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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Extension and Revitalization 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

Maintain and Strengthen Current Auxiliaries
Present to Unaffiliated Posts
Establish New Auxiliaries
Recognize Red-Flag Auxiliaries

What does the Extension and Revitalization Chairman do? The Extension and Revitalization Chairman is also known as the Department Chief of Staff. The Department Chief of Staff works closely with the Department President to coach, counsel, and be a mentor to all levels of leadership in the Department. As Chief of Staff/Extension Chairman it will be my mission to assist you in any way that I can to help you remain a Healthy Auxiliary, and to look to our Unaffiliated posts to establish new, Healthy Auxiliaries!!

How can you help to Establish New VFW Auxiliaries? One easy way you can help is to talk to VFW Posts without VFW Auxiliaries and encourage them to start one. Share with them the "Why Having an Auxiliary Can Boost Your Post" PowerPoint and/or PDF, and "Ten Top Reasons for Your Post to have an Auxiliary" information sheet found on the Department and/or National website. If you are setting up a time to speak to an unaffiliated post about starting an Auxiliary please contact me and I will make every attempt to be there to assist you.



What are some things we can do to maintain our current Auxiliary? Publicize your Auxiliary activities and programs so that your community will look positively at the VFW and perhaps have an interest in joining you in your mission. Talk to your members about attending training. The Department will provide Program training on June 1, 2026 right after the Department Convention in Kalamazoo. Fall Conference will

be loaded with training for members. I will also be training this year in our Districts. District Presidents should contact me to set up a time and date to train and mentor members in whatever areas your members need.

National Awards for Members

1. Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff in establishing a new VFW Auxiliary with the approval of the Department President.

Entry form is required and is available in MALTA Member Resources. It is due to your Extension and Revitalization Department chairman by March 31, 2026.

Awards for District Presidents or Official Representatives

1. Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one District President or Official Representative in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the Department President. Use of MALTA Healthy Auxiliary tools and mentor training is required.

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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- A special gift to the organizer of a NEW AUXILIARY instituted between July 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026.
- A special gift to the Department winner of the Award for District Presidents or Official Representatives.
- \$25 to each NEW AUXILIARY instituted between July 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026.
- A plaque to any Post instituting a NEW AUXILIARY between July 1, 2025 and April 1, 2026.

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