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**Department
President**

Karen Kaylor

**BY TIPPING OUR HATS TO VETS AND
SOARING ABOVE AND BEYOND
WE HAVE MET AND EXCEEDED THE
GOALS OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

THANK YOU!!!!





JANE REAPE
NATIONAL SENIOR
VICE PRESIDENT

2021-2022

Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National Senior Vice President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the fifth of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2022-2023.

A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President. On the National level, she has served as National Director for the Scholarships Programs, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor and Youth Activities Programs and as National District Council Member representing New York.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren. Military service continues in her family. Jane's oldest son, Raymond, is a Navy veteran of the Iraq War and a Life Member of the VFW. Her youngest son, Robert, served in the Air Force for 22 years. Jane's granddaughter, Sarah is currently serving in the Air Force and her brother, Daniel is serving in the Army.

Jane is equally active in her community. She serves on the Finance Council of her church and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ava Maria Circle, Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary and the Honor Flight Committee.



NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEMBER AREA H

DONNA JAMES

COA

Donna James joined the Auxiliary on August 20, 1997 in Sargent VFW Post 2412 under the eligibility of her father, William Whatley, Staff Sergeant United States Marine Corps. He was a Korean War Veteran, who was awarded a Purple Heart after being shot on No Name Ridge.

She became a Life Member in 2001 after transferring to Sweeny VFW Post 8551 Auxiliary. She has held many positions. National Council Area H 2020-2022, Department President 2019-2020, Department Chief of Staff 2020-2021, District President (3 years), Auxiliary President (10 year), various positions in District and Auxiliary, Department Hospital Chairwoman (2 years), Department Americanism Chairwoman, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Membership Chairwoman and District POW/MIA Co-Chairwoman (many years).

She has earned many awards. Outstanding District President, Outstanding Auxiliary President at Department and District (many times), National Outstanding Hospital Chairman (2 times awarded plates), National Outstanding Americanism Chairman (awarded plate), National Outstanding Patriotic Instructor (awarded rhinestone flag) and Outstanding District POW/MIA Program Plaque (many times).

She is married to Navy Vietnam Veteran Glenn James.

She has one son, Dustin, daughter-in-law Brandi, two grandsons, Mason and Hudson.

She loves fishing and crafting.

She retired from Dow Chemical as an Instrument and Electrical Technologist. She is a Master Electrician with the Department of Texas.

**DEPARTMENT TREASURER
NOTICE**

If an Auxiliary has not paid their full delegate fees, they will be considered delinquent and in arrears.

They will not be allowed to vote at the State Convention until the fees have been paid.

If the last quarter audit is not in – the Auxiliary is considered not in good standing and cannot vote at State Convention.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER NOTICE

Any checks that have been issued by Department dated prior to April 30, 2022 will be voided if not cashed by June 30, 2022.

BETH WEST

Candidate for Department of Texas
VFW Auxiliary Guard
2022-2023

Auxiliary 3413

District 5

ANDREA KING

Candidate for National Council Area H
Endorsed by VFW Post 8790 & Auxiliary

Endorsed by District 4

JO ELLA MENN

Candidate for Department Treasurer
2022-2023

Endorsed by Auxiliary 8621/District 6

**“Together Everyone Achieves More
for our Veterans”**

**State Convention
June 16 – 19, 2022
Choctaw Casino and Resort
Durant OK**

• **Thursday, June 16 - ***SOMETHING NEW*****

After the VFW Aux COA meeting
11:00 – 11:30, we will have a 2022 – 2023
District Presidents (Incoming Presidents)
meeting. Magnolia Room

• **Saturday, June 18**

Joint Installation 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. 2022-2023
Officers and District Presidents. Please wear
your Official Uniform (Ladies - black jacket,
blue shirt and black pants, Men – blue shirt
and black pants).

2022 – 2023 District Presidents

Jeanenne will need the following as soon as
possible:

The names of your Deputy Chiefs of Staff
Your District meeting dates.

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**Texas VFW Auxiliary
Statewide Training
2022-2023**

Holiday Inn Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville
Austin, TX 78752
Phone: (512)451-5757

CODE: VFW



96th TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY State Convention Choctaw Conference Center—Durant, Oklahoma

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

12 Noon-4:00PM	Vendor Booths & Poppies	
1:00PM-4:00PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	The Landing
12 Noon-4:00PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	The Landing
3:00 PM-5:00PM	President Reception (Invitation Only)	President room
6:00 PM Dinner	National Rep-Area H Rep/PDP/ Officers & Guest-Gilley's (Dutch)	

Thursday, 16 June 2022

8:00 AM-4:00PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	The Landing
8:00 AM-4:00PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	The Landing
9:00 AM-11:00AM	VFW AUX Council of Administration Meeting	Magnolia Room
11:00AM-11:30AM	In-Coming District President 2022-2023 Meeting	Magnolia Room
11:30AM-12:30PM	Past Department President Luncheon	Butterfields
12:30AM-1:30PM	Joint Memorial	Grand Theater
2:00PM-5:00PM	Joint Opening Session	Grand Theater
5:15PM	Floor Practice (Location to be announced)	

Friday, 17 June 2022

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credential	The Landing
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	The Landing
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting	Magnolia Room
	Opening Ceremonies	
	Presentation of Pages	
	Presentation of Programs	
Noon-1:00PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM-4:00PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations	Magnolia Room
5:30 PM-6:30PM	Reception with Cash Bar	Grand Theater
6:30 PM-9:00PM	Awards Banquet	Grand Theater

Saturday, 18 June 2022

8:00 AM-10:00AM	VFW/AUX Registration/Credentials	The Landing
8:00 AM-Noon	VFW AUX Business Meeting and Elections	Magnolia Room
	Memorial Service	
	Presentation of Jean Reape, National Sr Vice President	
11:00AM	Election of 2022-2023 Officers	Magnolia Room
1:30PM-3:30PM	Pictures of incoming 2022-2023 Officers	The Landing
2:30PM	Meeting Closed	
2:30PM	2022-2023 Line Officers meet	TBA
4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Joint Installation of Officers	Grand Theater
6:00 PM	Joint Reception to Follow	Grand Theater

Sunday, 17 June 2022 - Have a safe trip home



*Together Everyone Achieves More
For Our Veterans*

Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

➤ **Introducing the 2022 - 2023 Program Year!**

➤ **Get your copy of the *Program Development Book* at State Convention - \$10 each**

➤ **Attend Statewide Training – July 7 - 9**

Holiday Inn Midtown – 6000 Middle Fiskville

Austin TX 78752 512-451-5757

2022 – 2023 Training Includes...

National Programs

What's My Job??



Who Does What?

When's It Due?

State Programs

membership & recruiting

**Veterans & Family Support Buddy Poppy/National Home Hospital/VAVS Legislative
Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Historian/Media Scholarship Auxiliary Outreach
Youth Activities President's Special Project Mentoring for Leadership
Outstanding Dist. President Outstanding Aux. President Ways & Means
Chaplain Chief of Staff Nursing Scholarship**

**Texas VFW Auxiliary
Statewide Training
2022-2023**

Date: July 7 – 9, 2022

Place: Holiday Inn Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville
Austin, TX 78752
Phone: (512)451-5757

Cost: \$35.00 (includes training book and lunch on Saturday)
Will include sandwich (on croissant roll), chips & cookie
(1)-Chicken Salad (2)-Ham & Cheese (3)-Tuna Salad
Select choice and indicate below

Deadline: July 1, 2022

Send Registration to: Department Treasurer
PO Box 15285
Austin, Texas 78761
Earmarked: Statewide Training

1. Name _____ Aux _____ Dist _____ Lunch Choice _____
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9. Name _____ Aux _____ Dist _____ Lunch Choice _____
10. Name _____ Aux _____ Dist _____ Lunch Choice _____

2022-2023 DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

Americanism	Annie Nickerson
Auxiliary President Award	Candice Baines
Community Outreach	Rene Batson
Buddy Poppy/National Home	Carol Brietzke
	Merlene Peters
Chaplain	Irma Solis
COS/Mentoring	Denise DuBois
District President Award	Janet Brown
Historian	Bernie Adams
Hospital	Pamela Fintel
Legislative	Tammie Mosby
Membership	Donna James
	Ramona Henson
Nursing	Brenda Whited
President Special Project	Beth West
Scholarships	Robin Swain
Veterans & Family Support	Sally Jarrett
	Yolanda Chambers
Youth	Karen Jeffrey
Ways & Means	Laurie Wiley
	Ron Wiley

2022-2023 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

District 1	Mona Benotti
District 2	Marsha Wars
District 3	Natosha Page
District 4	Brenda Whited
District 5	Tessa Teel
District 6	Jennifer Richardson
District 8	Debbie Daniel
District 9	Cathy Jones
District 10	Rosie Raulston
District 12	Rene Batson
District 13	Judy Suggs
District 14	Kathleen Carter
District 16	Reba Carlson
District 17	Patricia Byrne
District 18	Eunis Cordova
District 19	Gerald Spradlin
District 20	Teresa Ramon
District 21	Dolly Shepard
District 24	Barbara Koehn
District 25	Chiquita Parker
District 28	Renee Clark
District 29	Tracy Wilder
District 30	Nancy Dawkins

Any Auxiliary Reports for April, May and June should be forwarded to the 2022-2023 Department Chairmen

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

AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT
 Program Book & 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



Kind Hearts are the Gardens

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden,
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine;
Kind words and kind deeds.



To Lift Each Other

By Wes Fessler

Is it possible to build a dream by tearing others down?
Is there any way to fly if we refuse to leave the ground?
Not a gain was ever made while shoving someone else aside.
In the course of stopping others, our momentum is denied.
When we find the good in others, praising them for who they are,
we build speed for one another. We're both able to go far.
It is possible to reach our dreams together if we try.
We must learn to lift each other if we ever hope to fly.