

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT/ CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE BULLETIN September 2022

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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

It's hard to believe it is already September. First, as President of your Auxiliary, you are the leader. A good president has a calendar with all the important dates of events on it. For example, Auxiliary meetings, Zoom Training, District Meetings, special programs and events, National President's visit to Michigan. Fall Conference is in a few weeks. Have you made your reservation to attend the Fall Conference? Have you set a meeting time to go over the chairmanships with your chairmen and talked to them about attending the trainings at Fall Conference?

Have you started making your plans for this month and October? Are you attending a Labor Day parade, or having a program to honor our veterans? Presidents, please involve all your members on the activities that your Auxiliary is planning. Always contact new members to get them involved. Remember it takes a TEAM to accomplish many tasks and we are a TEAM not one person doing everything. **ALWAYS REMEMBER TO REPORT EVERYTHING YOUR AUXILIARY DOES OR ATTENDS.**

Remember Auxiliary Achievement has two parts:

- 1. What the President is responsible to do.**
- 2. What the Auxiliary members must accomplish.**

Remember this is a team effort!

Fall District Meetings

Make sure your Scholarship Program is turned into the District Chairman at the District Meeting or deliver all the information at this time. Remember you need to have at least one member at every District Meeting, but there is also a point for the President attending. Also, every chairmanship asks you to report if the chairman goes to the District meeting.

Membership

Please keep working your membership. Your Auxiliary can help more veterans and their families. Remember that the President needs to sign up one new or rejoined member.

Bonds

Your Auxiliary should be bonded by August 31, 2022. According to Sec. 814 of the National Bylaws, page 89, under the last bullet, the bond is to be at least double the amount of the Auxiliary assets. There must be a motion on the Auxiliary floor for the amount of the Bond. The bond is no longer sent, but the President, Secretary, and Treasurer can print it off MALTA. The original is kept by the President and a copy is placed in the minutes.

Remind your Treasurer that your Auxiliary 990 is due before November 15, 2022.

Department Zoom Meetings and other trainings

President, Officers, and Trustees must attend one Department training. Remember to have as many members as possible on the Zoom Trainings that Department is giving on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You could announce that all members can come to the Post Home on that night and as a group participate in these trainings. A schedule is posted on the Department Website.

Reporting

Reporting should be a continuous and ongoing activity by the Auxiliary. The first quarter reporting ended on July 31, 2022 – hopefully you had at least one report entered by every Chairman. If people have trouble with the online reporting, maybe you can set a day each month to have everyone bring their information in and someone who has the capability to report electronically can enter them for the Auxiliary. **The next reporting quarter ends on Oct 31, 2022.**

I hope these little reminders will help you and your Auxiliary to be the best you can be.

Feel free to call me if I can be of any help.

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