

VFW Auxiliary Department of Washington General Orders #2, Sept. 2021

Please remember to go through your Chain of Command if you have a question or a problem. Ask your Auxiliary President first, then ask the District President if no resolution. If they can't help, ask the Department President (Barbara Moore) or Secretary/Treasurer (Cindy Burkey). Please don't write or call National without trying to resolve the problem here at home. Read your Podium Edition By-Laws and Ritual, available at the VFW Store, 1-833-839-8387. The table of contents is very helpful.

Remember to get your 3rd Quarter audit to Cindy by the end of October.

Please pay your Hospital Commitment of \$3.00/member, based on your total membership as of June 30th, 2021. Our entire Hospital Budget is determined on receiving this pledge. If we short it, we are shorting our hospitalized veterans. Who deserves it more? If you can find a way to distribute Buddy Poppies, or have a dinner for your Relief Fund, you can pay your Hospital Pledge. Even part of it is better than nothing! Include a Check Summary with your check!

The Schedule of Hospital Visits as listed in the Dept. Roster has been changed. Only the Seattle VA visit on Oct. 7th will be allowed. All the other visits will be rescheduled. We are hoping that in-person visits will be allowed in the Spring. Those involved will be notified of the new schedule.

Our National Home Health and Happiness Pledge is only \$.10/member. Some of us pay \$.25/member. This is paid to National Hdq. and supports the buildings that the Auxiliary donated and the programs for the families. Often the National Home will notify us of other needs they have, and additional donations are encouraged. One such is the Christmas Gifts for Children.

Western Conference is open to all members and will be November 4th-7th, in Sparks, NV. The information is on our website under events: www.auxdeptwa.org.

Washington State Midwinter Conference will be January 14-15, 2022, at the Red Lion in Yakima, WA. Joint Opening is at 9:00 am on Saturday, but please plan to come on Friday, as we have a lot to accomplish! I am hoping to have a class on MALTA, and Recruiter Training from Noon to 2:00 on Friday the 14. Aux 379 will provide a sack lunch for \$7.00-\$8.00. (More later) We will have a Line Officers Meeting from 2:30-4:00, and a Dept. Chairman's meeting from 4:00-4:30. 4:00-5:00 Floor Team Practice with Line Officers; 5:30 Dinner with the National Rep, TBA; Council of Administration, 7:00; Reception for VFW and Auxiliary National Representatives in the Commander's suite. I am giving you the schedule so you can plan ahead and be on time!

Stick Your Neck Out for Our Veterans!

Loyally, Barbara Heston-Moore, Dept. Pres.

