



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
MICHIGAN CONNECTION #2
August/September 2026

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National Theme: Serving America's Heroes

Department Theme: Leading with a Patriot's Heart

Important Information:

- ✓ Department Office will be closed July 24- July 31. Dept. Secretary and Dept. Treasurer will be with the Dept. Officers at National Convention. If there is an emergency and you need to get ahold of the Secretary she will have the Dept. phone with her.
- ✓ Department Office will be closed August 26, 27, and 28th for the National Presidents visit. Hope to see most of you there. Info is on the website about her visit.

National VFW Auxiliary

Special Order No. 005: Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President, the Charter of the Auxiliary to Iosco County VFW Post No. 5678, Tawas City, MI. is cancelled and declared defunct.

Special Order No. 007: Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President, the Charter of the Auxiliary to Captain John J Kelley VFW Post No. 1355, Sturgis, MI., is cancelled and declared defunct.

Special Order No. 15: Upon recommendation of the Department President and by order of the National President and accordance with the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws, Article II, Section 209 the Charter of the Auxiliary to Marlette VFW Post 4837, Marlette, MI. is hereby suspended for a period not to exceed three (3) Meetings due to: Failure to elect and install Officers for 2026-2027 and Failure to purchase a bond.

President - Jason's Corner

Congratulations to Past Department President Debbie Scheetz on achieving the high honor of being inducted into the National Circle of Excellence, and congratulations to the 25-26 Department Chairman for making Michigan shine as you received National awards. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of our members at the VFW National Home for Michigan Day on Aug. 9th. Aug. 22nd is the annual Camp Trotter Family Day which is always a fun time. Just a couple reminders for Fall Conference we will be having a Bingo fundraiser and a Halloween evening where who knows what you might see or meet. Michigan has the honor of hosting the Big Ten Conference on Oct 16th and 17th, this event we will need several members to help with. I'm still planning on conducting a Training for President's, Secretary's, and Treasurer's, in each district. Lastly, I look forward to traveling and visiting with our great members.

Healthy Auxiliary Reminders

- **Bonds are available to purchase in Malta from NOW till August 31.** Please go to the Please make a motion on your auxiliary floor to purchase the 2026-2027 Bond.

- **Audits are due to the Department Treasurer by August 31, 2026.** Remember it must be read and approved on your Auxiliary Floor before submitting. Mailing Address: 1117 Michigan St., Midland, MI. 48640 Email: mitreas@asiserve.net
- **990's are due November 15,** and a copy must be submitted to Department once completed. If you need assistance, please Contact Department Treasurer Cathy Sasse at 517-420-9342
- **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.

Upcoming Events

August 9 – Mich. VFW National Home Day
 August 22 – Camp Trotter Family Day
 Sept 18 – POW/MIA Day
 Oct 15-16 – Big Ten Conference, Kalamazoo

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
 14th District – Aug. 16, 2026, Brimley 9023
 12th District – Aug. 16, 2026, Baldwin 5315
 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
 6th District – Sept. 19, 2026, Brighton 4357

By Order of:

Jason Manke

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Department President

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Department Secretary