



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative Guide Sheet 2023-2024

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***National Theme: Banding Together for our Veterans***

***Department Theme: Our Veterans, The Angels Among Us***

One of the main objectives of the Legislative Program is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families through advocacy. You are joining 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary to influence lawmakers whose decision affect veterans and their families every day.

The Priority Goals passed by the VFW reflect resolutions that strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans. These resolutions call for much needed attention to issues such as veteran homelessness and suicide. The resolutions and /or bill request full funding of unemployment, improving timely transition assistance for veterans after leaving their military service. The year the Priority Goals focus on:

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Health Care
- ✓ Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- ✓ Education, Employment and Transition Assistance
- ✓ Military Quality of Life
- ✓ National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

These goals are reviewed and renewed each January. You can check the VFW website or MALTA Member Resources for the current Priority Goals. While you are looking at this information, be sure to sign up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly report. This is a weekly update of activities in Washington DC. (<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register/>)

The Legislative Program is an important part of the supportive services the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary has developed and maintained for over a century. We help many individuals with our efforts, and you are appreciated for being a member of this wonderful organization.

Please utilize the resources in the VFW Auxiliary MALTA under member resources. There are an assortment of tools for you to use in being proactive in educating the community about the VFW Priority Goals. ([www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources/](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources/))

### **DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

- ✓ Best Legislative program in each membership category  
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best Promotion/Participation with their VFW Post regarding VFW Priority Goals.  
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**NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.
  - Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran legislative issues. Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging.
  - The Department Legislative Chairman must email National Headquarters by April 30, 2024, at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.
  - Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries form National Headquarters
  - Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues.
  - The Department legislative Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Legislative Ambassador by April 30, 2024, for judging.
  - Citations will be mailed directly to the winning Auxiliary from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

#1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER
<b>Achievements</b>			<b>Completed</b>	<b>Reported</b>
Auxiliary utilized the Legislative material/resources available in MALTA Member Resources				
Report the number of Auxiliary members who are subscribed to VFW's <i>Action Corps Weekly</i> E-Newsletter				
Promoted, participated and/or hosted activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals				
Promoted, participated and/or co-hosted activities with your VFW Post on the VFW Priority Goals through Dashboard Reporting				
Auxiliary members contacted their legislators on veteran's issues by any means (ex: emails, letters, postcards, phone calls, etc.)				
Auxiliary members attended events where they could interact with legislators (ex: Legislative conf., town halls, meet-&-greet, etc.)				
Report invitations made to representatives to attend honors/awards programs (i.e. Scout of the Year, VOD, Holiday Program). Include the name of the Legislator who attended.				

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