



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
MICHIGAN CONNECTION #2
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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 ensuing 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:

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Department President

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