

General Orders #5, April 10th, 2022

1. All General Orders are to be read at the first meeting after they are received.
2. I hope you are finished with your **Year-end Reports** and have sent them to your Department Program Chairmen, to be received by April 15th. In order to win awards at National, our Program Chairmen have to impress their National Ambassadors, having as many auxiliaries reported as possible. If you have not sent in your reports, please do so ASAP! We may still have time to add finishing touches to the count.
3. **The Year-end Report** for Auxiliary Presidents to complete are due to Cindy Burkey by May 5th. It is found on our Department website under the Dept. President's Welcome. The District President's Report Form is found there also and it is due May 15th to Cindy also. You may not have to be 100%+ in membership to be chosen for this prestigious award. Please do your best to complete it, with as many "yes" answers as possible!
4. **Elections:** Elective Officers shall be nominated and elected at a regular meeting in April. Each year at the regular annual election, one Trustee shall be elected for a three-year period. The answer to any questions about the procedures may be found in the Podium Edition Ritual and by-Laws, Section 804 A-D.
5. **Installation:** Auxiliary Officers shall be installed in their respective offices not more than 60 days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. But shall not assume their duties until the Department President is installed. See Section 806 A-D for the complete rules and regulations.
6. **Installation Report:** The Secretary shall enter the information required from the Installation Report in MALTA or submit the installation report to the Department Secretary for entry into MALTA within 7 calendar days. Either way, the installation report shall be mailed to the Department Secretary for compilation of the roster.

7. **Delegate Fees:** District, Department, and National Delegate Fees are due. District Delegates are due not less than 30 days prior to the District Convention. Department Delegate Fees are due not less than 30 days prior to the Dept. Convention. National Delegates may be entered on MALTA after April 1. Please read the information from our Department Secretary/Treasurer found in these Bulletins and Section 304 of our By Laws.
8. **Department Convention** is fast approaching! June 15-18, 2022, at the Centennial Hotel in Spokane WA. (Some of us need to be there by the 14th). See our tentative schedule sent out with these Bulletins, and get your room reserved ASAP. Hurry; they will go fast! The Banquet and Luncheon forms are also included. The deadline for both is June 1st. Tickets will not be sold at the door!
9. **Pages:** Line Officers, please let JoAnn Wadsworth know who your Page for Department Convention will be. She is listed in the Roster on page A17.
10. **Membership:** I have heard many encouraging reports from so many auxiliaries, and I feel confident that we have a good chance to reach 100%+! Please keep trying to think of one more person who is eligible to join our great organization. Remember, for every person who can join the VFW, there are eleven family members who can belong to the VFW Auxiliary.

Turtle Wisdom

- Know where you are headed.
- Swim with the current.
- Stay calm under pressure.
- Think long term.
- Spend time at the beach.
- Always remember where you came from.

Loyally, Barbara Heston-Moore, Department President