

Missouri VFW Auxiliary 2024-2025 Awards



Americanism

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Sandra Prichard

It is with great honor to report the Americanism final numbers and the winners of each group. Working with the Post shows the strength is Auxiliary has and respect we show our Veterans. The total amount of flags handed out was 15,118, and total amount of certificate of appreciation 154. We have had 6,479 hours logged as volunteer time with 4,212 members participating and the youth involvement was 7,692. The total of money spent to put on all the displays, parades, and supplies needed to spread the word of Americanism was \$51,691.10. As Americanism chair I am deeply proud of our Missouri team.

“Building Bridges” – Americanism Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Group I | 3 | 4839 | Forest City |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 2 | 2654 | Moberly |
| Group IV | 5 | 5789 | Lee's summit |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4088 | Perry |
| Group II | 12 | 4105 | Florissant |
| Group III | 15 | 3174 | Sikeston |
| Group IV | 9 | 2661 | Washington |

Special Award - Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about lesser-known patriotic holidays. The entry form was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

District: 5 Auxiliary:5789 Lee Summit

Auxiliary Outreach

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Kim Rudy

This year a total of 86 Auxiliaries participated by partnering with 259 different organizations ranging from emergency personnel & responders, local & state organizations, churches, disaster relief and more. The volunteer hours came to a total of 11,220.70. Congratulations!

“Building Bridges” – Auxiliary Outreach Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Group I | 2 | 4756 | Linn |
| Group II | 7 | 4207 | Monett |
| Group III | 17 | 4610 | Clarksville |
| Group IV | 2 | 280 | Columbia |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Group I | 9 | 3772 | Mexico |
| Group II | 17 | 2446 | Hannibal |
| Group III | 3 | 7356 | Parkville |
| Group IV | 8 | 2210 | Ste Genevieve |

Special Award - Most outstanding photo collage created by the VFW Auxiliary of their VFW Auxiliary Outreach partnerships during the current Program Year. Entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

District: 9 Auxiliary: 2661 Washington

“Buddy”® Poppy/National Home

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Brandy Young

Just like a bustling colony of ants working in harmony, 84 Auxiliaries each brought their unique talents to the “Buddy”® Poppy/National Home Program this year, showcasing the power of united efforts in diverse ways!

For Buddy Poppy, 66 dedicated Auxiliaries held “Buddy” ® Poppy drives, many with their Posts—proving that teamwork knows no boundaries. Together, they distributed an incredible 37,733 VFW “Buddy”® Poppies, “Helping our Veterans by Bridging the Gap” by sharing the profound meaning of the “Buddy”® Poppy and its symbol of remembrance and support with their communities.

Adding to the teamwork buzz, 25 Auxiliaries showcased creativity in the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contests, crafting displays that truly inspired.

For National Home, 30 devoted Auxiliaries spread awareness like hard working ants sharing resources, while 7 Auxiliaries actively shared information about the National Home Helpline, ensuring Veterans knew who to call if they were in need of help.

With 10 Auxiliaries purchasing National Home Life Memberships and 1 Auxiliary investing in a VFW National Home Tribute Brick, they laid solid foundations for support—proving that, like ants, every contribution builds something extraordinary!

“Building Bridges” – “Buddy”® Poppy Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Group I | 6 | 4052 | Lexington |
| Group II | 2 | 2025 | Rolla |
| Group III | 15 | 3174 | Sikeston |
| Group IV | 5 | 5789 | Lee's Summit |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4342 | Kahoka |
| Group II | 7 | 257 | El Dorado Springs |
| Group III | 5 | 3976 | Sugar Creek |

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| Group IV | 7 | 2590 | Carthage |
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“Building Bridges” – National Home Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4088 | Perry |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 5 | 3976 | Sugar Creek |
| Group IV | 12 | 3944 | Overland-St Ann |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW Post members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Group I | NA | | |
| Group II | 7 | 257 | El Dorado Springs |
| Group III | 9 | 2657 | Fulton |
| Group IV | 9 | 5077 | O’ Fallon |

Special Award - Most outstanding activity and/or event using the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy. The entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

District: 5 Auxiliary: 5789 Lee’s Summit

Most outstanding activity and/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home’s 100th Birthday. The entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

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Historian

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Stephanie Leary

(Please insert your statistical information below.)

60 Auxiliaries reported providing 304 reports:

33 Auxiliaries communicated quarterly with each of their members via email, printed mail, text or phone call.

43 Auxiliaries reported having a Facebook page with or without the VFW Post (65 actually have one).

3 Auxiliaries have a website with or without the VFW Post.

“Building Bridges” – Historian Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Group I | 5 | 9997 | Kansas City |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 15 | 3174 | Sikeston |
| Group IV | 9 | 2661 | Washington |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Group I | 2 | 8045 | Argyle |
| Group II | 7 | 257 | El Dorado Springs |
| Group III | 15 | 7822 | Puxico |
| Group IV | 7 | 2590 | Carthage |

Special Award - Most outstanding promotion of VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources. The entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

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Hospital

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Karen Cypret

WOW! Our auxiliaries have blown me away with the number of projects they have done this year. We had out of the 109 auxiliaries in the Department 88 submitted at least one report. 573 projects were reported where 2,447 members worked 9,214.75 hours for our veterans. Total donations reported to me.....Hang on to your hats, people...**\$115,679.64**

2024-2025 CRAFT-AT-HOME Volunteer Pin Award

Each person will receive a “scissors” pin and the hour charm

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| Shannon Eason | 50 hours | Spicer-Grimsley Aux 257 |
| Jodie Cauthon | 100 hours | Spicer-Grimsley Aux 257 |
| Linda Bartkoski | 150 hours | Spicer-Grimsley Aux 257 |
| Linda Bishop | 200 hours | Spicer-Grimsley Aux 257 |
| Joanne Houston | 300 hours | Spicer-Grimsley Aux 257 |
| Jan Steinhoff | 600 hours | Hinkel-Kleeschulte-Westhoff Aux 5077 |
| Judy Copenhaver | 700 hours | Hinkel-Kleeschulte-Westhoff Aux 5077 |
| Vickie McCarty | 5,000 hours | PLEASANT HILL AUXILIARY |
| Laura McCafferty | 6,882 hours | Vaughn-Hudnall Aux 6603 |

“Building Bridges” – Hospital Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Group I | 2 | 4756 | LINN MEMORIAL AUXILIARY |
| Group II | 5 | 6603 | VAUGHN HUDNALL AUXILIARY |
| Group III | 9 | 6133 | BLEDSON-BULAS AUXILIARY |
| Group IV | 15 | 3838 | CLIPPARD-WILSON- TAYLOR AUXILIARY |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Group I | 15 | 10495 | JACKSON MEMORIAL AUXILIARY |
| Group II | 6 | 5649 | CONCORDIA MEMORIAL AUXILIARY |
| Group III | 14 | 9638 | GALMEY MEMORIAL AUXILIARY |
| Group IV | 7 | 2590 | CHARLES S. EDWARDS AUXILIARY |

Special Awards:

1. Hospital Recruiter
Name: Vickie McCarty District: 6 Auxiliary: 3118
Recruited 10 volunteers
2. Outstanding Hospital Volunteer
Name: Laura McCafferty District: 5 Auxiliary: 6603
3. Most creative ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veteran patients.
The entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

District: 5 Auxiliary: Sugar Creek Memorial Aux 3976

Legislative
2024-2025 Department Chairman - Monica R. Schroeder

Number of participating Auxiliaries - 60

Number of Auxiliaries that promoted, participated, hosted or co-hosted with their VFW Post activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals - 30

Number of Auxiliary members who contacted their legislators/Senators on Veterans' issues by any means (emails, letters, postcards, phone calls, etc) - 152

Number of Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators (legislative conferences, town halls, met and greets, etc) - 115

"Building Bridges" - Legislative Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4088 | Perry |
| Group II | 12 | 3500 | Richmond Heights |
| Group III | 15 | 3174 | Sikeston |
| Group IV | 9 | 2661 | Washington |

Second place -A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Group I | 7 | 2203 | Shell Knob |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 5 | 3976 | Sugar Creek |
| Group IV | 8 | 2210 | Ste Genevieve |

Special Award - Most outstanding activity and/or event collaborating with the VFW Post connecting members with local lawmakers. The entry was sent to the National Ambassador for judging.

District: 12 Auxiliary: 3500 Richmond Heights

Membership

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Vicki Garcia

Top-Flight Ace Award - 100%+(PLUS) - Auxiliaries that have reached 100%+(PLUS) in current percentage for the year shall be put into a drawing for the chance to win \$50. There will be a winner from each membership group. Citations will be given to auxiliaries that have not already received their 100%+ citation at a previous meeting. One winner to be drawn from each membership group.

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| I. District 7 – Auxiliary 6415 | II. District 18 – Auxiliary 5993 |
| III. District 15 – Auxiliary 7822 | IV. District 8 – Auxiliary 1831 |

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| I. District 7 – Auxiliary 6415 | II. District 6 – Auxiliary 5925 |
| I. District 7 – Auxiliary 2203 | II. District 18 – Auxiliary 5993 |
| III. District 9 – Auxiliary 3987 | IV. District 9 – Auxiliary 2661 |
| V. District 5 – Auxiliary 3976 | III. District 8 – Auxiliary 1831 |

Recruitment Star Award - Given to the Auxiliaries that have had at least one membership drive *since the last Department meeting*. The membership drive had to be documented and sent into the membership chairman to qualify for the drawing. Eligible auxiliaries to receive a citation and be put into a drawing for a chance to win \$50. One winner to be drawn.

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Recruiter's Wings Award – given to the Auxiliary member who recruits the most new members or rejoined members *since the last Department meeting*. This outstanding recruiter will receive \$25 and a citation. **Auxiliary treasurers are not eligible for this award.**

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VFW Recruiter's Wings Award – given to the VFW member who recruits the most new Auxiliary members or rejoined members *since the last Department meeting*. This outstanding recruiter will receive \$25 and a citation.

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| Don Wenzel from Post 3168 |
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Scholarship

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Jennifer Hoyt

The Department of Missouri Scholarship Program made many gains this year by having 73 participating Auxiliaries involved. 22 Auxiliaries promoted the Continuing Education Scholarship contest and 6 of them made a monetary contribution.

22 Auxiliaries promoted the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. 79 students submitted art entries to Auxiliaries for judging. 12 art entries submitted to the Department from Auxiliaries 5 Auxiliaries made a monetary donation to the National Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and donated \$1,435.00.

10 Auxiliaries promoted the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest. 5 students submitted entries to Auxiliaries for judging. 3 art entries were submitted to the Department from Auxiliaries for judging. 4 Auxiliaries made a monetary donation to the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest and they donated all together \$220.00.

40 Auxiliaries assisted their VFW in promoting and conducting the VFW National Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. 46 Auxiliaries assisted their VFW in promoting and conducting the VFW National Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest.

16 Auxiliaries hosted and co-hosted with their VFW Post an awards ceremony to their awardees and participants in the contests. The total dollar amount and/or value of the awards presented by Auxiliaries, Districts, and Department in any/all contests was \$49,634.33.

***17 Auxiliaries donated to the Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarship.

2024-2025 Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Awards

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place \$250.00 | Mallory Rettler | D8 – Aux 2210 |
| 2 nd Place \$200.00 | Karen McCauley | D2 – Aux 1003 |
| 3 rd Place \$150.00 | Makayla Gogg | D5 – Aux 5789 |

2024-2025 3-D Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest Awards

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place \$250.00 | Mallory Rottler | D8 – Aux 2210 |
| 2 nd Place \$200.00 | Adrianna Moser | D8 – Aux 6947 |
| 3 rd Place \$150.00 | Makenzi Warbie | D18 – Aux 5993 |

2024-2025 Missouri Past National Presidents Scholarships

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place \$1800.00 | Eleanor Sullivan | D5 – Aux 5789 |
| 2 nd Place \$1200.00 | Magnolia Dix | D15 – Aux 3838 |

“Building Bridges” – Scholarship

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Group I | 1 | 858 | Chilicothe |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 6 | 5675 | Odessa |
| Group IV | 8 | 2210 | Ste Genevieve |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4088 | Perry |
| Group II | 2 | 2025 | Rolla |
| Group III | 15 | 7183 | Lilbourn |
| Group IV | 9 | 2661 | Washington |

Special Award - Most outstanding activity and/or event educating the community about the Scholarship Opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

District: 8 Auxiliary: 2210 – Ste Genevieve

Youth Activities

2024-2025 Department Chairman – Lori Suiter

Participating Auxiliaries: 82

Total Hours: 4,720

Dollars Spent/Donated: \$57,843.80

Total Youth worked with in Program Year: 23,855

2024-2025 Illustrating America Contest Awards

Kindergarten to Second Grade

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place | Stella Hayes 1 st Grade | D8 Aux 2210 |
| 2 nd Place | Kyland Hodges 2 nd Grade | D2 Aux 280 |
| 3 rd Place | Eireann Gary 2 nd Grade | D18 Aux 5993 |

Third to Fifth Grade

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place | Hannah Pyle 5 th Grade | D2 Aux 280 |
| 2 nd Place | Ellie Day 5 th Grade | D8 Aux 2210 |
| 3 rd Place | Eli Gary 4 th Grade | D18 Aux 5993 |

Sixth to Eighth Grade

| Award | Name of Student | Sponsored by District/Auxiliary |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Place | Liberty Bockting 8 th Grade | D2 Aux 280 |
| 2 nd Place | Megann Bradshaw 7 th Grade | D18 Aux 3770 |
| 3 rd Place | Kate Fischer 8 th Grade | D8 Aux 2210 |

“Building Bridges” – Youth Activities Award

First place - \$20 and a citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Group I | 17 | 4088 | Perry |
| Group II | 7 | 257 | El Dorado |
| Group III | 15 | 3174 | Sikeston |
| Group IV | 9 | 2866 | St. Charles |

Second place – A citation to one Auxiliary in each membership group with the most outstanding program/project including teamwork within the Auxiliary and including the VFW members.

| | District | Auxiliary | Location |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Group I | 3 | 4839 | Forest City |
| Group II | 18 | 5993 | Ava |
| Group III | 5 | 3976 | Sugar Creek |
| Group IV | 9 | 2661 | Washington |

Special Award – Most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth sent to National.

District: 5 Auxiliary: 5789