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## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin – December 2024/January 2025

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

**December** brings many different thoughts to mind...warm cozy friendly gatherings, noisy family game nights, overeating, bright lights and colored packages. However, I believe that for many of our Veterans December can also bring a lot of sadness and loneliness. Especially to our WWII veterans, who lost their brothers/sisters at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th or they feel guilty because they survived. I think we should pay extra attention to all our Veterans during this time because there were other events that ended or started in December and many of our Veterans have been isolated by choice or circumstances and they are out there in the cold feeling lost and alone when the rest of us are enjoying those things already mentioned. So, if your Auxiliary is hosting a holiday dinner or event like a kid's party try to invite those elderly post or Auxiliary members you don't see too often or better yet, go get them and bring them to the party for a couple hours. Just making a connection and changing their surroundings could do so much for them mentally. After all it is the season for giving and what is an extra plate of cookies or a few extra dinner plates? As Auxiliary members it is OUR DUTY to help take care and honor them for THEIR past/current service and duty. You could also make an effort to visit a V.A. hospital or nursing home as well.

This would also be a great time to work on those Citations that you should be passing out and awarding community members/businesses for showing patriotism. This is one area that needs a little help in reporting.

December 7th National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
8th War Declared on Japan 1941  
11th Germany and Italy Declared war on U.S. 1941  
13th National Guard birthday 1636  
15th Iraq War Ended 2011  
20th Panama Campaign Began 1989 / U.S. Space Force Est. 2019  
31st Official end of WWII 1946 / Kosovo Campaign Ends 2013



*Happy  
Holidays*



**January** is a time of renewal and fresh beginnings for many so I would hope that you all will take a "fresh look" at your guide sheets and look back at what you have done and reported and what you yet need to accomplish for this business year. Yes, you still have time but we all know it will quickly tick by and then some of us will be scrambling to try to rush to get things done when if we take a little time and look toward the future (of the next few months) we can put more meaning into what we need or want to accomplish.

My family likes to get together especially at this time of year and play games so we are going to play a trivia game....

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| Q. Is your Auxiliary promoting Patriotism?  | A. Yes          |
| Q. How do I know your Auxiliary showing Patriotism?                                 | A. By reporting |
| Q. Is your Auxiliary acknowledging Patriotic Holidays?                              | A. Yes          |
| Q. How do I know your Aux. is promoting Patriotic Holidays?                         | A. By reporting |
| Q. Is your Auxiliary passing out/distributing American Flags?                       | A. Yes          |
| Q. How many flags did you distribute and how/where                                  | A. By Reporting |
| Q. Is your Auxiliary "awarding" Patriotic citations?                                | A. Yes          |
| Q. Is your Auxiliary being represented at Dist. and Dept meetings when they happen? | A. Yes          |
| Q. Are you sharing bulletins and other info with your Aux.?                         | A. Yes          |



If you can "play" this game and get the answers I have indicated are the right ones, then not only will your Auxiliary win but our communities and most importantly our Veterans will win and that is a game none of us can afford to lose.

January: 17th Persian Gulf War began 1991  
27th Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord 1973  
31st Panama Campaign Ended 1990

*"I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag and to defend against all enemies."*

-William Tyler Page

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