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CORTINA BARNES NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Cortina Barnes, was elected National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at its 97th National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 26, 2010.

The theme for the 2010-2011 year is *United by Love for Our Veterans and Country*. Cortina plans to focus attention on the Auxiliary's core programs for veterans and their families. She also hopes to lead members in topping donations to the Cancer Aid & Research Fund at more than \$3 million to assist members with cancer and fund important research to fight this disease.

A life member of Woodbridge Auxiliary #9755 in Washington, D.C., she is eligible through her father, Benjamin F. Willis, who served in the United States Army from 1944-1946 in the European Theater.

Since joining in 1987, she has served in several capacities for the organization including Auxiliary President and 2000-2001 District of Columbia Department President. As Department President, she earned Outstanding Department President of the Year. She has served several terms as Auxiliary Treasurer, Auxiliary Secretary, and Department Secretary.

Barnes was employed with the federal government for 32 years. She worked with the Department of Defense Human Resources Activity outside of Washington, D.C., as a Resource Manager and is a Certified Defense Financial Manager. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

She is a life member of the VFW National Home for Children, a member of Sodality of Our Lady at St. Francis de Sales Church, American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA).

She is married to Vietnam veteran Gerald C. Barnes Sr., who is a Native American, gives lectures and demonstrations on the traditional Native American culture and the art of basket-making in addition to weaving traditional Native American baskets. Gerald is a Life Member of the VFW and a Past All-American District Commander.

Barnes is stepmother to three adult children and stepgrandmother to five.



National President Cortina Barnes' Official Visit

APRIL 10 – APRIL 12, 2011

Sisters, prior to the March mailing, plans for National President Cortina's visit will be finalized. This information is included so that you may start planning a moment of your time to spend with this gracious lady from Washington DC. Please do not hesitate to share this information with your Post membership.

Sunday, April 10, 2011

10:50 AM

Isle of Honor Arrival

National President Cortina Barnes arrives at the Dane County Airport in Madison.

4:00 - 5:00 PM

MEET and GREET @ Post 7591

301 Cottage Grove Road, Madison WI.

5:00 PM

Pot Luck/Dinner

Hosted by the Auxiliaries of Madison Posts, 8483, 1318 and 7591 President Sharon's home Auxiliary.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

8:30 AM

State Capitol Tour

Please meet in the Southeast basement of the State Capitol, beneath the Grand Stairs on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Please allow sufficient time to arrive and be ready to start. If you arrive late, you may be asked to join the next tour in progress. Tour starts at 9:00 AM sharp.

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Meeting With Legislators

Tentative scheduling with Political figures.

12:00 PM

Luncheon-Dutch Treat

Inn on the Park-Located on the Square
22 S Carroll St, Madison WI.

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Veteran's Museum Tour

30 W Mifflin St, Madison, WI
Located on the Square

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Cortina leaves in the morning to visit other sisters in another state.