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MICHIGAN CONNECTION
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Department Theme: Honor, Serve and Remember our Veterans with Everlasting Patriotism

Carrie's Corner

Hello members! As I write this, our nation is suffering from severe cold and weather related challenges. We know these are the times when we must reach out to our members, veterans and communities and help where we can. Service organizations are often the last resort for many people without support. I am certain you are doing all you can, when you learn of a need, you step up and help. Thank you for ALL you do!

I hope the mailing your president received in January has been helpful and has given you more ideas and ways that you can use our programs to achieve our mission. "The objects of this organization shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to assist the Posts and members thereof of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and its own members whenever possible; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women; and to preserve and defend the United States of America from all her enemies."

These are not merely words. These objects of our organization require ACTION. We are coming into spring soon and will be renewing our oaths as elections are held and your leadership is chosen for the new year. Be of sound mind and purpose. Be strong and determined. Be willing and able to provide services that no one else does. WE ARE NEEDED by our veterans, military, youth and communities.

Per the National Circle of Excellence - all auxiliaries who were under 100% in membership on January 31 will be contacted and offered assistance. Also required - ALL auxiliaries must do a project, activity or donation that benefits veterans and report it - the easiest way to accomplish this is through Veterans & Family Support or Hospital.

We are currently in first place in the Big 10 in membership!!! Yahoo, great job!!! We need just about 500 more paid members to match our total from the previous year. Anything over that will move us toward the 101% goal. We can do it, we will do it and we will make our National President Sandi proud! Keep Inviting, Including and Investing in Membership!

Special Announcements

This is the final packet with bulletins from our Department Chairmen. However, there will be another Michigan Connection that will be available on our website by April 25.

Important Reminder: The 2020-21 reporting year will end at midnight, April 20. Please be sure that you have completed all your reporting. **ALL** Auxiliaries **MUST report** (at least one activity) on how their auxiliary assisted veterans and veterans needs.

2021 Department and District Delegate Forms – will be sent to all Auxiliary Presidents sometime in mid-March. Even if your Auxiliary does not plan to attend the Department Convention, the Department Delegate fees still must be paid. There are no fees for District Delegates.

2021-22 Report of Installation Forms – will be made available on our Department website as soon as it becomes available from National. Reminder: the 2020-21 Auxiliary Secretary is responsible for inputting the Report of Installation into MALTA.

2021 National Convention Delegate Form – will be made available on our Department website as soon as it becomes available from National.

2021-22 President Packets will be sent out to the Auxiliary President the last week of April. Please be sure to pass the packet on to the newly elected President.

2021-22 Guide Sheets will not be available until on or about May 1st.

April is the election of officers for the 2021-22 year that begins at the close of the Department Convention on June 5. All officers must be elected and/or appointed and installed not more than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the convening of the Department Convention. Department Convention convenes on Friday, June 4 at 8:00 am. If your Auxiliary is unable to fill all positions, please contact the Department Chief of Staff, the Department President, or the Department Office.

Upcoming Events

Department Convention is scheduled for June 2-6 at the Gateway Holiday Inn in Flint. Information regarding the Convention will be put onto the Department website as soon as concrete plans can be secured. We appreciate your patience as we work through this COVID pandemic and how it may impact our Convention.

The Testimonial for the Department Commander Scott Gloger and Department President Carrie Turner is tentatively set for Friday, June 4 at our Department Convention. More information will be forthcoming.

National President Sandi Onstwedder is scheduled to be our National Representative at the Department Convention and it is our hope that we will have a “Welcome Home” celebration. Again, more information will be forthcoming.

The final report and recommendation of the Office Use Committee will be available prior to the Department Convention for the delegates to review prior to voting. This will be put onto our website and/or included in our final Michigan Connection.

Bylaws and Orders

Special Order #160 issued December 3, 2020 upon recommendation of the Department President, the National President ordered the Charter of George Garms Auxiliary to VFW Post #5857, Onaway, be cancelled.

Special Order #199 issued January 18, 2021, upon recommendation of the Department President and by vote of the Auxiliary, the National President ordered the Charter of Shafer-Rachelle-Latham Auxiliary to VFW Post #6782, Eastpoint, be cancelled.

Special Order #213 issued January 31, 2021, upon recommendation of the Department President, the National President ordered the Charter of Mayville/Vassar to VFW Post #10884, Mayville, be cancelled.

Special Order #226 issued February 1, 2021, information received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars indicates that approval has been granted for the consolidation of Pvt James D Donovan Post #78, Dearborn Heights and Romulus Post #9568, Romulus. The consolidated Post is to be known as the Pvt James D Donovan/Romulus Post #78, Romulus.

Special Order #234 issued February 1, 2021, information received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars indicates that approval has been granted for the consolidation of Hough-Pontius Post #3701, Lakeview and Burns-May Post #5602, Six Lakes. The consolidated Post is to be known as the Hough-Pontius Post #3701, Lakeview.

Special Order #237 issued February 4, 2021, information received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars indicates that approval has been granted for the consolidation of Lake of the Clouds Post #5600, Ontonagon and Lake Superior Post #4167, Mass City. The consolidated Post is to be known as the Lake of the Clouds Post #5600, Ontonagon.

By Order of:

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