



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> the Department Secretary will be working remotely from home. After April 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**

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

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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](http://www.vetsreturninghome.org)**

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

[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)**

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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!

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Americanism Bulletin July 2026

[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

Facebook Page: BuddyPoppy - Michigan

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***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](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)

Facebook Page: Buddy Poppy®-Michigan

**National Theme: *Serving America's Heroes***  
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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](http://www.vfwauxmi.org) and National's website at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://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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Extension & Revitalization/Chief of Staff  
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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 1<sup>st</sup>-new fiscal year.
- Reports of Installation entered in MALTA by June 15<sup>th</sup>, and copies sent to Department and your District President.

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