



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Looks like it is time for us to get our chores done for our Veterans. "Step up – Leave No Veteran Behind". Pa, Hoss and Little Joe are ready to take on their chores for stepping it up for our Veterans. Each has decided to take on one area - so that they can stay focused.



Little Joe, being the "kid", the youngest- thought that it would be best to lasso up to **VFW National Home for Children**. He has done his schooling and has learned what needs to be accomplished so that he can make sure everybody gets an A in what needs to be done. First off, is our financial obligation @ .10 per member, based on our auxiliary membership numbers on your June 30, 2011, Auxiliary Membership Quota. All donations for Health and Happiness should be mailed to Ladies Auxiliary National Hdqts, 406 W 34th St, 10th floor, Kansas City MO 64111 – Remember – this is a **National Requirement**.

July 30th will be Ohio Day at the "campus", camp to Little Joe. Ohio has always been able to take care of all the school supplies. Little Joe wants to make sure that the kids have all the supplies that we can give them. If you are unable to caravan with us – please send your donation earmarked General Fund or Nursery Fund to VFW Ladies Auxiliary Dept. Office, PO Box 15730, Columbus OH 43215-0730 – or give to an auxiliary member that is going, to present at the parade of checks.

Little Joe loves sitting by the campfire w/the Hobo Stew made by Hop Sing. He heard that he was saving the labels from the Campbell's products, used for the stew and sent them in for credit to National Home. For more information on the labels that they can receive, it can be found on the National Home Web site: www.vfwnationalhome.org.



Hoss comes off as the big guy, but actually he's a big guy with a big heart for Poppies, the official flower of the VFW. He knows the poppies are only made by disabled and needy veterans. Successful campaigns require planning ahead and cooperation. You can have a poppy drive anytime. In order for your auxiliary to be 100% reported – you will need to purchase poppies and/or provide a campaign that your auxiliary has done. For convention in June – Hoss can't wait for the poppy hat competition – imagine how many poppies he'll be using on his hat???



Ben/Pa – now he’s the serious one – and National Military Service program – is something that is close to his heart.

- 1) Military Assistant Program (MAP) - Our method of reaching out to our troops and families. Welcome home events, deployment send-offs, work w/the Family Readiness Group and participate in Adopt-A-Unit.
- 2) Unmet Need - assistance to the service members and family when unexpected hardships come due to deployment or military services.
- 3) VFW Foundation – offers on-time grants up to \$2,500 will be paid to the creditor of a veteran. Members of all five branches, Guard and Reserve are eligible for assistances.
- 4) Operation Uplink – keeps troops and hospitalized veterans connected w/family and friends via a virtual pin number placed on a business card for domestic use and internet cafes
 - a. Information can be found on the web: www.ladiesauxvfw.org
- 5) Commemorative Coin - NEW NEW NEW – purchase through the VFW Store – one side has Ladies Auxiliary emblem and the other side says “Thank You for Your Service – You are in Our Prayers”. Great to give out to veterans and active – duty military you encounter. Your auxiliary may assist these programs by making donations earmarked to National Military Services, mailed to Ladies Auxiliary VFW Nat’l Hdqts, 406 W 34th St, 10th floor, Kansas City MO 64111



Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship

- 1) One of the premier programs to assist our members and their families. One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a recipient in each of our four Conferences. Applicants **MUST** be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, her spouse, son/daughter and be at *least 18 years of age or older*. *The member must have been a member for at least one year prior to applying*. You can download the application from the Ladies Auxiliary web: www.ladiesauxvfw.org. Applications **MUST** be received by February 12, 2012

I’m here to help you do the very best you can possibly do for your auxiliary and your district and to show National that the Department of Ohio knows how to do the program(s) GREAT!!!!

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The Cartwrights want us all to ride off in the sunset now that we have done all we could for our Veterans. So let’s “Step Up-Leave No Veteran Behind” and take care of our famous group of three -- -also known as: National Home, Poppies and Military Assistance Program.

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AWARDS

For each program award, unless otherwise noted, \$25 will go the first place Department and keepsake to the Department; second-place Department will received \$15 and a citation to the Department Chairman.

- 1) *Citation to each Department Chairmen with at least 85% participation by Auxiliaries
- 2) Keepsake to all Department Chairmen achieving 100% participation by Auxiliaries
- 3) Award to the Department with the best promotion of the National Military Service programs
- 4) Award to the Department with the most creative fundraising project for National Military Services held jointly with the VFW
- 5) Award to the Department with the best promotion of the Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship
- 6) Award to the Department with the best promotion of the Buddy Poppy
- 7) Award to the Department with the best overall promotion of the Veterans and Family Support Program
- 8) Outstanding Performance Award in each Membership Group

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR DONATIONS:

- 1) *Citation to Auxiliary, District, Department, or Junior Girl Unit that donates \$100 or more to National Military Services. This is a one-time donation.
- 2) *Citation to Auxiliary that contributes 25 cents or more per member to the Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund based on June 30, 2011 membership. This is also a one-time donation.

NOTE: Checks for Special Award No 1 and No 2 should be made payable to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and mailed to National Hdqts @ 406 W 34th St, 10th Floor, Kansas City MO 64111. The check for Special Award No 1 should be earmarked "National Military Services" and the check for Special Award No 2 should be earmarked "Health and Happiness/Christmas Cheer".

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- 1) *Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to assist an Auxiliary Member, her spouse, son/daughter with continuing education. One winner from each Conference will be selected from the applications received.

AWARD FOR NATIONAL CHAIRMEN:

"Step Up-Leave No Veteran Behind" Plate to the National Chairman based on quality and timeliness of material.

***NOTE** - Winners will be published in the "Year-End Officers & Directors' Report" and awards will be mailed to the 2011-2012 Department President for distribution.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

MID-WINTER:

Citation to each first time attendee at Ohio Day – National Home, July 30th, 2011

Citation to each Auxiliary that attends **AND** donates to National Home either by monetary or with school supplies.

Citation to each Auxiliary that is 100% reported in Veterans and Family Support through our Program Coordinator by December 31, 2011

Citation to each Auxiliary that sends me a report on your special project on the program **w/the VFW** for a fundraising project for National Military Services

Citation to each Auxiliary entering the Buddy Poppy Display Contest

Award to the winner in each category of the Buddy Poppy Display contest

JUNIOR GIRLS CONFERENCE

Citation to each Unit member attending Ohio Day, July 30th, 2011
AWARD to the Unit with the BEST Ohio Day Report
Citation to each Unit member participating in the Buddy Poppy Drive
AWARD to the Unit with the BEST Buddy Poppy Drive Report
Citation to each Unit participating in the Buddy Poppy Contest.
AWARD to the Unit with the BEST Veterans & Family Support Special Project

JUNE CONVENTION

Citation to any young person sending in 50 or more Campbells Labels to the VFW National Home for Children.

Auxiliaries:

AWARD for BEST participation in the "Military Support" event
(Farewell/Welcome Home/Adopt-a-Unit/Family Readiness Activities)
AWARD for providing aid to veterans, military and/or their families
(Meals, transportation, cards, donations)
AWARD for best fundraiser project for National Military Services Programs **w/VFW**
AWARD for best promotion/publicity of the Continuing Education Scholarship

AWARD in each membership group for:

Best Overall Promotion of the Veterans and Family Support Program
Best Overall Promotion of the Buddy Poppy
Best Overall Promotion of the VFW Nation Home for Children

AWARD to each winner in the Convention Buddy Poppy Hat Contest
Citation to each auxiliary participating in the Hat Contest

District:

Best promotion of the Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship Program
Best promotion/school of instruction of the Buddy Poppy Program
Best promotion/school of instruction of the VFW National Home for Children Program
Best promotion of the Veterans and Family Support Program

Please be aware that any and all awards will be based on the reports that I receive not the Program Coordinator.

If I don't receive a report on what your activities were – please do not expect to be up for an award. The awards are for those that are going the extra mile to do the project and want to make sure that is it received by the department chairman on a regular basis. Don't hold back your reporting.

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