



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
MICHIGAN CONNECTION #2
August/September 2025

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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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

- **Effective January 1, 2026, the Department Dues Per Capita will be \$10.**
- **Effective May 31, 2025, the Department Delegate Fees will be \$10 per delegate and registration fees to Fall and Mid-Winter Conference will be \$10.**
- **In an effort to better serve you, please be sure that if you have an email address, that it is recorded in MALTA.**
- **Department Office will be closed August 8 through August 15. Staff will be attending the National Convention.**
- **Office staff will not be available Wednesday, September 17 and Thursday September 18 due to the National President's visit.**

Length of Time for Receiving a Membership Card when transferring Auxiliaries - Printing of membership cards are submitted weekly to the vendor. Once processed the cards are sent through USPS and times vary. In addition, annual members who transfer will not receive a new membership card at the time of transfer. A new card will be issued the next time they renew their annual dues.

Debbie's Corner

It was so very exciting and an honor to institute a new Auxiliary. Welcome to Red Arrow Auxiliary #1527 located in Kalamazoo, District 8. Watch our website, as over the next few months, we will be instituting several more Auxiliaries.

We are aware of the issues with the reporting portion of our website and are working closely with our vendor to rectify the issues. A big thank you to Edna Kiviniemi, chairman of the website committee, for all the changes and updates she and the committee have been doing to our website.

Healthy Auxiliary Due Dates

Audits are due to the Department Treasurer by August 31, 2025. Remember that it must be read and approved on your Auxiliary floor before submitting.

Bond are due by August 31, 2025, for the period September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025. The bond is for the persons holding 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.

990's are due November 15, and a copy must be submitted to Department once completed. If you need assistance, please contact Department Treasurer Cathy Sasse at 517-420-9342.

Special Orders

Special Order No. 188, Dated March 31, 2025 – Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President, the Charter of Pvt. John Kozdron-Sgt. Zeyer Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 4553, Detroit, Michigan is canceled and declared defunct.

Special Order No. 268, Dated June 25, 2025 – In accordance with the provisions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure Section 1101, on May 22, 2025, VFW Commander-in-Chief, Alfred J. Lipphardt directed the VFW Auxiliary National President to disband the Davison Auxiliary to VFW Post 4087, Davison Michigan. Therefore, by order of the VFW Auxiliary National President the Charter of the Davison Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 4087, Davison, is hereby cancelled and the Auxiliary is declared defunct, pursuant to Section 209 of the VFW National Auxiliary Bylaws.

Upcoming Events

Camp Trotter Family Fun Day will be August 2. 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.

August 9-13 is the National Convention in Columbus, OH. We are looking forward to celebrating a successful year with Past President Jane Dady as she receives the Circle of Excellence award along with her Department Chairmen receiving awards for their hard work during the 24-25 year. Another exciting event is the Presentation of Department Presidents with the American Flag and their Department Banner. The 25-26 Ambassadors will be presenting the new programs for the year.

September 17-18 – National President Lois Callahan will be making her official visit to our state. There will be a dinner at Wyandotte #1136 on Wednesday, September 17, and Fraser #6619 on Thursday, September 18. Details are on our website.

October 29 to November 1 is our Fall Conference at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant and we have a great weekend planned with training and fun events. Please check out our Department Website for more information.

By Order of:

Deborah Scheetz

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Department President

Cindy Peto

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Department Secretary

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VFW AUXILIARY
2025-2026**

Auxiliary# _____ District# _____ Membership Total: _____

PLEASE!! Use one check for all the following donations and mail to: Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary, 924 N Washington Ave., Lansing MI 48906

Suggested Donations have been based on **Department Membership as of June 30, 2025.**

Your Department is operated solely from the monies received from Auxiliary Program Donations and dues. If you are prompt and have these donations voted on early, the programs may continue without interruption due to lack of funds.

General Fund Donations: Promotional material for the Department and National Programs (mailings, supplies for new Auxiliaries, Aids to Auxiliaries, Official Visits, Schools of Instruction and Office equipment, etc.).

Suggested donations: **\$1.25** per member

\$ _____

Hospital Donations: Fund supplies for our Department Representative to bring cheer and comfort to Hospitalized Veterans. To help defray the expenses of hosting Special Holiday Parties.

Suggested donation: **\$1.00** per member

\$ _____

Americanism Donation: To promote the Americanism Program, Presentation of Flags, Special Programs and assist with Fort Custer Cemetery and Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Suggested donation: **\$.25** per member

\$ _____

Scholarships: To provide assistance for all scholarship programs and awards through Department

Suggested Donation: **\$.40** per member.

Total amount of check for **ALL ABOVE DONATIONS:**

\$ _____

PLEASE MAIL HEALTH & HAPPINESS OF TEN CENTS (\$.10) OR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$.25)
PER MEMBER TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
406 WEST 34TH ST, KANSAS CITY, MO 64111. Make your check payable to: NATIONAL
VFW AUXILIARY. Now available the Auxiliary Treasurer can also go to the National Malta
Website and pay the Health and Happiness online.