

# The Missouri Yellow Brick Road

January/February

General Orders

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## President's Message

Thank you to all the Auxiliaries for helping us reach our goal of 95% in membership by the end of November. Our Department received the \$200 award from the National VFW Auxiliary for reaching this goal. Our super membership chairman Helen keeps us updated on where we stand. Let's keep our membership growing by reaching for that 101% plus!

I am very disturbed by the numerous complaints I have received regarding bullying. This is not acceptable on any level of this organization. No matter if you are a Department, District or Auxiliary officer, or even one member to another, this is not the way we treat our brothers or sisters. Do not talk down to anyone. Treat everyone as you would want to be treated. Always use respect and kindness.

Remember all projects and activities are to always be brought before the members and approved at your Auxiliary meeting. This is to be recorded in your Auxiliary minutes. Include all your members in the projects, not a select few.

As you complete your activities/project, please report to the Department Chairman by entering the information on our website reporting. This is part of the All-State and I want to see all Auxiliaries obtain this award.

Valentines Day will be soon. Please show lots of love to the Veterans in your area, especially those who are in Veterans or nursing homes. Have the school children make cards to take to the Veterans. This always brings a smile to them.

February 20-22, 2026, is the Department Winter Conference at the Resort of the Lake of the Ozarks. Please plan to attend as we will honor the students from each District that won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Voice of Democracy audio essay contest and the Patriot's Pen Essay. The banquet will be Saturday night. You can find the information for the reservations on our website.

When you have a member come down with cancer, please be sure to give them a **current** Cancer Grant Form to complete. They can apply for the \$550 twice in their lifetime. Just follow the instructions on the form. You can find the current form on MALTA.

Let's get 2026 off to a great start and keep it going by being **"THE REASON A VETERAN SMILES TODAY"** We can all do this!

*Patti Burge* - Missouri VFW Auxiliary President



### Calendar of Events

- New Years Day – January 1, 2026
- Martin Luther King Day – January 19, 2025
- National Midwinter – February 8-13, 2026
- Valentines Day – February 14, 2026
- Department Winter Conference - February 20-22, 2026
- President's Day – February 16, 2026
- VOD/PP Banquet – February 21, 2026



*May the 2026 year bring good health, much happiness, and peace to you and your family.*