

August 2, 2026

Hello to my Auxiliary family,

The VFW & Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nevada, was a week filled with some good information that I, as your National District Council Member #11, would like to share with you.

#1 The minutes from our February 12th National COA were approved.

#2 The VFW Auxiliary Legacy Life program - the vote to start the Legacy Life Program was postponed until August 2027 Convention FOR A CONVENTION DELEGATE VOTE, not just a COA vote.

#3 The nine-month budget report, September 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026, for fiscal year 2025-2026 was approved with NO overages.

#4 The 2026-2027 Fiscal Year proposed budget was approved with these changes

- a. Annual Membership Cards will NOT be printed and mailed out; this will save National VFW Auxiliary \$95,000. The cards can be downloaded to your phone and saved in your digital wallet. This is something easy that can be shown how to do at a District and or Department training.
- b. Streaming National Convention will be available at a cost of \$100 to members who cannot attend the Convention. This way, Auxiliaries can have a National Convention watch party. It will be a watch party only.

#5 Proposed Standing Rules in CAPS are the changes made;

- a. Item B: Monies budgeted in Cancer Aid and Research restricted funds, of which \$100,000 may be presented.
 - a. At the discretion of the National President to cancer RESEARCH (was added) institutes.
 - b. A report will be given at each National Council of Administration meeting, OF any donations made OR IT WILL BE REPORED IN THE NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOK (was added)
- b. Item D: The National President – National Home Board of Trustees Meetings
 - a. ADDED – If the National President cannot attend a National Home Board of Trustees scheduled meeting in accordance with the National Home Bylaws, THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT MAY SEND ANOTHER LINE OFFICER, IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
- c. Item D: The National President
- d. Item E: Travel – Applies to all Authorized Travel by the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

- a. Bullet 7 – added was DC along with Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, etc will be authorized \$70 per diem.
 - i. If an event includes meals (i.e. MID-YEAR (was added), Jr and Sr. Vice Conferences) travel per diem will be based on meals provided and/or allotted travel time required.
- e. Item E-7: Representatives Assigned to Departments
 - a. National proposed to have National Representatives assigned to two (2) out of the three (3) Department meetings; COA voted that down. Three (3) National Representatives to attend three (3) Department meetings will remain.

National Home:

- a. 43 homes are filled while 3 are being renovated.
- b. There are 10 families on the wait list.
- c. The VFW National Home was approached by a vendor asking if they would like to purchase two (2) new modular homes to place on the National Home property. The VFW National Home reached out to National President Donna Mills to ascertain if we, National VFW Auxiliary, would be interested in purchasing one of these homes. The home will be a 2 bed, 2 bath with basement
 - a. Here is the cost
 - i. \$290,000 House, includes excavation, generator, porch, stoop, decks & ramps.
 - ii. \$ 15,000 Infrastructure modifications, like routing water, sewer, electric, etc.
 - iii. \$125,000 Maintenance endowment. NO YEARLY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE with this house
 - iv. \$430,000 total amount due to the National Home.

THE NATIONAL COA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS NEW HOME!!!

Respectfully,
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