



# Missouri VFW Auxiliary

## Talking Points

### 2025-2026



As you make your visit to the Auxiliary, you need to cover items that may not have been mentioned in the meeting. Below are some items you may want to cover. This is a **Tool** for you to use. **Not a verbatim script.**

- Give **Greetings** from all the Department Line Officers.
- Events that are coming up for National, Department, and District.
  - Fall Department Conference October 10-12, 2025, The Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks
  - Big Ten in Bettendorf, IA October 17-19, 2025
  - National Home Trip – October 24-26, 2025
  - National Mid-winter cruise – February 9-13, 2026
  - Winter Department Conference February 20-22, 2026 – information to come.
- Items that need immediate attention:
  - **National General Orders #1** to be read at the October meeting. Was sent by email to all Presidents and Secretaries.
  - **Membership** – Auxiliaries at this point should be above 85%. Dues notices should have been sent in July. Now is the time to start calling the members. Have a membership committee that can help with making those calls or visiting with those members. It is not just the responsibility of the Treasurer. Auxiliaries are to be 95% plus by November.
  - **Online Reporting** – report what you have done in each program on a regular basis. [www.vfwauxmo.org](http://www.vfwauxmo.org). With doing this, the Auxiliary does not have a yearend report to submit to the Chairmen.
  - **Changes in Officers** – send the Officer Change form to the Department Secretary asap.
- Participation in the Programs – encourage the Auxiliaries to participate in the programs, but if there is one program they are passionate about, they should do it.
  - Review all the material from the Program Book and the Promotional material on the website.
  - Make plans for projects in each of the Programs.
  - “Buddy”® Poppy – make a hat out of poppies for the Fall Conference.
  - Scholarship – Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen should be in the schools. Deadline to the Post/Auxiliary is October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Website** - Use it to find the latest information on the programs and what is going on in the Department. Encourage the members to explore it!
- **Donations** – Donations are not required but encouraged. As part of the “All State Auxiliary” we ask that each Auxiliary donate what they can.
  - **Veterans Service Officers Fund**
  - **Hospital Fund**

- **Scholarship Fund**
- **Youth Activities Fund**
- **National Home**
- **Department President's Special Project**
- **All State** – please review the dashboard on the website to make sure you have been credited with each of the items for the All State. If you have any questions about it, please contact Jackie Davis or Gail Huffman.
- **Missouri Grant Program (known as the Label Program)** – Encourage members to donate by signing up for this program. They can sign up at <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/32137/action/1?locale-enUS>
  - They return money to the department each year from this program. We don't want to lose it.
- **Auxiliary closing** – If the Auxiliary is thinking of closing, please advise the District President and the Department President of the possibility. There are steps to take to do this.
- **Other Items of Interest:**

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- **Working with the VFW as a TEAM!**
  - **Learn new Technology!** How to communicate with your members.
  - **Be enthusiastic** – share your pride. Invite members to join us as we work for our Veterans and their families. Encourage members to Mentor new members
    - **Thank You! – Goes a long way** – Thank the members for what they do everyday for the Veterans, their families, and the community by being a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

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