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UNWAVERING SUPPORT
FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

Hi auxiliary members, October is a busy month for Michigan. We will host the Big Ten Conference in Kalamazoo, followed just a few days later by our Fall Conference in Mt. Pleasant. I hope our District Presidents are enjoying their official visits to Auxiliaries throughout their districts. If your auxiliary needs assistance, please reach out. Likewise, if you are available to help another Auxiliary in your district or a nearby one, please call Jason or me. We would be happy to add you to our list of members we can contact when help is needed.



Auxiliary Challenge: Members may not know when meetings are held, and meetings may run too long when there is no agenda.
Solution: The meeting day, time, and location should be voted on and approved by the members. At the closing of each business meeting, the presiding officer should clearly announce the date, time, and location.

Ways to Keep Members Informed

- Call members by telephone.
- Send e-mails, newsletters, or postcards.
- Post meeting details prominently on your Post or Auxiliary website.
- Consider creating an Auxiliary Facebook page as a free way to inform members and increase public awareness.

R U Healthy Checklist for October

- Trustees will complete the July, August, September Audit by October 31st, and have it approved at your next meeting and to Department by November 30th. You can scan and email it or snail mail it.
- Report in all programs
- Dues submitted to National via MALTA or to Department Treasurer

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Holidays are here!!
Extension & Revitalization wisdom:
Now is the time to review your membership progress. I hope your membership committee has reached out to unpaid members. If some members need a helping hand, consider using your Relief Fund to pay their 2026–2027 dues. Here are a few ways to boost your membership numbers.

- Contact current members
- Reaching out to former members
- Recruiting events for new members

Find an Un-Affiliated Post ready to add an Auxiliary?
In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a notice is to be mailed or emailed to each Post member advising them that members will be voting on having an Auxiliary and that the vote will take place at a specific meeting.
In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Post members present is required to set into action the formation of a new Auxiliary to that Post.
Inform the Department President of the approval and the Department President will then assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.

R U Healthy Checklist for November

- IRS 990 ePostcard filed by November 15th
- Trustees should have already completed the July, August, and September audit. Have it approved at your November meeting, and to Department by November 30th
- Additional dues notices sent, and dues submitted through the MALTA system or to Department
- Purchase 2027 Bylaws and Ritual from the VFW Store
- Report in each program

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