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**“Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”
“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”**

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT—IRMA SOLIS

How time flies! Here we are days away from December!!! Lots of things to get ready for the end of 2024 but most importantly is that we are in the middle of the 2024/2025 VFW Auxiliary year. We must not forget that Pearl Harbor Day is coming up December 7th. Please promote and/or conduct the observance of this day of infamy. Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contest were due at the local and district level last month. I know that the Program Coordinator has been hard at work making contact with all chairman so as to help everyone prepare for the upcoming Midyear Reports. Do not forget to retain a copy for your records. I have been very busy with the

Official Visits. I have been to eight districts with fifteen more to go. All District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents have been excellent hosts. It is wonderful to see how well the members from all Auxiliaries come together to make the District Meeting a successful one. My thanks go out to all and to the Line Officers who have been able to accompany me. May all of us have a Merry Christmas and not forget that we should be “Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”. Also remember that “From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans” is what we all should do everyday.

ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election for Jr Vice President of Texas and any other offices vacated. Nomination and election of a candidate to fill a vacancy shall be made by the Department Council of Administration which will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, during the Mid-Winter Council of Administration Meeting.

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and texts of condolences. Your words were so kind and very much appreciated and needed during this hard time.

A special thank you to VFW Auxiliary 7426 Farmersville for the wonderful lunch provided for our family.

I am very blessed to belong to a group of Sisters and Brothers who care so much.

God Bless You and Yours

Jayne McCormick and The McCormick Family

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Debbie Daniel

The Holiday season is here. Team Texas is working hard to make sure you have all the information necessary to complete your programs. They are also planning amazing presentations for you at the Mid-winter Roundup in Corpus Christi in January. Mark your calendars, and hopefully attend a great weekend of info, fun, and friends.

Your district presidents and state chairmen are waiting on pins and needles for mid year reports from your auxilia-



ries. Remember that everyone has a deadline from auxiliary level all the way up, so get those reports in ASAP if you haven't already done so.

Remember the "Reason for the Season" and may each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas...God Bless

"Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice"

"From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans"

*How do you wish a dog Merry Christmas?
Feliz Navi-dog!*

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Marissa Anderson

Happy December, my Auxiliary family! I wanted to quickly address something I have received several questions about. I understand that past years have included a requirement of pictures from the Department President's visit to your district as well as a deadline to turn in these items.

I have been asked if we will still be creating a physical scrapbook to showcase these and other events. The short answer is no. Because we are no longer requiring every program to be participated in, I am not pushing this requirement moving forward. I would ask that you be mindful

of the benefits to keeping records of these types of events and make your own decision about what to do based on this consideration. If you do plan to submit information about Irma's visit, please be sure to include a standard report form as you would any other time you are submitting information. The information can be in physical or digital form and there is no deadline (different from the standard reporting deadlines) to get these things sent in. All this being said, thank you to those districts who have shared your memories with me. I have loved seeing all of the camaraderie. Happy Christmas and I will see y'all in Corpus!

AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Amanda Humphrey/Paula Welling

~~~MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE~~~

Hello Hello Everyone! I hope you all have your mid-year reports turned in or are really close to getting them turned in to your District Presidents. District Presidents the reports are due to your chairman by the 20<sup>th</sup>, but the earlier the better, we have deadlines as well!! OK now that that is out of the way let's get down to having Christmas with our Veterans that we all love so much!! Plan a Christmas Party with your Veterans, you could even do a gift exchange like a white elephant or the passing game. Another idea is to gather donations of new socks, hats,



gloves, throw blankets, coats, thermal tops and bottoms, etc... and donate them to the VA, or VA Clinic, or to a homeless shelter. It's cold out and we

need to think of the ones that may not be able to do for themselves. **I want your goal this month to be making as many veterans as you possibly can smile and enjoy their Christmas.** How many of your Veterans have missed at least one Christmas due to being deployed?? I bet your Veterans can tell you exactly how many Christmases they have missed!! So please make sure they know exactly how much you appreciate them, and the sacrifice that they made.



December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 is Pearl Harbor Day. Do some research and see what interesting facts you can come up with about Pearl Harbor and share them with your Post and Auxiliary. Talk to your older members and see what they can remember about Pearl Harbor Day. December 20<sup>th</sup>, is the Space Force birthday!! Please let me know what y'all do for the Space Force Birthday and let's see how interesting we can make it, and what everyone else is doing!! I hope you had an amazing Thanksgiving feeding all your Veterans I can't wait to see such amazing reports from everyone!!



## Happy 5th Birthday!

### **ACTS 20:35**

*I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Joe Akers & Rodeo

Hello from Ole Joe and Rodeo....Actually Ole Joe is in the hospital and Rodeo is keeping him company so he asked me to send ya'll a couple of reminders for him.

The first one is just a friendly reminder to get your mid year reports in to your district president no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>....Now, that is in their hands, NOT in the mail.

Two is a reminder to get those "Victory Gardens completed (follow the guidelines set up in the program book).



Three is, have you sent me recipes from your auxiliary yet? If you have not done so, gather up those favorite recipes from your moms, grandmas, aunts or whoever is the best cook in your family. Email them to me so I can

compile a recipe book to share with other members.

Four, Have you handed out any RAP cards? If so, don't forget to take a pic and report it to me.

Next is the "Illustrating America " Coloring contest. Its available to youth from Kindergarten thru the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Its divided into 3 categories Grades K-2, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8. These are not due until March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2025 but, Rodeo always says, it's not too early to get started getting the info to your schools.

With the holiday season right here on us, me

and Rodeo thought it my be a real good idea for you kids to adopt a veteran , maybe in a nursing home. Do something special for that veteran. Maybe you can go read to them, fix them a small goodie bag or basket or even make a neat card and send it to them. Be sure to take pictures and send them to me letting me know you have done. Rodeo is so excited to see what you kiddos come up with.

Recreational Events; As you know, I always have discount tickets or access to free tickets to numerous games. We have had a wonderful response to this program so multiple teams have contacted me to add them to the list of teams that support our organization. I now have access to not only baseball, but soccer and hockey. If you have any questions about getting tickets for an event, please call me and I'll point you in the right direction to get what you need.

Merry Christmas from Ole Joe and Rodeo

Debbie Daniel/Program Coordinator



## SCHOLARSHIP

Ronny Mote

### OFFICE INFO

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New Podium Books can be purchased in the Department Office for \$8.00.

You can pick them up at the office or at Mid-Winter Convention.

If you want them shipped to you, you will need to pay the postage.

Call 512 834-9190 to order the books.

During this holiday season, while gathering with family and friends to stuff the turkey, decorate the tree, light candles and toast a new year, don't pass up the opportunity to "Get The Word Out!" about the different contests/fered by the Auxiliary!

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VFW and VFW



The easiest way to share informational pages and entry forms with loved ones, friends and new acquaintances is by boarding the TX VFW AUX SCHOLARSHIPS! Use the dynamic QR Code below to access each ScholarSHIP opportunity.



*Why is a Christmas tree so bad at knitting?*

*They have too many needles!*

## VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Missi Palmore Chairman

Hello December and a Texas Howdy to all you amazing VFW Auxiliary members. I would like to start out by thanking all of you for doing so much over the last few months to support our Veterans and Families in your communities. Seeing all the reports passed my way either through the post or electronically—either way, you get them to me and THANK YOU. I am in awe of the dollars, miles, and time spent looking out for those that gave us so many liberties. Keep those reports coming and don't forget Mid-Year Reports are due to your District President by 12/10 and to the Department Chairmen by 12/20. Let's see your fabYOUlous work!

*December is marked as a time of giving, let me tell you a little story. Step back in time to the WW1 along the Western Front, during the week leading up to December 25th, 1914. French, German, and British soldiers called a cease fire and crossed trenches to exchange seasonal greeting and talked. Later Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, some met in No Man's Land to mingle and exchange food/souvenirs. They held joint burial ceremonies, had prisoner swaps, and each meeting ended with caroling.*



As I hear the story, I am moved how during such a bleak time these men stopped to share joy and giving with each other. Finding ways to spread happiness and show love to men they didn't know and without anything in return. That is true giving in my book. December is that time normally and I encourage everyone to think about those people you don't "know" in your community, auxiliary, post, and Veterans. Many may be alone or not asking for help. Take some time to open your heart, ears, and eyes to see how you and your auxiliaries can spread joy and happiness.

As you wrap up 2024 and write up your mid-year reports, see where you have blanks or zeroes if you will in the questions. Is it possible to find activities to bridge the gap? Working with others to combine efforts to step up to the challenge. Do something you "haven't always done in the past". Who knows what greatness you might find out there trying something new? The reward will be helping those Veterans and Families in your area. In 1914, those men stepped out to share joy with others which was out of the normal operations. What can YOU do during this time of giving?

I wanted to give each of you a heartfelt Thank you for the calls, emails, messages and cards I have received since I had my stroke. I am truly blessed to be a member of the greatest Veteran organization in the world. Each message, email and card I received made my heart swell. I am coming along and hope to see all of you soon. God Bless each of you.

Loyally

Aletha Jeter, PDP

*Christmas! The time when everyone gets santamental.*

## **BUDDY ® POPPY/NATIONAL HOME**

*Sally Jarret chairman - Sarah Begley Co-chairman*

HO HO HO December is here...Christmas Trees, Holiday parties and presents. Lots of ways to entertain our Veterans, let them know they are appreciated. A little reminder "A Plaque for Most Outstanding Activity or Event using the VFW "Buddy" Poppy to educate your community about the VFW "Buddy" Poppy. Please Reference Department Program Development Book page 27.

"Buddy" Poppy Display Requirements:

- ⇒ One "Buddy" Poppy in its original form with stem, flower and label attached.
- ⇒ Measurements must be 18 x 18 x 18 but not more than 24 x 24 x 24.
- ⇒ The theme will be the President's Logo (ref. 2024-2025 program cover) the cross with the State of Texas (Red, White & Blue) with the VFW and Auxiliary Logos.
- ⇒ Display information: Number of "Buddy" Poppies used, hours worked on the display and number of Auxiliary members that worked on the display.
- ⇒ The winning display from each District will be displayed at Mid – Winter in January for FINAL judging.
- ⇒ Don't forget to add "Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice".

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

Thank you for all your reports and your photos. We will not accept any reports after December 10, 2024. Please send your Mid-Year reports to your District President by December 10, 2024. (Ref. page 28 program book) If your Mid-Year report is not complete, please annotate working

in process/pending it can be completed on the Year-End Report.

Season's Greeting to all of you.

From your Yellowstone Gals

The VFW National Home is about to be covered in snow and with that comes fridged temperatures!! Remember to check the Amazon "Wishlist" for updated items that the children of the resident's request. <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/other-ways-to-give/>. January 7th is the official date of when the National Home is turning 100 years!! There is a list of festivities on their website and special deals for members on lodging. Please visit [vfnationalhome.org](https://vfnationalhome.org) under the "News & Events" tab at the top of the page for more details. \*\*Please remember that we have a contest going on with Centennial Membership. If you sign up a new National Home Centennial Lifetime Membership, and show proof; like a receipt or new membership card, you will receive a FREE POPPY TOTE BAG. Let's pull together and make these 100 years special!



*What would you get if you crossed a Christmas special decorative plant and a frog?*

*A mistle-toad.*

## LEGISLATIVE

*Michelle Booker Chairman*

*Karen Kaylor Co-chair*

Greetings :

What an exciting month of November. We elected a new President of our Great Country. We will be eagerly awaiting the results of all the legislative bills pertaining to our veterans.

Continue to respond to all the alerts on Action Corps Weekly. There are so many key legislative bills that need to be passed in Congress.

Thank you to all that participated with the polls as stated in Action Corps Weekly, To date, more than 162,400 veterans and military family members had answered the Vet the Vote program's call to serve as poll workers for the 2024 presidential election.

Our Country's election is over, but we still have much work to do. We must continue to be strong advocates for our

veterans, assuring that their voices are being continuously heard.

I can't thank you all enough for your wonderful reports that you have shared with us.

With your remembering the dates to ensure that your reports were reached to me on time has made my job so much easier and my Co - chair Karen Kaylor and myself thank you.

Now lets enjoy all the festivities that the month of December has to offer.

On behalf of my self and Karen we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and

Blessed New Year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in January 2025.

Being Thankful and Grateful For The Sacrifice

From the Roots To The Branches, Service to our Veterans



## WAYS & MEANS

*Tracie Frink Chairman*

*Lydia Leal Co-chair*

Thank you to all the Auxiliary's that have sent us reports. They are not required but we do love seeing what you all are doing. Continue to send in your money for pins, calendars and raffle tickets. All are due by Mid-Winter. Make sure each Auxiliary brings 5 grab bags valued at \$5 each, to Mid-Winter. A reminder to each District that you need to put together a basket valued at \$100, raffle them off in your District and send money to Department by Mid-Winter. If your District is unable to do this, please make your basket and bring it to Mid-Winter and we will do a raffle with all baskets brought to us. Please feel free to contact us at any time. Thank you for all that you do for the Department of Texas and our Veterans.

“Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”

“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”



## AUXILIARY OUTREACH

*Pamela Fintel/Ilona Shipley*

WOW.....How time flies. I can not believe we are in December already. Ilona and I have enjoyed all your wonderful reports. It is Mid YEAR Report time! Please get your Mid-Year Reports to your District Presidents no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Your District Presidents have to go through them and then get the reports sent to me no later than December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wait until the last minute. We all have deadlines and our goal is to be 100% reporting for Madam President.

Continue to work your program as this is a really great time to reach out to your community. I know our communities will need extra help during the holidays. Check with your Organizations so many will be having functions. Here is a list of organizations that might need some help:

- ◇ Ronald McDonald House
- ◇ Salvation Army
- ◇ Angel Tree
- ◇ American Red Cross
- ◇ Food Banks
- ◇ Blood Drives
- ◇ Animal Shelters

Angel Tree is one of the top Christmas charities for low-income families. You can pick up toys from local Businesses, sort them accordingly and even help distribute the toys, books and gifts to the children

The Toys for Tots Program - is headed up by a coordinator who establishes a volunteer net-

work and will assign duties for you and your volunteers. They also have an array of activities throughout the year. Maybe you can help them with their golf tournaments, bicycle races and other events throughout the year.

The American Red Cross has a youth Volunteer program that they will learn valuable lessons in how to work effectively with people. Youth Volunteers share the spirit of service with their schools and communities. This is a good opportunity to have your children help during their Holiday break time.

Remember, the Animal shelters need help during the Holidays to feed, bath the dogs, walk the dogs, clean the kennels, and socialize with the dogs and cats.

Our National Ambassador, Bambi Johnson quoted Rick Warren in her blog. "When you give your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time".

Remember to keep Auxiliary Applications with you as you never know if someone from the organization is eligible for membership. Always be prepared.

We are the organization that helps our communities and our communities look to us, to help them. Let's show the other States that TEXAS has a big Heart and we are there for our Community!

Ilona and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Who is Santa's favourite singer?*

*Elf-is, Presley.*

**The Holiday Season is coming to TEXAS!!!  
HO! HO! HO!**

The Spirit of Christmas is a feeling of goodwill, benevolence, and togetherness that's appropriate for the Christmas season. It can also be a time for self-reflection, forgiveness, and becoming a better person.

Ways we can experience the spirit of Christmas include:

- ⇒ Showing kindness to others and wanting them to be happy.
- ⇒ Reaching out and helping those in need.
- ⇒ Forgiving those who have caused us pain is so hard to do sometimes.
- ⇒ Taking time to remember friends, we get too busy!
- ⇒ Give gifts that have eternal value, such as understanding,

compassion, service, friendship, kindness, and gentleness.

⇒ Share the work. Not one person can do everything and take care of everyone in our lives. Asking for help is a good thing.

The spirit of Christmas can be experienced at any time of the year, not just during the Christmas season. We hear countless stories of Veterans and Non-Veterans whose lives were positively impacted, and the trajectory sometimes changed, because someone reached out and made a meaningful connection.

Through your Holiday events show our Veterans, our families, and our communities that they are valued, heard and appreciated.

**Serving our Veterans with a caring heart and helping hands!**

**Have a Happy Christmas And A Prosperous New Year**

**Missi Palmore**

Life member | District 1 Frisco 8273  
 Member since 01/2020  
 Husband Jeffery Palmore | Army | Desert Storm, OIF, OEF

**District 1:**  
 Jr. Vice: 2021-2022  
 Sr. Vice: 2022-2023  
 President: 2024-2025

**Frisco 8273:**  
 Auxiliary Inception Member  
 Trustee: 2020-2021  
 Sr. Vice: 2020-2021  
 President: 2021-2024

**Tx. Department:**  
 V7FS Chairman: 2025-2025

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary  
 GUARD | 2025-2026



*"the one thing you leave behind is, how did you love?"*

It is hard to believe it, election time has come and gone, Thanksgiving is full swing, Black Friday shopping began months ago, and the Winter Holidays are fast approaching. WOW Mid-

#### About a Nurse



*"I'm sorry, but I can't give you holidays off, or a social life. Would you settle for a candy cane?"*

Winter is just around the corner. The year has already gone by so fast and we have so much to still accomplish. Auxiliaries you need to make sure that all your Mid-Year requirements have been completed, and keep up that reporting! The Nursing Program does not require a Mid-Year Report.

Nurses are a special breed of people. They get up in the morning (or evening for those night-shifters) with one simple purpose in mind "I will care for YOU today".

When asked what is THEIR most important tool in their workday, every great nurse will surely say "My Heart".

At this time of year, while we are spending time with our families, please think of ALL OF THOSE that serve us (and are away from their families) – Nurses, Doctors, EMT's, Firefighters, Police Officers, and our Military. Take them a little extra snack, or maybe send some Door Dash their way.

Please make sure that all you do...you take pictures...you report. If you have sent me a report by email, I am sending a reply message back to you with the simple word "received". If you think you might have been missed, or that the email may have ended up in SPAM, please do not ever hesitate to resend it.

During mid-December I personally will be notifying all the nursing schools that are listed on the handouts I provided you at Department Training. I will notify them of the upcoming scholarship deadlines, and the requirements. Come January, please follow up with your area schools and see if they could use any additional information or assistance. I know in the past few years we in District 28 have been very blessed with numerous entries...I hope to be overwhelmed in May with applications from across the state.

Let's make sure we show our appreciation for ALL OF THEM during this upcoming holiday season.

I hope that each of you have a Joyous and Family-Filled Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

Until next time (and next year), let us all remain THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR THE SACRIFICE.

# Ronnie Wiley

Candidate  
For  
VFW Auxiliary  
Department of Texas  
Guard  
2025-2026

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or do not like.

Email to:

[Secretary@texasvfwaux.org](mailto:Secretary@texasvfwaux.org)

Have a big event you want  
the Department to know  
about? Send it to us and we  
will get it in. Remember,  
these are put together a  
month in advance. Deadline  
for input is the 10th day of  
the previous Month.

## MEMBERSHIP *Gerald Spradlin, Chairman*

*“From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans”  
“Thankful and Grateful for the Sacrifice”*

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving filled with lots of tasty food, laughter, and love! Happy Holiday greetings to everyone!



Well, it's time to get down to the nitty gritty. Everyone should be trying to reach that 100% by the end of the year. Work hard to get there by December 15<sup>th</sup> to make sure everything is updated in time for you to get to come to our Membership Banquet at Mid-Winter in Corpus Christi. 'Tis the beginning of the Christmas season. Think about gifting memberships to relatives and

friends who qualify. Talk about being a member at your social engagements during this holiday time. Invite prospective members to your Post for any holiday events so they can see how things work.

Share the QR code with prospective members. It gives them a basic idea of what our organization is and what we do. It also shares a fact sheet and has the application they can fill out electronically and then print to sign. Keep it on your phone so you can share it.



Let's work to make sure Texas is Number 1 in Membership! Be diligent and have fun spreading the word and recruiting new members! We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Until next year...

*How did Scrooge win the football game?*

*Because the ghost of Christmas passed.*

## CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION/MENTORING *Patsy Kemp*

I am “Thankful & Grateful” for the day we call Thanksgiving. To have my family all together was wonderful. One granddaughter, that works in France, couldn’t come. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, love and beautiful memories.

Oh, where did the time go? Yes, half of the 2024-2025 “*Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice*” year is gone. There have been really great things happening in some Auxiliaries. Sorry to say, that is not the case for all, because of friction from within.

December is the time for all of us to show our love; Sisterly love for our auxiliary brothers and sisters. I have a challenge for each one of us.

First Listen – to what someone is saying. Really listen with an open mind, being non-judgmental and not thinking about a rebuttal

DON’T argue. Think about what the other person is saying. Think beyond your view point.

Now, you can make sound, clear, fair decision. Giving and taking...we can grow into a stronger auxiliary with caring members.

To carry out the pledge, “***From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans***” Texas should be 100% plus in membership, by December 30th. If your auxiliary is not ... it should be no less than 90% in collecting Continuous Members. Tis

the season to give. Why not give the gift of paying someone’s dues?

MALTA – Like I said, last month, I Love It! Treasurers it is EASY to use. Remember to print out your receipt each time you transmit dues. You will need it for your treasurer’s report and ledger of dues paid. And for the audit (to back up the withdraw of funds).

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is my favorite time of year. People smile more, forgive more, give more and say, Thank You Lord.

My prayer for 2025 is that we learn to love, forgive and spread the good news of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary and our great works.

District Presidents how many Auxiliaries, in your District, qualify for a Healthy Auxiliary Certificate? If they don’t why? Help them or have your DCOS or a mentor help them. I would love to be able to give every auxiliary in Texas one.

See you in Corpus, for our Mid-Year. This is a time to Learn, Exchange Ideas, Meet friends & Make new ones. Our National President, Brenda Bryant, will be with us.

2025 is the year we can achieve (or complete) all of our 2024-2025 GOALS, by Working Together as A Team.

*We are here to express faith through love –  
For God, others, and ourselves*



# 2024-2025 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

## Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### Wednesday – January 15, 2025

#### Ballroom

|                    |                                                                               |                          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  | Registration Omni Hotel                                                       | Laguna Madre             |
| 5:00 PM -- 7:00 PM | Dinner with National Rep, Open to all VFW & Auxiliary<br><i>(DUTCH TREAT)</i> | VFW Post 6386, Ingleside |

#### Thursday – January 16, 2025

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  | Registration and Booths                                                     | Laguna Madre |
| 10:00 AM           | Floor Practice                                                              | Nueces       |
| 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Lunch On Your Own                                                           |              |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  | Council of Administration Meeting                                           | Nueces       |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  | <b><i>It Just Takes One</i></b> Membership Celebration<br>(Invitation Only) | Nueces       |

#### Friday – January 17, 2025

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM         | Registration and Booths                                                                                                                                               | Laguna Madre                         |
| <b>9:00AM – 10:00 AM</b>  | <b>Joint Memorial Service</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>Corpus Christi B/C</b>            |
| <b>10:15 AM -11:15 AM</b> | <b>Joint Opening Session</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>Corpus Christi B/C</b>            |
| 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM        | Presidents Luncheon (Pre-Purchase Tickets)                                                                                                                            | Nueces                               |
| 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM         | Presentation of Past Dept Presidents<br>Presentation of District Presidents<br><b>Presentation by Membership Chairs</b><br>Programs: Program Coordinator and Drawings | Nueces<br>Nueces<br>Nueces<br>Nueces |
| <b>6:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b> | <b>DEPT CDR HOMECOMING</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>TBD</b>                           |

#### Saturday – January 18, 2025

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|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM | Registration and Booths                                                    | Laguna Madre         |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM  | POW/MIA Ceremony                                                           | Nueces               |
| 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Programs                                                                   | Nueces               |
| 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Lunch On your Own                                                          |                      |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  | Completion of Programs/Raffles                                             | Nueces               |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  | Remarks National President                                                 | Nueces               |
| 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM  | VOD/PP Reception<br><b><u>Cash Bar</u></b>                                 | Corpus Christi A/B/C |
| 6:00 PM – Close    | Voice of Democracy Banquet<br><b><u>Pre-Purchased Tickets Required</u></b> | Corpus Christi A/B/C |

#### Sunday – January 19, 2025

*Safe Travels*

**President's Luncheon  
Mid-Winter Conference  
January 17, 2025**

**Send Reservation To:**  
VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas  
PO Box 15285  
Austin TX 78761-5285

**Deadline: December 20, 2024**

Mid-Winter Conference will be at the Omni Hotel, 900 N Shoreline Dr., Corpus Christi TX

Meal to be Determined

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DEPARTMENT AT 512-834-9190  
ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$45.00 PER LUNCHEON TICKET**

Please Make Check To: VFW Auxiliary, Dept Of Texas-Earmarked Luncheon

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Because they're shellfish.*

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