



Michigan Connection

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Special Announcements

Highlights from the 2021 National Convention

Congratulations to all 2020-2021 Department Chairman as well as Past Department President Carrie Turner, who made it into the Circle of Excellence!

Kris Griffith- Veterans & Family Support 2nd place outstanding performance award.

Debbie Scheetz- 1st place outstanding performance award.

Jason Manke- Buddy Poppy/National Home- 1st place in our program division for Best Promotion to Educate the Community about our Buddy Poppy. And, he received 2nd place outstanding performance award.

Marilyn Malick- Chief of Staff 1st place in our program division for the best guidance in strengthening and rejuvenating a struggling Auxiliary. Plus, 1st place outstanding performance award.

Christine LeBrun- Historian/Media Relations 1st place for the Best PowerPoint presentation. 2nd place outstanding performance award.

Mariann Hamann- Hospital 2nd place outstanding performance award.

Marian Belaire- Membership 1st place Most outstanding training and promotion of the Membership program. 1st place outstanding performance award.

Evelyn Avery- Scholarship's 1st place for Best Promotion of the Scholarship Program. 1st place outstanding performance award.

The Michigan Patriotic Art Entry received 7th place award out of the 50 Department entries.

Resolutions Passed at National Convention

Change #1

The required representation to conduct business at a Department Convention (Quorum) was changed from a simple majority (50% +1) to 40% of the Auxiliaries in the Department represented by officers, delegates/voting members, and auxiliary members.

Change #2

Allowed for a new company to supply the official look shirt in both long and short sleeve lengths in men and women sizes. In addition, the Emblem to be relocated to the left side over the heart.

Change #3

Potential members who are eligible through our wheel of eligibility no longer must possess American Citizenship.

Change #4

Video Conferencing is allowed but only time the five (5) members physically present at a meeting site is exempted is under the following EXTENUATING conditions. Weather, illness, out of town, and pandemic.

Change #5

It is now required that the Aux. President or a Representative from every Auxiliary be present at all District Meetings. (Note: Since the VFW has final approval of all Bylaw revisions and they do not meet until the end of August to approve of this, we will exempt the August and September meetings from this requirement concerning Auxiliary Achievement. Watch for a future Bulletin explaining this change and how it will affect our Auxiliary Achievement program this year.



