



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Membership – 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*

As difficult it is for me to believe, this is going to be my last bulletin for President Debbie's year. I'm willing to bet that some of you are grateful for that and I don't blame you.



It seems I keep asking you for more and more, right? Well, today isn't any different! Let me first say that Michigan is doing great. I truly appreciate all the hard work you have done and are continuing to do. But we are NOT done yet.

Two districts are not yet at 100%, and forty-two auxiliaries that haven't reached 100%...YET. I say YET because I know with all of us working together, Michigan can be 100% in every district and in every auxiliary.

Please reach out to those annuals that haven't paid their dues yet. Instead of a dues notice, a phone call may be a personal way to reach out to those members who don't regularly attend meetings. Consider using your relief funds or maybe you may want to be a dues angel. We all worked hard to get those members, don't let them slip away.

Let's talk about recruiting. Are you wearing the membership buttons that have our QR code logo on them? It's a great way to start up a conversation, especially when you are volunteering for Community Outreach. I keep a button or two in my jackets.

Have you reached out to the VFW family members who are not members of our Auxiliary yet? Do not hold off "deceasing" your members till the end of the year. Please report immediately. National will be looking at those records and you may incur a penalty for not reporting them in a timely manner. Please remember those deceased members must be replaced.

One more VERY important point. **DO NOT USE OLD APPLICATIONS.** Our Department Treasurer, Cathy Sasse, is STILL getting old applications which must be returned to the auxiliaries. The NEW application has been on the Department website since Dec. 2025. The old one was removed prior to that. The ONLY applications you should be using are dated **Jan 2026**. I am asking you again to go to your post, your membership boards, or go through your auxiliary supplies and remove the old applications. Copy and paste the link, below, into your web browser and it will open the correct application:

<https://vfwauxmi.org/uploads/Documents/2025-26%20Debbie%20Scheetz/FillableMembershipApplication.pdf>



We still have time to reach National President Lois Callahan's goal of 102% by May 31st. As of March 23rd, we were at 101.12%. We are not that far off. It's doable. By the time you read this, I am confident we are sailing our boat across the sea to the lighthouse that is the VFW Auxiliary Organization.



I hope you had a wonderful Easter and your baskets were filled with lots of goodies.

Memorial Day will be here soon. A somber day to reflect, remember, and honor those military personnel who paid the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country.



Do you have any veterans in your family that are not members of your post? What an amazing gift that would be to offer them a membership, and of course, their family members would be eligible also to join your auxiliary. It's a win-win for everyone.

God Bless you, our Veterans, and the United States of America.

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