

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY PROGRAM PIN BULLETIN June/July 2026

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

Hello and Greetings my fellow Auxiliary Members. I must start off this year, making an apology for not being able to be at the Convention to sell you the Pins but, Marian Belaire will be standing in for me. I am having a little surgery on Tuesday and won't be doing a whole lot for the rest of the week; however, I hope to be in great shape to see you all at fall conference. I have faith that you will all stop and see Marian Belaire to pick up your Program Pins. They are Beautiful and you will be helping support your Department VFW Auxiliary and Jasons Project this Year!

The Pins will be available Thursday Afternoon from about 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Friday most of the day till 4:00, and Saturday Morning from 8:00 till Noon (12:00 PM), so PLEASE...stop by and purchase your pins to take back to your Auxiliary.

We are requesting that you bring a check with you to pay when you pick up your pins, if possible, if not we Will Consign Pins but PLEASE don't forget to send check as soon as possible. We will do that, rather than having to mail them to you, as US Mail is going up again just like food at the grocery store and GAS at the pumps, and our department took a loss on mailing the pins last year. **Also, due to inflation of everything, the cost of Pins this year will be \$3. Remember, you SELL these Pins and put that money BACK INTO YOUR ACCOUNT. THE CHECK (for Pins) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE to: MI DEPT. VFW AUXILIARY. And MAILED TO ME at address below.**

If you purchase additional pins, or if your Auxiliary did not attend the Department Convention, please contact ME (Ruth Barnhill) at the number listed below. I prefer a phone call so that I can ensure I have your correct info and address to mail the Pins to you. Please keep in mind that there is a \$15.00 charge to mail the Pins...seems like the post-office just keeps going up and up on their fees/prices, just like Eggs, Milk and Gas! Once I have the necessary information, I will get the Pins in the mail to you quickly.

The proceeds from the sale of these beautiful Pins will be donated to **VETS RETURNING HOME**, a non-profit organization located in Roseville MI. They support homeless veterans by helping them achieve stable, sober living through a structured supportive environment. Their programs focus on housing, job training, and life skills, and they operate entirely without government funding. **VRH** maintains a large facility with beds for veterans in crisis and relies solely on community support, donations, and their Thrift Store to continue their mission of "Serving Those Who Served".

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VETS RETURNING HOME



501(C)3 NON-PROFIT CHARITY

Helps homeless veterans in crisis
reclaim independence

- Volunteer operated 11,000 square foot facility with (43) beds and commercial kitchen.
- Provide a stable and sober living environment to veterans in crisis.
- On-site services including employment readiness training, aid with job placement, disability benefit connection, legal support and life skills training.
- Fully furnished apartments.
- Community support both physical and financial has been vital to our ability to continue our mission. *Vets Returning Home* receives *NO* government funding.
- VRH has successfully transitioned on average 250 veterans a year back into society as fully functioning community members.

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