

# **Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**

## **DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT BULLETIN**

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*National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond*

*Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service*

May-August 2021

Welcome to all First-Timer District Presidents and Welcome back to any returning District Presidents! I am sure your heads are spinning with all the things to do.

I am here for more than just judging your performance this year as District Presidents, I am here and willing to assist you with issues, questions, or concerns please give me a call or an email anytime.

I encourage you to be mindful that at the district level meetings are months apart and communication with your auxiliary presidents is the key to achieving the deadlines required by the National Organization. Look forward to what needs to be completed between the meetings. Do do not let things get missed.

Within 30 days after induction into office, submit to the Commander of the District the last quarterly audit and membership status report per the National Bylaws (Sec. 810). At that time, you may discuss a planning meeting either separately or jointly.

Your first couple hurdles will be Audits and Reports of Installation from the auxiliaries. These duties happen so soon after the new officers take office. Offer to assist in any way to get the information to Department and to National by the deadlines required.

As President you need to count on the assistance of your Sr. & Jr. Vice Presidents, It is their job to assist you in your duties. This also gives them valuable knowledge to carry forward as they advance through the chairs to President.

District Meeting notices sent to Department- try to have a good flow to the meetings, a start time, a break for lunch or joint meeting with VFW, a time to resume the meeting after the break and hopefully an early dismissal. Always try to avoid long periods time with nothing to do.

Start planning for your first meeting, which is your School of Instruction. This meeting is usually the longest meeting you will have for the year. Discuss with your chairmen how you want them to present the programs for this year-try to make it pleasurable but informative for the members. As soon as you know who your Department Representative is please give them a call if you want them to have a specific duty at your School of Instruction, so they know what to expect when they arrive to your

meeting. You may also want to plan on reviewing the district standing rules at that first meeting.

Your official visits to auxiliaries should start in August, remember you are not visiting to make the auxiliaries feel uncomfortable. Your visit is to inspire them, to see how healthy the auxiliary is and to assist them with any issues or concerns.

Bonds are due by 8/30/2021.

I am sure there will be many questions that arise during this new adventure, be sure to lean on the mentors within your district and throughout the state. Do your absolute best to respect every member and try to always keep a smile on your face. Remember it is okay to say "I don't know" but I will find out and get back to you with the correct answer.

Stay in touch with the other District Presidents of the state, they are in the same situation as you are and it's always nice to toss ideas around if you're having issues and you think you've tried everything....maybe they can help.

Loyally Submitted,

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