



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Program Pins Bulletin – June/July, 2024

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

Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON OR POSSIBLY GOOD EVENING! Let me introduce myself to all of my brothers and sisters of the VFW Auxiliary. I am Ruth Barnhill from the 4th District, Auxiliary #6695, in Plymouth, MI. I will be your Pin chairman for another year, and I am delighted to represent our President, Jane Dady in handling the Program Pins for the 24-25 year.

I just know that ALL of you are going to love the pins. Jane's design this year is called "AMERICA'S GREATEST TREASURE", and the design of the pin is a Treasurer Chest. Inside the chest are Empty Boots, symbolizing "All of the Veterans who have Served in the Past". There is also a POW/MIA symbol, for those who have NOT come home. The chest is filled with Dog Tags and on top of the Dog Tags are the logos of all the branches of the service. On the side of the chest are the letters R.E.D. for "Remember Everyone Deployed". Altogether the chest symbolizes "America's Greatest Treasure – OUR VETERANS!" ALL PROCEEDS from the pins will be going to the National Home in Eaton Rapids.

I will start selling PINS at our Convention in June in Kalamazoo. I will be at the registration table Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until the Elections start in the afternoon, so I won't be hard to find.

Cost of the Program Pin remains at \$2.00 per pin. That is a real bargain since everything else we purchase seems to have gone up in price. For \$50.00 you can get 25 pins, for \$100.00 you can get 50 pins. There is no actual mandatory limit of what you can purchase, but we are asking that each Auxiliary try to get at least 25 pins. Now don't forget to bring your check for whatever amount your Auxiliary has planned on purchasing. We're asking that you pay when you pick them up, but if you forget or can't connect with your Treasurer to obtain a check, I will put you on the honor system to send ME the check when you get back to your Auxiliary. One more thing, if you could fill out the pin request form ahead of time and get it to me, I'll have your pins bagged and waiting for you to pick up. Please keep in mind, that although you pay \$2.00 per pin, you will get that \$2.00 back when you sell the pin, so your Auxiliary isn't out that money.

Again, this year, I will be mailing pins to you quickly if you need to order them after convention. We will be adding on a \$5.00 charge for mailing because of the postage that just seems to be going up and up, so try to pick them up at Convention, if possible. You can call me: 734-233-8121 anytime and I will take your order and mail the pins. PLEASE send all Checks to me, using the address below, BUT PLEASE, make your CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MI DEPT. VFW AUXILIARY. I'm looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

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