



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
MICHIGAN CONNECTION #2
August/September 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Auxiliary VFW – Michigan
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National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans
Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

Our office staff now have cell phones to better serve our members. All questions regarding membership, 990's, audits, treasurer duties and responsibilities, contact Department Treasurer Cathy Sasse at 517-420-9342. All other calls will still use the 517-487-3715 and you will reach the Department Secretary, Cindy Peto. Effective August 1, our new fax number is 517-485-6432.

Jane's Corner

Thank you all for pushing forward and for getting your installation reports in! Keep up your momentum with the bonds, Audits, and 990's.

Congratulations Past Department President Sara Manke on achieving the Circle of Excellence! Congratulations on all the awards achieved at the National Convention.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Home on August 11. Come and experience this VFW Michigan treasure.

Any conversation that contributes to division, hatred, violence or disrespect of another member or person hurts us all. Considering recent postings on social media platforms, please be cautious as to what is posted, because, like it or not, it reflects on our organization. Even though it is a personal posting and freedom of speech, people know who you are and your affiliation with our organization. Treat everyone with dignity and respect, in person or online.

Congratulations to PNP and Past Department Secretary Sandra (Onstwedder) Messenger on her recent marriage. Much happiness is wished upon you both.

Chief of Staff (Extension and Revitalization) and Healthy Auxiliary Due Dates/Reminders
– Department Chief of Staff Jan Passmore

Audits are due to the Department Treasurer by August 31, 2024. Remember that it must be read and approved on your Auxiliary floor before submitting.

Bond are due by August 31, 2024, for the period September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025. The bond is for the persons hold the positions of President and Treasurer. The amount of the bond is to be voted on by your Auxiliary based on the recommendation of the Trustees and is to be two times the amount of all monies held by the Auxiliary.

Which light does your Auxiliary fall under? Green means you are up to date on the goals and requirements that each Auxiliary is to achieve. Yellow means you are starting to struggle, and we are here to help guide you into the Green light. Red means it is time for your Auxiliary to stop, reevaluate, and then begin REVITALIZATION towards the Green light.

Mentorship quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Tell me, and I forget, teach me, and I may remember, involve me, and I learn."

Special Orders

Special Order No. 202, by order of the National President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to May-O'Brien Post #8465, Port Huron, Michigan is hereby cancelled and declared defunct.

Special Order No. 231, by order of the National President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to Sebewaing Post #4115, Sebewaing, Michigan is hereby cancelled and declared defunct due to lack of participation.

Special Order No. 232, by order of the National President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to Lambertville Post #9656, Lambertville, Michigan is hereby cancelled and declared defunct for failure to elect officers for the ensuring year and a lack of interest in the members to keep the auxiliary healthy.

Upcoming Events

Michigan Day at the VFW National Home will be August 11. Additional information is available on the Department Website.

Camp Trotter Family Fun Day will be August 17. Additional information is available on the Department Website. Hope to see many of you there to enjoy a day at our beautiful Camp. Bring the kids, there will be numerous activities for them to enjoy.

September 7 is the National C.A.F.E. at the VFW National Home. How lucky Michigan is to have this event in our state. For more information, go to vfwauxiliary.org/Events.

September 12 – 14 National President Brenda Bryant will be making her official visit to our state. We are still in the planning stages but can tell you that there will be a dinner at Mt. Pleasant Post 3033 on Thursday, September 12, and Clio Post #1452. Please watch our website and FB for details.

September 26 – 29 is our Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn Gateway and we have a great weekend planned with training and fun events. Please check out our Department Website for more information.

By Order of:

Jane Dady

Cindy Peto

Jane Dady
Department President

Cindy Peto
Department Secretary

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Department Office has switched to cell phones so that we may better serve our members.

517-487-3715 – Department Secretary Cindy Peto for correspondence, general questions, website, reporting, President's schedule, etc.

517-420-9342 – Department Treasurer Cathy Sasse for all matters concerning membership, audits, 990s, and duties and responsibilities of treasurers.

517-485-6432 – New Fax number

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW AUXILIARY

2024-2025

Auxiliary # _____

District # _____

Membership Total: _____

PLEASE!! Use one check for all the following donations and mail to: Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary, 924 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906.

Suggested donations have been based on **Department Membership as of June 30, 2024.**

Your Department is operated solely from the monies received from the Auxiliary Program Donations and dues. If you are prompt and have these donations voted on early, the programs may continue without interruption due to lack of funds.

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS: Promotional material for the Department and National Programs (mailings, Supplies for new Auxiliaries, Aids to Auxiliaries, Official Visits, Schools of Instructions, and Office equipment, etc.).

Suggested donation: \$1.25 per member \$ _____

HOSPITAL DONATION: Funds supplies for our Department Representatives to bring cheer and comfort to Hospitalized Veterans and to help defray the expenses of hosting Special Holiday Parties.

Suggested donation \$1.00 per member \$ _____

AMERICANISM DONATION: To promote the Americanism Program, Presentation of Flags, Special Programs, etc.

Suggested donation: \$.25 per member \$ _____

All SCHOLARSHIPS: This is for all Scholarships through Department.

Suggested donation: \$.40 per member \$ _____

Total amount of check for **ALL ABOVE DONATIONS** \$ _____

PLEASE MAIL HEALTH & HAPPINESS OF TEN CENTS (\$.10) OR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.25) PER MEMBER TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 406 WEST 34TH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO. 64111. Make your check payable to: NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY
Now available the Auxiliary Treasurer can also go to the National MALTA Website and pay the Health and Happiness online.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2024 VFW & AUXILIARY ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Flint, Michigan 48507
JOINT AGENDA

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am	Golf Outing	
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Pre-Council of Administration	
6:00 pm	Dinner with the National Rep – Dept. Officers Only	
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Filmore

Friday, September 27

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration (closed for lunch 11:30 am – 1:00 pm)	McKinley
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Auxiliary Hospital and Camp Trotter Fundraiser tables	McKinley
8:30 am- 12:00 pm	VFW/Auxiliary Joint Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW National Home Representative • FOXHOLE • Heros to Hives • Honor Flight • POW-MIA – DOD Program Status • Gold Star Mothers • Mission Six • VOD/PP Program • Fisher House Representative • VMS/Veteran Mental Health & Welfare • Service Office – Claim Evidence/Development • Karmanous Cancer Institute – Check Presentation by PSC Ray Lopez 	
12:00 pm- 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
	District Sr Vice Training with Department Sr Vice Debbie Scheetz	

1:30 pm- 3:30 pm	Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Presentation of Hospital Representatives and Deputies
4:15 pm – 6:00 pm	District Jr. Vice Training with Department Jr Vice Jason Manke
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Doors Open for Bingo/Silent Auction/Raffle fundraiser
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, September 28

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Conference Registration	
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Auxiliary Hospital and Camp Trotter Fundraiser Table	
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Auxiliary Training	Auxiliary Room
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Treasurer Program (MALTA) – Cathy Sasse • Department Budget Explanation – Carrie Turner • MALTA/Website – Deb Hanes and Marilyn Malick • Reporting 	
10:30 am- 12:00 pm	Program Chairmen Presentations	
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Auxiliary Past Presidents Luncheon	Auxiliary Room
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Continue Program Chairmen Presentations (Membership will be last) Q and A on all Programs	
6:30 pm	Department Banquet – Davison VFW Post	

Have a Safe Trip Home

6/25/24

VFW AND AUXILIARY
Department of Michigan Fall Conference
Gateway Centre, Flint Michigan
Wednesday September 25 – Sunday September 29, 2024

Mail or Call Reservation to: Gateway Centre
5353 Gateway Centre, Flint Michigan 48507
810-232-5300

Or
Courtyard by Marriott
810-232-3500

*Make checks payable to: Gateway Centre - A Deposit of One Night or a Major Credit card is required! **(NO CASH)**.* Reservation will not be guaranteed without a form of payment.

Please specify if a barrier free room (handicapped) is required.

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Single	Double
\$118.00 +tax	\$ 118.00 + tax

PLEASE CALL IN AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Pat Patterson 586-292-5100 pattersond5@aol.com

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
VFW AND AUXILIARY
97th ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE AD BOOK

RATES:

FULL PAGE AD - \$115.00

1/2 PAGE AD - \$85.00

1/4 PAGE AD - \$60.00

PATRON AD - \$10.00 (Name and Post or Auxiliary Number Only)

ALL ADS WILL BE PRINTED IN BLACK AND WHITE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW

Payment can be made by check (made out to Department of Michigan VFW) or by credit card by contacting Jan or Amanda at Department Headquarters at 517-485-9456. Ads can be emailed to Jan: bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet.

MAIL TO:

Department of Michigan VFW
924 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48906

DEADLINE FOR ADS IS SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

MESSAGE: (PLEASE PRINT)



**Department of Michigan
97th Fall Conference
Golf Outing**

Fenton Farms
12312 Torrey Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430

September 26, 2024

Registration: 8:45 - 9:45 am - Shotgun Start: 10:00 am

Hot Dog Lunch at the Turn

Four Person Scramble - \$50.00 per Person (Green Fees and Cart)

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO
DEPARTMENT WHETHER PAYING IN ADVANCE OR AT REGISTRATION.
ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN CONTACT RICKY YOUNG AT 810-569-2193.**

Captain _____ Contact # _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #4 _____

Payment Enclosed _____ Pay at Registration _____

To pay by credit card complete the information below and fax to 517-485-6432 or email
to Jan: bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet or Amanda: amanda@vfwmi.vet

_____	____/____	_____
Credit Card #	Expiration	3 Digit Code

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Name on Credit Card	Email for Receipt



VFW Auxiliary
Department of Michigan
"Bingo" Fundraiser

September 27, 2024
6:30 pm

Play 12 rounds of Bingo for \$15.00
Chance to win one of 12 themed baskets
(approximate \$100 value each)
(must be 18 years old to play) (MI raffle license #)

Also - Silent Auction, Raffles, Fun!

Held at the - Gateway Centre Hotel
5353 Gateway Centre, Flint

Proceeds to benefit Dept MI VFW Auxiliary

Dept MI VFW Auxiliary Fall Conference
Bingo and Raffles Fundraiser
September 27, 2024 – 6:30 pm
Flint Gateway Hotel

Bingo starts at 6:30 pm - \$15.00 per person for 12 rounds of bingo

Extra packets of 12 cards can be purchased for \$5.00 each – if you want to play more cards

Extra sheets for any round can be purchased for \$1.00 each – if there is one prize you REALLY want

Bingo is open to VFW, Auxiliary members and guests over 18 years of age

Each District has been assigned a prize or basket to bring – prizes/baskets for men or women and several of the prizes will be lottery tickets OR cash! All 12 prizes estimated to have a value of \$100 or more

Raffles – tickets will go on sale immediately after bingo is over – all raffles will be 6 tickets for \$5.00 – no raffle tickets to be sold during bingo (due to State of Michigan licensing)

3 separate raffles will include a 50/50, a lottery board and donated items

Just like our previous auction or quartermania fundraisers – posts, auxiliaries or members are encouraged to donate items for the raffle – donated items/baskets should be NEW or new handmade items

Silent auction – bidding sheets will be by the items and will go in bidding increments of \$5 to \$10 per bid (depending on the item)

Just like our previous auction or quartermania fundraisers – posts, auxiliaries or members are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction (these items should have a value of \$100 or more) – donated items/baskets should be NEW or new handmade items

JOIN us for an evening of FUN and support for the Dept VFW Auxiliary!

SCAREY TIMES AHEAD

HALLOWEEN THEMED COSTUME CONTEST

AND, OH YEAH, LEST WE FORGET...

PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON AT FALL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, SEPT 28TH

12:00 PM TIL 1:30 PM (IN AUXILIARY ROOM)

DUES REMAIN AT \$3.00

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO JUDY HENSON AND MAIL THE DUES TO:

JUDY HENSON
1100 S. Dalrymple St.
Albion, MI 49244

All monies collected from dues will go directly to Auxiliary programs. Please consider paying for deceased presidents as well as those still with us. You may purchase boxed lunches from the hotel like you did last year. You do not have to bring a lunch to attend the meeting.

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE IN THE
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**

BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR BEST, SCARIEST, OR FUNNIEST COSTUME

Commander and President's Gala Tickets

Proceeds Shared with VFW Cancer Program & Auxiliary Fisher House Project

Saturday September 28, 2024 – Fall Conference

Price \$45.00 per person

Only 200 tickets will be sold

No tickets sold at the door

Gala will be held at Davison VFW Post 4087

8031 E. Court St.

Davison, MI 48423

DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS NOT PICKED UP

Tickets will be available for pick up at Auxiliary Registration

NAME: _____ **ADDRESS:** _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ DIST # _____ POST # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$	NUMBER OF TICKETS
100	1
200	2
300	3
400	4
500	5
600	6
700	7
800	8
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9900	99
10000	100

Payment can be made by check or credit card.

**Make check payable to VFW Department of Michigan and mail with form to:
VFW Department of Michigan
924 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48906**

To pay with credit card complete information below and fax to 517-485-6432 or email to Jan: bookkeeper@vfwmi.vet or Amanda: amanda@vfwmi.vet:

Credit Card #	Expiration Date

3 Digit Code

Zip Code

Email for Receipt

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Seating at 6:20 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Raffle/Silent Auction

Cash Bar

Dress Code: After 5:00 attire for women/suit and tie for men



CAMP TROTTER FAMILY DAY

Saturday, August 17

5566 E 86th St Newaygo, MI 49337

Join us to celebrate the conclusion of VFW Camp Trotter's camping season and 75th Anniversary!



Activities

- Corn Hole Tournament
- Swimming
- Fishing - *equipment available*
- Pontoon Rides
- Raffle (*drawing 1pm*)

Festivities begin at 9 am!



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – August/September, 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Americanism-Michigan

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

Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Greetings Americans, well here we are at the end of summer but there is still plenty of time to show your patriotism. There are still many community events in your local area. Try putting a booth together with patriotic information available. Work in conjunction with your post or other chairman, so many of our programs can and should work together. Perhaps get a couple of post members together to show how to properly fold a flag after lowering from a flagpole. Educate the visitors the proper procedure on how to dispose of a tattered flag and maybe provide a drop-off container and advertise it for the event.

As we head back to school please do not forget to reach out to the “powers that be” about holding those flagpole trainings, especially in the elementary schools. There are also many educational Patriotic materials available for you to utilize through the VFW Store. Educating our youth and our communities on patriotism is very vital for our country's future. If your Auxiliary passes out any citations to community members or business for appreciation or respect for the flag please do not forget to report that.

Dates to acknowledge:

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| August: | 4 th | US Coast Guard was founded 1790 |
| | 7 th | Purple Heart Day - commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart in 1782 and honors the members of the Purple Heart Order |
| | 29 th | Marine Corps Birthday - established in 1916 |
| September: | 11 th | Patriots Day - a day to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 2001 |
| | 17 th | Constitution or Citizens Day -commemorates the signing of the US Constitution 1787 |
| | 20 th | Pow/MIA Recognition Day (always the third Friday of September) a day to honor and remember our POW/MIA veterans |
| | 29 th | Gold Star Mothers/Family Day (always last Sunday of September) a day to honor family members of fallen service members |

There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Auxiliary Outreach Bulletin – August/September, 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Auxiliary Outreach-Michigan

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

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Wishing everyone continued success with the ongoing year and volunteering in your local community. I have been reading everyone's reports and you all have been very busy, as each and every one of the members of your Auxiliary go out into the community working and assisting other organizations. It is an awesome feeling to be able to share our skills and knowledge with one another.

ASPIRE TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY



Here are some of the ways the state of Michigan Auxiliaries are reaching out to our community. I hope this gives you ideas to help your Auxiliary reach goals:

- Walk for Life – Cancer projects
- Adopt a Highway – Blood Drives
- Assisting with Local Fundraisers – Golf Outings
- Food – Clothes Pantries
- Feeding America – Hero's Corner
- Senior Service Centers – Meals on Wheels
- Community Fishing Drive – Festivals
- Assisting Churches and Homeless Shelters
- Schools and Daycares assisting the teachers and students

When working with these organizations for the Auxiliary Outreach program be sure that the member(s) volunteering is wearing a VFW Auxiliary item. It can be a shirt, hat, jacket or name tag. Smile and be proud to wear them with pride, as we may never know who we will run into. Take pictures of your events; I would love to share them on our Facebook page. Also, remember the National Award wants a **photo collage** of all of your great community events throughout the 24-25 year. Finally, it is considered Auxiliary Outreach if the Project was approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. On rare occasions such as a natural disaster or emergency community need, the project may be voted on after the fact. All it takes is one Auxiliary member volunteering to count. When reporting please report the number of members, hours and miles used to assist the event. **Please also document in your report that the community project was voted on and approved at your meeting. This is a requirement to have your report approved!!!**

I look forward to working with everyone and excited to read all the fantastic reports on your community events. With the Conference coming up September 25th thru September 29th please join us for the school instructions and ask questions. Happy Fall and keep the great projects going for the 2024-2025 year. Let's make it awesome!!!

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home Bulletin August/September 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan

We have a big event coming up at the beginning of this month and I am so excited for you to join me at the VFW National Home Michigan Day on August 11. I encourage all of you who come to bring a friend to introduce to them this wonderful place and their mission. If you can't join us, I encourage you to share a post on your Facebook page or community page informing people about the National Home as well as the Helpline Number. Spreading the word is imperative to those who might potentially need the resources the National Home offers or brings new people that are willing to support the National Home through financial means.

Don't forget to bring your Spring-Cleaning Supplies to the National Home on Michigan Day. This will be a competition between our Department and the Department of Ohio. Who is going to bring the most supplies?? Be prepared to give them a monetary value at drop off. Your Auxiliary can write a check with "where needed most" indicated on the memo line, or you can drop off goods from the designated donation list posted on our website as well as on our Department Facebook page. You may also send in a check for Michigan Day to the National Home within 30 days of Michigan Day to count towards our total. However, you must indicate that it is for Michigan Day.



Please look over your Guide Sheet and read over the reporting requirements. I am getting reports on distributing poppies, but there is no number indicating how many. There is a box that specifically states "poppies" to indicate that number in. Please also indicate whether you have your poppy drive with or without the post. These details are important as I must report them to National at the end of the year. Please have your Guide Sheet out when reporting to help you remember what you specifically need to report on under that achievement.

BE A HOMEFRONT HERO!!

A great goal for Auxiliaries this year is to become a Home Front Hero for the VFW National Home. As we all know too well, the cost of pretty much everything has risen. With costs going up, it creates more of a strain on the resources that the National Home provides. So, this is just one of many ways Auxiliaries can support the National Home to offset those costs. Your Auxiliaries monthly donation can be as little as \$10 a month and the commitment would only be for this program year. If you choose to continue, that would be up your Auxiliary. To become a Home Front Hero:

1. Go online to vfnationalhome.org, go to "You Can Help", select "Home Front Hero".
2. Complete form online.
3. Note the several other ways to give and share that with your communities!
4. Report to me under "other" and let me know your Auxiliary became a Home Front Hero.

I can't wait to see how many Auxiliaries in our state step up to the challenge!

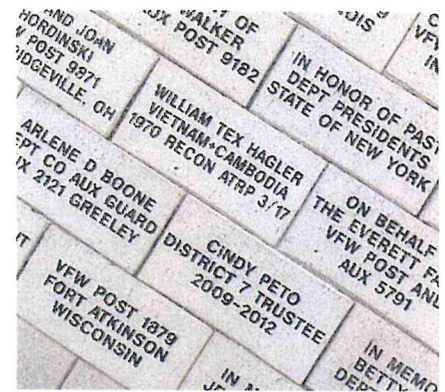


TRIBUTE BRICK

Be a part of the National Home's history! A personalized brick is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and leave a lasting mark on the campus of the National Home. Bricks are placed in walkways in front of the community center, health & education building, museum, and World War II monument.

You can customize your 4" x 8" brick with your three-line message. Consider donating a brick to:

- Remember a loved one;
- Honor a friend, comrade or sister;
- Show your gratitude to a family member;
- A dedicated volunteer, Auxiliary member;
- Celebrate a milestone in your life; or
- Set your own name in stone.



Each brick is \$100. Your purchase includes a commemorative certificate with a representation of your brick. Visit vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/tribute-bricks/ to get your brick today. Don't forget to REPORT when a brick has been purchased within your Auxiliary! This is a goal from our National Ambassador!



Fall Conference will be held at the Gateway Centre Flint, Michigan from 26 September – 28 September. **Please join me on Saturday, 28 September from 10:30 – 12:00 for this program training!**

Now is the time to start brainstorming some ideas to support the National Home and the Buddy Poppy program going into the fall season. Remember, when you promote one, you promote the other!

"Buddy"® Poppy + National Home = Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes®

Creativity is Contagious

A fun 'Back to School' basket would be a fun idea. Put together a basket of school supplies and raffle it off. Attach a poppy to the basket along with a story card that shares the story of the "Buddy"® Poppy. Put the proceeds of your raffle into your relief fund!

Don't forget to join our Facebook page at "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan to stay up-to-date on current happenings!

Christine LeBrun, "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman
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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Historian/Media Relations Bulletin – August/September 2024

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Hoping all Historian/Media Relations Chairmen at District and Auxiliary level are able to get onto the Department Website (vfwauxmi.org) and the National Website/Malta (vfwauxiliary.org/Malta). The information provided under the Historian/Media Relations Program will help you to be more effective as a chairman and help you educate other members to be an Auxiliary Storyteller (Goal – Training to educate members). A Storyteller is valuable, documenting events and activities done out in the community and promoting what we do for our Veterans. Collecting and organizing the documentation will make a reference for future Auxiliary Members on how the Auxiliary was able to continue the "Good Work" (Goal – Scrapbook). It also allows those who participated in the memories look back and remember.

The Storyteller needs to continue to tell the Auxiliary's story to the community by various Media Resources (Goal – Maintain Facebook Page). If we "Promote" what we do for our Veterans, the community will learn the importance of our Veterans and how the community can also help and support them. The Historian/Media Relations Chairman also "Promotes" Auxiliary Programs, so members and the community are aware of our many endeavors (Goal – Promote Programs).

We also need to "Promote" activities and events to those members who cannot make our meetings, so they can see what is being accomplished and what may be coming up on the agenda, so they may participate. Media Resources also include Newsletters, Quarterly letters, Messenger, Emails, and Websites (Goal – Communicate Quarterly). If more members along with the community are aware of functions it could increase participation of members and a bonus of more membership. Remember, Membership is also a Program to be "Promoted".

We can always learn from each other. Attending your District meetings (Goal – Attend District Meeting) allows you to talk with other Auxiliaries and listen to speakers who "have been there, done that". You can learn from their mistakes and their successes. You can also learn new ways to accomplish achievements, do activities and promote awareness. The more we learn the better we are for our Veterans. The Department Conferences, Fall and Mid-Winter, are also a wealth of information where you can attend a School of Instruction (Goal – Attend School of Instruction). The conferences have a joint meeting on the first day with the VFW Members which helps Auxiliary Members better understand the VFW Programs and community involvement. Always try to work with your post, combining activities and events to further help our Veterans. "Promote" how you help Veterans and bring awareness to problems many of our Veterans live with day to day. "Promote" why we are here, why we do what we do and why we are there for our Veterans. Our Post VFW Members are our Veterans!

As a Veteran, Combat and Non-Combat, as an Auxiliary Member, as a Family Member and as an American, "Promote" everything you do, need and wish for our Veterans. Brag about our Veterans! Brag about what they need! Brag about what they did! Promoting activities, events and fund raisers, and helping a Veteran at our Auxiliary, District, Department and National level brings the awareness our Veterans need and deserve. So, continue to use all media resources to get this done.

Tell your stories on how you are "Promoting" and "Bragging".

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Hospital Bulletin – August/September

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Hospital-Michigan

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Reading the reports that are coming in, it is amazing what each Auxiliary is doing to help our veterans, their families and the local VA hospitals. Keep up the good work!

While many can volunteer at our VA and non-VA hospitals, not everyone can do in-person visits to volunteer. Let's think about our "seasoned" Auxiliary members who still want to contribute but are not able to get out to a meeting or volunteer in person. These members may be able to sew, knit, or crochet and can contribute by making chemo caps, lap size blankets and quilts, pajama pants, walker and wheelchair totes, scarves and caps for the winter months for our homeless veterans. We can also use handmade baby items for those Auxiliaries who hold baby showers for our female veterans. Check with your VA or non-VA hospital activity director to see what their needs are.

Another way for everyone to help our veterans who are in the hospital or CLC (Community Living Center) is making small favors that can be put on their meal tray or if you are able to do patient visits have a small gift to give the veteran. Start saving empty toilet paper tubes, wrapping paper, soft candy and ribbons! In my next bulletin I will have what you can do with them.

It's not too early to plan activities for the coming winter months and Christmas. At your Auxiliary monthly meeting plan for the winter months, including Thanksgiving, and Christmas for our veterans. Don't forget there may be veterans at your local nursing facility. Sometimes we forget about them as we plan for activities at the local VA hospital and CLC. Maybe try a little skit, reading the "Night Before Christmas" with your volunteers playing out the story as one volunteer reads the story. Let's think outside the box!

As promised, I have a little bit more to share with you about how your Auxiliary can be a MASH unit. Each Auxiliary reporting is eligible to get points based on (1) outside-the-box activities, and (2) the most detailed description in your report, (3) how many reports approved, (4) Posts on Hospital page. A 5th way to accumulate points is finding a code word in the Hospital bulletin. The code word will be in bold type. Mention the code word in your report, you can earn extra MASH points! In the report description, type in "The code word is ____." The code word idea is to make sure you are reading the Hospital bulletins and having fun along the way. So, when you read the Hospital bulletin at your meeting and you have 10 members present, note that in your report.

That would count as 10 points. And, yes, there will be a prize for the Auxiliaries who become MASH units.

We will be having the Star Raffle Hospital Table for the Fall Conference. We would like each auxiliary and district to donate Gift Cards in the amounts from \$10 to \$25.00. The proceeds go toward the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program. Volunteers are needed to help work at the Hospital table during the conference. If you can help for any length of time or just one hour, you can help your auxiliary chock up some points for the MASH unit program. Your auxiliary will also receive MASH points for gift cards donated.

If you have any questions, **suggestions**, or ideas, let me know.

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative Bulletin – August/September, 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Legislative-Michigan

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

Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Program Goals

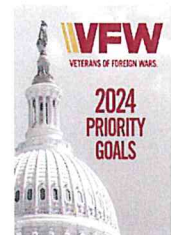
Be an Advocate - Be Informed - Be Engaged

Wow! This summer is flying by. What has your Auxiliary done so far to address our achievement goals and have you reported it? There is much to do these next few months with two elections upon us.

Get Out The Vote: The August Primary Election is Tuesday, August 6th. Not sure what is on your ballot? You can visit www.mi.gov/vote or your local Clerk's Office to review your ballot language. Individuals who are not currently registered to vote, after July 22, 2024, must register in person at your local Clerk's Office to vote in the August 6, 2024, election. Remember who sacrificed to give you the right to vote - it is your responsibility to exercise that right! Access Malta under Member Resources/ Legislative. Find *VFW Auxiliary Involvement in Elections and Political Activities*. This is full of helpful Do's & Don'ts and you can print out the updated "Veterans Vote" brochure and the "I Vote in Honor of a US Veteran" stickers to proudly wear when you go into vote!



VFW Priority Goals: What are you doing with your Post to promote the VFW Priority Goals? Do you have the brochures available on your Post information tables? Did you set up a membership table at your local county fair and have the brochures displayed? Have you educated your Auxiliary & Post members on how important these goals are for the well-being of our Veterans? And don't forget to report any and all of your activities!



VFW Action Corps Weekly: Call to Action - Pass H.R. 8371

The VFW supports the comprehensive *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*. Veterans and survivors can benefit from many of the bill's provisions. It would expand the caregiver program to those who serve our nation's veterans. Ensuring veterans can receive care in the VA or the community is crucial to their quality of life. We must continue to enhance services and benefits to provide all veterans with access to care and prompt mental health services. Caregivers also need the resources required to properly care for our selfless men and women. Additionally, veterans should not be financially burdened when receiving ambulatory services for emergency care. Send letters to your U.S. Representatives to Pass H.R. 8371, Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, out of the House and to the Senate to improve benefits and care for veterans, survivors, and caregivers.

Communication With Your Legislators: With elections approaching, check to see if any candidates or current representatives are holding town hall meetings. Invite them to your soup supper or burger night. Inquire where they stand on veteran issues. Remember, just watching political functions is not considered part of our goals. And, we are non-partisan; equal time for all parties.

When communicating with your legislators, remember to report who the representative is, the topic, if it is a bill, report the number of the bill & the title. Always thank them for their support of our veteran.



Reporting: Remember to keep reporting, however, reporting does not mean report for the sake of reporting. Reading your bulletin is great but it does not address our achievement goals. And some of your activities not reportable in Legislative might be reportable in other programs, such as assisting a Veteran in the voting process can be reported under Veterans & Family Support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of our Veterans and their families.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Membership Bulletin – August/September, 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Membership - Michigan

PROGRAM GOALS

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

Happy summer everyone! I hope you're enjoying the summer months so far?

When it comes to helping you increase our membership numbers, let me ask you a couple of questions:

1. Have you been able to get out and have a Membership Drive?
2. Have you ordered your **FREE** forms from National yet? If not, please do it soon as it takes a couple of weeks to get them.

If you haven't ordered forms from National, there are a few forms that will help you with potential members to show them some of the things the Auxiliary does:

1. Auxiliary Fact Sheet.
2. Membership Brochure.
3. Patriotic Art and Three-Dimensional Art Brochure.

To get these forms sent to you, you must fill out the brochure order form (here's the link for the form: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Auxiliary-Brochure-Order-Form-updated.pdf>) and either email it to National or use snail mail. It'll take a couple of weeks to receive your order.

Please take the time to post pictures on Facebook from any events you might attend. Future members are out there! We just need to keep our eyes and ears open for when there's an opportunity to speak with the public. A few years ago, I had some "Ask Me How I Honor My Veteran" buttons made. When I catch them looking at it, I ask them if they have a family member who served in the military overseas. Sometimes, that starts a good conversation and a potential lead for a future member.



As you already know, since you've read my guide sheet and first bulletin, the Membership Theme is "America's Greatest Treasure". Naturally, our greatest treasure are Veterans. Treasures are often kept in a safe place, like a treasure chest. In keeping with that theme, when your Auxiliary achieves 100%, your



Auxiliary president and their membership chairman will receive a "key" pin. These pins will be awarded at Fall Conference, Mid-Winter, and finally, Department Convention. They've earned it, and I hope they will wear it proudly!

By any chance, are you aware that, in Malta, you can pull-up a list of members from your Auxiliary that have fallen from your membership rolls? Since they were once eligible and were members in good standing, they're still eligible. People walk away for a multitude of reasons. Perhaps the reason a member walked away is no longer valid? I will be posting a sample letter on the Department website, under Membership, to send to our "former" members. My hope is that this helps you to get some members to rejoin. Remember, if you don't ask, the answer is always no.

Do you have elderly members that are annual members and are facing financial difficulties? Consider using your Buddy Poppy Relief fund to pay their dues. If you're able to afford it, purchase a life membership for them.

If you haven't yet joined my Facebook group, Membership – Michigan, please do so now. I'd love to see pictures of your membership events. Through sharing pictures, you just never know if your picture will spark an idea in someone else with an idea in their Auxiliary for recruiting.

Per usual, I have no doubt that the members of the Department of Michigan will work diligently to help President Jane Dady get into the Circle of Excellence. In addition, each of you will help the Department of Michigan lead the Big Ten Conference to be #1 in membership (and you know I would love that...being Big Ten Guard)!

Should you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns relating to membership; please don't hesitate to call, text, or email me. For a quicker response call or text me.

God bless you for everything you do for our Nation's heroes, God Bless our Veterans, and God bless the United States of America.

All the best,

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Bulletin – August/September, 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Scholarships-Michigan

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

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

Student Participation – Recipient Recognition – Community Awareness – Increasing the Fund

Hello! I hope you have enjoyed your summer so far. Now is the time to start focusing on some of our scholarships. School will be back in session soon and teachers can help promote our programs. Other places to promote our youth programs are youth groups, sports clubs, and community forums. Does your town have a Facebook page? Put an ad on it with a number to contact for more information. The Voice of Democracy (high school) and Patriot's Pen (middle school) are the first I would like to address. The paperwork for both of these programs is available on the Dept of MI VFW website vfwmi.org.

Themes for this year:

VOD: Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?

PP: My Voice in America's Democracy?

- VFW [Patriot's Pen Essay Contest](#). This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 6-8. The national first-place winner will receive \$5,000.
- VFW [Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest](#). This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12. The national first-place winner will receive a \$35,000 scholarship.

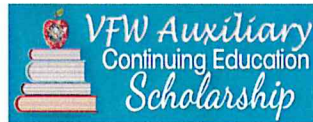
The entries are due to your post for judging Oct 31, 2024, and to the district level for judging November 15, 2024. Each entry needs to include the following paperwork: completed application, paper copy of the essay, a Student Bio form, a school release and finally a wallet sized photo. When sending your post winner to the district level please make sure you include the number of entries you had, and the amount spent on awards and recognitions. The VFW needs this information for their records.

Teacher of the Year: This program is also due October 31, 2024, to your post and November 15 to District. Anyone can nominate a teacher for recognition. Contact administrators, other teachers or parents to assist in getting a name for at least one of the grade categories elementary school, middle school, or high school. The application for this contest is on the VFW website also. I challenge each Auxiliary to help the post by finding a minimum of one teacher for the teacher of the year. Please include all the required paperwork listed on the application form.

The **Continuing Education Scholarship** is due in February 2025, I will send more information on this in my next bulletin.

It is not too early for promotion of the **Patriotic Art Competition**. Entries are due to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2025, and District April 15, 2025. More to come of this in later bulletins.

Don't forget to report that you promoted our programs even if you give out one application for each. Then report it. Report on attending District meetings, and Schools of Instruction as well. Please remember I am a call, email or text away. No question is a dumb question!



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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Bulletin - August/September 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Veterans and Family Support-Michigan

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches: Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Camp Trotter Family Day: August 19

I hope all of my Auxiliary brothers and sisters have had a chance to get out and enjoy our Michigan summer that will be coming to an end soon. Add Camp Trotter Family Day to your calendar. Grab your veteran and join us for some fun and fellowship.

Reporting: Great job from the Auxiliaries that successfully reported in the first quarter. Our second reporting quarter is August 1 thru October 31. Everything that we do for veterans is reportable under Veterans & Family Support. When reporting, please be descriptive of what the money was donated for and how you came to your hours donated. Remember, when giving a veteran or family member a ride to the store, appointments, or any reason to include mileage if the veteran or family member didn't flip the bill. If you need help reporting and don't have access to a computer, smart phone, internet or just don't like technology, I will gladly report for you if you send your reports to my address listed. I will also accept phone calls, texts and emails.

Good Fundraising and Donation Ideas:

Heroes to Hives- This program helps recently discharged military or veterans who suffer from Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder or other mental health issues through beekeeping. Go to vfwm.org > resources> down to more resources > Heroes to Hives for more information.

Fisher House- Fisher House is a home away from home for veterans and their families who have traveled long distances or are at a VA Hospital for an extended period of time. Fisher House offers a safe, comfortable place for the veteran and family to stay during their VA visit. Go to fisherhousemichigan.org for more information.

Back to School Supplies- Many military and veterans' families could use some help this coming school year. Try having a School Supply Drive or Collection at your Post Home; it is a great way to help start off the school year for the kids.

Report, report, and report.

Patriot's Day - September 11

Prisoner of War/Missing in Action recognition Day- September 20

Honor Flights- If you have not heard of or helped with an Honor Flight by now, you will because this year it is our responsibility to do so. Michigan has three Honor Flights that really do an excellent job of honoring our veterans by flying them round trip, to Washington D.C. free of charge. Every veteran is treated like they deserve to be on this trip and every veteran who makes the trip is so gratefully glad that they did so. This program needs donations to keep going for future passengers. Most veterans also need a guardian to accompany them; and unfortunately, the Honor Flight does not pay for the guardian's trip. Also, the veteran's spouse is not eligible to be a guardian. Please if you haven't already, start fundraising for this once in a lifetime opportunity for our veterans. There is a waiting list and applications for both veterans and guardians that need to be filled out.



To donate or for applications and flight dates, here are the three Honor Flight websites:

talonsouthonorflight.org

midmichiganhonorflight.org

upperpeninsulahonorflight.org

Besides looking at your bulletins, try to review your Veterans & Family Support Goal Sheet; this is where your achievement goals are. Ask your treasurer for a copy of their Treasurer's report; this is where you can find some good stuff to report under direct aid and other goals.

Oh, and in case I forget, remember to:

Report, report and report!

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – August/September 2024

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Youth Activities/Camp Trotter - Michigan

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Youth:

As school is scheduled to begin for most areas this month, start thinking about who you can connect with at local schools, youth groups, etc. Think outside the box when you are thinking about youth groups to connect with. Remember, this can include college age youth as well. Those in college are also able to become members, show them why they want to!



I have posted the Patriotism through Literacy list on our Facebook page (if you haven't joined the page yet, please do!). Remember that list is a suggestion and not exhaustive. Think about who you can donate books to in your community! Your library, classrooms, youth groups, etc. Think about different activities where you can connect these youth, the books, and the Veterans you are connected to!

This is also a great time to start sharing information with schools about the Illustrating America Art contest. As I have mentioned before, art takes time. You want to give these participants enough time to create their masterpiece.

Youth Group Suggestions

Sports Teams	Faith-based groups
School Clubs	Youth Advisory Councils
After school programs	Home-school groups
Youth Community Service Groups	
Service Learning and Civic Departments in high schools and colleges	

Camp Trotter:

The 2024 Camp Season has come to an end (as of August 3rd). Our 75th season is complete and now we begin looking forward to next year. Don't hesitate to continue holding fundraisers in honor of the camp, donating to the scholarship fund, and when they are announced, participate in cleaning days. **Camp Trotter Family Day is Saturday, August 17.** It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, see old friends, and get to know the camp that you are sending kiddos to!

In an attempt to raise more money to support Camp Trotter during conferences and conventions we are going to revamp the Silver Dollar Table. Instead of bringing items that are used, we are asking that you (anyone and as many of you who are interested from each Auxiliary in an assigned district) bring NEW, unused items that are popular in your

area (example: Traverse City – Cherry anything, UP – Pasties (keep them cold though!), Holland – Tulips, Wooden Shoes, Charlotte/Nashville – Maple Syrup, etc.). We are calling it **“STUFF YOUR DISTRICT.”**

Bring your favorites and be creative! You can bring your donation in a basket arrangement, as one item, etc. These items will be displayed on the table by district, you can buy raffle tickets and all the items from the district will be raffled off. You will place your tickets in the box for the lot of items you would like to win! The better and more donations you bring, the better donation we can make to Camp Trotter!

“How do we know when to bring our items?” Great question! I have assigned districts by meeting.

STUFF YOUR DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS

FALL CONFERENCE

Districts 4, 7, 10, 13

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Districts 5, 8, 11, 14

CONVENTION

Districts 6, 9, 12, 15

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DISTRICT 4 MEETING NOTICE



Date: September 15, 2024

Hosting Post: Northville #4012
438 S. Main Street
Northville

Auxiliary President: John Burchard

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANE DADY OFFICIAL VISIT

Agenda:

11:00 am Audit
11:30 am Registration
12:00 pm Lunch – Chef's Choice - \$8
1:00 pm District Meeting

Training: Membership by Department Membership Chairman
Marian Belaire

Aide to Department Representative – Ruth Barnhill

District President: Melissa Selders
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 5 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 25, 2024

Hosting Post: Lemke-Blackwell #7573
35011 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore

Auxiliary President: Tina Sutton

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE **Department Guard, Denise Arnold**

Agenda:

10:00 am Morning session - TBA
11:30 am Lunch – Chef's Choice
11:30 am Audit
11:30 am Registration
11:30 am Floor Practice
1:00 pm District Meeting

Training: 24-25 Programs

Aide to Department Representative –

District President: Don McNichol
248-755-5271
donmcnichol81@gmail.com

Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 6 MEETING NOTICE



Date: September 21, 2024

Hosting Post: Morley S. Oates #701
123 N. Rosemary
Lansing

Auxiliary President: Wendy Zamora

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Jr. Vice President, Jason Manke

Agenda:

10:00 am Audit
10:30 am Registration
12:00 pm Lunch – Chef's Choice
1:00 pm District Meeting

Training: School of Instruction and Membership with Department
Membership Chairman Marian Belaire

Aide to Department Representative – Teri Monday

District President: Dawn Shock
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grandmascience@yahoo.com

Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 7 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 4, 2024

Hosting Post: Carrick-Jarosz #9411
23672 W. M60
Homer

Auxiliary President: Francene Budzisch

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Chaplain and Chief of Staff, Jan Passmore

Agenda:

11:00 am Lunch – Chef's Choice
11:30 am Audit
11:30 am Registration
12:30 pm District Meeting

Training: School of Instruction

Aide to Department Representative – Dawn Holmes

District President: Makrina Conklin
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 8 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 3, 2024

Hosting Post: Rockford VFW #3946
American Legion Boat & Canoe Club
401 N. Park St. NE
Grand Rapids

Auxiliary President: N/A

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANE DADY OFFICIAL VISIT

Agenda:

11:00 pm Lunch – Chef's Choice
12:00 pm Audit
12:00 pm Registration
12:30 pm District Meeting

Training: School of Instruction – Presentation of 24-25 Programs

Aide to Department Representative – Blanche Brown

District President: April Lowery
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 9 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 10, 2024

Hosting Post: Fred E. Richards VFW #3055
1295 W. Monroe Road
St. Louis

Auxiliary President: Nicole Koutz

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Sr. Vice President, Debbie Scheetz

Agenda:

9:00 am Audit
9:00 am Registration
9:30 am – **Training on various Auxiliary programs and processes**
11:00 am Lunch – Chef's Choice - \$8
12:00 pm District Meeting

Aide to Department Representative – Jill Breiler

District President: Bob Brown
616-490-2049
Downtown7935@yahoo.com

Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 10 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 10, 2024

Location: American Legion Post 16
1701 W. Genesee Street
Lapeer

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Chaplain and Chief of Staff, Jan Passmore

Agenda:

9:00 am Audit
9:00 am Registration
10:00 am District Meeting
11:30 am Lunch – Chef's Choice - \$10

Training: Meeting Etiquette, Chain of Command, Standing Rules

Aide to Department Representative – Roberta Reid

District President: Kim Morrish
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 11 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 4, 2024

Hosting Post: Linwood-Kawkawlin #6950
132 E. Beaver Road
Kawkawlin

Auxiliary President: Joan Elenbaas

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Guard, Denise Arnold

Agenda:

9:00 am Light breakfast - donation
9:00 am Audit
9:30 am Registration
10:00 am District Meeting

Training: School of Instruction

Aide to Department Representative – Luella Demski

District President: Vickie Bushong
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 12 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 18, 2024

Hosting Post: Peacock Post #5315
2225 S M-37
Baldwin

Auxiliary President: Betty Coleman

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANE DADY OFFICIAL VISIT

Agenda:

11:30 am Lunch – Chef's Choice - \$8
12:00 pm Audit
12:15 pm Registration
12:30 pm District Meeting

Training: Membership

Aide to Department Representative – Michelle Hilderbrant

District President: Diana Herrick
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 13 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 3, 2024

Hosting Post: Ernest G. Shreeves Post #2496
2900 Connon Street
Alpena

Auxiliary President: Patrick Niedzwiecki

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
Department Treasurer, Cathy Sasse

Agenda:

9:00 am Audit
9:00 am Registration
10:00 am District Meeting

Training: Official Visits

Aide to Department Representative –

District President: Angela Crawford
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President.

DISTRICT 14 MEETING NOTICE



Date: August 4, 2024

Hosting Post: Martin J. Lassila Post #4573
310 Bank Street
Ishpeming

Auxiliary President: Mary Schwanke

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANE DADY OFFICIAL VISIT

Agenda:

8:30 am Audit
8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Training by PDP Marilyn Malick; Membership Training by
Department Membership Chairman Marian Belaire
**District meeting immediately following the
training**
12:00 pm Lunch – Sub sandwiches and dessert - donation

Aide to Department Representative –

District President: Ann Backhurst
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President

DISTRICT 15 MEETING NOTICE



Date: September 8, 2024

Hosting Post: Chassell VFW #6507
42103 Wilson Memorial Drive
Chassell

Auxiliary President: Donna Byykkonen

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANE DADY OFFICIAL VISIT

Agenda:

9:00 am Audit
9:00 am Registration
10:00 am District Meeting
12:00 pm Lunch – Chef's Choice

Training: Reporting, New Treasurer, and Membership by
Department Membership Chairman
Marian Belaire

Aide to Department Representative – Cindy Anderson

District President: Judy Fell
906-367-1876
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Any questions regarding the District Meeting, please contact the District President