



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
MICHIGAN CONNECTION #4
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

New Member Applications, dues, vouchers, audits and 990 information can now be sent to:

Cathy Sasse, Treasurer

1117 Michigan Street

Midland, MI 48640

Jane's Corner

Thank you to all our hospital volunteers! Their work is nothing short of amazing. Our veterans are well cared for and want for nothing when these volunteers are around. Each facility in the state has a wish list. These are the items that are most needed. We are attempting to get the lists displayed on our web page. If your auxiliary is able, please consider donating some of these items. Please recognize our hospital volunteers. They are some of our “unsung heroes” that deserve to be recognized and thanked.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On Friday, January 31, 2025, at 8:30 am, there will be representatives from Michigan Charitable Gaming and the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission providing important training. We strongly encourage members, especially Treasurers, to attend this joint training.

DUES

Due MUST be paid by December 31, 2024, to remain a member in good standing. Officers who have not paid their dues by December 31, their office will be declared vacant per our National Bylaws. In addition, members are encouraged to make sure that their information in MALTA is current. If you need assistance with changes, you can contact the Department Secretary Cindy and she will make the changes for you.

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

December is the end of the 2nd quarter. Therefore, your Auxiliary audit needs to be conducted in the month of January. Once completed then read on your Auxiliary floor and have approved before submitting to the Department Treasurer. If your Auxiliary needs assistance please contact the Department Treasurer or the Department President.

Mentoring – As an organization we need to remember we are ALL here for a common goal and that is to assist our Veterans, their families, and our community. We need to remember that it's ok to disagree with someone, but we do need to remember to be respectful of that person's opinion. Face to face communication is a much better option when approaching a difficult issue versus texting or emailing.

Special Orders

Special Order No. 079: Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President and in accordance with the National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209, the Charter of VFW Auxiliary to St. Helen Post No. 5680, St. Helen, Michigan, the suspension is now lifted as the Auxiliary has corrected the deficiencies

Upcoming Events

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held January 29 – February 2, 2025. All pertinent information such as hotel, ad book, and agenda can be found on our website under Announcements. We are excited to announce that our National Representative will be National District Council Member Area B, Carrie Turner.

If your post or auxiliary has an event, such as dinners, fundraisers, etc., you may send the information to misec@asiserve.net and our web committee chairman, Deb Hanes, will enter the event on our website under News.

The Department Headquarters office will be closed on December 20 through January 1, 2025. However, Auxiliary staff will be working remotely and answering emails and phone calls.

From all of us at Department, we wish all a blessed, safe, and healthy Holiday Season and an amazing New Year.

By Order of:

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Department President

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Department Secretary