

# **Michigan Connection**

March-April 2024
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Department of Michigan Auxiliary
Department of Michigan Auxiliary Programs

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National Theme: Banding Together for our Veterans Department Theme: Our Veterans Angels Among Us

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A sincere thank you for helping the Department to reach 100% plus in Membership counting those that have been deceased since the beginning of this Auxiliary year. Please continue to submit continuous and new members' dues.

Our Department Senior Vice President Jane Dady will be placing her 2024-2025 Department Polo Shirt order forms on our website and Facebook page as soon as they become available.

Also, Spring is just around the corner. You still have time to plant a tree in recognition of Suicide Awareness. After your project is completed, please send pictures to our Department Historian, Nicole Koutz.

Sara Manke, Department President

The Department is mailing each Auxiliary a packet containing necessary information and Delegate Forms.

### Sec. 301-Eligibility

A. Any member in good standing in their respective Auxiliary shall be eligible for election as a District, Department or National Delegate.

#### Sec. 302-District Meetings and Convention

- A. Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than 10 (10) calendar days prior to the District Convention at which District Officer's are to be elected.
  - 1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate foreach fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.

## Sec. 303-Department Meetings and Convention

- A. Delegates and Alternates to Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention:
  - 1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of the Delegates.

#### Sec. 304-National Convention

- A. Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected at the last regular meeting in April.
  - 1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary on March 31.

Please return the Reports of Installation to the Department Office no more than sisty (60) calendar days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

## March 31, 2024 Deadline to submit Patriotic Art to the local Auxiliary

Please secure your local entries for the Patriotic Art Competition by March 31st. Have them judged and on their way to the Department Chairman Evelyn Avery@ 44936 CR 352 Decatur, MI 49045 no later than the April 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline.

Department Testimonial May 31, 2024, on Friday evening of the Department Convention at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI

Watch our website for information on the Department Commander Ray Lopez and Department President Sara Manke's Testimonial. It should be finalized soon. Then we will place it and forms on our department webpage.

Respectfully,

Sandi Onstwedder Department of MI Secretary Sara Manke Department President