

“MORE THAN LETTERS”

March 31st, 2024

Reminder to send in your reports!

**Send me your outstanding reports on
how you educated the community on
“More than Letters” you can send
pictures in with your report.**

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”.
 - Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (5) Membership Classes that host an activity and/or event that educates the community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”. Criteria and entry form (required) at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources and send to their Department Chairman by March 31st, 2024.
 - Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (5) Membership Classes that educates the community on “Flag Education”. Reports should be sent directly to the Department Chairman for judging by March 31st, 2024. Awards will be presented at the June Convention 2024.
 - Special Award to one Auxiliary in each of the four (5) membership classes that hosts the most outstanding Patriotic Community event with the highest participation of students demonstrating Flag Education.

Approve By:
Teresa Bachand
Department President

NATIONAL AWARDS: AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2024. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.

- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts activity and/or event educating their community that our VFW Auxiliary acronyms are “more than letters”. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention

Thank you, Auxiliaries, for a great year, reading the reports and seeing how the Auxiliaries and Post are working together to promote a great program was awesome.



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HISTORIAN MEDIA RELATIONS

- **DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA WEBSITE** vfwauxfl.org

Set a time with your Auxiliary members to teach them how to use our website. How to log in, find the promotions, power point, award forms, latest news, reporting.

- **National Auxiliary Website/Malta** vfwauxiliary.org

Show how to log into Malta, and where to find membership information, as well as the recourses available, including Photo release and press release forms.

- **Submit your Auxiliary's events to your local newspaper**

Call and email the newspaper and establish a relationship with one person there who will work with you all year.

- **Social Media/Facebook**

Post pictures and brief stories about your Auxiliary. Promote upcoming events. Take a snapshot of your Auxiliary newspaper and magazine articles, and post on face book.

- **Video one or more Legacy Members**

Record a 3-5 minute interview onto a memory stick, and mail with your application to your Department of Florida Chairman by March 31st, to:

Karen Heikkila, Historian Media Relations Chairman

214 S. Seneca Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL., 32114

*****If you have photos of our National, Department, District, and your Auxiliary President hanging on a wall at your post, please send a picture to me by text with your name, Aux #.**

MAKE YOUR AUXILIARY SHINE! MAKE FLORIDA SHINE !!

.....REPORT EVERY THING YOU DO AS A HISTORIAN.....

Approve By:
Teresa Bachand
Department President

Karen Heikkila
Historian Media Relations Chairman
Historyauxfl.org

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP



**THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF LEADERS IS
NOT WHERE THEY STAND IN
MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND
CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE THEY
STAND IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND
CONTROVERSY.**

**In April Vote
for
new Officers**

**Help
Great**

**Mentor
Leaders**

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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

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SUPPORT VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS



Send your **DONATIONS** to

National Veterans Service (NVS) Challenge

National Veterans Service Challenge Deadline Extended to APRIL 15th

To Send Donations **ONLINE** go to:

vfw.org/ways-to-help select *National Veterans Service* & click
CONTRIBUTE

By MAIL: **Send a check** earmarked NVS to:

VFW National Headquarters (Attn: NVS)

406 W. 34th Street, 11th Floor

Kansas City, MO. 64111

HERE'S HOW Your Auxiliary could **WIN \$50**

- **Send NVS Donation to National VFW Earmarked NVS**
- **Report Amount & date sent**

RECEIVE 1 Chance in a random drawing of all REPORTING Auxiliaries

- **Conduct an approved FUNDRAISER**
- **Report what you did to raise donation**
- **Report Amount & date sent**

RECEIVE 2 Chances in a random drawing of all REPORTING Auxiliaries

"Stand Up, Speak Out" Support our VFW accredited Service Officers

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Buddy Poppy/National Home

National Awards

1. Most outstanding use of the "Buddy Poppy in another VFW Auxiliary National Program.
2. Most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their community and/or other Veteran Service Organizations about the VFW National Home.

Have you reported it? Forms to be sent Department Chairman no later **March 31st, 2024.**

How many Buddy Poppy Drives did you have this year, and did you work with the Post?

Did you bring awareness to the community on the Buddy Poppy?

What National Program did you work with to promote Buddy Poppy?

Use your imagination and get out there to show your community what the Buddy Poppy is all about and how the poppy can assist our Veterans and their families.

How did you celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Buddy Poppy?

EDUCATE, EDUCATE, EDUCATE!

Dress up like a Buddy Poppy and go to the local store, meet the community.

It's Fun!

Approve By:
Teresa Bachand
Department President

The Auxiliary President along with the Commander in Chief have come together for the "National Special Project".

Have you promoted this program and held fund raiser to donate to the National Program? **REPORT**

HOW MANY?

Tribute Brinks

National Lifetime Memberships

National Home Amazon Wish List

Honored a Veteran

Remember a loved one.

Honor a Friend

Celebrate a milestone.

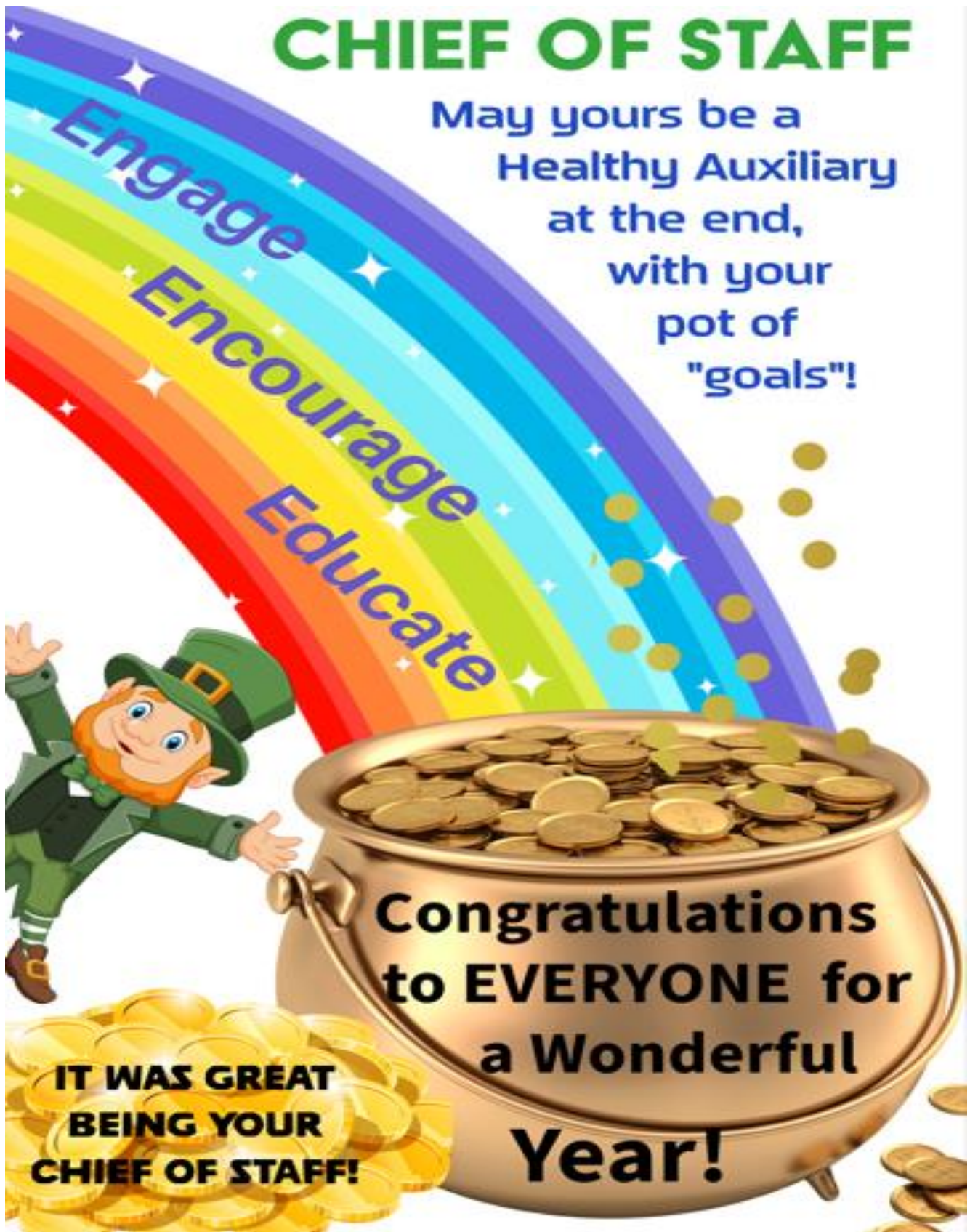
There are so many ways to contribute to the National Home, send your ideas and your ways to Department Chairman no later than **March 31st, 2024.**

"A Soldier's prayer" Dear Lord, Bless our soldiers, protectors of our nation. Give them strength and courage in the face of adversity and deliver them safely home to their loving families once again."

Scott Riddle
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Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairman

CHIEF OF STAFF

May yours be a
Healthy Auxiliary
at the end,
with your
pot of
"goals"!



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AUXILIARY OUTREACH

"STAND UP, SPEAK OUT"
VOLUME 23-24, ISSUE 10

"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS"
MARCH 2024

**REACH OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WE
CAN DO THIS! MAKE IT COUNT!
WE NEED OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR
COMMUNITIES NEED US!**

**BE THAT HELPING
HAND, WATCH IT
BLOOM AND GROW!**



DEADLINE!!!!

**AUX. AWARD NO.1 FORM IS DUE TO ME
BY MARCH 31, 2024**

Go to Nat. website www.vfwauxiliary.org or Dept website:
www.vfwauxfl.org and print out the National No. 1 Award form
listed under Auxiliary Outreach Program.

Fill it out and email it to me. OR, if you prefer
snail mail,

Sandi Hendriks
311 Waterford Heights
Debary, FL 32713
sandihendriks@yahoo.com

QUESTIONS? CALL 386-748-1186

DO NOT SEND THE FORM TO NATIONAL

HEADQUARTERS

- **THE FOCUS OF THIS PROGRAM IS STRICTLY VOLUNTEERING OUR TIME AND TALENTS.**
- **THERE IS NO MONEY OR IN-KIND DONATIONS**
- **THERE IS NO PLANNING THE EVENT BY YOUR AUXILIARY**
- **THERE IS NO SPLITTING YOUR HOURS WITH ANOTHER PROGRAM, EVERYTHING REPORTED IN OUTREACH IS STRICTLY FOR OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM**

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HOSPITAL PROGRAM

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After you have played your April fools jokes, it's time to remember no fooling to get your final reports in for the Department of Florida

Final date for 23/24 reporting is April 15, 2024

No fooling, every auxiliary has stepped up this year to start new programs with honoring Veterans in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, and Hospice locations.

Make sure you have done your reporting.

National Awards – Due by March 31

Go onto MALTA and fill out your forms and send to me so it is received by March 31, 2024

Citations for:

- Most outstanding activity or event that recognizes veterans on a non-traditional holiday event.
 - Citation and \$25.00
 - In each four-conference division
- Plaque for: "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" to one auxiliary member for Recruiting most volunteers for VA/Non-VA from July 23 thru March 24
- Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of 10 program divisions.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

1) OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY AND/OR EVENT RECOGNIZES VETERANS ON NON-TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS. (SAME AS NATIONAL AWARD)

2) ONE AUXILIARY MOST OUTSTANDING INITIATION OF AN HONOR ESCORT PROGRAM

3) ONE AUXILIARY THE MOST CREATIVE VALENTINES TO VETERANS IN NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

4) ONE AUXILIARY THAT HOSTS THE MOST OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR FOR EDUCATING WOMEN VETERANS.



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