



**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
Extension & Revitalization/Chief of Staff
April/May 2026**
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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*

New Auxiliary

I am pleased to welcome our fifth new Auxiliary to the Department of Michigan — Iron River Auxiliary 3134. We will officially institute them in early April.

A special thank you to Bobbi Williams for organizing this new Auxiliary, and to Ann Backhurst and Scott Collins for serving on the mentoring team. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

We also have several additional Posts working to recruit enough members to begin forming new Auxiliaries. Thank you to all members who continue to work diligently to build new Auxiliaries and encourage enthusiastic individuals to join this wonderful organization.

2026–2027 Presidents

Congratulations on your election and installation as President for the upcoming year — now what?

First, be sure all appointments are completed, including Secretary and Program Chairmen. Appoint members who are dependable and committed to helping your Auxiliary succeed.

Please note that there will no longer be an Auxiliary Outreach chairmanship. In addition, National Home and Buddy Poppy will be two separate chairmanships in the coming year.

As soon as you assume the role of President, you will gain access to many new features in MALTA. If you have not already done so, be sure to create a MALTA account through the National website at www.vfwauxiliary.org.

The more thoroughly you plan for the year ahead, the smoother it will run — and your Auxiliary will thrive as a Healthy Auxiliary!

R U Healthy Checklist reminders for April:

- ✓ 101% + in membership.
- ✓ Reported in all programs by April 20, 2026.
- ✓ January/February/March Audit is to be completed by April 30, 2026.
- ✓ District Delegates must be elected not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to your District Convention. Send form to your District Secretary.
- ✓ Department Delegates must be elected not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to

- the Department Convention. Send form and fees to Department Treasurer, Cathy Sasse.
- ✓ National Delegates shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April. Secretary provides the names to the National Secretary via MALTA.
 - ✓ Election of officers takes place at your regular meeting.
 - ✓ Attend your District Convention.



R U Healthy Checklist reminders for May:

- ✓ 101% + in membership.
- ✓ Make sure your delegates' names are sent to the proper place and in a timely manner. National delegates are due on-line by May 31, 2026. If you are having the Department Secretary input your delegates, please get them to her by May 22, 2026.
- ✓ Installation of Officers must take place not more than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the Department Convention.
- ✓ Secretary inputs the Installation Report on MALTA.

This is my final bulletin for the 2025–2026 year. I am truly proud of all we have accomplished together. Thank you to everyone who stepped in to assist Auxiliaries in need—whether you were appointed by the Department or simply offered your support when it was needed. Mentorship is something each of us can provide, and your willingness to serve makes a difference.

If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below. Let us continue to honor our veterans who keep us free!

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