

It's Time to Honor Our Veterans" / "Patriotism Begins at Home"

PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT

OPERATION CHANGING LIVES

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What is the Ladies Auxiliary? It is a Veterans Service Organization Auxiliary. VFW Commander-in-Chief John Stroud and Ladies Auxiliary VFW National President Ann Panteleakos are joining forces during the 2014-2015 year to support the VFW's premier program: National Veterans Service (NVS). President, Patti Leitner has made this her special project. It should be very easy to hold fund raisers for this project as it can benefit all Veterans.

The National goal? To raise \$1 million for the program. Our Department Goal? Raise as much as we can but wouldn't it be wonderful to hit the \$10,000 mark. Let's see what we can do.

Let's get back to basics. Let's build the No. 1 veterans service organization into a powerhouse FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES!

The VFW's nationwide network of 276 service officers are highly skilled professionals and the absolute best in the field. In 2012, they recovered \$3.7 billion in VA benefits for 125,000 veterans and their families.

The program provides all veterans with the assistance and support they need to navigate the VA claims system, secure the benefits they deserve, and get the services they and their families need—at no cost!

Our service officers cut through the red tape for veterans, and their record proves it.

The bottom line: NVS is truly changing lives and letting our veterans and their loved ones move forward.

So put on your thinking caps and think outside the box. Come up with new and exciting ways to raise funds to support Veterans and their Families. If you have any questions please contact me, or any of the other VFW Auxiliary Line Officers. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Make Auxiliary check payable to VFW and mail to Linda Evans; Department Treasurer, #5 Maple Lane, Greenbrier, AR, 72058. Earmarked OPERATION CHANGING LIVES. Linda will forward to the National Office so that you receive credit for your donation.

AUXILIARY AWARDS

1. Outstanding Performance Award: "It's Time to Honor Our Veterans" award for the Auxiliary in each Membership Group for most unique fundraiser held to raise funds for the Special Project. Citation to runner-up.
2. Citation to each Auxiliary or District who donates a minimum of \$25.00 earmarked for the President's Special Project, **OPERATION CHANGING LIVES.**

President's Special Project

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Aux. # _____ District # _____ City _____

Chairman's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Report Deadlines: November 15, 2014 and April 15, 2015 Date of this report: _____

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1. How much did your Auxiliary send to Department Treasurer for President's Special Project, Operation Changing Lives? \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make payable to VFW and mail to Department Treasurer. The program provides all veterans with the assistance and support they need to navigate the VA claims system, secure the benefits they deserve, and get the services they and their families need—at no cost!
2. Did you have a special fundraiser for President's Special Project? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Describe in detail the fundraising event your Auxiliary did for President' Special Project:  
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4. How many hours? \_\_\_\_\_ How many members participated? \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount raised: \$\_\_\_\_\_

