

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO**

**GENERAL ORDERS #3  
January 1, 2017**

All General Orders from the Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary will hold its Parade of Programs/Workshops and Council of Administration meeting on March 25 and 26, 2017 at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S Circle Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80906. A schedule of programs and workshops is on the Department website. Workshops will begin at 8:00 am with Parade of Programs at 1:30 pm. Joint Council of Administration will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 8:30 and the Auxiliary Council meeting following.
2. Department President, Linda Reinpold's Special Project is Project Sanctuary in Colorado. Please forward your donations to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson. The proceeds from the sale of the special Veterans pin will go to Operation TBI at the Craig Hospital of Colorado.
3. **District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents:** Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990-N reports and a copy sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.
4. **Auxiliary and District Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers:** In order to be considered a member in good standing and to retain your elected position, your 2017 dues had to be paid by December 31, 2016.
5. **Membership:** Keeping your membership current is the easiest way to keep our organization membership whole and healthy. Please pay your 2017 dues now. Your dues help to keep our congressional voice strong for active duty, veterans and their families. Having your dues current also entitles you to receive a cancer grant provided the eligibility requirements are met. Recruit new members by always carrying an application form with you. Use it to sign up your friends and family. The VFW Auxiliary shall fix an admission fee of not less than \$5.00 per member. This entitles each new member to a membership pin and copy of the current Bylaws and Booklet of Instruction. (See Section 103 of the Bylaws).
6. Fourth Quarter Audits for the months of October, November and December are due January 31, 2017. A copy of the audit should be mailed to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.
7. A reminder to District Presidents – Annual Inspections are very important and must be conducted in a timely manner. The Inspecting Official should sign the Secretary and Treasurer books only if they are kept according to procedures outlined in the Booklet of Instructions. Every question on the Inspection form should be answered. Copies of the Auxiliary W-9 and acknowledgement of filing the 990 should be on file for the Inspection Official to review.
8. The Department Voice of Democracy Banquet was held at Cheyenne Mountain VFW Post, 4715 Clearview Drive, Security CO on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The Department VFW Auxiliary would like to extend Congratulations to all winners and thank everyone for the excellent job.

9. February 12, 2017 is a special day to honor our hospitalized veterans. Consider planning a special event or activity that day or that week for them.
10. Nominations for the Salute to Service are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2017. The Department Award Banquet will be held on April 22, 2017. Please watch the Department website at [www.vfwcolodept.org](http://www.vfwcolodept.org) for more information.
11. Please file your Program Reporting forms with the VFW Department of Colorado. Your Program Chairman needs your help in receiving these forms in a timely manner so they can report your hard work. Remember the reporting year is April 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017. All reports are due to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2017.
12. A special thank you to all those who attended the Parade of Programs in Colorado Springs. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you were able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:

/s/ Linda Reinpold  
Linda Reinpold, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Ginny Rosa  
Ginny Rosa, Secretary