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of
being an Auxiliary
Member!

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Eligibility for Membership

Those eligible for membership are wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers (who have performed the duties of parent), grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen and for whom the duties of parent were performed), sisters, half sisters, foster and stepsisters (who attained that status prior to age sixteen) of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Authorization is shown on the veteran's separation document.

Women eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be eligible for dual membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

Members must be citizens of the United States and at least 16 years of age.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. TYPE OR PRINT IN INK. If you do not know a member of a Ladies Auxiliary VFW to whom you can give this application for membership, mail the form to National Headquarters and you will be contacted by a local Auxiliary.

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ FAX _____

Auxiliary Name and No. _____ Location of Post (City) _____ (State) _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____ Relationship _____ To _____ Member of VFW Post No. _____

Name of Campaign Ribbons or Medals _____ (Eligible veteran)

Dates of Foreign Service: From _____ To _____ Where _____

I am a current/former member of Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Membership No. _____

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Date Signed _____ Signature of Applicant _____



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Celebrate the Freedoms We Enjoy in America by Volunteering

From patriotic events such as the Statue of Liberty's Birthday Party to fund-raisers to fight cancer, the 598,777 members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW volunteer their time to make this world a better place. Since 1936 the Auxiliary has conducted a ceremony on October 28 to commemorate the original dedication of the Statue of Liberty, presenting gifts ranging from \$3,500 for a grove of trees to honor those who died 9-11-01 to \$20,000 for a virtual reality climb to the top.

As a member, you could:

- Support our Troops by sending letters, donating to care packages, assisting families left behind or by providing long-distance telephone cards, which gives those who have kept America free what they want the most... a chance to hear a loved one's voice.
- Sponsor promising cancer research and rejoice with us as scientists develop new treatments and cures for this dreaded disease.
- Delight in the creative patriotism expressed by students in grades 9-12. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest offers opportunities to more than 5,000 students each year.
- Encourage students aged 12-15 to enter the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award contest and gain new insight into their energy and compassion. Previous National winners have been honored for speaking out about domestic violence by sharing a personal experience, raising a puppy to become a guide dog for a blind person, helping runaway teens, or serving on a city AIDS task force.

You can help with any of these programs by becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States! Our exciting programs involve local, district, state and national levels of our organization. Join us now. Be a Volunteer. Learn to become a leader, and... best of all — MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Ladies Auxiliary Programs across the U.S.A.



THERE ARE NEARLY 6,000 AUXILIARIES LOCATED IN EVERY STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND GUAM.

AMERICANISM

Promotes patriotism! Fosters love for America by teaching young people and new citizens about our heritage. Each year members present more than 600,000 American Flags to schools and other community groups. Other activities include POW/MIA programs, "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities, and citizenship classes.

BUDDY POPPY

"Honor the Dead by Helping the Living." Funds help needy veterans and their families and help provide care for the children at the VFW National Home for Children. Hospitalized veterans receive minimal compensation for assembling the poppies.

CANCER AID AND RESEARCH

More than \$3,000,000 is raised each year to help cancer-stricken members and invest in research throughout the country. The Ladies Auxiliary also offers a \$100,000 Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship to help find a cure and better treatments for this disease. Low-cost cancer and other dreaded disease insurance is also available to members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Helping others by conducting fund-raising activities for a person in need of a transplant or for the Center Against Spouse Abuse; volunteering for the Special Olympics, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, or the March of Dimes; helping fire and flood victims; participating in Make a Difference Day; and serving dinners to needy individuals on holidays.

HOSPITAL & VAVS

Adult and student volunteers cheer patients in VA Medical Centers as well as other hospitals and nursing homes. Members conduct holiday and birthday parties, serve treats, read to the patients, write letters, and make lap robes, tray favors and other items.

JUNIOR GIRLS UNITS

Junior Girls, ages 5 through 16, prepare to become America's leaders by helping hospitalized veterans, assisting with Buddy Poppy Drives, participating in patriotic programs, and assisting with other Auxiliary programs.

LEGISLATIVE

On request, members send letters and e-mails to members of Congress outlining the VFW and Auxiliary's views on bills dealing with veterans and national security. The organization speaks out on legislation that affects the VA budget and future health care for veterans, veterans' entitlements, resolution of the POW/MIA questions, investigation into the Persian Gulf illnesses, and enhancing the Active Duty GI Bill.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Homeless veterans and other non-hospitalized veterans and their families who are in need of special assistance receive numerous services from Auxiliary members. Providing food, childcare, transportation, clothing, utility payments, and information on veterans' entitlements are ways that the organization helps. *Operation Uplink*, connecting active duty military with families, is another important service.

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the Home was founded in 1925 and is a living memorial to all veterans. Children and families of VFW and Auxiliary members are given opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sponsorship of Girl Scouts, 4-H, soccer or softball teams, and other youth groups are a few of the ways the organization provides opportunities for students, in addition to the scholarships listed at right.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW honors students in grades 9-12 who express their patriotism through art. Four National scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000. First-place winning student receives an all expenses-paid trip to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention. Top four winning entries are published in the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine* and on the Ladies Auxiliary Web site.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A student aged 12-15 who has provided exceptional volunteer service in the community is eligible for a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond and an all expenses-paid trip to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention.

JUNIOR GIRLS SCHOLARSHIPS

Two girls aged 13-16 are selected to receive college scholarships as recognition of their Junior Girls Unit participation and scholastic achievement. First-place is a \$10,000 scholarship and an all expenses-paid trip to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Convention. Second-place is a \$5,000 scholarship.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

This Audio/Essay Contest offers National scholarships totaling more than \$145,000. The top National Scholarship is \$25,000 and each Department winner receives a minimum of \$1,000 plus an all expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. and the Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge, PA.

PATRIOT'S PEN

This contest is for students in grades 6-8 who write their opinions on a patriotic theme. State winners compete for \$71,500 in U.S. Savings Bonds in the National Contest. Top prize is a \$10,000 Savings Bond and a trip to Washington, D.C. Both the Patriot's Pen and the Voice of Democracy contests are sponsored jointly with the VFW.