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Our Two Cents

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“Tipping Our Hats To Vets”



“Soaring Above & Beyond”

Department President Karen Kaylor

It is unbelievable our 2021-2022 year has passed and this is my last “Our Two Cents” article. You have made this year so special. Each of you has worked hard for our Veterans and **“Soared Above and Beyond”** as **“We Tipped Our Hats To Vets.** Texas earned **100.44 %** in membership on March 24. Thank you! That is an outstanding Team accomplishment and gave us more power to help benefit our Veterans.

To the Office Staff, Line Officers, (both elected and appointed), District and Auxiliary Presidents, Program Coordinator, Editor of the Our Two Cents and Chairmen, Past Department Presidents, VAVS Representatives and Deputies and finally all VFW Auxiliary members your continued support has been so important to us! Thank you.

Some Auxiliaries have problems that impact them. Most of them are due to not using proper protocol and procedures. There are 2 books that are important for each Auxiliary and District to have available. One is the current 2022 copy "Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary". The other is “Roberts Rules of Order”. Each of these books provide information for proper protocol and procedure. Here are a few helpful tips:

1. The President must maintain composure and control each meeting. Shouting, name calling and personal business or agenda have no place in any Auxiliary or District Meeting. They must ensure all officers are trained in their duties of their positions. Read the Bylaws and use them.
2. A Member-at-Large who is in good standing may attend an auxiliary meeting but cannot be an Officer, a delegate or vote. They should be welcomed with respect. They may attend and assist in programs.
3. A motion on the floor should be worded to be specific in nature and include all aspects of the desired result. Do not assume the result will be what you want unless you address them.
4. All members should be included in projects or asked to participate. There is always enough work to go around. You will find many people will participate even if they do not attend monthly meetings. Call them and ask for a cake, to make phone calls, to help assist in other ways.
5. There will be No bullying! Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

6. Follow your Chain of Command! Auxiliary, District, Department President who will then go to National if deemed necessary. DO NOT go to National first. Give your department a chance.

7. All Auxiliary members should stay out of the VFW and canteen business. An auxiliary member should never be required to provide information on Auxiliary business to a VFW member without proper authorization from Department. If you are approached call our department office before you respond.

8. Communication is one of the keys to a healthy Auxiliary. Healthy Auxiliaries are the key to a successful District. Successful Districts are the key to a great department membership and effective leadership are other keys that are necessary.

9. Members voices are heard to benefit our Veterans by attendance at meetings and participation in projects and goals of the Auxiliary and the organization. Make your voice heard by being involved. When no one attends a District Meetings from the Auxiliary then they have lost their voting rights. You cannot vote if you are not there.

To next year's 2022-2023 President and Department Team, I wish you all the best and offer my full support. Have a wonderful term.

Official Visit Schedule

- May 6-7 District 9
- June 16-18 State Convention Choctaw Durant, Oklahoma
- July 16-21 National Convention Kansas City Mo



**CHIEF OF STAFF
Juanita Workman**

A Big Texas thank you to Karen Kaylor our Department President for having the confidence in me to serve in this position. We have had a year of travels, conventions, closing of auxiliaries, suspended auxiliaries, reinstated auxiliaries and new auxiliaries!

We have added new members and lost some old ones due to sickness, death and or disagreements!! But through all this we are still strong and will continue to **"Tip Our Hats To Vets"** even in the following years to come!

We have come through many obstacles and celebrated many achievements thanks to all of you! Thank you, District Presidents, for a job well done. So many of you in all the ranks and titles that you carry get the work that needs to be done.... DONE!! With all my heart I Thank You!



**JANE REAPE
NATIONAL SENIOR
VICE PRESIDENT
2021-2022**

Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National Senior Vice President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the fifth of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2022-2023.

A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President. On the National level, she has served as National Director for the Scholarships Programs, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor and Youth Activities Programs and as National District Council Member representing New York.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren. Military service continues in her family. Jane's oldest son, Raymond, is a Navy veteran of the Iraq War and a Life Member of the VFW. Her youngest son, Robert, served in the Air Force for 22 years. Jane's granddaughter, Sarah is currently serving in the Air Force and her brother, Daniel is serving in the Army.

Jane is equally active in her community. She serves on the Finance Council of her church and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ava Maria Circle, Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary and the Honor Flight Committee.



**NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEMBER AREA H**

DONNA JAMES

COA

**“Together Everyone Achieves More
for our Veterans”**

**State Convention
June 16 – 19, 2022
Choctaw Casino and Resort
Durant OK**

Donna James joined the Auxiliary on August 20, 1997 in Sargent VFW Post 2412 under the eligibility of her father, William Whatley, Staff Sergeant United States Marine Corps. He was a Korean War Veteran, who was awarded a Purple Heart after being shot on No Name Ridge.

She became a Life Member in 2001 after transferring to Sweeny VFW Post 8551 Auxiliary. She has held many positions. National Council Area H 2020-2022, Department President 2019-2020, Department Chief of Staff 2020-2021, District President (3 years), Auxiliary President (10 year), various positions in District and Auxiliary, Department Hospital Chairwoman (2 years), Department Americanism Chairwoman, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Membership Chairwoman and District POW/MIA Co-Chairwoman (many years).

She has earned many awards. Outstanding District President, Outstanding Auxiliary President at Department and District (many times), National Outstanding Hospital Chairman (2 times awarded plates), National Outstanding Americanism Chairman (awarded plate), National Outstanding Patriotic Instructor (awarded rhinestone flag) and Outstanding District POW/MIA Program Plaque (many times).

She is married to Navy Vietnam Veteran Glenn James.

She has one son, Dustin, daughter-in-law Brandi, two grandsons, Mason and Hudson.

She loves fishing and crafting. She retired from Dow Chemical as an Instrument and Electrical Technologist. She is a Master Electrician with the Department of Texas.

• **Thursday, June 16 - ***SOMETHING NEW*****

After the Joint Opening Session 4:00 – 5:00 p. m., we will have a 2022 – 2023 District Presidents (Incoming Presidents) meeting. Location to be announced.

• **Saturday, June 18**

Joint Installation 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. 2022-2023 Officers and District Presidents. Please wear your Official Uniform (Ladies - black jacket, blue shirt and black pants, Men – blue shirt and black pants).

2022 – 2023 District Presidents

Jeanenne will need the following as soon as possible:

The names of your Deputy Chiefs of Staff
Your District meeting dates.

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**NOTICE  
FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Department Chairmen:**

Please turn in all receipts by May 31, 2022 or as soon as possible to the Department Treasurer.

**Auxiliaries:**

If the 21-22 program obligations for Department have not been paid, please do so as soon as possible.



## 96<sup>th</sup> TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY State Convention Choctaw Conference Center—Durant, Oklahoma

### Wednesday, 15 June 2022

|                |                                                                |                |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 12 Noon-4:00PM | Vendor Booths & Poppies                                        |                |
| 1:00PM-4:00PM  | VFW AUX Registration/Credentials                               | The Landing    |
| 12 Noon-4:00PM | VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means                                   | The Landing    |
| 3:00 PM-5:00PM | President Reception (Invitation Only)                          | President room |
| 6:00 PM Dinner | National Rep-Area H Rep/PDP/ Officers & Guest-Gilley's (Dutch) |                |

### Thursday, 16 June 2022

|                 |                                                |               |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8:00 AM-4:00PM  | VFW AUX Registration/Credentials               | The Landing   |
| 8:00 AM-4:00PM  | VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means                   | The Landing   |
| 9:00 AM-11:00AM | VFW AUX Council of Administration Meeting      | Magnolia Room |
| 11:00AM-11:30AM | In-Coming District President 2022-2023 Meeting | Magnolia Room |
| 11:30AM-12:30PM | Past Department President Luncheon             | Butterfields  |
| 12:30AM-1:30PM  | Joint Memorial                                 | Grand Theater |
| 2:00PM-5:00PM   | Joint Opening Session                          | Grand Theater |
| 5:15PM          | Floor Practice (Location to be announced)      |               |

### Friday, 17 June 2022

|                  |                                          |               |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  | VFW AUX Registration/Credential          | The Landing   |
| 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  | VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means             | The Landing   |
| 8:00 AM-12:00 PM | Auxiliary Business Meeting               | Magnolia Room |
|                  | Opening Ceremonies                       |               |
|                  | Presentation of Pages                    |               |
|                  | Presentation of Programs                 |               |
| Noon-1:00PM      | Lunch                                    |               |
| 1:00 PM-4:00PM   | Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations | Magnolia Room |
| 5:30 PM-6:30PM   | Reception with Cash Bar                  | Grand Theater |
| 6:30 PM-9:00PM   | Awards Banquet                           | Grand Theater |

### Saturday, 18 June 2022

|                 |                                                        |               |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8:00 AM-10:00AM | VFW/AUX Registration/Credentials                       | The Landing   |
| 8:00 AM-Noon    | VFW AUX Business Meeting and Elections                 | Magnolia Room |
|                 | Memorial Service                                       |               |
|                 | Presentation of Jean Reape, National Sr Vice President |               |
| 11:00AM         | Election of 2022-2023 Officers                         | Magnolia Room |
| 1:30PM-3:30PM   | Pictures of incoming 2022-2023 Officers                | The Landing   |
| 2:30PM          | Meeting Closed                                         |               |
| 2:30PM          | 2022-2023 Line Officers meet                           | TBA           |
| 4:00 PM-5:30 PM | Joint Installation of Officers                         | Grand Theater |
| 6:00 PM         | Joint Reception to Follow                              | Grand Theater |

**Sunday, 17 June 2022 - Have a safe trip home**



*Together Everyone Achieves More  
For Our Veterans*

Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

➤ Introducing the 2022 - 2023 Program Year!

➤ Get your copy of the *Program Development Book* at State Convention - \$10 each

➤ Attend Statewide Training – July 7 - 9

Holiday Inn Midtown – 6000 Middle Fiskville  
Austin TX 78752 512-451-5757

**2022 – 2023 Training Includes...**

# National Programs

What's My Job??



Who Does What?

When's It Due?

# State Programs membership & recruiting

Veterans & Family Support **Buddy Poppy/National Home** Hospital/VAVS **Legislative**  
Americanism/Patriotic Instructor **Historian/Media** Scholarship **Auxiliary Outreach**  
Youth Activities **President's Special Project** Mentoring for Leadership  
**Outstanding Dist. President** **Outstanding Aux. President** **Ways & Means**  
Chaplain **Chief of Staff** Nursing Scholarship

**Texas VFW Auxiliary  
Statewide Training  
2022-2023**

Date: July 7 – 9, 2022

Place: Holiday Inn Midtown  
6000 Middle Fiskville  
Austin, TX 78752  
Phone: (512)451-5757

Cost: \$35.00 (includes training book and lunch on Saturday)  
Will include sandwich (on croissant roll), chips & cookie  
(1)-Chicken Salad (2)-Ham & Cheese (3)-Tuna Salad  
Select choice and indicate below

Deadline: July 1, 2022

Send Registration to: Department Treasurer  
PO Box 15285  
Austin, Texas 78761  
Earmarked: Statewide Training

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Aux \_\_\_\_\_ Dist \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Choice \_\_\_\_\_
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**BETH WEST**

Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary Guard  
2022-2023

Auxiliary 3413

District 5

**JO ELLA MENN**

Candidate for Department Treasurer  
2022-2023

Endorsed by Auxiliary 8621/District 6

**ANDREA KING**

Candidate for National Council Area H  
Endorsed by VFW Post 8790 & Auxiliary

Endorsed by District 4