

## GENERAL ORDERS #3

November 2020

**#1** Each Auxiliary and District should complete their paperwork for Incorporation with the Secretary of State for Washington (sos.wa.gov). This is \$30.00 when you first sign-up, each year after that is \$10.00 renewal. National will, in the near future, make this a requirement. Banks are requiring this (per the Dept. Treasurer – laws changed in 2018!) and if you change signatures on your accounts or if you change banks – opening a new account is extremely difficult without a UBI number. Be pro-active and complete this responsibility to avoid issues in the future. If you need assistance, please give Cindy Burkey a call.

**#2** When sending ANY FUNDRAISING money to the Dept. Treasurer it MUST have its own SEPARATE Check Summary Sheet. Do not include any other funds on the Check Summary Sheet for Fundraising.

**#3** This year National has placed some very interesting challenges on the Departments to qualify for the Circle of Excellence.

“The Department must hold a joint VFW and VFW Auxiliary Department level project in addition to Current National Scholarship programs. ....Must be completed by April 30, 2021....” Please join myself and Department of Washington Commander Traci Williams at the Mid-Winter Conference as we fill the grocery cart for our Veterans. “Stars, Stripes and Support” is National President Sandi Onstwedder’s Special Project. This program feeds our active duty and reservist’s families who are struggling to put food on the table.

**#4** First Membership Award from National will be announced on November 30, 2020.

On November 30, 2020 those Departments that have obtained 95% in membership will receive a \$400.00 check. **A CHALLENGE, yes , but WE CAN DO IT!**

**#5** On January 31, 2021 Auxiliaries that have not achieved 100% in membership will be provided an “Officer Mentor.” This is an objective placed by National in the “Circle of Excellence” requirements for 2020 – 2021. These “Mentors” will work with the Auxiliaries providing regular reports to the Department President on the progress of

each Auxiliary to accomplish this goal. We need to work toward growth in our Membership or we will be unable to accomplish our goals and objectives as an organization.

**#6** All General Orders are to be read at the first meeting after they are received.

**#7** Auxiliary Officers who do not have their current dues paid by December 31, 2020 will be removed from office, by National Bylaws. Let's get them in ASAP!

**#8** COVID-19 meeting restrictions have affected auxiliaries with meeting challenges. Enclosed in this Bulletin is National Executive Order #1 aiding Auxiliaries and Districts to meet the quorum requirements. In addition, you are asked to keep the Department President updated on your ability to meet and how your meetings are being accomplished **if other than a total "on site meeting."** This is not a disciplinary issue; it is to aid the Department in helping YOU accomplish this task. We, as the VFW Auxiliary have Veterans, their families, and our communities that need us. Nothing we CAN DO is too small.

Loyally,

Marjorie Stetson

VFW Auxiliary Dept. of WA

President

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