



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

MICHIGAN CONNECTION #1

June/July, 2026

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National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

President - Jason's Corner

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Auxiliaries, Districts and Department of Michigan. Since this is published before the Department Convention, watch for our Department Facebook page and VFW Aux. Website for the election results.

I am looking forward to an awesome year for our Department in 26-27, I may be your Department President Leading with a Patriot's Heart, but with each Auxiliary member in this state we will make a very strong team. You will hear me talk a lot this year about teamwork, and there is not an I in TEAM. Always remember that! We are here for our Veterans and our VFW Post's, lets never forget that so if they need a helping hand on a project each Auxiliary member should be jumping at the chance to help. I have some very energetic Department Chairmen that are more than willing to answer any of your questions on our programs. Each Department Officer and District President are more than willing to assist and help an auxiliary out rather than see an auxiliary fail. I am planning on continuing the **road show trainings**, I'd like to conduct a Training on President's, Secretary's, and Treasurer's, in each district. Lastly, I look forward to traveling and visiting with our members.

26-27 Changes:

- For the 26-27 year the Department Secretary will work in the Department Office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from June to October 31st. November 1st through April 1st the Department Secretary will be working remotely from home. After April 1st she will be back in the Department Office 3 days a week. If you need to come into the office to see the Department Secretary or Treasurer, please make an appointment with them to ensure they will be there. Monday's they will work from home and Friday's the office is closed.
- The Department Chairmen are doing a Bulletin per-month. June will be talked about at your June meeting and July will be talked about at your July meeting. Please make sure your chairmen instruct what is going on in our National and Department Programs. Dept. Chairmen will each have their own Facebook pages. Please go on there and follow them. **This is what we are all about LEADING WITH A PATRIOT'S HEART AND SERVING AMERICA'S HEROES.**

Healthy Auxiliary Reminders

- **Department is requesting**, REPORTS OF INSTALLATION be entered into the Malta by **June 15** and a copy be emailed to misec@asiserve.net or sent to Department Secretary and District President. We will be contacting all auxiliaries that have not submitted by June 15, 2026.
- The **President at all Levels is reminded to submit to their respective Commanders**, within thirty (30) day after installation into office, the **last quarterly audit** and membership status report.
- **Bonds will not be available to purchase in Malta until after July 1** and purchased by **August 31**. Please go to the National Malta website and purchase your bond after JULY 1st when National updates their website for the 26-27 year. **Please make a motion on your auxiliary floor to purchase the 2026-2027 Bond.**
- The second quarterly Audit Report for April, May and June, is to be completed by **July 31**, approved by the Auxiliary vote, and submitted by email, mail to the Department Treasurer. Mailing Address: 1117 Michigan St., Midland, MI. 48640 Email: mitreas@asiserve.net
- **Installation Report, Bonds and Audits not submitted on time will result in your Auxiliary being in violation of the National By-laws.** Our Department President will have no choice, but to submit a letter of Suspension on behalf of your auxiliary. PLEASE CONTACT THE: Dept. President, Chief of Staff, Dept. Sec. or the Dept. Treas. so we can get you the help you need to perform your duties as a Healthy Auxiliary.

Dept. Treasurer's Corner

Welcome to the 26-27 year! We would like to reach out and assist treasurers with repeated issues on membership. When reviewing the new member's application to mail in for processing please make sure the application is filled out correctly. The membership application dated 1/1/26 (the only application accepted by department) is available in treasurer resources and downloadable make sure to double check the following areas on the application.

1. B – Auxiliary Post no and type of membership
2. Post affiliated – must have VFW membership ID number with the Veteran's name.
3. Non- Affiliated – Reference pages 5 thru 11 in your bylaw podium books to confirm eligibility (National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal are **NOT** eligible medals).
4. Investigating Committee Signatures are on the application
5. Date Accepted with meeting dates.
6. Payment method – cash – check – credit card. If by credit card a current phone number and email of the individual paying by credit card
7. The obligation must be signed by the new member.

If a member is paying by credit card. Department is entering the application into Malta. The new member will receive an email from department to enter their own credit card information. Once the application enters their credit card information Malta completes the application instantly. When department enters the credit card application into Malta, the member has 30 days to complete credit card processing. The Treasurer can watch the credit card progress in

Malta under the payment pending icon. I am touching on membership areas that have been an issue. Checks for Annual members \$20.00 (\$10.00 National & \$10.00 Department) and the full lifetime fees are made payable to the Dept of MI Auxiliary of the VFW. Please mail checks to 1117 Michigan St, Midland MI 48640. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 517-420-9342. Cathy Sasse, State Treasurer

District Achievement

Attention Auxiliaries- Qualifications for District Presidents to reach the District Achievement Award has changed for the 2026-2027 leadership year and needs the cooperation of every auxiliary to participate in and be an integral part of winning it. Please read the District Achievement Guide Sheet. By being aware of the benchmarks to comply with, you will better assist your District President to accomplish their goal. Thank you in advance. Respectfully, Sandi Messenger District Achievement Chairman.

Upcoming Events

June 9-13 -MI State Convention
June 26 - 2026 Camp Trotter Golf Outing
Jul 24-31 – VFW National Convention
August 9 – Mich. VFW National Home Day
August 22 – Camp Trotter Family Day

Upcoming District Meeting Dates

8th District - August 1, 2026, Rockford 3946
9th District – August 1, 2026, Dewitt 671
11th District – August 2, 2026, Midland 3651
7th District – August 2, 2026, Homer 9411
10th District – August 8, 2026, Fenton 3243
5th District – August 30, 2026, New Baltimore 7573
4th District – Sept. 12, 2026, James Europe 2233
14th District – Aug. 16, 2026, Brimley 9023
15th District – Sept. 13, 2026, Iron River 3134

These are the only District meeting Dates as of this writing. Look on the Website after State Convention for other information on District Meetings.

By Order of:

Jason Manke

Jason Manke
Department President

Edna Kiviniemi (Kevin - knee- me)

Edna Kiviniemi
Department Secretary

Good News Travels Fast!

Department of Michigan VFW and Auxiliary

We need your help!

Big Ten Conference

Basket for a Raffle



We are asking our members, Auxiliaries or Districts to donate a Basket of Goodies so we can raffle them off at our Big Ten Conference in Kalamazoo, MI.

Oct 16-18, 2026

Baskets can be brought to your District meetings for the Dept. Rep. to take or give them to your District President, bring them to Michigan VFW National Home Day August 9, 2026

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



Find us on:
facebook.

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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www.vetsreturninghome.org

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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Bulletin June-July 2026-27

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Veterans and Family Support - Michigan

National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading With a Patriots Heart

PROGRAM GOALS

Promote Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) Veteran, Military Suicide & Mental Health Awareness

Assist Veterans, Service Members and their Families

Promote Resources for Veterans and Military Support Programs

Our Veterans served their country, now, we have the opportunity to serve them through promoting the Veterans & Family Support resources and programs that are in place to assist and also find new ways. The first thing, as chairman, you need to do is familiarize yourself with VFW resources already in place to help with Unmet Needs. Reporting what you do to complete the Guide Sheet points is very important. This chairmanship is what our mission as a VFW Auxiliary is all about – you **MUST** report to remain a healthy auxiliary. I am here to help you accomplish a completed program – questions and ideas are welcomed! We are a team and need to work together to assist & support Veterans, Service Members and their Families.

***NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE:** (NVS) assist veterans before and after discharge with receiving earned benefits and entitlements and how to mainstream into society again.

☺ **Michigan Department President Manke's Special Project** this year is "VETS RETURNING HOME" - Which fits into this category – it helps homeless veterans in crisis reclaim independence – helping with transitioning veterans back into society as fully functioning community members. More information can be found at www.vetsreturninghome.org and on their Facebook page. More information will be in each bulletin & on the Facebook page on how you can support & promote this program.



👉 **President Manke's personal pin** will go to support this Project – the cost this year is \$3.00 and can be purchased at the June 2026 convention in Kalamazoo at the President's Pin table or ordered from Pin Chairman, Ruth Barnhill. The Purchase of the pins **and** promoting "Vets Returning Home" are each points on the Veterans & Family Support Guide Sheet and should be reported in this chairmanship.

***NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES:** (NMS) aids those currently serving. These programs are the hands that are trusted to plant a sense of caring for the needs to help with growth and understanding, they include, Military Appreciation Program (MAP), Adopt-a-Unit, care packages, VFW Financial Assistance, Student Veteran Support Grants. You are encouraged to research these programs and cultivate inventive ways to present each resource to the public. Financial support for these programs is also needed. Donations may be made at the VFW Department office, online at vfw.org/ways you can help, and by mail (VFW Processing Center P.O. Box 2002, Milford, NH 03055-2002). Always earmark for the program you are donating to.

***SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:** Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and mental health awareness will be our focus this year. Make sure you include the public when you promote resources available to assist Veterans, currently serving & their families. Secondary PTS is just as prevalent a problem. Think of those families living with someone with PTS as “A Veteran of *the* Veteran” they need to know they can reach out for help and understanding. Promote the VFW and its Auxiliary, as a safe space and think of ways to comfort and heal those in need. Offer a “Comfort Time” use the time to make “appreciation cards, play games, learn a new craft, etc. – a no pressure time of fellowship - you never know if just getting out & connecting, a smile, or talking about “nothing” will make a difference.






National Post Traumatic Stress Awareness Month is June - Awareness Day is June 27

- The teal ribbon is the primary symbol used to raise awareness for Post Traumatic Stress (first & secondary) and to show support for those affected by it. Teal is chosen for its association with **healing, advocacy, and open communication**, helping to reduce stigma and encourage individuals to seek help. Give these out to **promote awareness**. **Promotional Materials are available online at - PTSD: National Center for PTSD USE YEAR ROUND!**

Why not help organize a community veteran/military/family resource fair, ask a qualified speaker to talk about suicide prevention, PTS and Secondary PTS – invite the public and make sure resources are available. Nationwide organizations such as; **Give an Hour, Campaign to Change Direction, One Mind, PatientsLikeMe** and the **Elizabeth Dole Foundation**, have teamed up with the VFW to combat this critical issue. Check online for resources they offer.

Make “crisis cards” with crisis information to give out at every event at your Post. The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline 📞



**Veterans
Crisis Line**

Chat online: veteranscrisisline.net **Call:** 988 Press 1
Text : 838255 **Call:** 1800 MyVA411

*** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year*.**

Also Learn about resources and support to change the stigma surrounding mental health on the VFW website at:
<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness>

YOU ARE “SERVING AMERICA’S HEROES” by “LEADING WITH A PATRIOT’S HEART” when you **REPORT** all you do - One Guideline step at a time for **“Veterans & Family Support”**. We are a Team - You are not alone – I am here to help you – together we **WILL** reach our goals!

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**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
Americanism Bulletin
June 2026
www.vfwauxmi.org**

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National Theme: Serving America's Heros

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

Welcome to the 2026–2027 administrative year! As we kick off this new term, our mission remains as vital as ever: to promote Americanism, honor our veterans, and ensure our communities understand the history and heart behind the Stars and Stripes. We aren't just "showing the flag" we are teaching the next generation why it's worth flying.

Flag Education: More Than Just Etiquette

The U.S. Flag is the living symbol of our nation's spirit. Our goal is to ensure every citizen knows how to treat it with the dignity it deserves.

- In the Schools: Reach out to local elementary schools to perform flag folding demonstrations. Kids love the "story" behind the 13 folds.
- Flag Etiquette Citations: Keep a stack of "Thank You" cards or official citations in your car. When you see a local business or residence flying a well-maintained flag, recognize them! A little appreciation goes a long way in encouraging proper display.
- The "When to Retire" Talk: Many people don't realize that a tattered flag should be retired. Educate your community on how to identify a flag that is no longer fit for display and offer your Post as a collection point.

Celebrate Flag Day: June 14, 2026, Flag Day is our time to shine. Let's paint the town red, white, and blue! Happy Birthday Army, June 14, 1775.

Community Outreach Ideas:

1. Flag Retirement Ceremony: Partner with your VFW Post and local Boy/Girl Scout troops for a respectful, public burning of unserviceable flags.
2. "Star-Spangled" Storytime: Partner with your local library to read patriotic books to children.
3. Pocket Flag Project: Host a "folding party" to create small, hand-folded flags to send to deployed troops or hand out at naturalization ceremonies.

Remember: If you didn't report it, it didn't happen! Please keep track of:

- Number of flags presented (large and small).
- Number of Flag Education citations given.
- Total hours and money spent on Americanism projects and materials.

A final thought, Americanism isn't a seasonal hobby; it's a year-round commitment to the values that make our country unique. We might not all be able to march in every parade, but we can all ensure that when our neighbors look at the flag, they see more than just fabric—they see the "uncommon heroes" we stand for.

Let's get to work!

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Happy 4th of July!

What Makes a "Pop" Sign? Unlike a detailed informational bulletin, a pop sign is meant to be read from a distance or while someone is walking by. Key features should include:

- High Contrast: Bold colors (Red, White and Blue) that stand out against the background.
- Minimal Text: Usually, 10 words or fewer.
- A Call to Action: It tells the viewer exactly what to do next ("Ask us how to fold a flag").
- Visual Hook: A striking image, such as a high-resolution photo of a veteran, a waving flag, or eagle that represents what Americanism is.
- Remember the 3-30-3 rule: 3 seconds to catch attention, 30 seconds to read information and 3 minutes to engage in deeper information by discussion or QR codes.

Promoting Americanism & Patriotism

1. Flag Education "Fast Facts": Place small pop signs on tables at community events or in local shop windows. Instead of a long history lesson, use one powerful fact per sign:

- *"Did you know? The blue on the flag stands for Vigilance, Perseverance, and Justice."*
- *"Is your flag tattered? Let us help you retire it with dignity."*

2. Interactive Signage: Use signs to spark a conversation. At a booth, a pop sign that says "Do you have a hero in your family? Tell us their story!" invites people to stop and engage rather than just walking past. This builds a personal connection to the concept of Americanism.

3. "Thank a Veteran" Stations: Create a pop sign for a "Thank You" card station at a library or school. A bold sign saying "Write a Note, Brighten a Hero's Day" acts as a silent recruiter for the mission of the Auxiliary.

Strategic Placement Ideas

- Point of Entry: A "Welcome" pop sign at the door of your Post or meeting hall that reminds people: *"You are in the home of the brave."*
- Community Boards: Brightly colored, high-resolution signs on local bulletin boards that stand out from the sea of black-and-white flyers.
- Digital POP: Use the same "pop" philosophy for social media graphics one clear image, one bold headline, and a link to learn more.

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**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
VFW "Buddy"® Poppy 2026-27
June**

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: BuddyPoppy - Michigan

***National Theme: Serving America's Heroes
Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart***

Congratulations on becoming the chairman of an important, integral part of the VFW Auxiliary.

"The goal of the Buddy Poppy program is to educate the public on the history and meaning of the Buddy Poppy as an example of the sacrifices made by veterans through the distribution of Buddy Poppies and their appropriate display."

The small red flower is symbolic of the blood shed in World War I in defense of our freedom. The free world was forgetting too soon those sleeping in Flanders Field. "Be it resolved that every member and their family shall wear a red poppy in remembrance".

The poppy movement was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Colonel John McCrae of the Canadian forces before the United States entered World War I. He wrote it on May 13, 1915, while presiding over the funeral of a friend and fellow soldier who had died in battle. It references how quickly the red poppies grew over the graves of soldiers who died in conflict.

Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow.
Between the crosses, row on row,
That marks our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch be yours; to hold it high,
If ye break faith, with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields,

We must remember all those who have fallen in all wars, including those most recently.
The VFW Buddy®Poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and Support

Lest we forget





Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary

VFW Buddy® Poppy – July

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: Buddy Poppy®-Michigan

National Theme: *Serving America's Heroes*
Department Theme: *Leading with a Patriot's Heart*

We are going to Serve America's Heroes, one poppy at a time.

Every day is a good Buddy® Poppy Day, but July is a great time to get out and do your Buddy® Poppy distribution.

You can do your distribution with or without your post. Anyone can participate: children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors.

There are resources on the Department's web page at www.vfwauxmi.org and National's website at www.vfwauxiliary.org. Navigate to VFW Buddy® Poppy.

Make sure you have ordered enough poppies, plan on a certain number per person participating.

Choose your dates and your locations.

You must get approval from the location you plan on using, if you are not using the Post home. Talk to the manager or supervisor. Write a letter to the business if it is required. Record who you received permission from and the date.

When you report, make sure you include this information.

Advertise your event. Put it in your local paper, the clubroom, Facebook, Instagram etc.

Make sure the volunteers are easily identifiable. Wear auxiliary gear.

The most important thing you can wear is a smile! Be enthusiastic.

Remember, you are distributing, not selling, poppies.

The money collected goes into your relief fund. This is a restricted account to help veterans and their families who are in need.

You are remembering and honoring our fallen by helping the living.



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Well done on being elected President in your Auxiliaries. It's time to get started, I hope everyone is prepared to begin "Serving America's Heroes" by "leading with a Patriot's Heart."



Extension:

An Auxiliary cannot function independently; it must be connected to a Post. Creating new Auxiliaries helps maintain the organization's stability and vitality. When visiting Bachelor Posts, choose presenters who are enthusiastic and well-informed about Auxiliaries, so they can highlight why it's valuable for each Post to have one.



Revitalization:

"Returning to new and healthy". An Auxiliary that struggles with the very basics, conflicts among members or required tasks not being done are all Red Flags to indicate an Auxiliary not in good working order and a solution cannot be reached. If issues cannot be solved within the Auxiliary, then the District President and Deputy Chief of Staff assist to see if a solution can be reached, if not possible, then the Department President is notified by the District President and Deputy Chief of Staff of the concerns. The mission of the Department President is to get the Auxiliary back to a healthy state and that assistance comes in the form of mentoring. If the phrase possible suspension is heard, do not look at it as derogatory or a scolding tactic. It is the last resort if no reasonable solution is reached for the Auxiliary - it becomes a fresh start for an Auxiliary



Chief of Staff:

Supports the Department's stability and membership growth, appointed by the Department President, and stays informed on all Auxiliary and District matters. District Presidents select a Deputy Chief of Staff who works with District Presidents to resolve issues at the Auxiliary or District level.

R U Healthy June Reminders:

- Submit an itemized report on the financial and membership status of your Auxiliary to your Post Commander within 30 days of taking office
- New officers take office after the installation of the Department President, except the Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer, who begin their duties on July 1st-new fiscal year.
- Reports of Installation entered in MALTA by June 15th, and copies sent to Department and your District President.

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Essentials of a VFW Auxiliary

The National Organization requires only five (5) things of an Auxiliary:

1. Auxiliaries should have at least ten (10) business meetings per year. Five (5) members in good standing of the auxiliary shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. Dues should be paid by at least ten (10) members on or before February 1 of the current year.
3. Quarterly audits by Trustees and be submitted.
4. Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30. This generates the bond application via email.
5. The offices of President and Treasurer **MUST** be bonded by August 31.



Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit:

There are countless resources found on the National website. Go to www.vfwauxiliary.org, log into your MALTA account, click on Member Resources and then Extension &

Revitalization. The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit includes:

- *Auxiliary Meeting Checklist for the President.
- *Healthy Auxiliary Checklist To-Do's & Deadlines
- *Healthy Communication Phone-Text Tree
- *VFW Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions
- *VFW Auxiliary Member Questionnaire
- *VFW Auxiliary Sample Meeting

R U Healthy July Reminders:

- Send dues reminders to all your annual members.
- Purchase your bond for your President and Treasurer. This must be completed by August 31st, or the Auxiliary will be subject to Suspension.
- Complete your second quarter audit report for April, May, and June by July 31st, have it approved at your meeting and send it to Department Treasurer by August 31st

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Auxiliary Historians are the story tellers of their Auxiliary, preserving the history of their Auxiliary for generations. I remember at family gatherings we would sit down and page through photo albums filled with sitting down and go through family albums filled with pictures of our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings growing up. We would listen to the stories behind each photograph, laugh at the good times, and reminisce about loved ones who are no longer with us. Many Auxiliaries have photo albums and scrapbooks filled with memories of their history. But how often do we take the time to sit down with members and share the stories behind those pictures? As the years pass, photographs fade from hot, humid summers and damp, cold winters, and many are discoloring from the adhesives used in older albums. When the photos fade, the stories risk fading too.

As technology has advanced digital devices and social media platforms have helped preserve and share photos. There are external drives, thumb drives, and the cloud to store unlimited amounts of photos. Social Media platforms also provide digital photo albums for users to store and share events and special moments with friends, followers, and members. Digital photo albums are a wonderful way to preserve and share memories from photo albums.

Along with preserving the history, the Historian & Media Relation chairman also helps communicate the current and future events of their Auxiliary as well as the other programs and causes of the National Auxiliary. One way is to do this is using Social Media platforms to share upcoming event information, monthly meeting notifications, newsletters, or helping another chairman post information about their program. As your Auxiliaries Media Relations Chairman, you are supported by a team committed to communicating news, events, and stories to Auxiliary members, Post members, and the community you serve. For the month of June post on social media outlets a picture of your Auxiliaries newly installed officers, Pictures from Department Convention, the theme for this year's VFW Patriotic Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarship program, or flag etiquette information on Flag Day, June 14.

July Bulletin

July is here and we are now one month in our new program year. By now Historian & Media Relation Chairmen should have gone over the guild sheet and noted what achievements your Auxiliary can complete this year. I recommend selecting a minimum of four achievements to complete one a quarter. This helps make quarterly reporting easier while breaking the work into more manageable and achievable tasks.

The National award is the most unique digital record of their VFW Auxiliary history since being established and publishes it to a digital platform for future members of their VFW Auxiliary. For Auxiliaries established for 20, 50, 75 or more years, creating a digital record is best accomplished as a team effort. Consider hosting scanning parties and focus on one to two albums at a time. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for seasoned members to share their memories with newer members while spending two to three hours preserving photographs together. To enhance your digital record further, consider recording the stories behind the photos so that both the images and their history are preserved for future generations.

July 31st is the last day to report for this quarter. Did you know you can report projects you have done since April 21st? Did you know that any member can report on any program? Select "other" if your project does not fall under one of the prepopulated achievements. Make sure to note the hours it took, miles starting from your home, and if any youth helped. You can also report multiple events in one report. In the comments, you need to break up each project and provide specific dates and information on each.

Now is a perfect time to provide training to members on how to use social media to promote the VFW Auxiliary programs and events. Providing training will make members that rarely use or have never used a social medial platform more comfortable posting content as well as encourage members to share, like and use #hashtags for VFW and VFW Auxiliary content. Not everyone has multiple social media platforms, create a team that is able to post and promote on different platforms. This will also allow your Auxiliary to reach a wider and diverse audience.

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I would like to thank President Jason Manke for this appointment. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Hospital table.

As I stated on my Guide Sheet, I would like to emphasize all the VA facilities in Michigan. So, let's look back 102 years to our first VA Medical facilities that opened their doors to the Veterans in 1924.

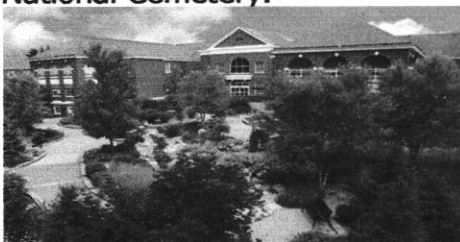
The American Red Cross was the first organization to volunteer. The VFW VA Voluntary Service Program was formally established in 1946, and this is how it all got started at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

On October 15, 1924, the red brick, neuropsychiatric Veteran Hospital 100 was open to the public. The first completely electronically equipped hospital in the country. Back then the hospitals were assigned a number, the Battle Creek VA Medical Center was number 100.

The Battle Creek VA campus is a perfect setting for Mental Health Recovery. Other VA Clinics in the area are Benton Harbor, Lansing, Muskegon and Wyoming. The Battle Creek VA offers specialized services including inpatient Mental Health Care, Palliative Care Unit, Community Living Center, and Women Veteran Events.

Throughout the year, the Women Veteran Program holds a variety of events in different locations to honor female veterans. These include candle making, crafts, horseback riding, kayaking and other events. Once a year the program also holds a Baby Shower for expecting mothers or mothers who recently had babies. This event has transformed into a drive through Baby Shower, delivering gifts to all clinics of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center area.

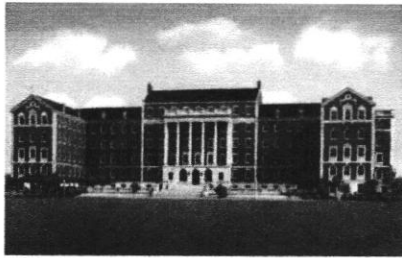
A variety of outpatient primary and specialty services are provided for the health of veterans served. As you drive around the campus you will pass the golf course, green house, it also has a bowling alley, swimming pool, gym, music and arts and craft rooms. The VA is centered between Fort Custer Air National Guard Base and Fort Custer National Cemetery.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! 250 YEARS!!

Let's continue our history lesson as we learn about another VA facility. A thirty-eight Acre site was donated to the Federal Government in 1937 by Henry & Clara Ford on July 27, 1937. Groundbreaking was the start of the Allen Park VA Medical Center in the Detroit area. It opened its doors to the Veterans in 1939. In 1980 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Allen Park VA Medical Center closed in 1996 due to aging infrastructure. It was replaced by the modern John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. Allen Park VA was demolished in 2003/2004.

The John Dingell VA Center became operational in 1996; it is a 503-bed facility located in Detroit. The VA provides specialized health services including mental health, cancer treatment (oncology), and palliative care treatment.



Beyond the patient care the Detroit VA is a teaching hospital actively fostering the next generation of medical professionals through residencies and fellowships and is committed to advancing Veteran health and healthcare for all through its active and expanding research program.

Outpatient locations are in Downriver, Pontiac and Yale. Today the Detroit VA Healthcare system serves over 330,000 veterans in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties

With the start of a new year start thinking about being a Volunteer at one of the VA facilities. It is our way to give back to the men and women who fought for us. Reach out to your Department Representatives at each of the VA facilities to start the process and see where volunteers are needed.

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Thank you for stepping forward to serve as Legislative Chair within your Auxiliary—your commitment helps ensure our members' voices are heard on the issues that matter most to veterans, service members, and their families. In this role, you connect your Auxiliary to key legislative priorities, share timely updates, and encourage informed advocacy at the local, state, and national levels. The Legislative Program equips you with the tools and guidance to succeed, strengthening our collective impact through education, engagement, and action.

Did your representative change with May elections? Find out here
votervoice.net/VFW/Directory

Stay informed by signing up for the VFW Action Corps Weekly, which delivers timely legislative updates, contains access to a nationwide database of contact information for all elected officials, and Action Alerts on how to get involved when our veterans and their families require voices heard on Capitol Hill. This is not limited to our members. Talk with your community to see if they would like to advocate for our veterans. Anyone can sign up with their personal email.

- Action Corps Weekly Sign Up Votervoice.net/vfw/register
- Action Corps Weekly Archives vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/action-corps-weekly-archive

Thank you for your continued dedication—together, through the Legislative Program, we strengthen our advocacy for veterans, service members, and their families.

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Legislation is a lot like school, where learning, participation, and effort shape the outcome. Just as students must study, ask questions, and stay engaged to succeed, citizens and advocates need to stay informed and involved in the legislative process. Teachers guide students much like elected officials guide policy, but both rely on feedback and participation to be effective. In the end, progress in both school and legislation comes from consistent effort, collaboration, and a willingness to learn and improve.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, the VFW Auxiliary proudly reflects on the enduring values of freedom, service, and patriotism that unite us. This historic milestone offers a meaningful opportunity to honor our country's past while recognizing the sacrifices of veterans, service members, and their families. Through our programs and community engagement, we continue to uphold the principles that have guided America for nearly two and a half centuries.

Inviting legislators to your hometown is a meaningful way to ensure they hear directly from the veterans and families they serve. By welcoming them into your community, you create an opportunity to share real stories, highlight local challenges, and discuss the impact of policies on those who have sacrificed for our country. Hosting a small gathering, town hall, or informal meet-and-greet allows for honest conversation and stronger connections. These personal interactions help legislators better understand the needs of veterans and encourage them to take informed, supportive action.

As always, your voice matters—thank you for your commitment to advancing legislation that supports those who have served.

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Welcome and congratulations to all our membership chairmen across this great state! I want to first take the time to introduce myself. My name is Christine Senko and I am your Department Membership Chairman. This is my first ride with this program, it seems big, scary and a little overwhelming due to the importance of what this topic is about. However, like everything in life, we should just take it one day at a time, show grace, support one another and we will finish this great race and reach that coveted checkered flag together and stronger than ever!

This year, Mr. President, Jason Manke, has a focus on racing for his membership theme. This is truly a great concept because it is a team mentality. We are all part of the great race, each with our own moving parts, talents, wisdom, dedication, respectfulness and perseverance to reach our membership goal. There is a great quote by the famous Dale Earnhardt Sr which states, **"The winner ain't the one with the fastest car, it's the one who refuses to lose."** This quote reflects Earnhardt's philosophy that true victory is not just about speed or starting position, but about perseverance, mental toughness, and the will to push through adversity. While some Auxiliaries can get out of the gate faster than others due to Life Membership numbers and such, we all have the ability to reach the same goal, but we must stay the course, be prepared, don't allow personalities to deter each other and accept nothing less than winning!

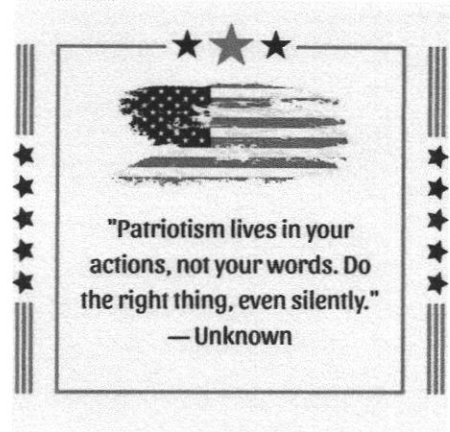
The first goal this month in preparation for a successful year is to establish a plan. The should consist of the following:

- ★ Establish a membership committee per our By-Laws.
 - Your committee should consist of five (5) Auxiliary members who are dedicated throughout this year to be fuel that is instrumental in achieving the year's membership goals.
- ★ Check out resources on Malta.
 - Under Member Resources, Membership has resources such as downloadable business cards, the Membership Eligibility Wheel, QR code and Membership Application.
- ★ Set Dates on your Membership Calendar.
 - Establish recruiting events. This would make it possible for members to renew their dues or convert to Life. This can be done in conjunction with your post.
 - Share to your members that they can renew under Malta!
- ★ Create!
 - Create your recruiting board to take to your events.
 - Create a new members tool kit.

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"A nation exists only in its patriots." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

The quote above captures the essence of leadership rooted in patriotism – that without people who are deeply committed to their country, a nation cannot truly endure. It emphasizes that true leadership comes from those who act with loyalty, courage, and a sense of duty to the principles and people they serve. This month, as we celebrate our great nation's birthday, take the opportunity to share who and what our organization represents. This can be done through tables, drives, and events (Fourth of July parade) throughout your community to recruit new members. Remember, you are the representative of this great organization, leading the charge to foster a community to advocate for our veterans and their families. As we know, change on the Hill happens in numbers, our community can improve through volunteerism, and support is given by the hands and feet of our members!



To help begin your recruiting year, remember these key talking points on the benefits of membership:

- Support veterans, service members and their families.
- Develop new skills.
- Network and develop friendships that last a lifetime.
- Enjoy member benefits.

When opportunities arise, you should consider having a recruiting table to maximize membership recruitment. Suggestion of items to include:

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| - Table Cloth | - Membership Board | -Candy |
| - Small Flags | -Patriotic Items | -Small bottles of water |
| - Membership App | -Pens/Pencils | -Auxiliary Information |
| - Dept Program Pins | -Coloring Book/Crayons | -Buddy Poppy's |

I hope, together, we can lead with our Patriot's Heart to foster positive growth in our Department this year. Remember, to stay up-to-date, follow me on our Facebook page: Membership-Michigan. Any questions, please reach out to me!

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PROGRAM GOALS

Student Participation - Recipient Recognition - Community Awareness - Increasing the Fund

The Scholarship Program encourages patriotism, assists students in attaining an education and helps students reach their full potential. This increases VFW and Auxiliary recognition while supporting our communities, students and members. The following is a list of the Scholarships available for the 2026-2027 year:

- ❖ 2026-2027 VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest – Theme: “What A Veteran Taught Me about America?”
- ❖ 2026-2027 VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest – Theme: “What A Veteran Taught Me about America?”
- ❖ Continuing Education Scholarship
- ❖ Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest
- ❖ 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest

To ensure maximum participation and awareness, it is important that scholarship materials are distributed to schools before the end of the current academic year. Although these opportunities apply to the upcoming school year beginning in August, early distribution allows educators adequate time to review the information and incorporate it into their classroom curriculum during the planning process, rather than attempting to add it after schedules have already been established.

To assist with this effort, I have prepared two letters to accompany the scholarship applications—one tailored for the high school level and another for elementary and middle school levels. These letters outline how students may compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and additional prize opportunities.

All forms for each scholarship and contest will be available on the Department website. This includes the judging score sheets, school release forms, award information flyers for each contest, student biographical questionnaires, and promotional materials suitable for social media. Additionally, flyers outlining contest titles and submission deadlines will be provided to support effective communication and outreach.

The first two scholarship contests with upcoming deadlines are the VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest and the VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest. Both submissions must be received by each Auxiliary no later than October 31, 2026, for judging.

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Social Media-WHY WE DO IT

Social media plays a critical role in promoting scholarships and student contests by expanding outreach, increasing visibility, and ensuring that important opportunities reach students, families, and educators in a timely and accessible manner. By utilizing platforms such as Facebook and other digital channels, VFW Post & Auxiliary can effectively announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary's annual scholarships and contests for high school students, where participants may compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prize earnings. Sharing detailed posts, flyers, and reminders online allows schools and communities to stay informed and encourages staff to incorporate these opportunities into their classrooms and extracurricular activities. Through consistent promotion, we can highlight programs such as the Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest, which provides students in grades 9–12 the opportunity to compete for over \$2 million in scholarships nationwide, including a top national award of \$35,000, as well as the Young American Patriotic Art Contest and the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest, where students can showcase their creativity for significant scholarship awards at the local, district, state, and national levels. Social media also allows us to emphasize important deadlines, such as October 31, 2026, for the Voice of Democracy submissions and March 31, 2026, for both art contests, ensuring students do not miss these valuable opportunities. By encouraging schools to review, share, and distribute this information to the appropriate staff, and by maintaining an active and engaging online presence, we strengthen communication, increase participation, and create greater awareness of the educational benefits these programs provide. We welcome collaboration with school administrators and staff and encourage anyone with questions to reach out, as we look forward to working together to support student success through these outstanding programs.

I encourage you to download the flyers from the Department program page and post them on your Facebook page for your personal page and your District page and encourage your members to share the information. Remember Home School students can take part in these contests.

Reporting

Accurate and timely reporting is a priority, and I strongly encourage all members to consistently report on their Scholarship activities. Please note that the first quarter ends on July 31. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. If I am unavailable, kindly leave a message, as I work full-time and may not always be able to answer my phone immediately.

It is important to understand that reporting is not solely for award recognition. While awards are certainly a benefit, reporting also plays a critical role in maintaining our organization's nonprofit status. Furthermore, it enables the Department President to accurately complete required year-end reports for National. Your data also contributes to our success at the National Convention, as it allows us to effectively represent our efforts and potentially secure additional funding. Your cooperation and diligence in reporting are greatly appreciated, as they support both our mission and our organizational responsibilities.

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The VFW National Home was founded in 1925. It is a place where our veterans and military can receive help during difficult times.

The home, located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is on 630 acres of farm land and has 70 buildings that include brick homes, a library, community center, chapel, guest lodge, nursery, teen center, fire department, administration buildings, and its own water treatment and sewage plant.

The mission of the VFW National Home is to assist military members, veterans, and their families with children by crafting a foundation of service and resources to achieve their personal and family goals to move forward in a positive, safe, and healthy environment.

The VFW National Home community is open to families of actively serving military personnel, veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can have one or more children. It is a place where a military family with children can find help during tough times to reestablish themselves in today's world.

SWAP (Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects) ideas or activities on the VFW National Home Facebook page. Showcase your creative ideas that demonstrate where the National Home is and who is eligible to stay there.

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Promote the VFW National Home's Helpline. This number is staffed by caring professionals who can help the military, veterans, or their families find the resources they need.



Military & Veteran Family Helpline
Be Heard. Be Helped.
800-313-4200
Call for any reason.

- This free service offers information
- Creates connections
- Gives hope to struggling families across the country

The Helpline is answered M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern, except holidays.

We have 2 "FUN" activities this year. First, we are collecting "Nickels for the Nursery." Districts will compete to see who can raise the most for the VFW National Home Nursery. The District Presidents will have baby bottles that they will bring with them on their official visits. They will pass the bottle around to collect nickels, loose change, anything you want to donate goes in the bottle. By the Fall Conference, the District raising the most at that point will receive a beautiful crown. The collection will continue, and we will do it again at Mid-Winter. If you don't want a particular District to have the crown, raise some more nickels and take it away from them. This will be concluded at the Convention 2027. We get to have fun, and the nursery gets the help it needs. Our Treasurer, Cathy, will keep totals for each District.

The other activity is just collecting change for the VFW National Home. We are going to be the change by providing the change. Special Collection-Put out a VFW National Home bank (or other bank), cup, or a mason jar at your meetings. If you collect donations at your meeting, when you put in your quarter, add an extra one to the house or jar. Put the containers in your Clubroom. Clean out your coin banks. Our Treasurer, Cathy, will keep track of all the money sent in. The Auxiliary who raises the most will receive a trophy. Have FUN with it, help the home, check off a goal, and report it.

Michigan Day will be August 9, 2026. Information, when available, will be on the Department's web page at: www.vfwauxmi.org

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First and foremost, I'd like to take a moment to thank President Jason for allowing me the opportunity to chair the Youth Activities and Camp Trotter program again. I'm looking forward to all the great things we will do this year!

June 2026

I am excited to share updates and important information regarding Youth Activities and the Camp Trotter Program for the current Auxiliary year. Your continued support and participation help create meaningful opportunities for our youth while strengthening connections within our veteran community.

Youth Activities

Please note the updated deadlines for the Illustrating America Art Contest:

- December 15 – Entries due to Auxiliary
- January 15 – Entries due to VFW Department
- January 31 – Entries due to National Headquarters

It is extremely important to note that the current entry form available on the website is NOT the correct form to use for this program year. A revised and updated form will be released soon. Auxiliaries will be notified as soon as it becomes available through both the official bulletin and the VFW Auxiliary Facebook page. Please ensure you are using the correct materials once they are distributed to avoid disqualification.

Although school is currently on break for summer, be ready to reach out to local districts, post in local newspapers, etc. as soon as the school year begins. Remember the age groups for this contest are grades K-2, 3rd-5th grade, and 6-8th grade.

Camp Trotter

This year we will not be hosting a Camp Trotter table at conferences and convention. Instead, we are asking you to donate the money you previously spent on baskets, etc. directly to Camp Trotter. You can do this by sending the check directly to the Department Office, c/o Dept of Mi VFW. The price of camp this year is \$475, but it costs upwards of \$910 per child, let's do our best to help support camp!

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Youth Activities

An addition to the Patriotism through Literacy program this year is the potential to host a lending library.

Creating a lending library hosted by your Auxiliary can be a meaningful way to serve both veterans and the broader community by promoting literacy, connection, and shared resources. Before launching, it's important to realistically assess whether your Auxiliary has the volunteers, space, and long-term commitment needed to maintain it. A lending library requires ongoing organization, regular inventory checks, and upkeep to ensure materials remain accessible and in good condition. Starting small can help establish consistency and build community trust. With proper planning and dedication, a lending library can become a valued and sustainable addition to your auxiliary's outreach efforts. Please be sure to stock your library with books from the list located on the department website.

Note that this lending library is a National and Department award, so be creative! Stand out and help your community notice you!

Camp Trotter

Camp Trotter Family Day on Sunday, August 22, is the perfect opportunity to spend meaningful time with loved ones while enjoying a fun, welcoming atmosphere. You can look forward to a full day of outdoor activities, games, and a shared meal. It's a chance for kids to make new friends, for parents to unwind, and for everyone to create lasting memories. With many exciting updates to the camp, including the addition of a new director, there's never been a better time to come out, experience the improvements, and be part of this special day.

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