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**“Together Everyone Achieves More
For Our Veterans”**

“Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care”



Department President Jeanenne Lumpkin

Wow! Here we are at the beginning of a new Auxiliary year where “**Together Everyone Achieves More for our Veterans!** Commander Lynn Toomer and I have committed to work together as a TEAM and we are both enthusiastic about the prospects for the upcoming year. I know you are also excited about having a successful year!

Thank you for electing me as your VFW Auxiliary Department President for the ensuing year. It will be an honor and a privilege to work with you and I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. We have big goals and by working together our Auxiliary will be at the TOP!!

Statewide Training will be July 7 – 9 at the Holiday Inn in Austin. Our Program Chairmen have worked diligently with Program Coordinator Mona Benotti to make their programs very workable. District Presidents, please make sure each Auxiliary gets this information and be willing to assist with any questions they may have about our programs. If you need information or have questions about any program, please contact the Program Chairmen. They are ready and willing to help all of you.

Our elected and appointed Line Officers, our office staff, District and Auxiliary Presidents and Program Chairmen are here to help all of you in any way possible. They are the best and we are so fortunate to have so much expertise among them. A reminder, all Presidents and Treasurers must be bonded before August 31.

We have many exciting events scheduled this year. The National Convention is in Kansas City from July 15-22. The Commander’s and President’s Homecoming will be October 7 – 9 at the Stockyards in Ft. Worth. I will be giving you more information at our Statewide Training about this event. You can register on the Texas VFW website under “Upcoming Events”. Madam National President Jane Reape will be visiting Texas in April in Austin. We are so excited about her visit and more information will be forthcoming.

I and our other officers, look forward to visiting each District. Please be assured that I am available to you at any time. If I don’t have an answer, I will make sure to research whatever you need. It is my responsibility to help each District and Auxiliary in Texas be successful in all you do. I was on a Southwest Airline flight not too long ago. Written on the drink napkin they gave us was the definition of the word “gonna”. “Gonna” is used in place of “going to” when explaining joyful certainty. I know we are “gonna” be truly successful this year in all the ways we will be helping our veterans, their families and our surviving spouses and we will do it with a joyful certainty.

“**Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care**” is National Madam President Jane Reape’s theme. Let’s show her and National how great we are at assisting and caring for our veterans!!



CHAPLAIN CORNER
Irma Solis – Dept. Chaplain

The most rewarding things in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done.

Arnold Palmer

I am so appreciative to have been elected to this most precious and cherished office. As we traverse through an ever-changing world, one thing remains unchanging and solid, words of encouragement, kindness and compassion in whatever way it is expressed.

This program gives Auxiliary and District Chaplains the opportunity to build and share a strong support system throughout the year for members and their families.

Please review the program in its entirety. Make note that there is a Mid-Year Report and Year-End Report for Auxiliary Chaplain as well as District Chaplain. Both reports should be submitted.

Sympathy, Thinking of You, Get Well cards will be sent upon notification and information provided to me.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful year.



PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Mona Benotti

Welcome to a new and exciting year of program activity with your auxiliary. We are fortunate to have a wonderful team of chairpersons whose job it is to teach you about the programs and suggest ways for you to complete those.

Every single member of our VFW Department of Texas Auxiliary is a volunteer. We take and digest the full scope of the national programs as well as our own Texas initiatives; then, we go to work to achieve as much as we possibly can for our veterans and our communities.

I have been selected as the Program Coordinator for this year, working beside the chairpersons to assist you. Please make yourself aware of all the options you have for learning about our programs starting right here with the *Our Two Cents* monthly articles.

Read this edition and all the ones to come and gather as much information as you can to share with your auxiliaries. Share through your meetings, your emails & newsletters, your conversations with members and prospective members. Attend Statewide Training and your own District School of Instruction.

No doubt when you read all of the programs in our *Program Development Book* for 2022-2023, you will be overwhelmed. Don't think of it as, "We can't do all of

this." Think of it as, "We can do some great things in every program area." Involve your officers and local chairpersons and plan your year. Support one another – **Together Everyone Achieves More for Our Veterans**. If we support one another, we will succeed as we have ***Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care.***



HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS
Bernadette "Bernie" Adams

I am honored to be the chairperson for the 2022-2023 year. Thank you, President Jeanenne for having me as your Historian/Media Relations person for your year.

It is a good idea to read and watch the media in your local area. Subscribe to newspapers. Learn the names of reporters who cover stories most like yours. Send information directly to these contacts and the Managing Editor and sometimes the Publisher. In our Sunday paper we have a section called "OUR TOWN" and it has a Community Calendar of Events. Any events you have coming up, you can submit to be put it in the Community Calendar. Remember when you write your articles to do your **Who, What, Where, When and How.**

We strive to capture and record pictures, and educate the media of all our accomplishments because, **"Together Everyone Achieves More for our Veterans"**. Historians/Media Relations person, your President appointed you to this position because he/she believes you can and will record the events of the year by using, **"Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care"**. Remember you are not just preparing a record for this year's President but continuing to provide historical information for all current and future members.

Remember to send me your pictures of President Jeanenne's visit to your District or any other events you attend with Jeanenne. Historians, take those pictures and send them to me so you will get credit for them. I am looking forward to a new and exciting year on your TEAM.



SCHOLARSHIPS
Robin Swain – Chairman

Hello, Brothers and Sisters and welcome to 2022-2023. My name is Robin Swain and I am your Scholarship Chairman. I am very excited to chair this program and I want to thank Madam Department President Lumpkin for this opportunity. As I said in my program, we are a TEAM and **Together Everyone Achieves More for our**

Veterans with Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care. So, let's get right to it.

The theme this year for Voice of Democracy is "**WHY IS THE VETERAN IMPORTANT?**" This scholarship is open to students in grades 9-12. Students must record their essay on a CD/Flash Drive.

The Patriot Pen theme is "**MY PLEDGE TO OUR VETERANS**". This scholarship is open to students in grades 6-8. This is a written essay. Students enrolled in public, private, parochial schools or a home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions or dependents of U.S. Military or civilian personal in overseas schools may enter these scholarship contests. Please see the application for all requirements for entering.

Even though the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Creative Patriotic Art Contest isn't due until next spring, please get this out to the schools as soon as possible. The sooner the teachers get this information, the sooner they can get it on their schedules. Don't forget the Statewide Project - Fund the Future. National is asking for donations earmarked Patriotic Art Escrow Fund with the goal to increase the number and dollar amount of the awards.

Don't forget the Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is meant to aid members and their families to continue or return to college or vocational/technical/trade schools to learn new skills or to stay relevant in the workforce. This scholarship is open only to VFW Auxiliary members, their spouses and their children. The auxiliary member the applicant is applying under must have been a current Auxiliary member for one year. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age. There must be a financial need.

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MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP
Denise DuBois

A new year has begun under the leadership of Madam Department President, Jeanenne Lumpkin. I am honored to have been chosen as this year's chairperson. This is a very important program and is the key to success and growth of our membership.

We must use our resources that are available through MALTA. The more training a member can receive, the stronger the auxiliary will be. Auxiliaries and Districts must hold training events. Make it a fun day. Unite as a **TEAM**.

We must extend the hand of friendship to new members and inactive members. We should have organized meetings and show good communication, but most of all show respect for each other. Keep your members motivated.

A mentor should be patient, easy to communicate with and be enthusiastic. A mentor must also show interest in others and share knowledge and always be willing to explain what is going on in the meetings.

A mentor, who uses the resources available, is the key to a successful leader. Please utilize all resources.

Plan a fun and exciting event and see how many new members will attend to learn more about our great organization.

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CHIEF OF STAFF
EXTENSION/REVITALIZATION
Denise L. DuBois

I am honored to have been appointed as the Chief of Staff (Extension & Revitalization) this year. Belonging to Madam President's team, **WE** will keep in communication and work together which allows **ALL** to have a better understanding.

The goal for this year is to maintain and strengthen **ALL** auxiliaries. **WE** must continue to recruit new members. Using **TEAM** work will keep **ALL** auxiliaries and districts **STRONG**.

Remember that **WE** have five (5) essentials that are **required** by National. Please review them in your podium book. (**Sec. 207, Sec. 210, Sec. 212, Sec. 804A, Sec. 806A, and Sec. 814**).

ALL Presidents and Treasurers **must** be bonded by August 31st.

Let's have a fun and productive year as we work together to keep the Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary strong.

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LEGISLATIVE Tammie Mosby – Chairman

It's an exciting and scary time for legislation. Now, more than ever, we must let our voices be heard. We must fight for legislation that takes care of our veterans and service men and women.

I know that by the end of this year, you will get tired of seeing my emails. I will be emailing out important information to all the District Presidents on a weekly basis. Please be sure you ask them about the information that I am sending out. If you want to be added to the emails so that you don't have to wait, just let me know.

As we come upon the mid-term elections, we must choose our candidates very carefully. We also must encourage our young adults to vote and the importance of their voice. We all must be careful on our choices. There are good and bad points on both sides of the aisle. But we must keep our veterans at the forefront of our decisions.

One of our main goals this year is to be active with the young political and civic clubs in our areas. Examples of these are The Young Republicans National Federation, The Young Democrats of America, ROTC, sororities and fraternities. Don't just make contact, develop a partnership.

Please be sure each auxiliary member is receiving the *Action Corps Weekly* e-newsletter. You can sign up online to receive this resource at www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-effort. Remember this is not just for auxiliary and post members, anyone can sign up for it. You can also go to the resource page in MALTA, under Legislative, to find more tools and resources.

I am here to help you in any way I can. If you succeed, I succeed. You can email me at tjpurplerose@yahoo.com or by cell phone at 936-414-5293. I just want to remind everyone that **Together Everyone Achieves More for our Veterans with Hands that serve, Hearts that Care.**



MEMBERSHIP Donna James – Chairman Ramona Henson – Co-Chairman

Congratulations to Department President Karen Kaylor and Department Membership Chairman Mona Benotti for an Outstanding Membership year. It is now time to continue with retaining members for Department President Jeanenne Lumpkin. We lost over 500 members to death last year. 15 out of 23 Districts were over 100 %.

Every year, we are losing Auxiliaries. We lost 9 Auxiliaries this past year. We need to contact our Bachelor Posts to try to add new Auxiliaries. Our goal this year is

to add Auxiliaries and retain our members. We must also recruit new members.

When recruiting new members, they must show proof of eligibility. Proof of eligibility furnished must be Separation Document or DD-214 reflecting campaign medal service to establish eligibility, joining under a VFW member's eligibility as an eligible relative. Service in Korea without issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional support documentation. Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records and other documents accepted by the VFW are also accepted for Auxiliary eligibility.

A picture of a headstone is not accepted without other documents as mentioned above. The new members must be voted into the Auxiliary by a vote of membership

Let's get started recruiting and retaining to make Texas the highest membership in the Nation. Remember: **Together Everyone Achieves More for Our Veterans! Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care**



BUDDY® POPPY / NATIONAL HOME

Carol Brietzke – Chairman
Merlene Peters – Co-Chairman

We are so excited to be starting a new year. What an honor it is to be the Buddy® Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman for Madam President Jeanenne and the wonderful auxiliaries in this state. Go TEAM Jeanenne!

The Buddy® Poppy has been an integral part of the VFW for more than 93 years. As the VFW's official memorial flower, the Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members. It reiterates that we will not forget their sacrifice.

Statewide Project – Make/decorate a picture not to exceed the size of 20x24 on a framed canvas or poster using poppies and decorations. Auxiliaries will have their picture judged at one of the district meetings before Mid-Winter Convention in January. The winning picture from each district will be taken to Mid-Winter to be judged. One poppy must be kept in original form with stem. Pictures larger than 20x24 will be disqualified. After the convention these pictures would look great in a VA facility, Senior Care facility, office, etc.

I read a poem that really touched my heart, it said: "A single poppy has the soul of a thousand heroes and the tears of a million loved ones." Please, let's make our Department President proud with our displays. We are proud to be her chairmen for this program.

Since its founding, the VFW National Home for Children has grown from an old frame farmhouse to a sprawling campus with playgrounds, park areas and

multiple buildings, including single-family homes, a community center and gymnasium, childcare facility, guest lodge, chapel and administration offices. There are 42 single-family homes.

One way the Auxiliary supports the National Home is through gifts of 10 cents per member to the Health and Happiness Fund. Contributions are critical since the campus and its programs receive no government funding. For more information, visit the National Home's website at vfnationalhome.org.

Statewide Project – Donate at least \$25 to the **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** of the National Home. Remember to send checks through Department and make a copy for your report.

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AMERICANISM

Annie Nickerson - Chairman

“Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?” These words tug at our hearts as we sing our National Anthem and ring in our ears as we go through our everyday lives. Therefore, it is only fitting that we honor our patriotic days and our veterans through our thoughts and actions. We display this heartfelt patriotism each and every day and we share this dedication with our communities by flying our flag as well as educating our youth in what our flag means and how to respect it.

Consider ways to share this dedication with your community. A certificate or an article in your local newspaper for “Random Acts of Patriotism” can go a long way when recognizing local businesses who fly the flag regularly or schools who promote Americanism. Positive publicity will reward the good things happening in our communities and promote additional acts. What a wonderful way of paying it forward!

Since we are at the beginning of our new year, please share your patriotism for July 4th for our Independence Day and July 27th for the Korean Armistice. Fly our flag proudly and discuss these days at your monthly Auxiliary meeting. Take some pictures and report those activities.

Start planning now for your POW/MIA ceremony and your program to honor your Gold Star families in September. Don't forget those Blue Star and Silver Star families.

There are many ways to recognize and honor these families. In addition, by recognizing our patriotic days, we also assist our Posts in completing their VPRs.

As always, PLEASE send me those monthly reports. I love reading about all the things you are doing for our veterans and the community.



HOSPITAL/VAVS Pamela Fintel – Chairman

I am honored that Madam President, Jeanenne Lumpkin, asked me to serve as Hospital/VAVS 2022-2023 Chairman. I know that our Auxiliaries will do an outstanding job this year. I want to get started by getting our Hospital Pledges in to the Department of Texas as soon as possible. The Hospital Pledge is 50 cents per member based on June 30, 2022 membership. These funds will help assist our Veterans and their families. Make sure you earmark your check “Hospital Pledge”.

Start hosting a volunteer recruitment event at your auxiliary. New volunteers are needed every day across the country. Volunteers offset millions of dollars in expenses in health care. Any member in good standing can volunteer at a facility in the name of the VFW Auxiliary if that member has been approved by the Auxiliary to do so. Contact your VA facility, nursing homes, hospitals and retirement homes to see what opportunities are available for our volunteers. Make sure you keep permanent records of each volunteer's hours. This is necessary for reporting and awards. Volunteering at a VA facility or non-VA facility is a great way to say, “THANK YOU” to our Veterans!

Thank you for all the Valentines you sent to our Hospitalized Veterans. Our Auxiliaries always do a great job, but let's take it up another level. Let's honor our Veterans all year long and let them know we are thinking about them. You can get your Auxiliary and youth groups involved as you make these “HONOR CARDS”.

The VA understands that women Veterans face specific challenges, have unique healthcare needs and may struggle to feel respected. Beginning in 1992 with the Veterans Health Care Act, the VA has been providing gender-specific care to eligible women Veterans. Since then, the VA has been expanding those gender-specific services and launching initiatives to make women Veterans aware of their well-deserved benefits. Learn more at www.va.gov/womenvet. Women Veterans deserve the support and respect that they have earned through their service. Go out to your local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and talk with facility staff about the Honors Escort Program. Explain what an opportunity it is to honor each Veteran in a respectful and open

manner. Participate in a beautiful tribute to the Veteran at the time of their death. Donate a coffin flag 5x9 - \$59.95 or \$79.95 at the VFW store.

Please do not hesitate to call me anytime if you need help or have any questions. We can do so much as a **T.E.A.M.** to serve our Veterans, their families and our communities. I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Sally Jarrett – Chairman

Yolanda Chambers – Co-Chairman

We are honored and excited to be the Veterans and Family Support Team for 2022–2023. Thank you, Madam President Jeanenne Krustchinsky Lumpkin, for the opportunity to serve our veterans and their families.

Our Program is the heart of the Auxiliary’s mission; our veterans need to know all the programs that are available for them. Please reference your Program Development Book.

Our Statewide Project for this program is recognizing our Veterans’ Caregivers. Let’s accept the challenge by hosting an event to show our appreciation.

PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out to us. We’re looking forward to an Unbelievable Year!

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Annie Nickerson

Congratulations on being Patriotic Instructor for this exciting new year! As Patriotic Instructor, it is your job to present information at every auxiliary meeting (usually during Good of the Order). Spend five minutes or less in presenting your information and encourage your members to participate in demonstrations such as the correct stance for standing at attention.

Since this is the beginning of the new year, it is a good time to revisit some basic things. This will be good instruction for your new members and a nice review for your experienced members. Go over the meaning associated with the raps of the gavel. One rap means “attention” or “be quiet”; two raps mean “stand up”; and

three raps mean “sit down.” Also, a District School of Instruction should be on the horizon in August. Go over this and its purpose, the date, the location and the time. Encourage all members to attend since there will be valuable information presented by the District Program Chairmen on all of the programs. Instruction on officers and their responsibilities will also be covered at this time. Knowing what officers do and how they should be doing it, is valuable for all members and will reinforce the knowledge about our organization.

In planning your presentations for each month, please read the yellow section in your podium book. This section contains an abundance of information which we rarely visit. It is routinely updated by National, called “housekeeping,” but changes are seldom reported to the membership. Therefore, it becomes your responsibility to keep your members informed of any changes. As always, if there is anything I can do for you, just let me know! And, of course, keep those monthly reports coming.



YOUTH

Karen Jeffrey - Chairman

What an honor it is to promote the Youth Activities Program for the Department of Texas. We are going to have an exciting year with our youth groups, kids and grandkids singing, drawing, reading and honoring our departed Veterans by beautifying their final resting place. www.cem.va.gov/hmm/cleaning.asp

Did your Auxiliary or District award prize money to the winners of the **Illustrating America** or **Get Excited for the Red White and Blue National Anthem** singing contest? Please report the dollar amounts awarded and number of contestants judged by the Auxiliary and District if you have not previously reported. Did your Auxiliary and District vote to award a prize amount for these Youth contests? If not, please do so at your next Auxiliary meeting. Thank You for supporting these new youth contests.

The kids are out of school for the summer and full of energy! Let’s get them involved in **ALL** of our Auxiliary Program projects while their parents need a babysitter. What a great time to promote a **By Youth, For Youth** program. Veteran families with food insecurity could use a little extra help feeding the kids summer snacks. Place a food collection container in public or at your Post requesting summer snacks and help the youth in your Auxiliary monitor it weekly. Donate collected snacks to a Veterans Resource Center food pantry to be distributed to Veteran families. Every little bit helps when you have

hungry kids at home all day and the budget is already stretched thin!

Kids may be able to attend an auxiliary meeting while out of school for summer. Do not forget to have them help you and answer all their questions about using social media to promote our VFW Auxiliary programs! To promote a family friendly atmosphere, set up a “Kids Korner” with patriotic books donated from the suggested reading list www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources Youth-Patriotism Through Literacy-Suggested Reading List. Provide art supplies for the **Illustrating America Art** contest and song lyrics for the **Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue National Anthem** singing contest. www.vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities .

We are going to have a spectacular time promoting the VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas Youth Program!

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**STATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
Brenda Whited – Chairman**

Welcome to the new VFW Year! I am honored that Department President Jeanenne Lumpkin has asked me to be her chairman for the State Nursing Scholarship Program.

We, the Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary, offer a scholarship to nursing students entering their senior year of the nursing program. We also “Honor the Nurses” as a part of this program. Your Auxiliary can promote the program by advertising in your local newspaper. You can take them baskets or trays of fruit, cookies, or a card of thanks and leave them applications to distribute to students.

There are many facilities to distribute the applications and honor nurses. Schools, Public Hospitals, Urgent Care Centers, Hospice facilities, Nursing Homes, VA Hospitals, Cancer Hospitals and doctor offices, to name a few.

Please donate \$15.00 to the Nursing program so we can keep giving this award annually. If you have questions or need to talk, please call/text me at 832-375-4473 or email at stenzelrd@yahoo.com.

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**WAYS AND MEANS
Laurie Hayes Wiley – Chairman
Ronnie Wiley – Co-Chairman**

This program helps to sustain the VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas on an operational level. The VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas depends largely on our ability to raise funds to support our commitments to our programs, Statewide Training, Mid-Winter Convention and State Convention and meet the day-to-day expenses to operate our offices. We do this by raffles, pins, shirts and program book sales, as well as many other fundraising ideas. It is each member's obligation to do all we can for our Veterans, their families, our communities, and our youth.

The deadline for all Ways and Means 2022-2023 items will be due by Mid-Winter Convention (no exceptions).

Lotto Calendars: Calendars are \$20 each. Each Auxiliary and District President will receive 4 calendars. The Auxiliary can purchase these or sell them. If you need more, you may contact the office. This is a chance for your auxiliary to win money throughout the year.

State President's Pins are \$3 each. Each Auxiliary and District President will receive 25 pins to sell.

State President's Shirts with the new VFW Auxiliary Logo: These shirts will not have her logo on them. These shirts can be worn year to year. Colors - Red or Black, sizes & cost will vary.

Program Books: \$10 ea. The sale of this book is an important part of fundraising. Every Auxiliary President and any or all auxiliary members should have one of these as a guideline for the ensuing year.



**PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT
Beth West - Chairman**

Welcome to the Year of the Military Spouse!

President Jeanenne Lumpkins' Special Project is the Veterans' Assistance Program (VAP) administered through the Texas VFW Foundation. This Foundation is your Foundation, created by the Texas VFW in 2002. The Foundation, like your Auxiliary, was created to do more for veterans on a consistent basis.

It takes funding to stay open and accessible. It takes funding to recruit and retain good employees. It takes funding to be able to assist qualifying veterans. This year, we will focus on the spouse, particularly surviving spouses.

It is hard enough losing a spouse but realizing the veteran did not have all the necessary pieces in place to make sure you were able to continue to manage the household in the same way financially is akin to pouring salt in a wound. Yet, it happens all too frequently. The VAP has always assisted these surviving spouses, but they have a unique place in our hearts because of the double tragedy they come to us as a result of.

July 2022 marks 20 years we have been helping Texas veterans. Please contact the Foundation at foundation@texasvfw.org for logos and/or information for you to better fundraise. The second award is promotion. Please use Independence Day and other upcoming events at your Post to promote the resources the Foundation has available to any Honorably Discharged Texas veteran who is in need.

While the summer heat surges, plan your year to include fundraising and promotion of the VAP. Texas veterans are facing additional challenges this year: federal/state resources from COVID have expired/been expended, fuel and food prices are on the rise; the summer is expected to be hotter than normal which equals higher cooling bills and America's responses to worldwide events have troops moving again as well as those who have been abroad coming home. War seems to be as constant as change and we need Texas veterans to have what they need when they return. That's what we do. That's what you do. And that's how we live up to the Department and National Presidents' themes.

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH
Rene Batson – Chairman

The goal of the Auxiliary Outreach Program is to unite the VFW Auxiliary with our communities by working side by side to better both the community, the people within the community, and the VFW Auxiliary. There are many ways that we can do this such as:

- Literacy Programs for adults and children
- Youth groups
- Food pantries
- First responders

When volunteering with community programs, remember to wear your auxiliary attire when performing your Auxiliary Outreach. Let the community know we are here to help them. The goal I would like for each auxiliary

to achieve this year is as a whole to volunteer for one community program. Not just once but throughout the year. Also, individuals may choose working with various groups.

I am looking forward to getting your reports and seeing what great things you are doing.

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Coming in your August OTC – Outstanding Auxiliary President & Outstanding District President. Information is also included in the Program Development Book available at Department Convention.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9:00 to 4:00
Closed on Friday

AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT

Program Book with Flash Drive	\$13.00
Program Book only	\$10.00
Large Department Roster	\$10.00
Small Directory	\$ 5.00

Contact Department Office for additional information on ordering and payments

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – JULY

July 4 – Fourth of July
Statewide Training – Austin Texas

Laurie Hayes-Wiley

Candidate for Department of Texas
VFW Auxiliary Guard

Endorsed by VFW Auxiliary District 17

STATEWIDE TRAINING ITINERAY
July 7 – 9, 2022 Holiday Inn Midtown Austin, Texas

Wednesday – July 6, 2022

Pre-Training

1:30 – 3:00 PM	Audit (Department)
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Department)

Thursday – July 7, 2022

12:00 – 4:00 PM	Registration	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Council of Administration	
2:30 – 4:00	Welcome/Announcements	Jeanenne Lumpkin, President
	Prayer	Irma Solis, Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	Program Presentation	Mona Benotti, Program Coordinator
	Chief of Staff – Ext. & Revitalization	Denise Dubois
	Mentoring for Leadership	Denise Dubois
5:00 PM	Dinner – Dutch Treat – Program Chairs, Dist. Presidents, Line Officers, PDP	

Friday – July 8, 2022

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration	
9:00 AM	Welcome/Announcements	Jeanenne Lumpkin, President
	Veterans & Family Support	Sally Jarrett/Yolanda Chambers
	Americanism	Annie Nickerson
	Patriotic Instructors	Patsy Kemp
	Auxiliary Outreach	Renee Batson
	Buddy@ Poppy/National Home	Carol Brietzke/Merlene Peters
	Chaplain Program	Irma Solis
	Historian/Media Relations	Bernie Adams
	Hospital/VAVS	Pamela Fintel
	Legislative	Tammie Mosby
11:45 – 12:45 PM	Lunch Break	
12:45 – 4:00 PM	Membership	Donna James/Ramona Henson
	Nursing Scholarship	Brenda Whited
	Outstanding Auxiliary President	Candi Baines
	Outstanding District President	Janet Brown
	President's Special Project	Beth West
	Scholarship	Robin Swain
	Ways & Means	Laurie Wiley/Ronnie Wiley
	Youth Activities	Karen Jeffrey
	Reporting	Denise Dubois
	Announcements	

Saturday – July 9, 2022

8:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM	Greetings/Announcements	Jeanenne Lumpkin, President
	Training Presentation	Mona Benotti
	Presidents & Vice Presidents	Vicky Dickerson
	Secretaries	Andrea King
	Treasurers	Jo Ella Menn
	Trustees	Jo Ella Menn/Andrea King
	Chaplains	Norita Jackson
	Conductors/Conductresses, Guards	Susie Carter
	<u>T.E.A.M. Lunch</u>	
	Flip Flop Diplomacy	Denise Dubois
	Concluding Remarks	Jeanenne Lumpkin, President

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