



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Guide Sheet 2025-26

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National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free*
Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All*

PROGRAM GOALS

Flag Education – Promote #Auxiliary Patriotism –
POW/MIA Recognition – Star Family Recognition

In February 1927, the VFW along with several other patriotic organizations defined “Americanism” as an unflinching love of country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for us and posterity. In the Authorization of the VFW Auxiliary, we are to be an organization to promote a patriotic, historical and educational spirit and to foster true patriotism. Therefore, our goal this year will be to promote, educate and motivate our members, our Posts, and our communities to celebrate their love of country, their support and honor of the American Flag and ignite an ideal of patriotism in our land.

We are going to rock this program *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free* and show our patriotism, loyalty to the flag, and inspire American pride because *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All*.

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most Outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

Entry form is required and available on the Department website and in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.

Department Awards

- Best activity and/or event displaying or educating others about the proper ways to display and respect the American Flag in each membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary. **Entry form must be sent to Department Chairman by March 31, 2026.**
- Best overall and/or event for POW/MIA Recognition. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.
- Best overall award for presentation and distribution of the American Flag and/or POW/MIA Flags. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

- Best overall award for presentation of Patriotic Appreciation Citations and/or Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.
- Best Americanism program in each membership category. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 -51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Hold an event/activity displaying and/or educating others about the proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.		
Promote/participate in an activity/event for POW/MIA recognition		
Promote, participate and/or recognize any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays		
Distribute or present American and/or POW/MIA Flags – how many		
Present Patriotic Appreciation Citations/Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations to citizens and/or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American and/or POW/MIA Flags and/or other displays of American pride – how many		
Promote and/or provide education using #AuxiliaryPatriotism and Understanding Auxiliary Traditions – tell me how		
Promote and/or participate in an event/activity to provide flag education and/or in schools & community		
Ensure that the American Flag and banners are properly arranged and displayed at each Auxiliary meeting/event.		
Host/participate in an event/activity to recognize Star Families		
Submit to your Post a candidate for the Smart/Mahar Teacher of the Year by October 1, 2025.		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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