



**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**Legislative – April/May 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***

It is with a bittersweet heart that I write this my last bulletin. Thank you for reading it. I hope this year I have been able to bring a passion for the endless possibilities engaging in your legislative community can award you. You are making a difference locally in your communities, cities, state, and our country one action at a time.

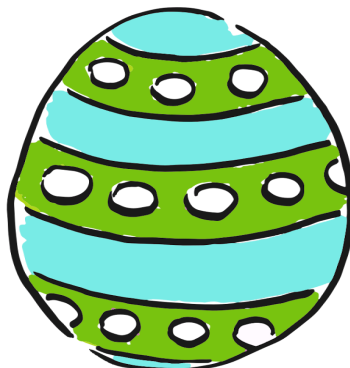
We have not been able to pass the Richard Star Act again. This will not be the end of our trying. It is one close to the heart of the VFW and will remain until we can get justice for the Veterans who signed up to fight for our country with the reassurance that their Country will have their backs. We must keep “Honor the Contract” alive within our hearts so when we speak to our legislators they know we care about this topic.

Here you can watch National VFW Commander Carol Whitmore testify in front of a joint House meeting on this topic: (Also found on VFW website under Media and Events titled : 2026 VFW Washington Conference

[https://vfw.org/VFWDC2026?fbclid=IwY2xjawQdEpNleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETF1NlhpdTJlWjlpSW8zSk5Tc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHrjR5axSxaJuXSqLouXmVPj8WbdWwA5w0VB74sxsKykxGskYzLcWUTyqe8y\\_aem\\_-pFhL57Nud8x4ITbOym8Sg](https://vfw.org/VFWDC2026?fbclid=IwY2xjawQdEpNleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETF1NlhpdTJlWjlpSW8zSk5Tc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHrjR5axSxaJuXSqLouXmVPj8WbdWwA5w0VB74sxsKykxGskYzLcWUTyqe8y_aem_-pFhL57Nud8x4ITbOym8Sg)

Here you can watch more of the #StillServing Podcast with a deep dive into this subject of the hearing: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPggSqP\\_oOw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPggSqP_oOw)  
Episode 60. Found anywhere you would find podcasts including Youtube.  
Episode 51 a highlight on what “Honor the Contract” means.

I highly recommend continuing, if not, starting to watch/listen to this podcast it will you keep you well informed and up to date and in line with what we are advocating for when it comes to our Auxiliary works as it is put on by the VFW.



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### THINK

Before electing Delegates and Alternates for your 2026 District, Department and National Conventions, those present at the March, April and May Auxiliary meetings need to consider the following:

- Those members who have stated their interest in attending the upcoming District, Department and National Conventions;
- Those members who have attended these Convention meetings in the recent past;
- Those members who are District and/or Department Officers and/or Chairmen;
- Those members who are the spouses of VFW Officers who will represent the VFW Post at these same Conventions;
- In short, talk with your members and ask them if they are interested in representing the Auxiliary at District, Department or National Conventions.

### EXAMPLES:

- Your Auxiliary Treasurer is the Department Legislative Chairman, so yes, they would likely attend both the District and the Department Conventions and should be considered to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate to the Convention meetings.
- You know that your Post Commander will be the only member attending the District and Department Conventions; his wife, though she has not attended meetings regularly, has traveled with him around the District and Department and therefore would be present at the Conventions so the Auxiliary would have at least one (1) Representative present.

Note that Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 30 days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected.

Also, the Auxiliary needs to be familiar with the number of Delegates and Alternates to which it is entitled for District (**Section 302-One (1)** Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members in good standing or fraction thereof at the time of election); Department (**Section 303** Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members in good standing or fraction thereof at the time of election) and National (**Section 304-One (1)** Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty-five (35) members in good standing or fraction thereof at the time of election).

Following the elections of these respective Delegates and Alternates, it is the responsibility of the Auxiliary Secretary to see that the Representatives chosen by the Auxiliary get to their District and Department Secretary prior to those Conventions. The Auxiliary Secretary must input the Delegates and Alternates to National Convention in MALTA no later than May 31 or mail, fax or email to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) the Delegates' and Alternates' names and membership ID numbers to the National Secretary.

**The Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for reporting the Auxiliary's Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary (District Convention) and to the Department Secretary (Department Convention) by the respective deadlines and National Convention (National Secretary) or input the Delegates and Alternates into MALTA. Auxiliary Secretaries are encouraged to print out the list of Delegates and Alternates to verify that those entered were posted. Once your Secretary enters you as a National Delegate or National Alternate, this will appear in your MALTA profile. Be sure to verify this by May 31 to ensure you have time if any issues need to be corrected.**



Thank you again for all you do for our Veterans and even by just clicking on your VFW Action Corp. Weekly email links are making a difference. You are taking the steps to be the voice of the Veterans who need us to advocate for them. We are larger in numbers and numbers are the only things Politicians can understand, so let us show our support and use our voices to advocate for our Veterans.

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