$119 + tax
979-244-3333

Super 8 Motel (20 Rooms in Block)
920 Ave. F, Bay City
\$70 + tax
979-323-9500

Days Inn by Wyndham (20 Rooms in Block)
407 7th St., Bay City
\$50 or \$60 + tax
979-266-0864

Fairfield Inn & Suites (15 Rooms in Block)
517 7th St., Bay City
\$85 to \$95 + tax
979-323-9191
~~~~~

## OTHER HOTELS/MOTELS - NO RESERVATIONS – 1<sup>ST</sup> COME 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVED

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
4617 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-245-7100

**Regency Inn & Suites**  
3712 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-245-5115

**Studio 6**  
5511 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-244-2400

**Best Western Bay City Inn & Suites**  
501 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-557-0678

**Candlewood Suites**  
5800 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-245-7500

**Scottish Inn & Suites**  
5525 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-557-0690

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites**  
5300 7<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City  
979-323-9095  
~~~~~

BAY CITY & VICINITY RV PARKS NO RESERVATIONS AT THESE PARKS

60 North RV Park * (Closest to VFW 2438)
501 Ave. F, Bay City
979-245-6605

Bay City Holiday RV Park
1803 Horn Rd., Bay City
979-245-1803

Bert's RV Park
Bay City
979-245-2840

Nile Valley RV Park
Bay City
979-318-9717

***Contact has been made with this RV Park and they will not know if they have space available before November 2019.**

Numerous other RV Parks in vicinity of Bay City. Look up RV Parks in Bay City, Texas on internet.



“The nicest thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.”

-Margaret Carty