

## GENERAL ORDERS #3

November 2011

General Orders are to be read at the first regularly scheduled meeting, acted upon and placed on file for reference. Districts only need to read the parts of General Orders pertaining to their unit.

1. **Special Order #81** from National Headquarters - In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of Captain Brady Auxiliary #7303, Kent, Ohio, is hereby suspended by the National President for a period of sixty (60) days for failure to comply with the National Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 806A as there is no Report of Installation on file at National Headquarters.
2. **Special Order #82** from National Headquarters - In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of Pvt. Robert Ruble Auxiliary 6906, Toronto, Ohio, is hereby suspended by the National President for a period of sixty (60) days for failure to comply with the National Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 806A as there is no Report of Installation on file at National Headquarters.
3. **Special Order #118** from National Headquarters - Upon recommendation of the Department President and by the action of the Ladies Auxiliary, the Charter of Donald J. Koontz Maumee Auxiliary VFW #11115, Maumee, Ohio, is hereby cancelled and the Ladies Auxiliary is declared defunct in accordance to Article II, Section 207 by vote of the members, due to lack of members' attendance, interest and participation.
4. **Special Order #105** from National Headquarters - In accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 214, the Ladies Auxiliary to Post #4931 shall have its name changed from Hilliard Auxiliary to Hilliard Memorial Auxiliary. If applicable, the Ladies Auxiliary must contact their state office regarding the status of their incorporation.
5. It was announced at the National President's Homecoming in Sacramento, California that the amount for a Cancer Grant has been increased to \$550, as of October 1, 2011. These grants are still available twice in a lifetime to any member in good standing with at least one full year of Auxiliary service. Cancer grants are available on-line at the National Organization's website.
6. The National Organization has adopted a new slogan. *"Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes"* The new "Share the Joy" pamphlets with the new slogan are available at no charge through the National office. We are very excited about this and hope to see it used extensively.
7. Founders' Day was a special time to celebrate our founding "fathers" dream. Thank you to the many who braved the weather and participated in the parade and ceremony.
8. The first ever Whistle Stop Dues Pickup was a complete success. Thank you Districts 5, 6, 7, & 8 for your hard work and cooperation. And Thank You to the many Auxiliaries who warmly opened their doors to me. A total of 418 dues were collected. There will be more pickups coming soon.
9. Our National President, Gwen Rankin's visit was postponed. She will be visiting in the spring. No date has been decided at this time. Notification will go out as soon as details are available.
10. **Congratulations** to our own Margaret Ann Dozier on being elected President of the Big Ten Conference. We pledge Margaret Ann our support and wish her the very best for her year as Big Ten President.
11. The Big Ten Conference held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota was an exciting event. A big thank you to all who attended. There were many good ideas presented to bring home and share.

12. This was the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Statue of Liberty and the 75<sup>th</sup> annual program presented by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW for her. It was an amazing tribute. Thanks to all who attended. 125 years and still going strong.
13. We will be honored to welcome Commander in Chief, Richard Denoyer, to Ohio Thanksgiving weekend for the annual Commander in Chief tour of the state. Times and places will be available soon.
14. Audits must be in to the Department office in a timely manner. This means the July, August, & September audit must be in by October 30th; October, November, & December audit must be in by January 30th: etc. Failure to have audits recorded by the Department Office negates any voting privileges on District, Department, or National level until the Auxiliary audit is up to date.
15. 2010/2011 bonds have expired August 31, 2011. If your Auxiliary does not have a current bond, please contact the Department office and make arrangements to make this happen.
16. A gentle reminder: The Hospital program assessment is \$1.25 per member based on your June 30, 2011 membership total.
17. Donations to the Jr Girls Scholarship fund will be gladly accepted.
18. Dues are coming in steadily. 91% by December 31<sup>st</sup> is the goal to reach for. You will want to keep in mind the increase, in National dues from \$3.50 to \$5.00, beginning January 1, 2012 and try to get your members in before the new rate goes into effect.
19. The Holiday season is upon us. We the people of the United States of America are the luckiest people on earth. Remember to give thanks for our many blessings and to look with favor on those less fortunate.

CONGRATULATIONS to those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries in September and October. My wish for you is to enjoy many, many more.

To those who are ill, I wish you a speedy recovery. For those who have lost a loved one, my heartfelt condolences. I pray for the Lord to comfort you and your family.

By Order of

Attest:

Ruth Fint, President  
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Department of Ohio

Donna Russo  
Department Secretary