



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Membership Bulletin—February/March 2025

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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Membership Theme: America's Greatest Treasure

PROGRAM GOALS

Invite New Members – Include Current Members – Invest in the Future of the Organization

The 2025 calendar year is well underway and I'm betting that a majority of you that made a resolution have already broken it. I know that about 25% of you broke it by the end of the first week in January and barely 10% of you will make it thru to the end of 2025 with your resolution still intact. I'm one of those that broke my resolution in early January! There is, however, **one** resolution I'm hoping all of us will do our best to maintain and that is making sure our membership applications are **completely** and **accurately** filled out. All too often, our Treasurer receives applications that are missing various **required** pieces of information. **Any incomplete or inaccurate application received at Department will be returned, which will delay a new member's installation.**

Below you will find our membership application marked with a **GREEN** number in those areas where the most common "errors" are found by our Treasurer. For each number, you will find a brief explanation of what should be included in the area.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A

Recruited/Recommended by: **1** _____ Recruiter Member ID **2** _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (if already a member) _____

Annual Membership Rejoin

Life Membership Transfer

Member at Large in Department of _____ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

(If not a transfer, skip to B.)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying Nonpaying

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE *(Fill out Life Membership information below.)* Previous Auxiliary _____

B

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name **3** _____ Date of Birth **4** _____

Address _____ Female Male

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

C

POST-AFFILIATED *(Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)*

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

1	YOUR NAME , the "recruiter" of the new member
2	YOUR membership ID number
3	NEW MEMBER'S name, address, etc. PLEASE MAKE ALL ENTRIES IN SECTION "B" ARE LEGIBLE
4	Do not forget NEW MEMBER'S date of birth, their sex, and their email address

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

D **NON-AFFILIATED** (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (if applicable) _____
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals: **5** _____
 Dates of Service: **6** _____ to **7** _____ Location: **8** _____

E Investigating Committee Signatures
 1 **X** **9** _____ 2 **X** _____ 3 **X** _____
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

F By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.
OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.
 Signature **X** **10** _____ Date _____
(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift. **11**
Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.
 Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX _____ Life Membership Fee
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Credit Card No. _____ CVV Code _____
 Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature **X** _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Life Membership fees are not refundable.
 Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.
 Through 20 \$253
 21-25 \$242
 26-30 \$230
 31-35 \$219
 36-40 \$213
 41-45 \$201
 46-50 \$196
 51-55 \$184
 56-60 \$173
 61-65 \$161
 66-70 \$150
 71-75 \$132
 76-80 \$108
 81-85 \$86
 86-90 \$69
 91 and over \$58

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5	Don't forget to include campaign ribbon(s) and/or medal(s)
6	Don't forget to include the starting date of service
7	Don't forget to include the ending date service
8	Don't forget to include the location of service
9	Recruiter can NOT be a part of the "Investigating Committee"
10	NEWMEMBER signature and date
11	Ensure ALL sections are COMPLETED and LEGIBLE

I hope you enjoyed the chairmen programs we had at Mid-Winter. Congratulations to the five winning Auxiliaries of \$50 each for reaching 100% by December 1st. Get your Auxiliary to 100% by March 31st and three more winners will be drawn at Department Convention in June.

Any member who recruits ten new/rejoin members by March 31st will be in a drawing for \$100 at Department Convention.

If your Post is having a Valentine's Day party or a St. Patrick's Day dinner, make sure you have your membership board on prominent display with the Auxiliary QR Code plainly visible.

Thank you for all your hard work. Keep collecting dues and recruiting to get Michigan to 101% PLUS by June 30, 2025.

All the best.

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