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Michigan Connection

November-December 2021
(To be read on the Auxiliary Floor)

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Department of Michigan Auxiliary
Department of Michigan Auxiliary Programs

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National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond
Department Theme: *Tell Our Story of Service*
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Special Announcement from President Stephanie Krueger

A special thank you to all members that attended the Fall Conference at Boyne Highlands. The joint VFW/VFW Auxiliary trainings seemed to be very successful. Most who participated felt it was beneficial and fired them up to return home to get busy working the Auxiliary programs. We will continue to seek out ways to grow and build both the VFW and VFW Auxiliary organizations together.

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Submit your Special Veterans/Veterans to us

We would still like you to submit your special Veteran to the Department Headquarters. We are excited to have the opportunity to highlight a different Veteran each, and every day during the month of November. Please download the form off our website. Fill it out, then get it into the Department for publication.

Upcoming Bylaw Change Sec. 504

A Resolution voted on, and passed at the 2021 National Convention Stated:
An Auxiliary should have a member in attendance at their own District Meeting. The Department of Michigan President Stephanie Krueger entertained a discussion on this subject at the 2021 Fall Conference. As of this Auxiliary year, attendance at Conferences is mandatory for consideration to be included in the Auxiliary Achievement Award.

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Department ZOOM Trainings

The Department hosts Program Training every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Valuable information is shared along with time for questions and answers. Please plan to join in. All members, all levels, encouraged to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2945999250?pwd=U1pqZXRzMW1ZcCtUJFVxanNCNDFOU09>
Meeting ID: 294 599 9250 Passcode: Yes or 264464

End of Quarter Reporting November 30, 2021

November 30th is the end the second quarter reporting for our Department. Please check to see if your Auxiliary has reported at least once in every program this year. We encourage you to report monthly or as projects and programs are completed.

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Mid-Winter Conference Kalamazoo, MI January 27th – 30th, 2022

Please mark your calendars now. Plan to come out to support our VFW Auxiliary Programs and, enjoy the banquet as the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of Year Awards are given out. Room Reservation and Banquet Forms are available on our Department Website.

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Sec. 104- Members in Good Standing Sub Bullet 1 and 2

- "A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing."
- "A member ceases to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which the dues have been paid."

If an Officer has not paid their dues by December 31, 2021 they are no longer an officer. The Auxiliary must then declare that officer position vacant.

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Office Closed Dates

The Department Office will be closed on the following dates

November 11th Veterans Day
November 25th Thanksgiving
November 26th Day after Thanksgiving
December 24th Christmas Eve
December 27th Day after Christmas
December 31st New Year's Eve
January 3rd Day after New Year's Eve

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2021 Calendar

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It is the Season for recognizing all our many blessings. We the Department Officer's, are grateful for you the members! Your hard work and dedication to our Veterans, their families, our Programs, and your communities, touches our hearts. May this time with family and friends rejuvenate each of you!

Happy Holidays

President: Stephanie Krueger

Jr. Vice President: Sara Manke

Secretary: Sandi Onstwedder

Conductress: Debbie Scheetz

Chief of Staff: Gloria Dobbie

Sr. Vice President: Diana Ward

Treasurer: Nicole Koutz

Chaplain: Jane Dady

Guard: Jason Manke



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MEMO

Date: October 7, 2021

To: National Line Officers
NDCMs
Department Secretaries
All Members
Past National Presidents
Department Presidents
Department Treasurers

From: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: National President Jean Hamil's Ruling on Wearing the Official Cap (which supercedes then National President Sandi Kriebel's ruling dated June 28, 2019)

In the absence of procedures in our Bylaws for wearing the official cap, National President Jean Hamil has issued the following ruling:

"If you choose to wear the Official VFW Auxiliary Cap, it will remain on your head for TAPS, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Caps will be removed for the prayer, IF the VFW or Auxiliary Chaplain removes their cap and/or IF the Auxiliary Chaplain is not wearing a cap."

Other information pertaining to the caps:

- (a) If uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; the left hand goes behind the back as in parade rest.
- (b) Official caps will NOT be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals.
- (c) If you are unable to see the Chaplain and are unsure if they removed their cap, please remove your cap.

We ask that all Departments forward this memo on to its members so that all are aware of the National President's ruling.

AP: jc