

BULLETIN 2019 – 2020

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VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WA SR. VICE PRESIDENT

As we start a new program year – may we “See the Light” “Serving our Veterans the Aloha Way”. As the Department Sr. Vice President, I again this year have been given the responsibility of preparing all THREE of the Department Budgets, with the assistance of the respective committee members.

At the School of Instruction(S of I) in Everett, the Council of Administration (C of A) will approve the General Operating Budget for the Department, in addition to the Department Hospital Budget. Note: the C of A consists of Line Officers, current District Presidents, the immediate past 4 Department Presidents and our states’ Past National President. Talk with any of these individuals if you have questions, concerns or comments on the working of the Auxiliary. We are all serving Veterans, let us do it together.

Things of Note for the General Budget:

- We can only make the budget work if we have membership. FUND RAISING, EXTRA DONATIONS FROM AUXILIARIES AND DISTRICTS, and DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS are most helpful but cannot be counted as income as they are unknown amounts.
- We must all do our part, no job is smaller than another, no job is larger than another and no job is less or more important than another. It is as a team that we can accomplish OUR GOALS.
- Fund Raising money raised during the current year cannot be considered part of the current year’s budget. It is money we do not have in hand and it is money we hope to make. It is placed in the Fund Raising line item of the budget for future use.
- **National requires** us to keep \$20,000.00 in an account for Hospital Reserve and \$35,000.00 in Dues Reserve. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- Western Conference dues are set by Western Conference at one of the two meetings held each year; they may or may not be adjusted each year. The Western Conference Meetings are in November (dates change) and at each National Convention. Any Auxiliary member may attend these meetings.
- Once our Budget is voted on and approved at the Council of Administration held at the time of our Department S of I, we may not change it. If there is a line item that goes over, then we must have the budget chairman bring it before the C of A for a vote to approve the payment of the overage. There is no guarantee that approval will occur.

Things to Note for the Hospital Budget:

- The loss of income to the Hospital Budget, by Auxiliaries not accepting the responsibility to pay the \$3.00 hospital "Pledge" per member, is a loss to the Veterans that we serve in the eight (8) different Veterans facilities within the state of Washington.
- Fundraising by the Hospital Chairman is the "life blood" to keep our Hospital Budget meeting the needs of our Veterans' facilities within Washington. It would be so nice to use that money for some of the extras that are always being requested rather than just trying to meet our very small budget needs.
- Each Veterans' Medical facility that the VFW Auxiliary Department of WA supports has a Veterans Rep or Chairman that is the contact/representative for the Department President & Department.
- Each facility is unique in its support of Veterans and their needs.

Bulletins will be produced five times this year, with information provided to you from officers and program chairs. A lot of time and effort goes into these packets, do not dismiss them. The information shared with each of you is intended to be **SHARED** with **EVERYONE**. PLEASE read these and share at your meetings at all levels.

We can only grow in strength and numbers by nurturing our garden, so that its buds turn into beautiful full and mature flowers.

Marjorie Stetson

VFW Auxiliary Dept of Washington

Sr. Vice President 2019 - 2020

Contact information in Department Directory

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