



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Guide Sheet 2024-25

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Facebook Page: Americanism-Michigan

National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans

Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire

PROGRAM GOALS

**Flag Education – Promote #AuxiliaryPatriotism – POW/MIA Recognition
Star Family Recognition**

Americanism can mean so many different things to different people so this year I hope to explore and "Inspire" many different ways to show your American pride. I will "Aspire" to help guide you all through sights, sounds, color, and maybe even taste to raise up more American pride and awareness. We will recognize, celebrate and honor Military holidays and birthdays and why we recognize these dates. We will also go back to our "Roots" and strengthen our Patriotism through education of our youth. Let's get ready for some RED, WHITE and BLUE Fun!

National Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2025 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Department Awards

- Best outstanding activity and/or event educating the community about lesser-known patriotic holidays in each category. Must send required National entry form to Department chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall promotion of Patriotic Holidays through observance, ceremony, and/or tribute in each membership category. \$10.00 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best overall greatest number of American and/or POW/MIA Flags distributed or presented. \$10.00 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary.

- Best overall program on the education of Americanism/Patriotism community/schools. \$10.00 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary
- Best overall award for the most Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation and/or Respect for the Flag presented to citizens or businesses for their American pride. \$10.00 and Citation of Merit to Auxiliary

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

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promote/participate in an activity/event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays		
Promote, participate, recognize any patriotic day and or branch of service birthdays		
Distribute and/or present American Flags and/or POW/MIA flags (Report number of flags.)		
Number of Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations presented to citizens and/or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American Flag, POW/MIA Flag and/or other displays of American pride		
Attend and register at a School of Instruction – District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Attend and register at own District Meeting		
Report every quarter		

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