

Michigan Connection

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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Banding Together For Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans, The Angels Among of Us

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Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to congratulate immediate Past Department President Diana Ward and the members of the Department of Michigan, on achieving the Circle of Excellence and all the awards that her chairmen will bring home for Michigan. A full list of all awards will be in the September/October Michigan Connection.

I am excited to announce my Presidents Special Project will be planting trees in memory of those who have committed suicide or in honor of suicide awareness. The flier is available on our website and Facebook page.

Michigan will be hosting our National President Carla Martinez August 14-16; plans are being finalized now and the schedule of events will be out soon. We are looking forward to showing Carla a great time and hopefully will have a great turnout.

Audit covering the months of April, May, and June MUST be completed by July 31st, accepted by the Auxiliary, and sent to the Department Office by August 31, 2023.

Respectfully, Sara Manke Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary President

Congratulations to Marian Belaire for being elected to represent Michigan as the incoming Big 10 Guard. She will be installed in October at the Big Ten Conference. She would love to have you there supporting her.

Pending the outcome of the National Council of Administration Special meeting to be held in Phoenix on Saturday July 22, 2023, the Department Council of Administration elected Stephanie Krueger to fill the vacancy.

Comstock VFW Auxiliary #6252 in District 8 donated their auxiliary funds to help others this past Auxiliary year. First, in the fall of 2022, they were generous in helping a Post in the Upper Peninsula, and recently they made a very nice contribution to Past Department President Diana Ward to help with her medical expenses.

VFW Auxiliary Department Gun Raffle Fundraiser- At your first District Meeting the Department Representative will have Raffle tickets with them. Twenty (\$20.00) dollars each or five (5) for one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. Drawing to be held based on the Michigan Lottery, every day in October. Please plan to support this new fundraiser.

MALTA will shut down at midnight on June 30, 2023. The National Organization plans to have it up and running again as soon as possible. Estimated date is to be July 5, 2023.

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Per Sec. 814 –Trustees Duties of 4th dark bullet, 1st and 2nd sub bullet.

***It shall be the duty of the Trustees to see that the offices of the President and Treasurer are bonded with an indemnity company authorized by National Headquarters or the Department.**

* As surety in a sum at least double the amount of funds and value of property for which, so far as can be anticipated, the President and Treasurer may be accountable.

* The amount shall be approved by the body and the bond premium paid from their funds. A motion shall be made, passed and included in the Secretary’s minutes.

Bonds are to be purchased before August 31, 2023.

Upcoming Events:

The National Convention will be July 21-28th in Phoenix Arizona. We are looking forward to celebrating the Department of Michigan’s accomplishments.

Michigan Day at the National Home is Sunday August 6th. Please plan to attend, our Department Chairman Patrick

Rich has announced that he will be awarding many special citations and is hoping for a GREAT turnout.

Michigan/Ohio VFW National Home Challenge- Make donations to VFW National Home Technology Fund.

District Meeting Dates:

- District 5 August 20th Bruce Post #1146
- District 7 August 13th Homer Post #9411
- District 8 August 5th Boat and Canoe Club Grand Rapids
- District 9 August 12th St. Louis Post #3055
- District 10 August 12th Caro Post #4164
- District 11 august 13th Kawkawlin Post #6950
- District 12 August 20th Muskegon Post #7727
- District 13 August 5th Harbor Springs Post #2051
- District 14 August 20th Sault St. Marie Post 3676

Camp Trotter Family Day is Saturday August 19th. Everyone is welcome to attend and see our wonderful camp in person. Please bring your family and friends to experience firsthand what an amazing Childrens Camp the Department of Michigan VFW has. Bring a passing dish to share. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM.

Sara Manke- Department President

Sandi Onstwedder- Department Secretary