



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Legislative Guide Sheet 2024-2025

[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

Facebook Page: Legislative-Michigan

---

***National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans***  
***Department Theme: Aspire to Inspire***

### Program Goals

#### **Be an Advocate - Be Informed - Be Engaged**

Congratulations and thank you on being selected as the Legislative Chairman for the ensuing year. One of the main objectives of the Legislative Program is to improve the lives of our veterans, service members and their families through advocacy. Your efforts, as we have seen in our recent Legislative Victories, can influence lawmakers whose decisions affect veterans and their families every day.

I whole heartily agree with our National Ambassador, Deanna "DeeDee" Guyette, that "the Legislative Program is the root of all other VFW Auxiliary Programs and initiatives. After all, legislative rights are the reason the VFW and Auxiliary were formed. And the VFW Priority Goals... provide the framework for all VFW work on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C."

Are you familiar with the Priority Goals? It is up to us to educate not only our membership but our Post members as well. Only then can we urge our Legislators to support the bills which will ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans and focus much needed attention to issues such as veteran homelessness and suicide. This year's Priority Goals focus on:

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

Please become familiar with the VFW Priority Goals and keep plenty of the brochures at your Post and on your membership display tables. These goals are reviewed and renewed each January. You can check the VFW website, ([vfw.org](http://vfw.org)) or MALTA Member Resources for the current goals brochures.

The VFW Priority Goals are enhanced by the VFW *Action Corps Weekly*. I absolutely love this newsletter!! It's free and full of news about what's happening on Capitol Hill not only with veteran and service member issues but with our national security. It also updates our MIA soldiers who have been recovered and are being sent home for a funeral with full military honors. Sign up at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) & click on Advocacy tab or [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org), click on "What We Do" & "Legislative." You don't have to be a VFW or Auxiliary member to sign up. You can encourage community members who have an interest in veteran affairs to read this newsletter.

Please utilize the resources in the VFW Auxiliary MALTA under Member Resources. There is a vast assortment of tools for you to use in being proactive in educating your membership and community about the VFW Priority Goals, the Legislative Process and how to contact your legislators.

**NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

1. Most outstanding activity &/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.
  - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with most outstanding activity &/or event that collaborated with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers.

**Entry form required and available on MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to their Department Legislative 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.**

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES**

- Best outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers in each membership category. Must send required National entry form to Department chairman. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Legislative Program. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion of VFW Priority Goals and VFW *Action Corps Weekly*. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- Best Overall Promotion of Contacting your Legislators regarding Veteran issues. \$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

<b>#1 -10-36</b>	<b>#2 -37-50</b>	<b>#3 -51-68</b>	<b>#4 - 69-84</b>	<b>#5 - 85-98</b>
<b>#6 - 99-115</b>	<b>#7 - 116-139</b>	<b>#8 -140-166</b>	<b>#9 -167-237</b>	<b>#10 -238-OVER</b>

<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Reported</b>
Host/co-host with VFW Post activity/event connecting members with local lawmakers		
Report the number of Auxiliary members who are subscribed to VFW's Action Corps Weekly E-Newsletter		
Promote, participate and/or host/co-host with/without VFW Post activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals		
Auxiliary members contact their legislators on veterans' issues by any means (Report number of emails, letters, phone calls, post cards, etc.)		
Auxiliary members attend events where they could interact with their legislators (ex: town halls, meet & greets, legislative conferences, etc.)		
Train members on the Legislative Process		
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		

Respectfully,  
 Deb Marshall, Legislative Chairperson  
 622 Neier Rd  
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
 (989) 621-4476  
[qubitmom@yahoo.com](mailto:qubitmom@yahoo.com)