



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

THE MARYLAND VFW COMBAT VETERAN

The Official Publication of the Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

vfwmd.org

September—October 2021

Volume 45—No. 2



JAMES F. WADE, SR.
COMMANDER
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Hello Comrades,

It has been a busy past few months and guess what, it's going to get busier, in a good way, moving forward! Department has an aggressive road ahead towards rebuilding its VFW Brand.

The VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO wasn't as big as previous National Conventions, but it was a huge success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARYLAND ALL-AMERICAN COMMANDERS:

Michael Johnson—District 4
Ronald L. James—5246
Arthur J. Westbrook—521
Kenley T. Timms—5118
Al Velus A. Sneed—6054
Craig M. Conrad—7464
Matthew Boyd III—7757
Charles E. McCoy—8175
Leonard W. Windsor, Jr.—10146

Bruce R. Edwards, Jr.—District 10
Michael J. Eason—9376
Anthony F. Koch—652
Joseph E. Ruth—5627
Larry W. Smith—6658
William A. Milner, Jr.—7472
Megan A. Bogley—8065
John M. Knopp—8672

Calvin Mitchell—District 16
Thomas C. Williams—467
Joseph H. Peters—2632
Eugene A. Daley—6027
Larry D. Harris—6918
Wallace L. Brown—7687
Kevin S. King—8126
Chad W. Wright—10076
Reginald J. Elzey—10159

JOB WELL DONE!!

At the National Convention, VFW elects Matthew M. Fritz Mihelcic as new National Commander-in-Chief.

Also, I would like to give a big shout-out to Brian Sturgis who has served as our Maryland's National Council Member for four years and we are grateful to have elected Denise Perry as our new Maryland National Council Member.

The Department Headquarters made a few changes. PDC Tom Williams has agreed, for now, to hold the position as Adjutant until a new Adjutant can be

See Commander, Page 5



BRIAN LANKFORD
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Greetings from the Department of Maryland Senior Vice Commander. Doing these troubling times and Veterans from all eras reacting to the events in Afghanistan. Make sure you are checking on your fellow veterans, **have available the phone number for the Vet Centers which offer counseling to any combat veteran, 1-877-927-8387. If you think your fellow veteran is having thoughts of suicide, the Veterans Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255 the press 1.**

It has been a busy start to a new year as we try to recover from Covid 19 lockdowns. I personally find myself needing to be in three places at one time.

Just a heads up by December 2021 we will be looking for verbal commitments from committee chairs for the 2022/23 year followed by appointment/confirmation letters in January of 2022 so we hit the ground running in June of 2022. I would like to personally thank Brian Sturgis for agreeing to be my Chief of Staff for 2022/2023.

The Eastern Conference is in the final planning and fine tuning stages. We look forward to it being a success and as of right now it appears that Covid will not interfere with the Conference.

As the age of our members increase and our membership numbers decrease, recruiting and retention is more important than ever. If everyone one would recruit and mentor one new member we would double in size.

In closing it is my pleasure to serve with you and for you. Please keep our Service Members, fellow Veterans, and Nation in your prayers.

Never choose Fear over Freedom or Safety over Liberty!
Bryan Michael Lankford
Department of Maryland Senior Vice Commander

STATE COMMANDER
James F. Wade, Sr.

ADJUTANT
Thomas Williams, PSC

EDITOR
Jacquelyn Kimball

The Maryland VFW Combat Veteran is published six times per year — July–August, September–October, November–December, January–February, March–April and May–June by the Department of Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 101 North Gay Street, Room J, Baltimore, MD 21202, 410-752-6474
MDVFWCombatVet@comcast.net

Send all communications for publication to MDVFWCombatVet@comcast.net. Deadline for submissions is on the 20th, during the months of June, August, September, December, February and April.

WEBSITE
www.vfwmd.org



VFW
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



TIFFANY DANIEL
CHAPLAIN
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Greetings Comrades,
As we come to what we all wish to say is the end of the pandemic, there are still some things in our lives that we wish we could be better prepared for. The children are going back to school, stores, restaurants, and businesses are reopening and we are all so excited to our lives back in order.

So let me pause and about our spiritual relationships for a moment. Have we stopped to wonder what we have to offer the people in our lives? Friendship is not always about mentoring or what we

can do for one another. Our spiritual friendships are about seeing the worth God has placed in each of us and being able to appreciate the gifts each individual has to offer. It's about being able to share and learn with one another. Wanting and willingness to care for one another and letting them care for you too. So, as we prepare to get back to our lives, let's also build with one another and not destroy.

- Caring – in healthy friendships, we care deeply for our friends, seeking to hold them up in their weak places.
- Accepting – we learn to lovingly accept each person's heart and gifts.
- Serving – we develop the desire to serve those around us.
- Offering Hospitality – we reach out in hospitality, providing a safe and warm space for our friends to be with us.
- Encouraging – and above all, we learn to live by speaking life and hope often.

As I look back, there have been so many articles concerning the United States pulling out of Afghanistan. This week I have

See Chaplain, Page 4



ROBERT HENSLEY
SURGEON
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Hello Comrades,

I hope this finds you all doing well, in your homes and in your posts.

Please be aware of the new virus among us. Please get the vaccination if you feel the need to, always protect yourself and family first. It's the season to be traveling so please use extra caution in your surroundings to protect your family and self when going to different states or countries.

Stay focused on your surroundings this time of the year. Please keep in mind the symptoms of heat exhaustion and the signs of an apparent heat stroke.

HEAT EXHAUSTION- There are two types of heat exhaustion:
Water depletion. Signs include excessive thirst, weakness, headache, and loss of consciousness.
Salt depletion. Signs include nausea and vomiting, muscle cramps, and dizziness.

Although heat exhaustion isn't as serious as heat stroke, it isn't something to be taken lightly. Without proper intervention, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke, which can damage the brain and other vital organs, and even cause death.

HEAT STROKE- Extremely high body temp, dizziness or fainting, rapid heartbeat, disoriented or confusion, nausea, headache most likely throbbing, lack of sweat, hot dry skin, possi-

See Surgeon, Page 5



Dear Comrades,

Please ORDER your 2021-2022 By-laws and Ritual manual. I have always said "If you know the rules, you can play the game". And WIN. You as a VFW member need to know the rules and ritual for our organization. If you have any questions, call me, (410) 829-6308.

REV. RONALD JAMES
JUDGE ADVOCATE
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW



CONGRATULATIONS to the Department Color Guard for winning Third Place in the Havre de Grace Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2021.

Chaplain, From Page 3

spoken with so many that are feeling emotional about the situation. Let's remember to prioritize our self-care. In doing so, I'd like to introduce to some and present to others, Mindful Resilience for Compassion Fatigue. Compassion Fatigue occurs when individuals become too physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausted as a result of the demands of their job. If you work in an environment where you experience trauma or if you are a personal caregiver for someone who is recovering from trauma, you can be affected by "Compassion Fatigue". Such signs and symptoms can include feeling overwhelmed and helpless, apathetic behavior, and difficulty concentrating.

If you are experiencing any of the above, these symptoms are not inevitable. Learning to obtain a mindful approach to these events can help you transform your relationships with being a caregiver and with those you love. Let's BREATHE and smell the flowers now, from "Compassion Fatigue to Compassion Satisfaction" by prioritizing your self-care. Remember, you are not alone. For more information visit: www.veteransyogaproject.com

I will also invite you to join or support the Military Women's Memorial 9/11 Remembrance Relay. For more information visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Arlington/MilitaryWomensMemorial911RemembranceRelay>

In His Love,

Commander, From Page 1

found. Thank you Tom for taking on this challenge!

September and October as I stated are going to be busy months. Please visit vfwmd.org to view my Commander Calendar. It's constantly changing. To highlight a few – National CIC will be visiting the Great State of Maryland on September 11th and attending our Eastern Conference in October.



EasternConf-PacketM
aryland2021.docx

Mark your calendar/Save the Dates for future events: i.e. VOD/Patriot Pen/Teacher of the Year will be held at our VFW National Headquarters in Baltimore, MD on January 30, 2022. Parking will cost \$5.00 per vehicle. Please contact Dr. Christine Sandoval for details.

On March 19, 2022 will be the Commander's and Auxiliary President's Testimonial ceremony being held at the Doubletree Hilton in Annapolis, MD. POC is Tom Kimball and Chief of Staff, Michael Johnson.

As you all are aware, this year has and will be a challenge for all of us. Last year, the VFW and the world went to a complete stop. Now our challenge is to bring our Maryland Department back to what it was before the pandemic year. That is why I would like you all to continue doing your part by completing your reports on time, try to develop community involvement. Let us welcome our fellow comrades from Afghanistan into our Posts and hearts.

My goal is to develop better communications within both the VFW and Auxiliary as One Team working together for our common goals – the Veterans and their Families. There is no such thing as having multiple VFW's within the State of Maryland (ie. Eastern Shore, Western shore, Southern shore) we are all one and I believe that to be true. Let's work together

to show everyone that we all stand together for our Fallen and Living Comrades and their Families.

Honoring the Past, While Strengthening our Future.

Family First; Veteran Always

James F. Wade Sr.
VFW Department of Maryland
State Commander

Surgeon, From Page 3

ble seizure, and extreme exhaustion. If not treated could lead to a pine box.

Please continue to set up blood drives, diabetic screenings, blood pressure clinics, first aide and CPR classes and anything else that will help your members and communities.

We did discuss how Vitamin D deficiency could cause issues with reactions to the Covid vaccine. It is suggested to take D3 for the deficiency that can be detected on a blood test at your doctor's office. Please talk to your healthcare provider about D3. Stay safe out there and hope to see you all soon.

Reports are coming in, thank you for those who email your reports. Keep up the good work on the Post and District levels.

Regards,
Dept Of MD Surgeon
R.E. Hensley Jr



FRANK RAUSCHENBERG
CIVIL SERVANT AWARD
CHAIRMAN
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW

Greetings Comrades,

James F. Wade Sr., Department Commander has graciously appointed me as the Chairman for the 2021-2022 Civil Servant Awards, that consist of Fire Fighters, Paramedics, EMT and Law Enforcement Officers.

The following information will assist you in the Civil Servants Nominations. Nominee packets to Posts by 31 October; Post winners to District by 15 November; All Post winners to the Department by 1 January 2022. Packets require Nominee information sheets; one page resume/background; one page listing of accomplishments; a photo (head-shoulders) of the nominee. Packets are available from the Department web site, www.vfwmd.org Members Only section that requires VFW membership ID number to access the site.

Post Commanders, in these times of uncertainties for our Fire and Police Departments, please reach out to your Community Fire Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies for an individual who deserves to be recognized and given the high honor of the Veteran of Foreign Wars FF, EMT, Paramedic Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. In doing so, please forward all nominee applications to me at the address below. Once received, I will contact the POC on the application to let that person know I received the applications.

Thank you for what you do for your Posts, District, Department of Maryland and most important your community.

Frank M. Rauschenberg
17202 Bollinger School Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

VA SECRETARY APPOINTS NEW VETERANS LAW JUDGES

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Board of Veterans' Appeals appointed 20 new Veterans Law Judges to deliver more Veterans appeals decisions — bringing the total to 113 VLJs. Most of the new VLJs will arrive prior to the end of fiscal year 2021, with additional judges to be appointed in fiscal year 2022.

They will further VA's effort to deliver enhanced benefits and services to Veterans.

"Veterans Law Judges are a key part of ensuring Veterans receive the benefits and services they have earned and deserve" said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Once I swear in the new judges, this puts in place added resources to reduce the appeals inventory."

The judges will receive extensive training from seasoned mentor judges to prepare them for their new responsibilities and will be supported by a cadre of attorney-advisors and professional staff as they adjudicate appeals.

Visit VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals for additional information.

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

STAND BY THEM

Confidential help for
Veterans and their families

Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255



ANCHORS UP FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

AUXILIARY NEWS



CHERI BROWN
PRESIDENT
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is great to see how everyone is working hard to keep this great organization moving forward.

Congratulations to Felicia Weeks and her team for a successful National Convention. Congrats to Felicia and Cynthia Davis for earning the “Circle of Excellence”.

We can help Maryland reach 100% in membership if we all work together and get our members to pay their dues. As we all know, membership is the heart of the auxiliary.

We need to keep all members included and encourage each other to work together. We need to spread patriotism and tell our story.

Thanks for attending the “Homecoming” at Post 7687. Thank you to all involved in making it a successful event.

It is time to work the programs and REPORT, REPORT, REPORT!!! The program chairmen are willing to help you if you need it... just ask. You do the work, so get the credit.

Our goal is to help our veterans and we can do it by working the programs.

As we travel to do our Department Visits, we encourage you to

See President, Page 10



VANETTE JONES
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW
AUXILIARY

Hello Post and Auxiliary Brothers & Sisters of the GREAT Department of Maryland!!

As summer comes to an end, I hope that each of you took some time out to have some fun in the sun with your families and of course our veterans.

There are a few military observances that I would like to call your attention to for the month of September. September is National Suicide Prevention Month & National Service Dog Month. Additional days of observance include: Labor Day (09/06), Patriot Day (09/11), National POW/MIA Recognition Day (09/17), Gold Star Mother's Day (09/26) and *VFW Day is observed on September 29th.* Has your auxiliary thought of a unique and creative way to honor, promote awareness

and/or provide support resources to our veterans & or their families? If so, do not forget to report it. If not, please consider doing something to reach out to our veterans.

A Covid-19 vaccination clinic would be great especially since the Delta variant is dominate within the US right now among unvaccinated people. You could use the vaccination clinic to host a Buddy Poppy Drive, hand out flags for Americanism/Patriotism, Membership Drive, and many other programs. Please keep all of those who are currently involved in Afghanistan in your prayers as that country's security hangs in the balance. Be well and stay safe as we continue to keep our *Anchors Up for Veterans and their Families.*

Respectfully,
VaNette Jones
Department VFW-A
Junior Vice President



DEBBIE STURGIS
CHAPLAIN
STATE OF MARYLAND VFW
AUXILIARY

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Sometimes our emotions feel like the movie, *Groundhog Day*. The same feelings occur day after day. Sometimes these emotions are negative, which result in negative thoughts or vice versa.

One of my favorite quotes illustrates this truth.

“Watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Watch your words, for they become your actions. Watch your actions, for they become your habits. Watch your habits, for they become your character. Watch your character for it becomes your destiny.”

Our thoughts can become our destiny. Is your destiny being controlled by negative thoughts?

We are often encouraged to find and live out our true selves. The danger is that often our true selves conjure depressive, hopeless and discouraging thoughts. Instead of striving to be your true self, push to be your best self.

Our days don't automatically begin with positive thoughts and emotions. However, by investing in our best selves, we have the ability to implant those thoughts and emotions and avoid an endless snowball of emotions.

2nd Lt. Amelia Deramus
Luke Air Force Base



Comrades, Brothers & Sisters,

I want to fill you in on all the happenings at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention, but first things first... A huge THANK YOU to those that volunteered and assisted headquarters while we were in Kansas City. As the Volunteer Team Captain for the convention, I was so thrilled to have Maryland members give up their free time to pitch in and get the job done. Whether it was working at Registration, at the Patriotic Art display, doing stage duty or that dang task of moving chairs around (again and again), you were there whenever I turned around and needed help and I can't thank you enough!!!!



LIBBY DALLATEZZA
SECRETARY
STATE OF MARYLAND
VFW AUXILIARY

In case you haven't already heard... Maryland rocked it at National Convention!!! The Department of Maryland Auxiliary received five 1st Place Program Awards, seven miscellaneous Program Awards, and not one but TWO Department Presidents welcomed into the Circle of Excellence.



2020-2021 Department
President Felicia Weeks



2019-2020 Department
President Cynthia Davis

Outstanding Performance Awards went to:

Americanism – Chairman Terry Dawson
Auxiliary Community Outreach – Chairman Jackie Kimball
“Buddy”® Poppy & National Home – Chairman Betty Stahm
Chief of Staff – Chairman Sandi Kriebel
Membership – Chairman Betty Ann Johnson

Americanism Award #2 – “Best Promotion of Blue Star Mothers & Families; Gold Star Mothers and Families; Silver Star Families and White Star Families” awarded to Chairman Terry Dawson.

Auxiliary Community Outreach Program Award #2 – “Best Promotion of the Auxiliary Community Outreach Program” awarded to Chairman Jackie Kimball.

“Buddy Poppy”® & National Home Award #2 – “Best Promotion to educate the community about the ‘Buddy’® Poppy” awarded to Chairman Betty Stahm.

See Secretary, Page 10

President, From Page 7

speak up and let us help you. We want to see the Post and Auxiliary working together. So, we depend on your input.

Our National President Jean Hamil will be visiting Maryland October 26-28th (and continuing her stay for the Eastern Conference). The National President's Dinner will be held at Delmar Post 8276 on Tuesday, October 26th at 6 pm. We will be going to the Harriet Tubman Museum and touring Assateague Island. Hope you can attend an event or all events as we give Jean a great time in Maryland.

Please help "VFW National Home for Children", my President's Special Project and send your donations to Carole Betro, Dept Treasurer. We have PSP items. Let me know if you would like to purchase pins or other items.

Thanks for everyone's dedication and thank you to my team.

"Anchors Up for Veterans and Their Families"

Cheri Brown
VFW Dept of Maryland
Auxiliary President

Secretary, From Page 9

Chief of Staff Award #2 – "Best guidance and advice related to strengthening and rejuvenating a struggling Auxiliary" awarded to Chairman Sandi Kriebel.

Historian & Media Relations Award #2 – "Best Promotion of media relations training" awarded to Chairman Nancy Shenk.

Also, at National Convention there were 13 proposed resolutions and revisions to the National Bylaws. The results are posted on the [National website](#) under Events / National

Convention.



Donna Mills of Hesston, Pennsylvania, was elected to the office of National Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the first of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2026-2027.

A Life Member of Standing Stone Auxiliary 1754 in Huntingdon, Pa., she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President, National District Council Member, Eastern States Conference Membership Coach and Veterans and Family Support National Ambassador.

Donna joined at age 16 on the eligibility of her grandfather, Neil F. Giffin, Sr., who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. She is married to Frank Mills, a VFW Past State Commander in Pennsylvania.

Donna is a retired Software Engineer for The Pennsylvania State University where she worked for 28 years. She spends much of her spare time indulging in her love of computers and computer programming, reading, watching football and creating cross-stitch and embroidery. She is a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Auxiliary 24, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 978, Moose Lodge 223/220 and Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary 59.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas!

Libby DallaTezza

“Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation”

The Most Asked Question is...
How Can We Build on Our Foundation?
How Can We Get Members to Attend Our Meetings/Events?



An Open House....It's Perfect!
This May Be the Answer You are Looking For!
Have it Jointly with the VFW or Just the Auxiliary

Attached please find the tools you will need to get you started, inspired, and motivated. You heard the old saying “Nothing beats a try, but a failure”. Give it a try! The future and success of your Auxiliary is right at your fingertips.

You have the tools, the purpose, the opportunity, and you have me to help make it happen. Get that motion made on your meeting floor to have your **OPEN HOUSE**ASAP. Encourage your members to get pumped up and ready for some fun.

I am only a phone call away. Don't lose out on the chance to grow your Auxiliary and “Build on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation”. **There will be a \$50.00 drawing for any Auxiliary who makes the effort and \$100.00 award for the best and most creative OPEN HOUSE.** That can be your Auxiliary!

Set your date and call today!
Sandi Kriebel, PNP
Dept. VFWAUX Chief of Staff/Extension
443-745-9206



DON'T GIVE UP.....DON'T GIVE IN
DON'T LET DELTA-VARIANCE PANDEMIC STOP US
FROM SERVING OUR MISSION
A MISSION WE OWE
TO ALL OUR VETERANS & MILITARY



Times are starting to get hard again right now due to Delta Variance Pandemic. Some Posts & Auxiliaries may have a difficult time meeting their obligations and projects, by not having their normal fund raisers. Some may be struggling to have their regular monthly meetings at their post home/meeting places due to State/County/City mandates for the pandemic.

The Dept President, officers and chairmen understand. What we do not understand, is those who are **NOT** making the effort to do what we as an organization are obligated to do in service to our Veterans and Community. We need to find the best way we can to do our part no matter how small the project. This is what we have done for over 100 years during hard times.

Our Veterans fought, died, and never gave up fighting for the Freedom we cherish. Let us not disappoint them. We are asking you to.....**JUST....**

- Do the best you can with your programs and projects....**but make the effort.**
- The projects and monetary donations made by your auxiliary – **Report it.**
- Share and read all your Department chairmanship monthly **promotional material.**
- **Don't be afraid** to ask for help from your District President and/or the Department with meetings, questions or materials, etc.
- **Don't be afraid**, if and when necessary, to have Zoom Meetings and Teleconferences. Many had very successful and productive monthly meetings during the Covid -19 – and because of Zoom and teleconferences – more members are participating.
- Keep communications open with **ALL** your members. Do a newsletter.
- Choose a team of members who will make phone calls or emails to **keep in touch.** Share with those members in participating with small projects that can easily be completed at home. Include their children and grandchildren with crafts and cards for the Veterans at the VA and Nursing Homes. – **Report it!**
- Continue to do what we do best.....**Serve our Veterans & Community.**
- Present **“Good Job Awards”** to all who are making a difference.
- **Stay safe and healthy.** Wear your mask....social distance....follow all rules.

Need Help or Encouragement.....Call Sandi Kriebel, PNP
Dept. VFW Chief of Staff – Dept. of Maryland 443-745-9206

Top 10 Reasons for Your Post to Have an Auxiliary



10. Offers valuable assistance with event preparation.
9. Assists with "Buddy"® Poppy drives.
8. Opens the door to potential members.
7. Assists in recruiting and retaining members to strengthen the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. Provides events and volunteer opportunities for veterans' family members.
5. Boosts the Post's visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.
4. Increases Program participation and helps spread the word on scholarship and youth programs.
3. Presents an opportunity to serve more veterans, active-duty military, and their families.
2. Increases the number of advocates to fight for veterans' rights and benefits.
1. Positively reinforces the values and beliefs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Get Your Auxiliary Started Today

What are the Benefits of having an Auxiliary?
A stronger, effective and more productive VFW Post?

Still have questions?

Contact: Sandi Kriebel, PNP
Dept. of Maryland Chief of Staff/Extension
VFW Auxiliary
443-745-9206
kwizoz@verizon.net



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AUXILIARY
Department of Maryland
MEMBERSHIP



~ Fall Membership Message ~

Debbie Tilley, National Membership Program Ambassador, explains that this year's focus will be on **RETENTION**. For Maryland, she set a goal of 3655 and so far, we have retained a little over 1000; therefore, we need approximately 828 more retained members to reach the first goal of 1828 or 50% of our goal of 3655.

Debbie also gave Maryland a **GAIN** goal of 73 per quarter, with the first quarter ending on October 31, 2021. Our Department made the first quarter goal the week ending August 15, 2021 with a total of 102. For the second quarter goal of 73 due by November 30, 2021, Maryland only needs 44, since we already had 29 towards the second quarter goal. Sounds confusing, but once Ambassador Debbie explained it during a Zoom meeting, it became clear that Maryland was on the way to meeting all the goals set by National.

My message is: ❤️ Continue to work hard to retain your members while recruiting new additions to your auxiliary. ❤️ If your dues notices have been sent out, the next step will be to follow-up with phone calls. ❤️ Offer adoption for those experiencing financial difficulties. ❤️ Reach out to those members who dropped off the rolls during Covid-19. Remember that Membership is the ❤️ of the auxiliary!

Sincerely,
JoAnne Bierly, Membership 2021-2022



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
AUXILIARY
Department of Maryland
MEMBERSHIP



We've raised anchors and are ready to move forward with Membership!

Maryland has increased its percentage from 67% in July to 73 % in August...We are on our way to 100%

Shout outs to...

Auxiliaries Reported as of August 19, 2021:

District 1 – 9619
District 2 - 5627, 7757, 8950 with photo
District 3 – none reported to date
District 4 – 5118, 7464
District 5 – 5337, 8672, 10028, 10146
District 6 – 160
District 7 – 467, 521, 3285, 7472, 8806
District 10 – 6027, 7687, 8185
District 11 – 5367 with photos, 10078
District 14 – 2678, 6506
District 16 – 194



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS as of August 19, 2021:

District 1 = 82.77%, District 2 = 78.76%, District 3 = 29.93%, District 4 = 69.38%, District 5 = 72.04%, District 6 = 67.91%, District 7 = 75.33%, District 10 = 81.23%, District 11 = 73.65%, District 14 = 77.06%, District 16 = 67.00%, MD total = 73.94%

USPS IS HIRING NATIONWIDE VETERANS AND FAMILIES GET PREFERENCE

There may not be a stoplight in your hometown, but there's a United States Postal Service® (USPS) post office. Post offices become the hub of many communities because they are reliable. It's comforting that "neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night" will prevent letter carriers from delivering the mail. This dedication to mission is something Veterans hold dear as well.

That's why USPS is specifically reaching out to Veterans as they staff up. USPS has a long history of providing career opportunities to those who've previously served and values the leadership, reliability, and high-tech skills Veterans can bring, as well as their loyalty, leadership, reliability, and integrity.

Nearly 100,000 Veterans currently work for USPS and more than 100,000 positions are available across the nation such as:

- City and rural postal carriers
- City carrier assistants
- Tractor trailer operators
- Sales and support
- Mail processors
- Mail handler assistants

These positions are available full time, or just on weekends and holidays.

Veterans, disabled Veterans, Reservists, spouses of disabled Veterans, widows or widowers of Veterans and mothers of Veterans all receive special preference for these USPS positions.

To view positions near you or across the country visit [USPS.com/Careers](https://www.usps.com/Careers)

(Taken from VA Website)

MD VFW & AUXILIARY

In the Spotlight



MD VFW & AUXILIARY

In the Spotlight



BASKETBALL GREATS

G T U K N I A L R E B M A H C E Y
 B A R K L E Y D A V E B I N G N C
 J O H N S O N E T I T T E P B O B
 K G S A M O H T H A I S I H N L J
 H S A N E V E T S H U G G C A A R
 A B D U L J A B B A R L H Z M M E
 F Y W E S U N S E L D L Y E W L L
 A Y M Z T I C E K F P I S W R R L
 E R R A N R D Q X G B H J A K A I
 R R U C P E G F M C L T D L D K M
 V U S G G D L N E A F N T T R Z N
 I C S N L E O L E H L A Y O I O O
 N J E I B S H N A D N R E N B N W
 G F L W R P O Z O Y M G L E Y O U
 Q I L E N X D S V T A U D J R T J
 K E V I N D U R A N T R A O R K A
 S I B Y B U D F O S T E R R A C L
 W X J E R R Y W E S T G B D L O O
 B O B C O U S Y G N I M O A Y T B
 Z V B J A S O N K I D D A N E S B

ABDUL-JABBAR (Kareem)
 BARKLEY (Charles)
 BOB COUSY
 BOB PETTIT
 BRADLEY (Bill)
 BUD FOSTER
 CHAMBERLAIN (Wilt)
 CURRY (Stephen)
 DAVE BING
 ERVING (Julius)
 EWING (Patrick)
 GRANT HILL
 ISIAH THOMAS
 IVERSON (Allen)
 JAMES (LeBron)
 JASON KIDD

JERRY WEST
 JOHNSON (Magic)
 JORDAN (Michael)
 KARL MALONE
 KEVIN DURANT
 LARRY BIRD
 MILLER (Reggie)
 O'NEAL (Shaquille)
 OLAJUWON (Hakeem)
 RAY ALLEN
 RUSSELL (Bill)
 STEVE NASH
 STOCKTON (John)
 WALTON (Bill)
 WES UNSELD
 YAO MING

