

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary AMERICANISM BULLETIN January 2023

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National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Congratulations to All the Auxiliaries and Posts that submitted VOD/Patriot's Pen essays that made it to the Department level of competition! I am looking forward to meeting your students at our Mid-Winter Conference in Kalamazoo, later this month!!

Thank You to all the Auxiliaries and Posts for Your Outstanding submissions to the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Teacher Education Award. The dedication of these educators to their students, America and to patriotism is amazing!! I wish we could award more of these educators for all the hard work and dedication they demonstrate every day.

The weather outside may be frightful, but in your Auxiliary, it should be delightful!! You have time now to plan and organize all your programs for the remainder of this year. Check your guide sheets, have you met all the program goals? You still have time to accomplish and report many! I am so impressed by the various activities and events our Auxiliaries have planned, sponsored and participated in so far.

Please Note!! Our Veterans, Blue, Gold and Silver Star families deserve our support and recognition 12 months of the year, not just for Patriotic Holidays and the season of Giving! Strive to plan, execute and report events you host to honor these worthy citizens. You could sponsor a food drive, host a New Year's meal (It doesn't have to be Jan. 1) for your local Blue & Gold Star Families, or offer to assist a Silver Star family (they may need help to an appointment, respite care for an hour or two, or just a listening ear). Reach Out and let these Families know WE CARE!!

Important Dates:

Jan. 1- New Year's Day

Jan. 9- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Jan.20-Penguin Awareness Day (Unofficial 😊)

Jan. 28- VOD/Patriot's Pen/Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet @ Mid-Winter Conference
(Deadline for ordering tickets is Jan. 18, 2023. Form is online at vfwauxmi.org.)

Jan. 25-29- Dept. of Michigan VFW & Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference
Radisson Plaza Hotel
100 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo MI.

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