

2nd QUARTER TALKING POINTS 2022-2023
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DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS: Be sure to check the Department VFW Auxiliary website (www.vfwauxfl.org) and FaceBook page ([VFW Auxiliary Department of Florida](#)) frequently.

PROGRAM REPORTING: Program Report Portal is now available on the new Department of Florida VFW Auxiliary website www.vfwauxfl.org under the Member Only login. Programs for 2022-2023 are from April 16, 2022, through April 15, 2023. Refer to the Members Login and Reporting Information document previously emailed to you (it is also available on www.vfwauxfl.org under News/Latest News). The Reporting Dashboard is still in the design/testing stage and should be available by Fall Conference.

990's: DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR 990-N WITH THE IRS AND SEND A COPY OF THE RECEIPT CONFIRMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER, LINDA BURNETTE. For the 990-N form go to IRS.gov due by November 15, 2022

NEW TREASURERS: 8822-B CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY - BUSINESS Forms are on the Department website (www.vfwauxfl.org) under Resources/Treasurer. Any entity with an EIN is required to report a change in its "responsible party" by: (a) by completing Form 8822-B as appropriate, including entering the new responsible party's name on line 8 and the new responsible party's SSN, ITIN, or EIN on line 9. Filing the completed form with the Internal Revenue Service within sixty (60) days of the change.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT: The President's Special Project is Southeastern Guide Dogs. DONATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT ARE TO BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER, LINDA BURNETTE USING THE 2022-2023 CONTRIBUTION FORM. The 2022-2023 Contributions form is available on the Department VFW Auxiliary website (www.vfwauxfl.org) under Resources/Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT DISASTER RELIEF FUND: Our hearts go out to all our Auxiliary members who were affected by Hurricane Ian. Please know that we are here to assist in any way that we can. If you or someone you know need **immediate assistance**, please remember that under our Standing Rules we have a Disaster Relief Fund set up which reads:

DISASTER RELIEF FUND: A Disaster Relief Fund has been set up to help our Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters in case of emergency (Hurricane, Tornado, fire, flood). A minimum of not less than \$250 and not more than \$500 shall be distributed at the discretion of the Department President.

Please contact Department President Cindy Estell via email (cestell1954@gmail.com) or via phone 727-417-5450 if you are in need so that arrangements can be made to get funds to you.

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If your Auxiliary was **NOT** affected and you can assist with adding to our Disaster Relief Fund, please send your donation to the Department Treasurer, Linda Burnette, and mark it Disaster Relief Fund.

MALTA NEWS FLASH!!: You will now find an electronic copy of the 2023 National Bylaws and Ritual behind MALTA Login.

National is expecting the arrival of the printed copies of the 2023 National Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual near the end of October-first week of November. These copies will be mailed out as soon as they are received by the VFW Store.

So, when you access your MALTA Account and click on Members Resources, you will now see **National President Jane's Program Book, the 2023 National Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual, and Building of the VFW Auxiliary Foundation**. The information about the Family Freedom Festival has been moved to **Miscellaneous Resources**.

NEW 2022-2023 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS forms are available on the Department website (www.vfwauxfl.org) under Resources / President and Secretary. **New Criteria for 2022-2023:**

- Your Auxiliary must donate to the Hospital Pledge fund in the amount equal to \$.60 per member (based on June 30, 2022, Auxiliary membership) and paid to Department Treasurer by April 15, 2023.
- The Auxiliary President must submit a copy of the Auxiliary Secretary's meeting minutes and a copy of the Auxiliary Treasurer's Report from the August or September 2022 Regular Monthly meeting to the Department President No Later than **10/30/2022**.
- The Department President will consider personal observations, or other Department Official Representatives' observations, and/or any communications received from other members regarding the performance and/or leadership of the District President, in determining the Circle of Champion results.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE: October 21-23 at the Florida Mall Hotel

DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: January 19-22, 2023, at the West Gate Resort - The Department VFW Auxiliary theme is Mardi Gras... more details to come.

NATIONAL MID-WINTER CRUISE: January 22-27, 2023, Roundtrip from Los Angeles, California, stopping in Cabo San Lucas and Ensenada, Mexico

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT: February 4-7, 2023...more details to come