



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary MICHIGAN CONNECTION #1

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches

Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Congratulations to the newly elected Department Officers and the 24-26 National District Council Member. Since this is published before the Convention, watch our Department's Facebook page for election results.

To dispel any rumors, the Department Office will remain open Monday – Thursday and closed on Fridays. The Secretary and Treasurer will work out a schedule so that the office is covered on those days. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Jane's Corner

I am excited to begin the new administrative year. Thank you for your support and confidence you have placed in me as I serve as your Department President. My focus, this year, is on the needs of our veterans and recognizing our members.

I am very thrilled for our Department Chairmen as they all have great ideas and are eager to promote our programs. With our Officers, District Presidents, and Chairmen, we have a fantastic group all the way around!

Congratulations and welcome back to Cindy Peto. She will be serving as the Department Assistant Secretary until July 1 then she will resume the duties of Department Secretary. Congratulations to Cathy Sasse on her election as Department Treasurer. She has been the Assistant Treasurer since January for training purposes and has done a great job. Every effort is being made to make this a smooth transition and we ask for your patience as they both get acclimated to their new roles, and they are ready and excited to assist you with your needs.

Deb Hanes is the new Web/Facebook Chairman. Her knowledge and expertise will be an asset to our Department Office.

I want to thank Nicole and Sandi for their service and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Chief of Staff (Extension and Revitalization)

Healthy Auxiliary Due Dates/Reminders

If you have not done so, **Department is requesting that Reports of Installation be entered into MALTA by June 15 and copies sent to Department and your District President.** In addition, Department will need a copy of your appointed chairmen.

The President at all levels is reminded to submit to their respective Commanders, within thirty (30) days after installation into office, the last quarterly audit and membership status report.

Bonds will not be available to purchase in MALTA until after July 1 and purchased by August 31. The cost of the bond and the amount covered by the bond must be approved by the body and entered in the Secretary's minutes. Bonds are to be completed by August 31, or the Auxiliary will be subjected to a Suspension.

The second quarterly audit report for April, May, June, is to be completed by July 31, approved by the Auxiliary vote, and submitted to Department by August 31.

What is a Mentor? A Mentor is ALL of us. In some shape or fashion, we are all Mentors to each other. Some have excellent knowledge of the Bylaws, some have knowledge of the National and Department Programs, and some are experienced in the overall workings of the Auxiliary all the way from the local level to the National level. We need to be receptive to listening to each other and learning from those individual strengths.

I encourage each of you to strive to be the best you can be in whatever aspect of the Auxiliary that makes you the happiest even if it's just making a craft item for the local hospital/nursing home or baking something to have for an upcoming Post and/or Auxiliary function or to have as a treat after your Auxiliary Meeting.

Jan Passmore
Department Chief of Staff

2024-2025 Changes

Bulletins will be bi-monthly beginning with June/July.

Department Program Facebook pages will continue for this administrative year.

Congratulations to PDP Deb Hanes, who has been appointed Chairman of the website team, which includes Cindy Peto and Cathy Sasse. Updates and possibly some minor changes will be made, so please be patient. We will NOT be making any changes to the process of reporting programs!

The Road Show Trainings are back!!! Keep watch on our Department's website and Facebook page for locations and dates.

Upcoming Events

The National Convention is from July 27 to August 3 in Louisville, Kentucky. We look forward to hearing all the fantastic awards the 23-24 team accomplished during the year. Rock-on Michigan!

Michigan Day at the VFW National Home will be August 11. Additional information will be available in the June/July "Buddy" ® Poppy/National Home Bulletin on our Department's website. We look forward to a successful and well-attended event.

By Order of:

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Department President

Cindy Peto

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Department Secretary

MOVING FORWARD IN 2024

