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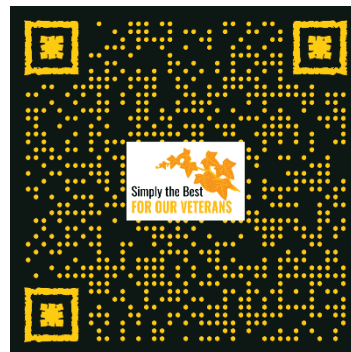
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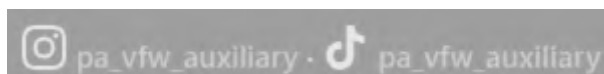
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WELCOME!

Welcome Brothers and Sisters to the Annual VFW Auxiliary Program Book. This book provides a comprehensive look at all of the programs for the upcoming year, providing ideas and guidance on how to work them. The programs listed here are at the “Core” of our mission in serving our Veterans and the Community.

This program book can be used as a roadmap to plan and work through the programs at the Auxiliary level. Each Chairman has provided information on the program which includes information from the National Ambassadors.

It is not a requirement that every Auxiliary work each program, but you will be surprised to see how many programs overlap. For example, if your Auxiliary assists with placing Flags in the community for a Patriotic Holiday and you ask for assistance from the local Scout Troop you’ve now participated in two programs.

If you have any questions on the programs, each chairman has provided their contact information; and feel free to reach out to them for questions.

My sincere Thanks to each of you for your commitment and dedication to our Veterans, their families and our Communities.

Loyally,

Cecelia

Cecelia Cook

Department President 2026-2027

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DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY PROGRAM AWARDS/DIVISIONS

***YEAR END REPORTS AND AWARDS
ARE JUDGED BY THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS***

<i>DIVISION 1</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>10-45 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 2</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>46-70 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 3</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>71-90 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 4</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>91-120 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 5</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>121-165 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 6</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>166-240 MEMBERS</i>
<i>DIVISION 7</i>	<i>AUXILIARIES WITH</i>	<i>241 + MEMBERS</i>



Simply the Best
FOR OUR VETERANS

***ALL obligations including audits, bonds, delegate fees, pledges, supplies, etc. to
National, Department and District MUST be met for your
Auxiliary/District President and Chairmen to qualify for awards.***



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

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Veterans & Family Support Program is the foundation of our organization. We put our hearts into assisting veterans, service members and their families along with promoting and providing access to resources that are **Simply the Best for Our Veterans.**

Unmet Needs

National Military Services aids all that are currently serving. These services include **MAP (Military Appreciation Program)**, **Adopt a Unit**, care packages, financial assistance, **"Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship"** and **Student Support Grants**.

National Veteran Services (NVS) provide service officers both pre and post discharge...this is crucial in making sure veterans receive their earned benefits and entitlements. Let's face it, VA Claims process is a nightmare at times. Why not use a **VFW Accredited Service Officer** that will help your veteran and families every step of the way? The service is proudly offered **FREE OF CHARGE!** 😊

Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness / Veterans Mental Wellness

Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) is a main focus this year and being aware of the warning signs and ways to help anyone, especially our veterans and military families through it. With PTS not recognized easily, nor treated properly, the concern is rising rapidly. We need to provide avenues for them to get the proper care and programs for recovery.

Education is a valuable tool to combat the issue. Let's raise awareness!! The VFW has teamed up with **GIVE AN HOUR, CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE DIRECTION, ONE MIND, PATIENTSLIKEME AND ELIZABETH DOLE FOUNDATION** for Veterans Crisis. Department of PA has implemented a peer group, focusing on Mental Health. Please join the Facebook page to stay informed. The forum is stronger in numbers and many shoulders to lean on are going through some of the same struggles.

Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and/or their families with trained and caring responders....call, text or chat online....confidential support 24/7 – 365 days a year!

DIAL 988, PRESS 1 ~~~~ TEXT 838255

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4054484594826446>

Suicide Awareness and Prevention - VFW Department of PA



VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT



VFW Foundation Grants

- **Post Assistance Grant** – offers exclusively to VFW Posts to offset expenses for building repairs/equipment.
- **VFW #STILLSERVING Grant** - offers offsets incurred for community service projects – this is open to Post, Districts and Auxiliaries.
- **Uniting for Veterans Grant** - a limited matching grant available to Posts and Auxiliaries for monetary, food, or item donations to local food banks, pantries or homeless relief organizations in their communities.

Student Veteran Support Grant

Available for supporting student veteran events. VFW Post and Departments are eligible to submit applications. Focusing on campuses with veteran student population.

Other ways to donate and keep Serving America's Heroes

- **Disaster Relief Fund** helps service members, veterans and families that are impacted by a natural disaster. Creates opportunity for immediate relief efforts.
- **Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH)** VFW and Humana teamed up to address food insecurities across America, focusing on the military community. We are making a positive change in the shortages and homelessness. Collaborating with Volunteers of America.
- **Deborah Sampson Act** – this act was passed with the help of VFW and Auxiliary efforts improving Women Veterans VA Programs and health services. It is with an expansion of the Call Center for Women Veterans, specified for their needs and health services.
- **VFW Mental Wellness Campaign** – provides education for members, veterans and communities helping with prevention and proper knowledge.
- **PA Women Veterans Retreat** – provides networking and resources available for all female veterans through a yearly conference.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR BY MAIL:

Online: vfw.org/ways-to-help , select the program you wish to donate to & click **CONTRIBUTE**.

Mailed Donations can be sent to:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Attn: Processing Center

P.O. Box 2002

Milford, NH 03055-2002

<https://vfw.org/donate/your-support-matters>.

Other Links and Resources ~ More Information

www.vfw.org/assistance

foundation@vfw.org

www.vfw.org/community

www.womenshealth.va.gov

NATIONAL AWARDS ~ VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for most outstanding promotion of VFW resources for veterans, service members and their families.
 2. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for most outstanding activity and/or event promoting resources, including those for PTS, and assistance for veterans and their families (resource fairs, mental health clinics, etc.)
- Entry form (required) available on MALTA Member Resources or at vfwauxpa.org
 - Auxiliary must send entry form to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2027.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS – VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary in each membership division for most outstanding promotion of Mental Health Awareness Resources for veterans, service members and their families.
2. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary in each membership division for most outstanding promotion of Women Veterans Resources, Call Center and Healthcare.

*"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."
"Collective strength is the cornerstone of victory."*

"NO ONE WINS ALONE"





AMERICANISM

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Americanism stands for everything we embody.

Serving America's Heroes, we need Simply the Best for Our Veterans!

Let's get our All- Star team together and get ready to go!!!

Americanism is the Nation's TEAM SPIRIT – LOVE OF COUNTRY, LOYALTY TO OUR INSTITUTIONS, COMMITMENT TO LIBERTY AND PRIDE FOR THE AMERICAN FLAG!

Our role on the roster? – Every member IS a player on America's Team!

Expectations:

- Support our Veterans.
- Promote Patriotism
- Fly the American Flag proudly – ***EDUCATE & RESPECT*** as well!

Game Plan ~~~ Program FOCUS

- Flag Education – Teach and practice the fundamental skills.
- Run training with schools and community groups.
- Recognize businesses and/or citizens displaying the Flag correctly.
- Hold respectful Flag Retirement Ceremonies.



Pumping up the Crowd work – Promoting Patriotism

- **Teach** the meaning of traditions, symbols, and promote Patriotic Holidays (common/uncommon)
- **Recognize** Star Families – **Blue, Gold and Silver** – These families ARE your VIP Section Season Ticket Holders!
- Promote **#AuxiliaryPatriotism** every day, all day!
- **Use "POP" signs!** POP (Point of Purchase) Displays are used to ATTRACT ATTENTION, make it POP!!! Use symbols like the American Flag, Bald Eagles, The Statue of Liberty and other patriotic imaging to promote Americanism.



Use it on signs, flyers and especially SOCIAL MEDIA BLASTS!

'TO BE AT THE TOP, MAKE IT POP!'



AMERICANISM

Honoring Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Remembrance

We honor the sacrifices and bravery of those who served and were unable to come home.

September 18 each year, we take time to promote awareness of **National POW/MIA Day**.

Educate the meaning of the Missing Man Table and reasons behind each symbol displayed on the Table. This Day shows our unwavering dedication to finding the missing, honor the fallen and pray for grief endured during combat.

This year, National President Donna Mills and VFW Commander-in-Chief Cory Geisler are joining together for their special project, **“Operation Bring Them Home,”** which supports the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. *This project is reportable under Veterans & Family Support.*

Patriotic Instruction – Coaching the Culture

- Lead training sessions on symbols, rituals and values.
- Handouts on Flag Etiquette to schools, community groups, youth groups and more.
- Educate members on Auxiliary traditions and meeting rituals.
- Patriotic and Educational materials available at www.vfwstore.org or call 833-VFW-VETS



VFW Citations and Service Awards

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program

Three exceptional teachers are awarded and recognized for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and Patriotism to their student body. One winner from Elementary, Jr High School and High School levels are awarded this prestigious honor.

VFW National Public Servant Award Citation

The VFW selects EMTs, law enforcement and firefighter personnel to present with VFW Public Servant Awards. The request forms can be submitted by VFW members, found on www.vfw.org

VFW Life Saving Award Citation

One of the highest recognitions is to honor those who display remarkable heroism, skill or bravery in saving or attempting to save a human life. Another form that can be found on VFW Member Dashboard for the nomination.

NATIONAL AMERICANISM PROGRAM AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates the most unique POP sign and/or meme highlighting the VFW Auxiliary.
 - Entry form (required) available on MALTA Member Resources or at vfwauxpa.org
Auxiliary must send entry form to the Department Chairman by March 31, 2027.
 - Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM PROGRAM AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary in each membership division for most American and/or POW/MIA Flags distributed.
2. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary in each membership division for most Citations given to citizens and/or businesses within your community.
3. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary in each membership division for most unique POP sign and/or meme highlighting the VFW Auxiliary.



“BUDDY” ® POPPY PROGRAM

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“Simply the Best for Our Veterans” while “Serving America’s Heroes.”

The “Buddy” ® Poppy has been an integral part of the VFW community for 100 years. As the VFW’s official memorial flower, the Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members. It reiterates that we will not forget their sacrifices.

***The Poppy movement was inspired by Canadian Army Col. John McCrae’s famous poem,
“In Flanders Fields.”***

The Franco-American Children’s League originally distributed poppies to benefit children in the devastated areas of France and Belgium following World War I. The VFW conducted its first Poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans’ organization to organize nationwide distribution. In February 1924, the VFW registered the name “Buddy” ® Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office.

***The VFW was granted all trademark rights in the name of Buddy on May 20, 1924.
No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name “Buddy” ® Poppy.***

Honor the Dead by Helping the Living

These small but mighty memorial flowers have raised millions for the welfare of veterans and their dependents. The “Buddy” Poppy Program also provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans’ rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home.

We can enforce our dedication to our veterans by distributing “Buddy” ® Poppies within our communities. **Donations** collected are used to aid veterans, service members and their families.

There are three options for the “Buddy” ® Poppy:

1. The traditional artificial flower “Buddy” ® Poppy.
2. The tin-tab “Buddy” ® Poppy. The metal Poppy is great for a collar, hat or suit jacket.
3. Special traditional artificial flower Poppies are available to VFW Posts celebrating their 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th anniversaries. Call Department for more information.

BUDDY POPPY

Where do I get my VFW “Buddy” ® Poppies???

- Mail the completed official form (found on the Department website) and payment to Department of Pennsylvania VFW Headquarters to order poppies.

Department of PA VFW

Attn: Buddy Poppy

4002 Fenton Ave

Harrisburg, PA 17109

Please plan 6-8 weeks in advance of your distribution.

- *To qualify for ALL-STATE, you must order the minimum required for your Auxiliary. It cannot be combined with your Post for this award.*

Keep in mind that your order provides the following support.

- One (1) cent goes to the VFW National Home
- One (1) cent goes to the VFW National Headquarters Veterans Service Fund
- One and a half (1.5) cents goes to the Department’s Veterans Service Fund

**“Buddy” ® Poppy Items, “Buddy” ® Poppy apparel, distribution supplies
and promotional items can be purchased from the VFW Store.**

vfwstore.org

Official National VFW “Buddy” ® Poppy Display Contest

- Takes place annually at National Convention
- Displays are judged in three (3) categories.
- This is an official National VFW Contest.

Contest rules and judging guidelines are available in MALTA Member Resources. This is a VFW contest and the rules cannot change. If you have any questions after reading the rules, please contact Lynn W Rolf III at lrolf@vfw.org.

Find more details about Unofficial “Buddy” ® Poppy Display Contest and Awards in MALTA.

NATIONAL “BUDDY”® POPPY AWARD

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.
 - Entry form (required) available at vfwauxpa.org and MUST be turned into your Department Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.
 - Click on Programs drop down menu– Buddy Poppy– National Awards Forms.
- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT “BUDDY”® POPPY AWARDS

1. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who has the best promotion of the Buddy”® Poppy through distribution and education within their Post or Community.
(Must submit a description and/or photos to the Department Chairman.)
2. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division that hosted or co-hosted with their Post, the most Buddy”® Poppy distribution drives within the Post or community.
3. Citation to the first, second, and third place winners in each category for the VFW Buddy”® Poppy display contest at Department Convention
(Rules and Guidelines can be found on MALTA Resources.)

#vfwbuddypoppy



EXTENSION, REVITALIZATION & MENTORING

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A strong Auxiliary is like a successful hockey team.
We need to recruit new talent, reignite the passion of our existing auxiliary members and
develop our rookies into the next group of leaders.

*We must be “**Simply the Best for Our Veterans**” while “**Serving America’s Heroes**.”*

EXTENSION is recruiting and drafting new members.

A hockey team is always looking to grow and diversify the roster and so are we as Auxiliaries. We need fresh members who can contribute to our organization. Extension means reaching out to new people, inviting them to join our team and helping them understand the value of joining and why what we do is so important.

Just like the NHL creating new teams, we too must create new Auxiliaries. We can accomplish this by reaching out to unaffiliated posts and explaining the benefits of having an Auxiliary and encouraging them to start their own.

REVITALIZATION is bringing the energy back to our existing Auxiliary members and working to maintain that level.

Sometimes we hit a slump – our meeting attendance drops; morale fades and our Auxiliary members lose their spark. The same plays and strategies can stop being effective. Good coaches reignite passion through new ideas, leadership and team enthusiasm. We need to reengage with disconnected members so they feel excited and involved again. We can do this by changing up the same old routines and asking for new ideas.

Recognition is another way to boost the spirit of your members by making them feel valued and appreciated. There are many templates and resources in MALTA you can utilize during your meetings to accomplish this, such as the “Good Job” certificate.

EXTENSION, REVITALIZATION

MENTORING is when leadership and existing members take new members under their wing to share their knowledge and help them learn the ropes.

Mentoring creates connection, confidence and helps new members grow into active members and future leaders. It cultivates a welcoming environment and allows the new members to feel comfortable and accepted. New friendships can be formed by working hand in hand with new and long-term members to create a strong and successful organization.

The Auxiliary offers a program you are encouraged to adopt and implement called the CARE concept. You can review the document “Mentoring at VFW Auxiliary: Relationship Building for the Future” to help you get started. This document can be found on the VFW Auxiliary website.

The CARE Concept stands for:

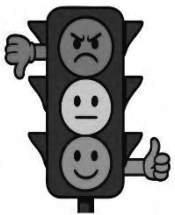
- C – CATCH the member when they join.
- A – ASK them to participate
- R – REMEMBER what it felt like to be new.
- E – ENGAGE them in a program that fits them.



CHIEF OF STAFF – your main duty is to be aware of issues or problems with troubled Auxiliaries and keep the Department President informed. You are also a coach, counselor and mentor to all members.

We need all Auxiliaries to be in working order so we can score goals and win the game of serving our veterans. If your Auxiliary needs help, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask!

We have implemented an identification plan for struggling Auxiliaries. This plan utilizes green light, yellow light and red light system.



- **GREEN LIGHT** – Healthy Auxiliaries, Membership Programs and Officers.
- **YELLOW LIGHT** – Auxiliaries are exhibiting troubling warning signs. As soon as these warning signs start appearing the District President will notify the Department President so assistance can be given.
- **RED LIGHT** – Auxiliaries will be put on suspension to take a step back and regroup. The hope is that they will recover and come back stronger and better than before.

EXTENSION, REVITALIZATION

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The national organization has 5 requirements to be considered in working order:

1. Hold 10 meetings per year with at least 5 members present.
2. Dues paid by at least 10 members on or before February 1st of the current year.
3. Quarterly audits by Trustees and submitted to Department Headquarters.
4. Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters by June 30th.
5. The offices of President and Treasurer are bonded by August 31st.

SUSPENSION, CANCELLATIONS AND CONSOLIDATIONS

Suspensions do not label your Auxiliary as a bad Auxiliary. In hockey terms, you are put on the injured reserve list – out of play until you are returned to working order. During your suspension, the Department President will appoint a team to MENTOR your Auxiliary back to health. Your Auxiliary is not removed from the league; you just cannot take the ice until reinstated.

The National President is the only one with the authority to order cancellations with or without the recommendation of the Department President.

Auxiliaries cannot consolidate without first receiving a notice from National Headquarters. The notices will allow time for the Auxiliary to close, move members to their desired working Auxiliary or consolidate with the Auxiliary where the post goes. Please wait for directions from National Headquarters before taking any action.

Resources

- Build on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation
- Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit
- MALTA – Extension & Revitalization
- The current year's National Program Book
- "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions" Video
- <http://vfwaux.org>



THERE IS NO YEAR END REPORT FOR EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

NATIONAL EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION AWARDS

Awards for Members:

- Citation to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff in establishing a new VFW Auxiliary with the approval of the VFW Auxiliary Department President.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

The VFW Auxiliary Department Chief of Staff must sign and send a copy of the completed Department nomination form to the VFW Auxiliary National Chief of Staff by April 30, 2027 for judging.

Awards for District Presidents:

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary District President or Official Representative in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the VFW Auxiliary Department Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the VFW Auxiliary Department President. Use of MALTA Healthy Auxiliary tools and mentor training is required.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

The VFW Auxiliary Department Chief of Staff must sign and send a copy of the completed Department nomination form to the VFW Auxiliary National Chief of Staff by April 30, 2027 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winners from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Department account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention for disbursement to the winning VFW Auxiliary District President or official representative.

DEPARTMENT EXTENSION, REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliary Members:

1. Citation to an authorized member that institutes a new VFW Auxiliary between July 1, 2026 & February 28, 2027.

Awards for Auxiliaries:

Extension & Revitalization

1. Citation to each new VFW Auxiliary instituted from July 1, 2026 & February 28th, 2027.
 - All paperwork must be received at National Headquarters by February 28th, 2027.
2. Citation to the Auxiliary who presents the most "Good Job" Certificates.
 - Documentation must be sent to the Department Program Chairman.

Mentoring

3. Citation to the District with the best mentor recognition program.
 - Programs must be submitted to Department Program Chairman for entry.
4. Citation to the Auxiliary presenting the best activity or best ways to utilize mentors effectively.
 - Documentation must be sent to the Department Program Chairman.

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

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Department President's Theme **"Simply the Best for Our Veterans"**

Department President's Colors **"Black and Gold"**

National President's Theme **"Serving America's Heroes"**



Operation Aux-Archive

The Historian/Media Relations Program is dedicated to memory keeping and capturing the five Ws: the Who, What, Where, When, and Why of our Auxiliary.

During this Program year, the Chairman will chronicle our narrative of doing "Simply the Best for Our Veterans" through written formats, photographs, memorabilia and media – getting the word out to let our communities know exactly how we are "Serving America's Heroes."

The Mission: Tactical Recovery

This year, we are on a Tactical Recovery Mission. The primary objective is to recover and preserve your Auxiliary's stories and history before they disappear forever.

Creating a chronicle of your Auxiliary's history is a gift to its future members. Think of the excitement you felt when you found that box of old photos, pins, banners, or even vintage uniforms. Let's ensure future generations of the Auxiliary get that same rush.

Investigative Leads

- **The Origins:** When was your Auxiliary formed? Who were the first officers?
- **Clues:**
 - MALTA can assist with recent digital records, but to uncover information prior to 2017, you will need to put on your detective hat.
- **At-Risk Assets:** Long-serving members hold decades of history in their memories. They are our most valuable—and most at-risk—sources of information. Do not let their stories fade away - Record short video or audio clips of members answering: *"Who did you join under?"* and *"What was the Post like when you first joined?"*

Let us be "Simply the Best for Our Veterans" as we go for the Gold "Serving America's Heroes!"

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Methods for Preserving History

Digital files can corrupt and paper will fade. A multi-pronged defense strategy is required to ensure long-term preservation.

Digital Archiving

- **Cloud-Based Repositories:** Use a dedicated, shared drive (such as Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, or SharePoint). Scan old photos, take photos of memorabilia and save on the shared drive.
- **Hardware Storage:** Utilize physical backups like flash drives and external hard drives. Label them well!
 - **Standardized Naming Conventions:** Ensure all files are saved in a searchable format so they remain accessible for decades from now.
Use a standard such as: YYYY-MM-DD Event Name Description
- **Digital Scrapbooking:** Use platforms like Canva or Adobe Express to create annual "Year in Review" PDFs that are easy to distribute digitally.

Community Engagement

- **Social Media Outreach:** Use your platforms to share current events, programs, and historical milestones.
- **"Flashback" Engagement:** Post old, unidentified photos on the Post's Facebook page. Ask the community to help identify the faces. This is an excellent way to connect with "lost" family members of local veterans.

Deploying the Historian and Media Relations Chairman

History is often lost because when *"everyone"* is responsible for it, *"no one"* actually is. Appointing a dedicated Historian & Media Relations Chairman, changes that. They take full ownership so history can be preserved.

Core Responsibilities:

- **Preservation:** Secure and organize physical and digital photos, clippings, and memorabilia.
- **Media Relations:** Lead community outreach efforts to promote current Auxiliary activities and show how the Auxiliary does "Simply the Best for Our Veterans."
- **The Hand-Off:** To ensure operational continuity, all physical records, assets, and digital passwords must be securely transferred to the incoming Chairman during leadership transitions.

Launching **Operation Aux-Archive**, we aren't just preserving the past—we are actively building a bridge to the future... every photo, interview, memory, and story ensures that the legacy of our Auxiliary and the veterans we serve will never be forgotten. Let's "hit the ice" - lock down history!

NATIONAL HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM AWARDS

FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates the most unique digital record of their VFW Auxiliary history since being established and publishes it to a digital platform for future members of their VFW Auxiliary.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the VFW Auxiliary Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM AWARDS

FOR AUXILIARIES

1. Citation to each Auxiliary who communicates at least four times during the program year to each of their members (via email, mailings, text or phone call)
Documentation required – please submit one copy of each communication to the Department Historian via email no later than April 1, 2027
2. Citation to the Auxiliary with the best use of social media platforms. (Facebook, Instagram, Post and/or Auxiliary website, etc.).
**Documentation required (screen shots of posts, website links, descriptions, etc.) must be received by the Department Historian via email no later than April 1, 2027.
3. A Citation to each Auxiliary that records an interview with a member holding 10+ years of continuous membership.
**Documentation required (audio or video of interview) must be received by the Department Historian via email no later than April 1, 2027.

HOSPITAL

Brenda Johnson, Chairman

5031 Garner Dr. Morrisville, PA 19067

Phone 215.303.4848

bbjohns019@gmail.com

Ninety-eight (98) Years ago the Hospital program was started. After World War 1, the increase saw a corresponding rise in Auxiliary Hospital Activity. Local Auxiliaries adopted patients, a hospital ward or the entire Hospital.

While we get busy in our everyday lives, sometimes we forget about our Hospitalized Veterans. Taking just a few hours each week to volunteer at your local Hospital, Nursing Home, or your Veteran's home, we will make a big difference in their lives.

It is just as rewarding for us as it is for them. The smiles will say it all!

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- The mission of the VA is to honor Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. In support of this mission, we need Volunteers to perform a wide range of duties in our Hospitals, Nursing homes and Veteran homes and clinics.

Who can volunteer?

- Members, non-members, youth, families and even pets! Volunteers come in all forms, be sure to **THANK them** and remember to appreciate their efforts and time.
- **Provide sign-up sheets** for regular and special events.
- **Email, phone, mail and use social media** to reach out to possible volunteers. If they say "NO", try another event and ask again. Sometimes, schedules are just busy.
- **Recognize all volunteers** with a citation or appreciation gift. Let them know we are grateful for the time they spend with our favorite people, our Veterans!
- Be sure **to keep track of hours, wear VFW/Auxiliary apparel and/or pins**, take pictures (with permission).
- **Plan activities** that are fun such as Pizza parties, movies, Ice Cream Socials, and so much more. We can serve coffee and donuts but most of all provide companionship for the Veterans.
- **Honors Escort, Valentines for Veterans and Women Veterans Health Care** are special projects for the program...additional ideas can be found on MALTA.
- **Please remember our Veterans on Traditional & Non- Traditional Holidays!**

HOSPITAL

“STANLEY STATS”

The VFW Auxiliary provides volunteers and resources to VA facilities across the country and saves the Department of Veterans Affairs millions of dollars a year.

The table below illustrates how the VFW Auxiliary Hospital Program supports the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)* Program.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

VFW Auxiliary establishes relationships with:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Veterans homes
- VA facilities
- Other medical facilities where veterans are served

PROVIDES NEEDS

How VFW Auxiliary members participate:

- Participate in projects voted on and accepted by the Auxiliary.
- Make items such as lap robes, hats, quilts, cards, etc.
- Fund raise for the Department's Hospital fund.
- Encourage volunteers in ALL medical facilities.
- Promote projects and volunteer opportunities to all members and the community.
- Present Hospital Volunteer Appreciation certificates.
- Order VFW Auxiliary Hospital Pins for total hours earned from all facilities.
- Hours are earned in ALL VA and non-VA facilities.

HOURS earn VFW Auxiliary Awards!

VAVS PROGRAM

The Department of Veterans Affairs created the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program for organizations to serve in VA medical facilities:

- Members participate in this VA partnership with Veterans Service Organizations.
- In addition to Auxiliary recognition, the VA National Advisory Council awards a Volunteer of the Year award. For more information, contact either the Voluntary Services personnel or the VAVS National Representative or Deputy Representatives.

COMMUNICATES NEEDS

How VFW Auxiliary members participate:

- Be a Regularly Scheduled (RS) or Occasional volunteer.
- Regularly Scheduled (RS) volunteers:
 - Comply with VAVS Guidelines.
 - Participate on a regularly scheduled basis.
 - Are supervised by a VA employee.
 - Are appointed by the Department President as VAVS Representative or Deputy Representative.
- Occasional volunteers:
 - Do not meet the requirements of RS volunteers.
 - Volunteer with a group or organization occasionally.

HOURS earn VAVS AND VFW Auxiliary Awards!

**TOTAL HOURS FROM BOTH PROGRAMS
EQUAL OUR REPORTED HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER HOURS.**

“Let’s get out there and Crush the Ice!” & “Go for the Cup!”



#vfwauxhospital

HOSPITAL

Final Salute

A ***Final Salute or a Final Escort*** for a Veteran refers to one of two things.

- A dignified procession within a hospital or nursing home where staff and Veterans line the halls and stand at Attention as a deceased Veterans body is moved.
- A Ceremonial funeral provided by organizations as a last salute. These ceremonies include traditions like a Flag presentation and the playing of Taps.

Women Veterans

Women Veterans comprise 15% of the active-duty Military and 18% of the guard or reserve. With the steady increase of women wearing our Nation's uniform and their increased role in Military operations. It is now more important than ever that we help ensure Women Veterans have a VA that is ready and able to care for them when they transition into civilian life,

There is a link for the Women Veterans benefit website available you can go to

<https://www.benefits.VA.gov/persona/veteran-women.asp>

Hospital Volunteers have a special knack of putting big smiles on a Veteran's face.
Some Veterans have been medical patients for a number of years.

While "Serving America's Heroes" we are giving "Simply the best for our Veterans"

ZAMBONI BREAK!

Department Challenge for all Auxiliaries!

Let's JUMP on the ICE! Slide in the Slapshots for the WIN!

DETAILS COMING SOON ON THESE POWER PLAYS:

Veteran's Survival Kit

Adopt-a -Resident

Watch for guidelines and updates on the Department website!



National Hospital Program Awards For VFW Auxiliary Members

1. Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 program divisions who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteer from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. *The required entry form is available in Malta member resources.*
2. **"Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year"** plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital (VA and non-VA facilities) volunteers from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. *Required entry form is available on Malta member resources.*
3. Citation to the **"Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year"** in each of the 10 Program divisions. Required entry form is available in Malta member resources.

National Hospital Program Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 program divisions for the most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to Veterans in Hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities).
Entry form is required and available in Malta member resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form(S) above to the VFW Auxiliary Department Hospital Chairman by April 15, 2027 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winners from VFW National Headquarters and money will be deposited directly into winning Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Hospital Citations and Awards

1. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary in each Membership Division donating the most dollar amount spent on all Hospital program related items and/or projects. (Dollar amount will be totaled from the year-end report.)
2. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary in each Membership Division that has the most Hospital volunteer hours. (Volunteer hours will be totaled from the year-end reports.)
3. "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" plaque awarded to one member in the Department who recruits the most Hospital Volunteers (VA and Non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
4. Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the year (VA and Non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Entry forms for 3 & 4 (required) available at vfwauxpa.org website under Program - Hospital-National Awards Forms.

VAVS Hospitals and Homes

The following are hospitals and homes that the Auxiliaries are asked to send donations into Department Headquarters for. **This may be done on ONE check!**

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|----|---|----------|
| 1 | Butler VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 2 | Coatesville VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 3 | Corporal Michael J Crescenz VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 4 | Delaware Valley Veterans Home | \$ _____ |
| 5 | Erie VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 6 | Gino J Merli Veterans Center | \$ _____ |
| 7 | Hollidaysburg Veterans Home | \$ _____ |
| 8 | James E VanZandt VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 9 | Lebanon VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 10 | PA Soldiers & Sailors Veterans Home | \$ _____ |
| 11 | Pittsburgh VA Health System – HJ Heinz | \$ _____ |
| 12 | Pittsburgh VA Health System – Oakland | \$ _____ |
| 13 | Southeastern Veterans Center | \$ _____ |
| 14 | Southwestern Veterans Center | \$ _____ |
| 15 | Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center | \$ _____ |
| 16 | Allentown VA Outpatient Clinic | \$ _____ |

TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT FOR FACILITIES \$ _____

Christmas Canteen Fund (10/31 DEADLINE)

Christmas Canteen Fund - Needed for All-State \$ _____

FUNDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/31!!!

This fund is divided by the number of patients at that time.

DO NOT LIST A HOSPITAL FOR THIS FUND!

General Hospital Fund

Department Hospital Fund \$ _____

This fund is distributed evenly to all facilities annually in June and isn't related to individual hospital donations above.

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ALL DONATIONS \$ _____

(including Individual Hospitals, Christmas Canteen, and General Hospital Fund)

Please send this form along with a check payable to:

Dept of PA VFWA
4002 Fenton Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17109



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Kathy Jo Reinsmith, Chairman

117 Pugh Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9297

Phone 717.530.8110

vfwa.pa.dept.aux.legislativechair@gmail.com



BE AN ADVOCATE~ ~BE INFORMED~~BE ENGAGED

Welcome to an exciting Legislative year **“Serving America’s Heroes”** while giving **“Simply the Best for Our Veterans!”** We have so much work to accomplish and goals to meet for our Veterans, our service members, their families, and communities by advocating for them. Are you on board with this mission?

According to the Webster Dictionary, legislative is both an adjective and noun. Legislatives belonging to the branch of government that are charged with such powers as making laws, levying, and collecting taxes, and making financial appropriations and the body or department exercising the power and function of legislating : legislature.

As Department Legislative Chairman, I will be looking for those who go beyond giving “Simply the Best for Our Veterans” as my *MVP at Auxiliary and District level*.

- Auxiliary Chairman will send this information to your District Chairman monthly.
- District Chairman will then mail/email the information from the Auxiliaries to me monthly.

I look forward to receiving so much promotional information and results that we raise the bar at the National level! We are the voices and advocates of our Veterans and their families.

Primarily, promotion of the **VFW Priority Goals** is always to everyone, especially our legislators!

Number one, ***let us work on the Major Richard Star Act and get this done now.***

Our Veterans should have had this years ago. Concurrent receipt without losing any financial money. **Honor this contract as our Veterans have honored their commitment and sacrifice.**

VFW Priority Goals

- Budget
- Health Care
- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
- Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance
- Military Readiness
- National Security, Foreign Affairs, POW/MIA

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LEGISLATIVE

AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE DAYS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Districts in each area of Pennsylvania (Western - September, Central- January, and Eastern- April), plan an Auxiliary Legislative Day where we invite local legislators in each area to discuss how VFW priorities impact not only our veterans, but also their families. Instead of having one at the Capitol, let us branch out for everyone to be involved in this Auxiliary Legislative Days momentum.

All District and Auxiliary Legislative Chairmen along with our VFW counterparts will be asked to be on the team. This is so crucial for our lawmakers to hear the stories in these areas about our veteran's families while helping them grasp the importance of our priorities. We stand alongside our own VFW Veterans on our own day, speaking to our legislators as we can influence the needs of our Veterans, stressing they deserve improved care and benefits after they signed a blank contract to serve our country.

VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY

Another Goal is to recruit new members into the ***VFW Action Corps Weekly*** from the community and new members when they join our ranks!

Have each new member complete a form and be sure to send it to me so I can reward the efforts.

The form, to use for current and new members, can be found on the PA VFW Auxiliary website at <https://vfwauxpa.org> under Legislative Program. The best way to send the completed form is to scan and email it to your District Chairman and copy my email at the same time.

Communicating needs to be effective with our legislators and representatives. **Know the VFW priorities and not just the name of the bill.** Be invested in your veteran's needs and share the importance of each bill. Remember, support can be very empowering when expressing one's needs and concerns. If you know someone willing to share their story, get their information for the Auxiliary Legislative Day in your area.

When speaking verbally and in writing, remember to:

- Be clear.
- Be precise.
- Be courteous.
- Know the talking points.
- Tell your story.
- Make the "ask" – formally request the legislator's support.
- Take notes on their responses.
- Thank them verbally and in writing. Just like an interview!



#vfwauxlegislative

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VETERAN ADVOCACY RESOURCES

To be an excellent advocate, it is vital to provide Auxiliaries, Chairmen and families with resources to aid them in being the best and phenomenally successful while speaking on Veterans issues.

District meetings can have a school of instruction on being an advocate for our Veterans and provide the opportunity to speak with legislators. This engages everyone present at the meeting.

Remember to use the following resources:

- VFW Priority Goals
- Member Resources in MALTA
- House.gov
- Congress.gov
- Local and state government websites
- VFW Action Corps Weekly (Sign up and use your voice!)
- QR Codes at Events
- The Legislative Goals are released in January of each year by the VFW at the National VFW website: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>
- VFW Action Corps Weekly for current and archived editions: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>
- Subscribe to VFW Action Corps Weekly: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>
- To identify your congressional representatives, visit the VFW website at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/Address>
- To follow a Bill through the process, visit <https://www.congress.gov/>
- VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship rules and eligibility, visit <https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veteranssupport/student-fellowship>

VFW LEGISLATIVE OFFICE IN D.C.

Contact Information for the D.C. office:

Phone: 202.543.2239

**Mail: 200 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

This is the VFW and VFW Auxiliary advocate for veterans that testify at hearings, interact with Congress, and fight for Justice! This group of individuals and the VFW Family have played a key role in all the Veteran's legislation that has passed in the 20th Century and developed bills in the 21st Century for our Veterans!

The VFW Washington, D. C. Office has a critical responsibility to actively lobby Congress and the Administration on our Veterans' behalf. They monitor all legislation affecting our Veterans and they alert the VFW and VFW Auxiliary about key legislation that is being considered.

This Office operates under the National Legislative Service. Additional information can be found about their advocacy and their legislative efforts at the VFW website under the Advocacy section at [vfw.org/advocacy](https://www.vfw.org/advocacy).

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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES:

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the largest increase in new VFW Action Corps Weekly sign-ups from the Community and new VFW Auxiliary members.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2027, for judging.

The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Legislative Ambassador by April 30, 2027, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Citation to one Auxiliary in each membership division that had the best promotion of the VFW Priority Goals with or without their VFW Post.
2. Citation to Auxiliaries in each membership division with the highest number of VFW Auxiliary members who contacted their legislators on Veteran's issues by any means (Examples: emails, letters, post cards, phone calls, thank you notes, etc.).
3. Citation to Auxiliaries in each membership division with the highest number of VFW Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators (Examples: Legislative Conferences, Town Halls, Meet-and-Greets, etc.).
4. Citation to the top three (3) Districts with the largest increase in new VFW Action Corps Weekly sign-ups from the Community and new VFW Auxiliary members. Entry forms required

Must submit supporting documentation with year-end reports.

We are "Serving America's Heroes" while giving "Simply the Best for Our Veterans!"



**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
2026 - 2027**

Tina Hinkle, Chairman
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IT'S A MEMBERSHIP NIGHT IN
Pennsylvania

Membership Program has a hockey theme! Let's have fun sharing our passion for the VFW Auxiliary and Recruit, Retain & Rejoin members!

In the words (almost) of Mike Lange, a play-by-play announcer for the Pittsburgh Penguins, let's get this game started and make Madam President smile!

"She's smiling like a butcher's dog!"

We are one gigantic team! Let's rally together and HONOR Veterans by engaging more members on our Auxiliary team to better serve Veterans through the VFW & Auxiliary programs.

Our membership is STRONG! We need to maintain and build our team to consistently offer ***"Simply the Best for Our Veterans"***! We are awesome at connecting Veterans with services, information, resources and assistance that improve their lives – let's also connect our members with Auxiliary programs utilizing their talents & passions. Sharing our passion with others will attract new members and encourage current members to stay involved.

"And there's the goal! Oh, baby!"

Recruit New Members, Retain Current Members & Rejoin Former Members

Invite others to join the Auxiliary – ask friends, family, neighbors – a personal invitation to join is very meaningful. Encourage VFW Post members to have their family members join. When your Auxiliary has a Buddy Poppy drive, also include the invitation to join the Auxiliary – combining programs at an information station sparks interest in the programs and the Auxiliary. Make it a WIN-WIN and team up with your VFW, being united is attractive to potential members.

Contact Current Members – early dues notices and reminder dues notices are a must to score this membership goal! Offer incentives for early renewal! Make renewing easy – let them know they can renew in MALTA or by calling VFW National Auxiliary at 866-299-1286.

Rejoin Former Members – members don't renew their membership for a variety of reasons; they may just need an invitation to come back. If they moved, they can rejoin your Auxiliary or you can offer to help them find a new Auxiliary.

Membership Theme (Football? Oh no, this is hockey!)

"It's a Membership Night in Pennsylvania"

Department President's Theme: ***"Simply the Best for Our Veterans"***

Department President's Colors: ***Black & Gold***

National President's Theme: ***"Serving America's Heroes"***



OFFICIAL NOTICE

PENNSYLVANIA ALL STATE AWARD FORM

ONLY Submit COMPLETED Forms

There is NO Year End Report for the Membership Program

"He shoots, he scores! And it's a beauty!"



Training is one of the most important aspects of being a successful player on the team!



The Hat Trick!

Auxiliary Members can score three training goals each membership year!

ATTEND Program Training, On the Road Training, and/or other approved training session
(other approved training is not to replace OTR; it allows the ability for additional training)

ATTEND Commander's Testimonial, Mid-Winter Conference, President's Testimonial

ATTEND District Meetings

Participating in trainings, conferences and meetings
increases your Auxiliary knowledge and provides networking opportunities.

Use Auxiliary Resources

Refer to your Bylaws, Ritual and Program Book

Utilize Member Resources in MALTA and on the Dept of PA Auxiliary Website

Include School of Instruction in your meetings

*Stay tuned for fun twists on quotes from Mike Lange
as we push our membership puck to the goal!*



IT'S A MEMBERSHIP NIGHT IN
Pennsylvania

"Simply the Best for Our Veterans", their families, and our communities!

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND CONFERENCES
WILL BE BASED ON THE PAID TOTAL
LISTED ON THE CMR-PAID, CANCELED & DECEASED REPORT IN MALTA**

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS

1. **5 Member Recruiter Pin.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will receive a 5 Member Recruiter Pin. 5 Member Recruiter Pin will be mailed directly to the recruiter from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters approximately every 2 months after the goal is met.
2. **5 Member Recruiter Drawing.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will be entered into the 5 Member Recruiter Drawing to receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.
3. **National Membership Achievement Recruiter Award.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will receive a National Membership Achievement Recruiter Award. VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award.
4. **National Membership Achievement Recruiter Drawing.** Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary will be entered in the National Membership Achievement Recruiter Drawing to receive a \$400 Visa Gift Card. VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award.

New and/or rejoined members must be recruited to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027. The Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2027.

VFW recruiters must complete the VFW Members Only recruiter form and submit it to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by June 10, 2027.

Membership Award winners No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 will be announced, and the awards will be presented at the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention. If the award winner is not in attendance, the award will be mailed directly to winner from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

1. **\$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2027*.**

Money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT OF PA AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

"It's a Membership Night in Pennsylvania"

1. **"GREAT BALLS OF FIRE" AWARD** All VFW Auxiliaries in each membership division reaching **100% Plus** in membership (PAID%) by **November 30, 2026**, will be entered into a drawing at Mid-Winter Conference for a chance to win a \$100 check.
2. **"BREAKAWAY" AWARD** The first **District President** reaching **100% PLUS** (PAID%) in membership shall be given **TWO complimentary banquet tickets** to the **Department President's Testimonial Dinner**.
3. **"STICKHANDLING" RETENTION AWARD** In each membership division, to an Auxiliary member who has the **MOST CREATIVE IDEA** to **RETAIN** annual members will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card at Dept Convention.
Entries/Ideas MUST be submitted to the Department Membership Chairman by March 31, 2027. Submission must include Dist #, Aux #, Member Name & Description of the "Creative Idea." (In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held.)
4. **"GOLDEN GOAL" AWARD** In each membership division, the top VFW Auxiliary who has the most increase in **LIFE Members** (New/Rejoins) **July 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027**, will receive a \$50 check.
5. **"SLAP SHOT" RECRUITING AWARD** In each membership division, the Auxiliary that recruits the most **Annual Members** (New/Rejoins) **July 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027**, will receive a \$50 check.
6. **"PUCK HANDLER" RECRUITING AWARD** Auxiliary member recruiting 5 or more **NEW/REJOIN Auxiliary Members** (Life/Annual) **July 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027**, will be entered in a one-time drawing for \$100 Amazon Gift Card. *Requires Auxiliary Treasurer signed form*.*
7. **"HAT TRICK" AWARD** Auxiliary member attending at least (1) event in each of the (3) categories, will be entered in a one-time drawing for \$100 Amazon Gift Card. (excludes line officers) *Requires the "Hat Trick" form*.*
 1. Program Training, On the Road Training (OTR) and/or other approved training session (other approved training is not to replace OTR; it allows the ability for additional training)
 2. Commander's Testimonial, Mid-Winter or President's Testimonial
 3. Two District Meetings
8. **"STANLEY CUP" AWARD** Auxiliary Drawing - each Auxiliary that reaches **102% Plus CURRENT** by **May 31, 2027**, will be entered into a one-time drawing to receive \$250 check.

* Form for Awards 6 and 7 are located on Dept of PA website under Membership Program www.vfwauxpa.org

"Look out, Loretta!"

To Qualify for Awards - STAY OUT OF THE PENALTY BOX

Refer to the front of the Program Book for Award Divisions and notice of obligations.

IMPORTANT TOOLS

Check out the Membership Program on the Dept of PA website www.vfwauxpa.org and MALTA Member Resources www.vfwauxiliary.org

- **Auxiliary Membership / Member Transfer Application** available to print or use the fillable pdf
- **VFW Auxiliary Brochure Order Form**
Order Membership Brochure (includes application) and Auxiliary Fact Sheet free of charge from National
- **Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel**
- **Auxiliary Membership Information QR Code**

Check out the VFW Store for

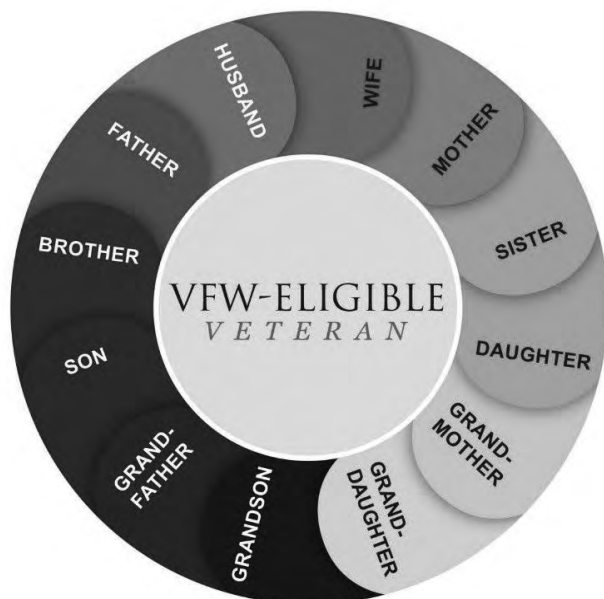
Auxiliary Branded Items www.vfwstore.org

Show your pride in the Auxiliary with branded store merchandise

- **Business card with contact information**
- **Auxiliary key chains with Membership QR code**
- **Apparel, merchandise and more!**



VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H.I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete sections B,F,G.

A APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Female ☐ Male ☐
Address Date of Birth
City State ZIP Phone Email

B Auxiliary Post No. City State
☐ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member (Prior Member ID Number)
☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

C (Transfer only information) ☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER
Member ID Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

D ☐ POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)
VFW Membership ID VFW Post (Must be same as B)

E ☐ NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)
Name of campaign ribbons or medals:
Dates of Service: to Foreign Location:

F Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID
Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

G Investigating Committee Signatures
1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws: ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

H ☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)
Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐
***If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days; otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.
Phone Email

I OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 18 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.
Signature ☒ Date

By filling out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of email, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephony dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Life Membership fees, as not refundable.
Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.
Through 20 \$253
21-25 \$242
26-30 \$230
31-35 \$219
36-40 \$213
41-45 \$201
46-50 \$196
51-55 \$194
56-60 \$173
61-65 \$161
66-70 \$150
71-75 \$132
76-80 \$109
81-85 \$86
86-90 \$69
91 and over \$58

Revised January 2026

RECRUITING MUST HAVES!

Full Size Available On MALTA

*Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

PENNSYLVANIA ALL STATE AWARD FORM

FOR AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS

2026-2027

**PLEASE PRINT
CLEARLY**

DISTRICT # _____ AUXILIARY # _____
 AUXILIARY NAME _____
 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT _____ Phone _____
 AUXILIARY TREASURER _____ Phone _____

Please attach documentation and submit no later than May 7, 2027

Tina Hinkle, 3675 Fox Chase Drive, Dover, PA 17315
 or email to tina@vfw5265.org

1. President & Treasurer bonded by **July 31, 2026** Date paid _____
 2. President, Treasurer and Secretary dues must be paid by **November 15, 2026**
 3. **Current** Membership is 100% Plus by **April 30, 2027**
- } Confirmed through
MALTA
4. Auxiliary **MUST** be represented by one or more members at **ALL** District Meetings with Auxiliary President being in attendance at least **ONE** District meeting.
 (District Secretary **MUST** send Attendance Records May 1, 2026-April 30, 2027)
 5. Auxiliary must attend any "On the Road Training" (OTR) - RSVP required to attend and/or other approved training (other approved training is not to replace OTR; it allows the ability for additional training)
 OTR Training Date _____ Location _____
 Other Approved Training Date _____ Location _____
 6. Donation to all 16 VA Hospitals, Department Hospital Fund, & Christmas Canteen*
 (minimum TOTAL \$180.00 - ***MUST BE RECEIVED by October 31, 2026**)
Attach Hospital Donation Form w/ donation to each, check # and date sent to Dept of PA VFWA
 7. All Audits must be on file at Department Headquarters before **May 1, 2027**
 8. District Visit completed (*signature page must be attached*)
- } Confirmed through
Department
9. Health and Happiness Donation to VFW National Home - Pay thru MALTA - min. \$0.25 per member
 10. Donation to **Department** President's Special Project:
All About The Warrior \$ _____ Check # _____
 11. Voice of Democracy # of Entries _____ Donation \$ _____ Check # _____
 12. Patriot's Pen # of Entries _____ Donation \$ _____ Check # _____
 13. Young American Creative Art # of Entries _____ Donation \$ _____ Check # _____
 14. Parade Flag purchase # of Flags _____ Order Date _____ Check # _____
- } Mail Checks Payable:
Dept of PA VFWA
Minimum \$10 EACH
15. Buddy Poppy purchase # of _____ Order Date _____ Check # _____ to VFW Dept PA
 16. Please list and attach (5) items that are included in your Auxiliary's "Welcome Packet"?

To qualify for the All-State Award ~ Back up documentation is Required
ALL Auxiliary Obligations must be met by May 1, 2027

HAT TRICK AWARD

2026-2027 DEPARTMENT OF PA AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

“HAT TRICK” AWARD Auxiliary member attending at least (1) event in each of the (3) categories, will be entered in a one-time drawing for \$100 Amazon Gift Card. (excludes line officers)

1. Program Training, On the Road Training and/or other approved training session (other approved training is not to replace OTR; it allows the ability for additional training)
2. Commander’s Testimonial, Mid-Winter or President’s Testimonial
3. Two District Meetings



Category 1 Training

- ☐ **Program Training** July 10-12, 2026
- ☐ **On the Road Training** Date _____ Location _____
Your name must be on the roster
- ☐ **Other Approved Training** Date _____ Location _____

Category 2 Department Events

- ☐ **Commander’s Testimonial**
- ☐ **Mid-Winter Conference**
- ☐ **President’s Testimonial**

Category 3 District Meetings

- ☐ **District Meeting** Date _____ Location _____
District Secretary Name _____
District Secretary Signature _____
- ☐ **District Meeting** Date _____ Location _____
District Secretary Name _____
District Secretary Signature _____

Name _____ Member ID# _____ District # _____ Auxiliary # _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

*Completed form must be received by **APRIL 30, 2027***

Email to Tina Hinkle, VFWA Dept of PA Membership Chairman tina@vfw5265.org
or mail form to 3675 Fox Chase Drive, Dover, PA 17315



“Simply the Best for Our Veterans”, their families, and our communities!

“PUCK HANDLER” RECRUITING AWARD
2026-2027 DEPARTMENT OF PA AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

“PUCK HANDLER” RECRUITING AWARD Auxiliary member recruiting 5 or more **NEW/REJOIN Auxiliary Members** (Life/Annual) **July 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027**, will be entered in a one-time drawing for \$100 Amazon Gift Card. *Requires this Auxiliary Treasurer signed form**.

- ★ Must be a current Auxiliary member to qualify
- ★ Recruit 5 or more New or Rejoin Auxiliary Members (Life/Annual)
- ★ This award is for individual members; the Auxiliary does not qualify
- ★ Member may keep track on their own. The Auxiliary Treasurer must sign and send form to Dept Membership Chairman Tina Hinkle

Auxiliary Members Only						
	Member Name	Auxiliary #	District #	Member ID #	Name of New/Rejoin Member	Treasurer Signature
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*Completed form must be received by **MAY 7, 2027***

Email to Tina Hinkle, VFWA Dept of PA Membership Chairman tina@vfw5265.org
or mail form to 3675 Fox Chase Drive, Dover, PA 17315



IT'S A MEMBERSHIP NIGHT IN
Pennsylvania

“Simply the Best for Our Veterans”, their families, and our communities!

VFW NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM

Jackie Edmiston, Chairman

5159 Route 337, Tidioute, PA 16351

Phone 814.484.7429

jle082549@gmail.com

The VFW National Home was founded in 1925 as a place where families left behind by war—mothers and children, brothers, and sisters—could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman did not come home. The VFW National Home serves as a living memorial to America’s veterans by helping our nation’s military and veteran families during challenging times.

Over the years, the VFW National Home has met the changing needs of America’s military and veteran families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the VFW National Home’s commitment to honor our nation’s veterans and service members by providing help and hope for their children and families.

The VFW National Home located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has helped military and veteran families who need a fresh start. There are 43 single family homes and facilities such as a gym, library, computer and science labs, day care center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more!

The board members and staff along with members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are committed to the mission of the VFW National Home.

Families can live there rent-free for up to four years and have access to professional case management services, on-site licensed childcare, life skills training, tutoring and other educational services, as well as recreational and community service opportunities.

When a qualified family is accepted into the program, only one thing is asked from them, they must be committed to making positive changes in their lives. They are expected to show consistent progress toward family goals. The VFW National Home is dedicated to helping families reach their full potential.

“Simply the Best for Our Veterans” as we continue “Serving America’s Heroes.”

VFW National Home Helpline

This year, the focus is to educate our members about the VFW National Home, helping fill all the homes on the grounds and find additional funding to build more homes.

Let us help get the word out and encourage those families that may need help to make THAT call at 800-424-8360 in taking the first step in getting the help truly needed.

For more information, visit vfwnationalhome.org and click Get Help button.

Fun Facts!

- The kids at the VFW National Home have a 4-H program that encourages team building, self-confidence, social skills and responsibility.
- Auxiliaries can sponsor the Annual Golf Tournament.
- Cooties Christmas is a much-enjoyed holiday tradition at the VFW National Home.
- You can read family success stories on the National Home website.
- Department of Pennsylvania sponsors 2 homes on campus.
- Programs include Cup of Joe, Heroes to Hives and Guitars for Heroes

Looking for ways that you and your Auxiliary can support?

VFW National Home Life Membership and Associate Life Membership

One way to offer support is by becoming a Life Member of the VFW National Home.

There are two types of membership.

1. VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and organizations are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members may vote for the Trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation. Please be sure the VFW National Home has your correct name and email address; the bylaws and ballots are emailed.
2. Any individual or organization wishing to support the VFW National Home's mission can become an Associate Life Member. Associate Life Members do not have voting privileges.

For more information on membership, visit vfwnationalhome.org/membership

VFW NATIONAL HOME

Health & Happiness Fund

Another way the Auxiliary supports the VFW National Home is through gifts of 25 cents per member to the Health & Happiness Fund.

Health & Happiness Funds support the following:

- Maintenance of VFW Auxiliary sponsored buildings
- Emergency repairs and renovations
- Christmas and graduation gifts

Donations can be made online in MALTA or by mail.

By Mail: Send a check earmarked "Health & Happiness"

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

Attn: Health & Happiness Donation

406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor

Kansas City, MO 64111

Making a Gift in MALTA.:

Gifts can be made by any entity (Auxiliary, District, Department) or by individuals.

By Entity: Treasurer logs into MALTA to pay online, click on "duties" tab.

Select Make a Gift, the blue box Make a Gift

Choose program and enter amount.

Gifts are taken by ACH through MALTA.

By Individual: Member logs into MALTA, Select Make a Gift

Select blue box Make a Gift

Choose program and enter amount.

Enter Credit Card information, Pay Now

Other Ways to Give and Offer Support

- Become a Home Front Hero
- Purchase a Tribute Brick or a Centennial Garden Brick
- Purchase an item for the Tribute Park
- Gifts from your IRA, stocks, and securities
- Amazon Wish List
- Promote by wearing VFW National Home apparel distributing promotional materials

For promotional materials go to <https://vfwnationalhome.org/support/promote/>

NATIONAL AWARD ~ VFW NATIONAL HOME

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for most creative activity and/or event with that demonstrates what and where the VFW National Home is and who is eligible for the services provided by the VFW National Home from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.
- Entry form (required) available at vfwauxpa.org
 - Click on Programs – VFW National Home – National Awards Form
 - Entry form MUST be sent to Department Chairman by March 31, 2027.
- Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



DEPARTMENT VFW NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who has the best promotion of the VFW National Home Helpline at an event.
All entries will be considered and must be submitted with year-end reports.
(Must submit a description and/or photos to Department Chairman.)
2. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who purchases the most Life Memberships for the VFW National Home.
3. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who purchases the most Tribute Bricks for the VFW National Home.

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Karen Mooney, Chairman

81 Greenwood Dr, New Cumberland PA 17070

Phone 717.580.3994

auxpresvfwpost7415@gmail.com

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Scholarships Program year.

Our theme from our Department Auxiliary President, Ceil Cook is **“Simply the Best for Our Veterans”** and our National Auxiliary President's theme is **“Serving America’s Heroes.”**

As we start off our program year, the first scholarships program in the timeline will be the Voice of Democracy and the Patriot Pen essay contests. This year the themes are the same for both programs once again. That theme is **“What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”** Our challenge this year is connecting applicants with veterans so students can submit their best essays, especially if they do not know a veteran personally. Please think creatively about ways to help students connect with local veterans.

Many of our scholarships programs give students opportunities to show their creativity. Our job is to spread the word and encourage them to take that first step. If students have participated before, we should encourage them to continue for the experience and chance to broaden their knowledge. Reach out to local schools and administrators to identify the right contacts. Be sure to include homeschooled students as well, since their numbers have grown in recent years and they are a valuable resource. By educating ourselves and our youth, we can help create a brighter future and give students the tools to reach their potential.

VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIPS (VOD)

This year’s VOD theme is **“What a Veteran Taught Me About America.”** The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9–12 by October 31, 2026, including those in public, private, parochial, approved home study programs in the U.S., its territories or possessions, and dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel attending overseas schools. U.S. citizenship is not required, but students must be lawful permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence and intend to become U.S. citizens when eligible. Foreign exchange students, students aged 20 or older, previous First Place Department winners, GED students, and adult education students are not eligible. Students must write an original essay on the theme and record it in their own voice, in English, on a flash drive or as a voice file; CDs are no longer accepted. No music, singing, poetry, sound effects, or background noise is allowed, and the recording must not identify the student by name, school, city, state, race, or national origin. Label the essay with the student’s name to show ownership.

The recording is limited to 3 to 5 minutes in length. Please adhere to this rule. The entry application, recorded speech, and a printed copy of this essay is submitted to your local VFW for judging. Judging is done on the recording. District level winners are required to submit a head and shoulder photograph with your submission of your entries. Please read the rules, one little mistake could disqualify your entry.

Complete rules and entry forms can be found at
[vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth scholarships](http://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth%20scholarships)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each Post may sponsor 1 winner for each 15 entries or fraction thereof. (If a Post receives 170 entries, they may sponsor 12 entries!) If you have remaining entries submitted to your Post, please check with other Posts in your District to see if they would like to sponsor one of your students. Please, IF possible, give ALL our entries a winning chance. Offer them to other Posts to involve more students. One winner from each District will then advance to the Department level for judging.

PLEASE, DO NOT MAIL DISTRICT LEVEL WINNERS TO STATE HEADQUARTERS.

DISTRICT WINNERS ARE TO BE MAILED TO: Mr. Vince Gavin

BY DECEMBER 9, 2026

State of PA, VFW VOD Chairman
658 Miller Street
Eynon, PA. 18403

DEADLINES: Entries to VFW Post: Midnight October 31, 2026

Completion of Post Judging: November 15, 2026

Completion of District Judging: December 1, 2026

District Winner Entry Form, recorded speech of essay, typed copy of Essay, and a head and shoulder photo must be included in the mailing. Please be sure to allow for the US Postal Service delivery turn around time.

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY VOD AWARDS

First Place - \$500.00 Second Place - \$350.00 Third Place - \$250.00

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

This year's theme is: ***"What a Veteran Taught Me About America."*** This program is provided to ALL students in 6th through 8th Grades by October 31, 2026, enrolled in a public, private, parochial school, or an approved home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Although U.S. citizenship is NOT required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residency (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students aged 20 or older, students who have previously placed in the National competition, GED and Adult Education students are not eligible. Please download the complete rules and official entry form at: vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships. All essays must be the original entries work and a product of the contestants' own thinking. The essay's theme should be positive and focused. Poetry is NOT accepted. Quotations may be used sparingly and identified when used. Parents, Counselors, or Teachers may check this essay for punctuation, grammar, and spelling, but the essay must remain the students' work.

Essays must be 300-400 words (+or-5 words) and typed in English. Every word counts in the length of the words, excluding title and footnotes. The essay must NOT identify the student in any way, (including but not limited to name, school, city, state, race, or national origin). Graphics and colors are NOT permitted on the essays. Only White 8"x 11.5" paper for printing. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME, GRADE, or DATE** on the essay. The completed entry form is your cover page. District level winners will be required to submit a head and shoulder photo along with their entries. The essay and application forms are submitted by the schools to the VFW Post for judging. One winner for each 15 entries or a part thereof, will advance to the District level for judging. One winner from each District advances to the Department for judging, and one Department winner advances to National finals.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PLEASE, DO NOT MAIL DISTRICT LEVEL WINNERS TO STATE HEADQUARTERS.

DISTRICT WINNERS ARE TO BE MAILED TO: Mr. Bill Lamond
BY DECEMBER 11, 2026 State of PA, VFW PP Chairman
3360 Nashotks Road
Madison Township, PA 18444
Email: ta30chev@gmail.com

DEADLINES: Entries to the sponsoring VFW Post- Midnight, October 31, 2026

Post Judging complete- November 15, 2026

District Judging complete- December 1, 2026

District Winner Entry Form, typed copy of Essay, and a head and shoulder photo must be included in the mailing. Please be sure to allow for the US Postal Service delivery turnaround time.

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PATRIOT'S PEN AWARD

First Place - \$400.00 and a Plaque

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuing Education Scholarships are offered to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school. Must be 21 years old, and an Auxiliary member for a minimum of one year (in good standing) to qualify. The Continuing Education Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,250.

Applications are due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2027.

Application can be found at vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education.

Mail applications to:

- Program Awards Administrator
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Or email submissions to info@vfwauxiliary.org

- **Auxiliaries may make donations** to this program through MALTA. Select the "Make a Gift" tab in the system and select "Continuing Education" or mail to this address:

- VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
ATTN: Continuing Education Fund
406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111



VFW "SPORT CLIPS HELP A HERO SCHOLARSHIP"

Introduced in 2013, this VFW program awards scholarships to qualifying service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. *****While this scholarship is promoted through this program, it has not been adopted by the Auxiliary, donations to this program are reportable under the Veterans & Family Support Program*****

SCHOLARSHIPS

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTESTS

- Student does NOT have to be related to a VFW of VFW Auxiliary member to enter.
- Open to students in grades 9-12 by March 31 Deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school program in the United States, it's territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is NOT required, students must be lawful permanent residents or have applied for permanent resident (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students age 20 or older, GED and adult education students are NOT eligible.
- Previous winners of VFW Auxiliary National 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contests are NOT eligible.
- Scholarships are paid directly to the American college, university vocational, technical or trade school of the winner's choice. Funds may be held for a maximum of (5) five years from the date of high school graduation.
- Students may enter BOTH contests in same Program Year but must complete and entry form for each.
- Entries must be submitted to a participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for the first level of judging. Entries mailed directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will be disqualified.

Please download the fillable entry forms on MALTA. Complete rules are available at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

2-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Artwork may be done with oils, watercolors, pencils, pastels, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylics, markers, pen-and-ink, or any other media. Artwork must be on stretcher frames, canvas, or paper, and **may NOT** be smaller than 8" x 10", nor larger than 18" x 24" excluding mat. **DO NOT FRAME ENTRIES!** Entries NOT on stretcher frame or canvas board may be matted with only white matboard and must be reinforced with heavy paper or cardboard on the back so it does not bend. Mounted/floating matting is permissible but must be white. If the American flag is shown in the art, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code. Entries are judged on the Patriotic theme and technique. Students must submit their artwork with an entry form and a brief description of the patriotism being expressed in the artwork. (150 words or less, typed and in English. Both must be securely attached to the back of the art.

3-DIMENSIONAL PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

Entry may be paper, papier mâché, pottery, sculpture, fabric, wood, metalwork, etc.

Artwork must be an original 3-dimensional piece of artwork. Entry may not be larger than 18" in any direction and may not weigh more than 5 pounds. Complete contest entry form and submit with entry. Complete typed explanation of the steps taken to create the 3-Dimensional art entry and an artist statement (250 words or less) and submit with entry. Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form. If the American Flag is used, it must conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, number of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.

- **Digital art, photography, weapons, art generated by a 3-D printer and jewelry are NOT accepted.**

Mail entries to: Karen Mooney

81 Greenwood Drive

New Cumberland PA 17070

Deadlines for Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional Art entries:

Participating VFW Auxiliary – Due by March 31, 2027

(District Judging is OPTIONAL)

VFW Auxiliary Department – Due by April 15, 2027

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters – Due by May 5, 2027

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ART AWARDS

2- Dimensional

First Place - \$500.00

Second Place - \$350.00

Third Place - \$250.00

3-Dimensional

First Place - \$500.00 S

Second Place - \$350.00

Third Place - \$250.00

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM AWARDS

Awards for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that host the most outstanding “Red Carpet” event/celebration honoring VFW and VFW Auxiliary Scholarships participants.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2027, for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Citation to VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the Department first, second and third place winners of the **Voice of Democracy** Audio Essay Competition.
2. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the Department first, second and third place winners of the **Patriot’s Pen** Essay Competition.
3. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the Department first, second and third place winners of the **2-Dimensional Young American Creative Patriotic Art** Contest.
4. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary sponsoring the Department first, second and third place winners of the **3-Dimensional Patriotic Art** Contest.
5. Citation to VFW Auxiliary that has a winning entry in the **Continuing Education Scholarship**.

“BISCUIT IN THE BASKET” Recognition SCORES!

It is of utmost importance to recognize your winners at every level, who doesn’t love a “Stanley?”
Host a “Red Carpet” night and present certificates, gifts...social media highlights!
Be creative and celebrate their efforts and don’t forget to **THANK parents and teachers!**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Amy Clark, Chairman
1418 5th Street, Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Phone 724.882.5600
amieandsteve@comcast.net

Our youth are the future of our Auxiliary, our VFW and our country.

It is our responsibility to teach them about our mission and to involve them in “**Serving America’s Heroes**” by encouraging them to participate in all the Auxiliary programs. By working together with our youth, we can be “**Simply the Best for Our Veterans.**”

VFW Auxiliary Lending Library

What is the **VFW Auxiliary Lending Library**? This effort will see Auxiliaries create their own lending libraries where children can borrow reading materials, since not every community has a local library, and approximately 61% of low-income families do not have books in their homes. Your Auxiliary can help kids to expand their imaginations and help them improve their reading ability by providing them with access to books with this new initiative. The libraries can be placed anywhere in your community (with proper approval). Work together with your community to find the location that works best. Some locations include outside your Post, at the community center, the ballfield, or city hall. Outdoor library boxes can be found on Amazon or other online retailers...or make your own! If your local high school has a woodshop program reach out to the teacher to see if they would be interested in making a school project to design and decorate a box. Stock your library with selections from the **Patriotism Through Literacy** reading list found on the National website.

Remember these tips to build your library project:

- Take a book. Share a book.
- Organize a reading to youth event at your VFW Post, or volunteer to read at your local school during **Read Across America Week**.
- Contact a youth group, Scouts or High School club, for help and advice for building your library.
- Use the **#auxlendinglibrary** to promote what you are doing for the VFW Lending Library Project.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Patriotism Through Literacy:

Promote and support reading among youth with this simple, fun and potentially free (use your local library) initiative. Introduce youth to historical figures and teach them about events in our nation's history while fostering a love for reading that can lead to a lifetime of learning.

Some of the benefits of Patriotism Through Literacy:

- Instruct kids about various times in American history.
- Promote empathy and expose students to experiences unlike their own.
- Foster a love of books that leads to a lifetime of learning.
- Spend time with kids in the community in new, creative ways.
- Help youth gain better understanding of history through nonfiction.

How can I participate in the Patriotism Through Literacy Program?

- Volunteer to read a historical or creative nonfiction picture book to kids at your local library or at school during Read Across America Week.
- Donate historical fiction or creative nonfiction books to local schools, shelters, libraries or community centers.
- Host a read-a-thon and award small prizes (sticker, pins, pencils) for number of books or hours read.
- Run a writer's workshop for aspiring teens and tween authors at your VFW Post Home.
- Invite an author or historical fiction or creative nonfiction to do a book talk/signing in your area.

Reading has many benefits, including improved grammar and writing skills, improved focus and concentration, and helping children understand and share the feelings of others. Reading stretches our imaginations and as Dr. Seuss said, "can take you to places you've never been before."



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

VFW Scout of the Year Program:

Some of the earliest ties to the community involve youth groups and none are stronger of more lasting than the relationship between the VFW and America's scouting organizations. **The VFW Scout of the Year program** recognizes members of Scouting of America and Girl Scouts of the United States of America for their standout citizenship, patriotism and love of county.

Official form, details and rules are located at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year>

R.A.P. Recognition and Youth Acts of Kindness:

This is one of the easiest ways to recognize our youth when you witness their Random Acts of Patriotism. Have a R.A.P. card available to hand out immediately when you witness that act of Patriotism. Recognize patriotic youth activities with a certificate at as school assembly. Cards and certificates are available in MALTA's Member Resources.

Sponsoring and working with Youth Groups:

As part of the Youth Activities program, an Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group to engage in many of our programs! Many youth organizations require several types of community service or activities, including opportunities to earn school credits. Invite youth groups to join in Auxiliary and Post activities (with parent/guardian supervision).

- Serving or bussing tables for fundraising dinners.
- Participating in holidays and activities at nursing homes.
- Organizing a military night during a local sporting event.
- Building your Little Free Library and stocking it with books.
- Marching in patriotic holiday parades.
- Helping veterans, service members and families with yard work, or snow removal.
- Send cards to the VFW National Home, our troops overseas, or veterans in VA facilities.
- Teaching computer skills to veterans.

Involving youth in service to veterans can attract new members and strengthen families in the Auxiliary. Sponsoring a youth group helps build a brighter future for your Auxiliary, veterans and the community. **YOUTH + AUXILIARY builds team players!**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations:

Many community youth groups can partner with us, including Scouting America, Boys and Girls Clubs, 4-H, National Honor Society and religious youth groups.

The **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation** is one way for VFW Auxiliaries to recognize youth groups for their efforts and service projects honoring our veterans and assisting our service members and their families.

The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation is available in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities.

Patriotic Youth Award:

The Patriotic Youth Award is designed to recognize individual youth for their patriotism and/or support of our veterans, service members and their families. A fillable, printable version of the Patriotic Youth Award is available in MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities.



Combat Stigma Poster Contest:

Many of our Veterans and service members are struggling with Mental Health issues. Many of them do not seek help due to stigma, fear of being perceived as weak or concerns that it will have a negative impact on their service record/performance. 64% of veterans believe that Mental Health is a “real illness” but 30% think it is “a sign of weakness”.

The Department will be holding a poster contest for youth in grades 6-12 to help combat the stigma associated with Mental Health. The theme is “**It’s ok to not be ok,**” or “**It’s ok to ask for help.**” This is not an “art” contest, the posters will be judged on creativity and best representation of the theme. Bonus points for inclusion of the **Veterans Crisis Line information (988 then dial 1)**. The use of digital art, and/or A.I. is accepted along with traditional forms of art. The top three entries will be judged at the President’s testimonial by popular vote.

Auxiliaries are encouraged to display their entries in the Post Home and on their social media sites.

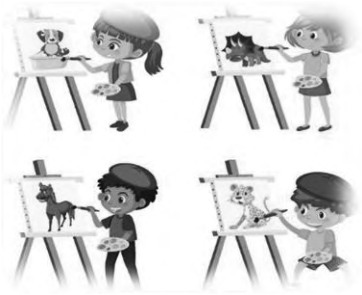
1st Place - \$50 2nd Place - \$30 3rd Place - \$20

Gifts Cards

To submit an entry: Email a copy of the poster to Amy Clark at amieandsteve@comcast.net.

Include your VFW Auxiliary Post number, your VFW Auxiliary District number and the name/grade level of the youth who designed the poster.

It will be the District President’s responsibility to return entries to the students following Testimonial.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Illustrating America:

Important reminder: There are several CHANGES to the due dates this year for the Illustrating America contest. The Illustrating America schedule for the 2026-2027 year is:

December 15, 2026: Illustrating America Student entries are due to participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliaries for judging.

January 2027: Optional 1st place Illustrating America winner in each grade division from each sponsoring VFW Auxiliary are due to VFW Auxiliary District for judging.

January 15, 2027: Illustrating America 1st place winner in each grade division from each participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or optional VFW Auxiliary District are due to the VFW Auxiliary Department for judging.

January 31, 2027: Illustrating America 1st place winner in each grade division from each VFW Auxiliary Department must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.

Reach out to your local elementary and middle schools **EARLY** in the school year. Talk to teachers and see if they will incorporate the contest into a class project. Show the community that the VFW Auxiliary is engaged in promoting patriotism among our youth.

The contest is open to any student in grades K-8 who is enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home studies program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen. Foreign exchange students and students aged 15 or older are not eligible.

National grade division winners of previous Illustrating America contests may enter the subsequent grade division but are ineligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous National winner.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Entries for Illustrating America are judged on patriotic theme and technique.

The contest consists of three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.

The Department winner in each grade division will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters. There are National awards for first, second, and third place in each grade division and the first, second and third place entries in each grade division will be displayed at the National Convention.

Department Auxiliary Awards in each grade division:

1st place-\$50, 2nd place-\$30, 3rd place-\$20

Official entry form, details on requirements and contest rules can be found in MALTA's Member Resources or on the Department of PA VFW Auxiliary website.

Contest Rules:

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Entry must be two dimensional.
- Entry must be on canvas or paper.
- Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- Paper entries must be reinforced with heavy paper or cardboard.
- Do not frame art with wood, metal, plastic or glass.
- Mats may be used including mounted and floating mats.
- Entries may not be smaller than 8"x10" and not larger than 18"x24" (**including mat**).
- Crayons, paint, glitter, marker, pastel, pencil, watercolor, mixed or other media may be used.
- If the American Flag is used, it **DOES NOT** need to conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors or number of stars and stripes.
- Completed entry form must be submitted with art entry.
- Student's name, age, and grade level must be printed on back of art entry.
- Parent or guardian signature required on contest entry form.
- **Coloring sheets, digital art, and photography are NOT accepted.**

National Youth Activities Program Awards:

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative and/or unique VFW Auxiliary Lending Library.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send in the required entry form to the VFW Auxiliary Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Department Youth Activities Program Awards:

1. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary working with the highest number of youth.
2. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary presenting the most Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans citations.
3. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary with the most creative and/or unique VFW Lending Library.
4. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary with the best promotion of Patriotism Through Literacy Initiative.
5. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary that donated the most books for Patriotism Through Literacy Initiative.
6. Citation to the VFW Auxiliary with the best promotion of the Illustrating America Initiative.
7. Citations to the VFW Auxiliaries sponsoring the first-place winners in each division of the Illustrating America Initiative.
8. Citation to the VFW Auxiliaries that hosted an awards ceremony for the Illustrating America Initiative.
9. Citations to VFW Auxiliaries that submitted a poster for the Combat the Stigma contest.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
2026-2027 Year End Report
Kristy Murphy, Chairman
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Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
Year-end reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Did your Auxiliary promote with or without your Post the VFW resources for veterans, service members and families?

Yes____No____

Please describe your promotion on a separate sheet and include any documentation.

2. Did your Auxiliary promote Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Resources?

Yes____No____

Please describe your promotion on a separate sheet and include any documentation.

3. Did your Auxiliary provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or families?

Yes____No____ (meals, transport, cards, visits, packages, gifts, home care, etc.)

➤ How many were assisted? _____

➤ Approximately, what was the value of monies, goods, and services provided to the ones that your Auxiliary assisted? _____

Anything special you would like to share? Please describe below.

Auxiliary President _____

Phone _____

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone _____

Auxiliary Name _____

AMERICANISM
2026-2027 YEAR END REPORT
Kathy Arnold, Chairman
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Phone 551.216.5857
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Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
Year-end reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Did your Auxiliary promote and participate in and/or recognize any patriotic holiday and/or branch of service birthdays? Yes____No____
2. Did your Auxiliary distribute American and/or POW-MIA Flags? Yes____No____
How many distributed altogether? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary promote and award citations to a citizen and/or business in recognition of their Flag or Patriotic Display(s)?
➤ Total distributed: _____
4. Did your Auxiliary create/display a POP sign and/or meme in any format promoting Patriotism? Yes _____ No _____
(Please attach picture(s) of your POP display)

Auxiliary President _____ Auxiliary Chairman _____
Phone _____ Phone _____
District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Auxiliary Name _____

“BUDDY”® POPPY PROGRAM

2026-2027 Year End Report

Deanne Mannella, Chairman

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Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027

Year-end reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Did your Auxiliary hold an activity or event to educate your community about the VFW Buddy”® Poppy? Yes_____ No_____

Please describe on a separate sheet and include documentation.

2. How many “Buddy”® Poppy drives did your Auxiliary hold with or without your VFW Post? _____

3. How many Buddy”® Poppies were distributed total? _____

4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the VFW Buddy”® Poppy display contest?

Yes_____ No_____

Auxiliary President _____ Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

District _____ Auxiliary # _____ Auxiliary Name _____

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

2026-2027 Year End Report

Michele Fallet, Chairperson

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Reporting period from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027

Year-End reports are due to District President by April 10, 2027

1. How many times during the program year did your Auxiliary communicate with each member via email, mail, text, phone call, messenger or chat?

Please share a brief sample of the communication with this report.

2. Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook and/or website with or without your Post?

Yes _____ No _____

Other forms of social media?

➤ Instagram? Yes _____ No _____

With Post? _____ Without Post? _____

➤ TikTok? Yes _____ No _____

With Post? _____ Without Post? _____

➤ Snapchat? Yes _____ No _____

With Post? _____ Without Post? _____

➤ How many times per month does your Auxiliary post on social media? _____

3. Did your Auxiliary hold a Media Relations "HOW TO" training to educate members?

Yes _____ No _____

Brief Description of the training:

4. What was the most interesting historical fact that you learned about your Auxiliary this program year?

Auxiliary President _____

Phone _____

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone _____

Auxiliary Name _____

HOSPITAL
2026-2027 Year End Report
Brenda Johnson, Chairman
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bbjohns019@gmail.com

Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
Year-End reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Number of VFW Auxiliary members who volunteered at any VA and/or Non-VA medical facility (Auxiliary member to be counted one time only per year.) Total_____.
2. Total number of hours that VFW Auxiliary members volunteered at any VA and/or Non-VA medical facility. Total_____.
3. Total number of hours that Non-VFW Auxiliary members volunteered at any VA and/or Non-VA medical facility. Total_____.
4. Did your Auxiliary participate, promote, host or co-host any activity with your VFW Post?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital program-related items and/or projects.
Total \$_____.
6. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Veterans Survival Kit for Veterans or did your Auxiliary adopt a resident? Yes _____ No _____.

Auxiliary President _____
Phone _____
District # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____
Phone _____
Auxiliary Name _____

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

2026-2027 Year End Report

Kathy Jo Reinsmith, Department of PA Chairman

117 Pugh Drive

Shippensburg, PA 17257-9297

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Reporting Period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027

Year-End Reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in, or host activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals with or without your VFW Post? Yes _____ No _____

Explain how you did this and which priority goals. Attach flyers, photos, and/or other documentation. Use extra page or back of this sheet.

2. How many VFW Auxiliary members contacted their legislators on Veteran's issues (Examples: emails _____, post cards _____, phone calls _____, thank you notes _____, Legislative Day _____, etc.).

3. How many VFW Auxiliary members attended events where they could interact with legislators (Examples: Legislative Conferences _____, Town Halls _____, Meet-and-Greets _____, Legislative Day _____, etc.).

4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Auxiliary Legislative Days in Pennsylvania in your Area? Yes _____ No _____ Explain how you participated by planning, your attendance, contacting or suggesting legislators within your area with their name and contact information, etc.

5. How many new VFW Action Corps Weekly sign-ups from the Community and new VFW Auxiliary members did your Auxiliary recruit? Community _____ New Aux Members _____ . Entry forms required

Must submit supporting documentation with Year-End Report.

Auxiliary President _____
Phone _____
District # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary Chairman _____
Phone _____
Auxiliary Name _____

VFW NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM

2026-2027 Year End Report

Jackie Edmiston, Chairman

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jle082549@gmail.com

***Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
Year-end reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027***

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home?
Yes____No____
Please describe your promotion on a separate sheet and include any documentation.
2. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home Helpline? Yes____No____
3. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Life Membership in the current program year? Yes____No____
4. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Tribute Brick in the current program year? Yes____No____
5. Did your Auxiliary donate 25 cents or more per member to the Health & Happiness Fund? Yes____No____ Total amount donated? \$\$_____

Auxiliary President _____ Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Auxiliary Name _____

SCHOLARSHIPS
2026-2027 Year End Report
Karen Mooney, Chairman
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Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
Year-end reports are due to your District President by April 10, 2027

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Continuing Education Scholarship Contest: ____ YES / ____ NO
 - a. Amount of donation (min of \$10) \$ _____

2. Did your Auxiliary promote the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest ____ YES / ____ NO
 - a. Number of entries received by the Auxiliary _____
 - b. Number of entries advanced to Department _____
 - c. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize the awardees ____ YES / ____ NO
 - d. Total dollar amount spent on program/awards \$ _____
 - e. Total donation made to this program \$ _____

3. Did your Auxiliary promote the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest ____ YES / ____ NO
 - a. Number of entries received by the Auxiliary _____
 - b. Number of entries advanced to Department _____
 - c. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize the awardees ____ YES / ____ NO
 - d. Total dollar amount spent on program/awards \$ _____
 - e. Total donation made to this program \$ _____

4. Did your Auxiliary assist your VFW Post in promoting/conducting the VOD Essay Contest ____ YES / ____ NO
 - a. How many entries did your Post/Auxiliary receive _____
 - b. How many entries were advanced to District for Judging _____
 - c. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize the awardees ____ YES / ____ NO
 - d. Total dollar amount spent on program/awards \$ _____
 - e. Total donation made to this program \$ _____

5. Did your Auxiliary assist your VFW Post in promoting/conducting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest ____ YES / ____ NO
 - a. How many entries did your Post/Auxiliary receive _____
 - b. How many entries were advanced to District for Judging _____
 - c. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize the awardees ____ YES / ____ NO
 - d. Total dollar amount spent on program/awards \$ _____
 - e. Total donation made to this program \$ _____

Auxiliary President _____ Auxiliary Chairman _____
Phone _____ Phone _____
District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Auxiliary Name _____

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
2026-2027 Year-End Report
Amy Clark, Chairman
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Reporting period: April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027
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Youth Groups

1. Number of youth groups that the Auxiliary worked with during the program year.

2. Number of youth that the Auxiliary worked with during the current program year.

3. Number of ***Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans*** Citations awarded? _____
4. Did your Auxiliary participate in Patriotism Through Literacy Initiative?
Yes ____ No ____
5. The number of books donated in participation of Patriotism Through Literacy Initiative? _____
6. Did your Auxiliary start a Lending Library? Yes ____ No ____ (please attach picture)

Illustrating America Art Contest

1. Did the Auxiliary promote the Illustrating America Art Contest? Yes ____ No ____
2. Number of students who submitted art entries to the Auxiliary for judging. _____
3. Did the Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in this contest? Yes ____ No ____
4. Total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by the Auxiliary for this contest.
\$\$ _____

Auxiliary President _____ Auxiliary Chairman _____
Phone _____ Phone _____
District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Auxiliary Name _____

