

VFW Auxiliary Department of Missouri 98th Convention Agenda

Thursday, June 6, 2024 (Business Casual)

2024-2025 District President's Training	Grand Ballroom	10:00-3:30 pm
VFW Auxiliary Registration	Convention Lobby	2:00-5:00 pm
Dinner (by invitation)	TBD	4:00 pm
2023-2024 Council of Administration Meeting	Grand Ballroom	6:30 pm
Floor Practice	Grand Ballroom	8:00-9:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor Team and Memorial Practice (District Presidents are required to be there) • District/Auxiliary Presidents (bring American Flag and District Banner) 		

Friday, June 7, 2024 – (Dress – Department Shirt with Black Slack or Skirt)

VFW Auxiliary Registration	Convention Lobby	8:00-10:00 am
VFW and VFW Auxiliary Joint Opening	Grand Ballroom	8:30-10:30 am
VFW Auxiliary opening morning session	Grand Ballroom	12:30-2:00 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ritualistic Opening of Auxiliary Convention • Presentation of National Rep and Guests • Minutes of previous Convention • Report of Convention Rules • Presentation of Pages • Presentation of Past Department Presidents 		
Lunch (on your own or by invitation)		10:15 am
VFW Auxiliary Convention cont.	Grand Ballroom	12:00-1:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of afternoon session • VFW Commander and Past Department Commanders Visit • Department President and Past Department Presidents visit the VFW • Program Awards • Nominations of Officers • Announcements 		
Registration	Convention Lobby	1:30-4:00 pm
Celebration Buffet	Grand Ballroom	4:00-5:00 pm
VFW and Auxiliary Year-end Awards	Grand Ballroom	5:00 pm
		7:00 pm

VFW Auxiliary Department of Missouri

98th Convention

Agenda

Saturday, June 8, 2023 – (Dress – Official uniform or Department Shirt with Black Slacks or Skirt)

Registration	Convention Lobby	7:30-10:00 am
District /Auxiliary President meet for line-up	Outside of Grand Ballroom	7:30 am
Presentation of District/Auxiliary President	Grand Ballroom	8:00 am
VFW Auxiliary morning session opens	Grand Ballroom	8:45 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW Auxiliary Memorial Service • Program Awards cont. • • Presentation of Allied Guests • Presentation of VAVS and Home Reps • 2024-2025 Membership Skit 		
Lunch		12:00 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allied Guests, Past Department Presidents, Line Officer, VAVS and Veterans Home Reps lunch 	President's Suite	12:15 pm
Officers and Chairmen's Pictures	Back Hallway by Paradise Room	12:00-4:00 pm
VFW Auxiliary Convention cont.	Grand Ballroom	1:00-3:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of afternoon session • Remarks by National Representative • Report of Credentials Committee • Nomination and Election of Officers • Unfinished Business • New Business – Introduction of 2024-2025 Chairmen • Announcements • Closing Ceremonies 		
VFW and VFW Auxiliary Joint Installation of 2024-2025 Officers and District Presidents	Grand Ballroom	4:00-6:00 pm

Sunday, June 10, 2024

2024-2025 Council of Administration meeting – Council members <i>required</i> to attend.	Grand Ballroom	9:00 am
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The Agenda is subject to change.

Safe Travels Home!!!



VFW Auxiliary
Department of Missouri
May/June Newsletter



Message from Department President Judi Linneberger

The 2023-2024 year is at an end. Program reports closed April 15, but do not stop doing projects for our Veterans. Start reporting them at the completion of a project like normal. The 24-25 Chairmen are handling the reports made after April 15.

May is installation of Officers in the Auxiliaries. Please enter the installation report in MALTA and send a paper copy to Jackie.

Our Convention is June 6-8 in Springfield. We hope to have a successful convention, with the awards in all Programs and the official start of the new year with the installation of officers on Saturday evening. Our National Representative for the convention is National Conductor Kim Harney. Please come and get acquainted with her. She is nice and down to earth.

The 2023-24 year was filled with traveling. District Meetings, The CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event) in Utah, The Fall Conference and Banquet in Springfield, the Big Ten Conference in Itasca, Illinois. The National Home Trip, The National President's Visit, the Winter Conference in Columbia, The National Winter Conference was a cruise to Cozumel and a Perfect Day at Coco Bay, the Washington Voice of Democracy Winners presentation and Legislative Conference. Whew, doesn't look like much on paper but a lot of time and miles were racked up.

The Voice of Democracy Department winners' presentation was amazing. Walking in with Commander Charles and our Department Winner, Katie, was a once in a life time experience. Katie by the way took 13th in the nation. We are extremely proud of her. Pictures on reverse.

The Legislative conference was one of my favorite things of the year. Going to Capital hill and seeing where the offices of our legislators are was an eye opener. No, their offices are not in the Capital building, it was a walking marathon. The VFW members took good care of those of us from the Auxiliary that went with them. Being in the room when VFW Commander Sarmiento spoke was amazing.

Lastly, a HUGE Thank You to Jackie Davis, Amy Jo Lett, Patti Burge, Anita Crowell, Coletta Williams, Vickie Garcia and Betty Arnold. Without your help I couldn't have made it through the year. To my District 18 Sisters and Brothers, you are all amazing and thank you for all the support I received from you.

My year may be over but the friendships I have and have made are forever. AND....."Show Me Teamwork....as we serve our Veterans" by "Banding Together for our Veterans"



First Row: The Missouri Voice of Democracy winner Katelyn Wright escorted by Department Commander Charles Williams and Department President Judi Linneberger. Katelyn had her picture taken with the Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento and National President Carla Martinez. Second Row: VFW and Auxiliary at the DC Capital. Below they are with Senator Josh Hawley.





**HELPING VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP WITH
TEAMWORK -2024/2025**

We can celebrate patriotic holidays in many ways:

- Participate in a parade, hand out flags
- Fly the American Flag
- Visit a historic landmark
- Host a community celebration
- Support a veteran, lend them a hand with things they may need done: lawn, shopping, appointments

Flag Education during Patriotic Events

It is important to educate others about the U.S. Flag any moment we can. So, as we celebrate patriotic holidays teach everyone about Flag education.

- How to properly salute the Flag
- When to display the Flag
- How to fold and store the Flag

Common and less common patriotic holidays

- Loyalty Day on May 1st
- Memorial Day on the last Monday of May
- Flag Day on June 14th
- Independence Day on July 4th
- Purple Heart Remembrance Day August 7th
- Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17th
- POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday of September.
- Day of Deployed on October 26
- Veterans Day November 11
- Pearl Harbor Day December 7

As a Patriotic Instructor you are to help teach our members about the traditions of our organization as well as the proper salute to the American flag.

Department of Missouri MAY/JUNE AMERICANISM

Sandy Prichard

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Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United State for honoring the U.S. military personnel who died while serving. Decoration of military graves with American Flags, hence the original name was Decoration Day.

Many traditions are family gatherings, picnics, visiting loved one's grave sites, or attending a ceremony by the community marking the historic day. The President of the United States may give a speech or lay a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery and 5,000 participants decorate the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Flag Day, June 14th celebrates the official symbol for the United States. Our "Stars and Stripes" Flag Day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777.

Did you know that the United States Army also celebrates their birthday on June 14? Did you know the current American flag was designed by a high school student who anticipated Hawaii and Alaska joining the union? Did you know that Flag Day was observed nationally for the first time on the 100th anniversary of the Stars and Stripes?

May/June is very patriotic months for us as well as July 4th. Your summer months should always consist of RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

White for purity and innocence

Red for valor and hardiness

Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice



Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary
Buddy® Poppy/ National Home
July/August 2024-2025

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***“A single poppy has the soul of a thousand heroes
and
the tears of a million loved ones.”***

My name is Brandy (Branda) Young and I am excited to be your Buddy® Poppy/ National Home Chairman this year. I feel like I have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for my entire life, because I have been attending meetings since I was six months old. I was a Jr Girl until I was 16 and I have now been an Auxiliary member for over 20 years. In my years as an Auxiliary member, I have been the Department Jr Girls Chairman and Youth Activities Chairman. See a pattern? I love working with children and crafting.




What to look forward to during the 2024/2025 in the Buddy® Poppy/ National Home Program

- VFW National Home CAFÉ event September 7, 2024
- VFW National Home Bus Trip October 25th- 27th, 2024
- Crafting to help the National Home
- “Buddy”® Poppy Drives
- Fall Conference “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest –
Ornaments that will be distributed to veterans.
- Winter Conference “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest –
“MO on the Move” poster contest explaining the history of
the “Buddy”® Poppy to your community.
- CELEBRATE the VFW National Home’s 100th birthday!



“HELPING OUR VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP”
WE CAN REACH “FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR
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	<p>Chief of Staff Extension-Revitalization May-June Department of Missouri</p>	<p><i>Janet Barlar</i> 10865 C0 Rd 3310 Rolla, Mo. 65401 573-261-1948 baraux1953@yahoo.com</p>
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Can you believe that this year is almost over, and we will soon be starting a new year. I am **very** excited to serve as the Department Chief of Staff and want to thank In-Coming President Amy Jo for this appointment. I will also be serving as the **Extension-Revitalization Chairman**. As Chief of Staff, I will be working closely with the Department President, the District Presidents, and the Auxiliary Presidents.

Extension

It's important that we maintain our healthy Auxiliaries, it is equally important to continue to grow by increasing our membership and instituting new Auxiliaries. I will be requesting that each District President contact the Bachelor Posts in their Districts and discuss with them the possibility establishing a new Auxiliary and the benefits of having an Auxiliary. For more information on establishing a new Auxiliary, see Article II Auxiliaries, Sec. 202- Jurisdiction by Posts, of the VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual. There are also resources that may be used when making a presentation to a Post on our website and on the National website under Extension-Revitalization.

Revitalization

Maintaining Current Auxiliaries as Healthy Auxiliaries is the focus of Revitalization.

Auxiliaries who are at the **GREEN LIGHT** are healthy Auxiliaries.

YELLOW LIGHT Auxiliaries- Auxiliaries that are displaying a Red Flag and a caution light. It is up to the Department Chief of Staff, when requested by the President, to assist the Auxiliary. The District President or Auxiliary Representative **must be** honest in the assessment of their visit to an Auxiliary and communicate any concerns to the Department President and/or Chief of Staff. This Red Flag could be failure to meet any one or more of the essentials of an Auxiliary. It could also be a subtle flag for example, attracting no new members, failure to report in Programs, no new officers, not growing, or failure of members to attend District and Department meetings and Department trainings. As soon as the **Caution** light appears, the Department Chief of Staff needs to work closely with the Department President and observe what is happening on the Auxiliary level and be ready to spring into action. This is the time to step in and **OBSERVE** the Auxiliary and offer **MENTORING**. Pick the member or team that fits the Auxiliary – there is no one size fits all. Perhaps mentoring would be the remedy and the Auxiliary can get into the **GREEN** quickly. Mentors might be considered counselors and cheerleaders. Focus on the positives of the Auxiliary and encourage those, while offering guidance and training.

RED LIGHT Auxiliary– the Auxiliary may be put on suspension as a time to step back and regroup. Suspension should not always be considered a negative thing. It could simply mean there is some work to do to

get the Auxiliary back to where it needs to be, a healthy, successful Auxiliary. The hope is that it will recover and come back stronger and better than before.

The National Organization has developed many resources for members to use, including tools available in MALTA Member Resources. These resources are valuable tools in helping Auxiliaries be more productive.

1. The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit – included in this kit are seven (7) resources to assist Auxiliaries in identifying and solving issues:

- Healthy Auxiliary Checklist
- Healthy Auxiliary Member Questionnaire
- Auxiliary Meeting Clinic
- Communication Phone/Text Tree
- Good Job Certificate
- Healthy Auxiliary Certificate
- VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide

2. *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation* makes every effort to educate members on all aspects of the duties of Officers at all levels, how to be a Chairman, the why of reporting, etc.

3. Saving an Auxiliary may be achieved by recruiting new members. Work with your Membership Chairman to help an Auxiliary become Healthy. (No new members = a true Red Flag) (See Membership in MALTA Member Resources for recruiting tools)

5 Essentials of an Auxiliary

The National Organization requires only five (5) things of an Auxiliary:

1. Auxiliaries should have at least ten (10) business meetings per year. (Sec. 210, A.) Five (5) members in good standing (of that Auxiliary) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (Sec. 212, A.)
2. Dues should be paid by at least ten (10) members on or before February 1 of the current year. (Sec. 207, C.)
3. Quarterly Audits by Trustees must be submitted. (Sec. 814)
4. Officers elected, installed, and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30. This generates the bond application via email. (Sec. 804A and 806A)
5. The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31. (Sec. 814, E.)

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please email or call! I am excited to work with you and know this will be a successful year for our Auxiliaries.



Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap with Teamwork!

THE END IS NEAR!

An electric buzz has filled the air. Hushed whispers about “the end” darts between friends and family, a nervous tension building. Side glances at the calendar remind us of the dwindling time ahead.

No, the world isn’t ending, just the program year! Those once distant deadlines have inched ever close to us all. Outgoing chairmen are tirelessly preparing to wrap up their year, and incoming chairmen are brainstorming their ideas for the upcoming year.

As the 2023-2024 Historian Chairman, this means finalizing your chronicle of the past year’s history for your Auxiliary.

Don’t forget to reach out to all your members to determine if any projects supporting Veterans were unaccounted for. Follow up with Chairmen to fill in any other gaps.

Next up, what are you going to do with all those photos you and

other members took over the past year? There are several options available that will allow you to ensure members for years to come will be able to view them and learn about your Auxiliary’s history.

A photo album, scrapbook or photo book are longstanding traditional options, and for good reason. They are easy to look through and require no tools to do so once created. However, they may take up a lot of room over time.

A digital frame, PowerPoint presentation, a website, and social media are other options. The latter ones can be accessed from remotely.

Whichever way you choose to share your Auxiliary’s photos, do not forget to provide descriptions, names, and locations. Also, try to find a way to include mementos, newsletters, flyers, etc.



Supports to Help Cope

Google PhotoScan allows you to professionally scan photos or flyers with your phone while avoiding glare, shadows or awkward angles.

DigitalScrapbook.com provides free daily downloads of the neatest backgrounds, elements, and embellishments for your digital or print designs.

FreePrints offers 85 free 4x6 photo prints a month for the cost of shipping. (Walgreens and CVS are constantly competing for the lowest price with weekly sales.)

Photo Books through Shutterfly, MixBook and WalMart are reported to be the highest rated and easiest to use. Be sure to search for coupon codes and sales!

Photo Gallery on your phone often has a quick one-click edit feature that automatically enhances your photo. Find it on your phone for quality pictures!


PREPARING FOR THE END


Although as incoming chairmen, you are just beginning, keeping an eye on the end is important. Knowing your goals and deadlines ahead of time is essential to ending your year with a bang.





National’s award for the 24-25 program year is for the most outstanding promotion of VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources. Start brushing up on your social media skills by browsing through the materials available under the Historian Member Resources in MALTA. Entries are due by March 31, 2025.

Department’s award for the 24-25 program year is for the most outstanding promotion through any media highlighting the teamwork displayed between VFW Auxiliary **and** VFW members in an endeavor that assists Veterans. Entries are due by April 15, 2025.

End of year reporting will ask if you communicated quarterly with members, had a Facebook Page and if you have a website.

<p>Karen Cypret 2222 Whiplash Lane Washburn, Mo. 65772 1-417-342-7652</p> <p>mohospitalvavs.kcypret@gmail.com</p>		<p>May/June</p> <p>Doctors' Notes</p>	<p>Missouri Hospital VAVS 2024-2025</p> <p>"From Our Roots to Our Branches" we are "Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap" and "Giving our time and energy for our veterans in need."</p>
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<p>Department Hospital Project</p> 	<p>Wal-Mart gift cards in the amount of \$20 is the project I have selected for the 24-25 year. It is common for residents in Veterans Homes and Nursing Homes to need money for things that is not provided with the services they receive at the homes. Veterans in hospitals are in need of the same. This will provide them dignity allowing them to have control over a small part of their lives. My goal is to have One Thousand (1000) \$20 cards for our deserving veterans. It would be wonderful if we surpassed our goal.</p>
<p>Veterans' Home Information</p> <p>Cameran Veterans Home at 1111 Euclid Cameron, MO 64429</p> <p>1-816-632-6010</p>	<p>Cameran Veterans Home opened its doors in 2000 and is located on a 20-acre site, that was donated by the City of Cameron. MVH-Cameron was the 6th Veterans Home opened by the Missouri Veterans Commission. As you approach the entrance you will notice the Freedom Garden, with silhouettes of military members watching guard over the Home. The Cameron Veterans Home also has the Military Library dedicated to William "Bill" McKay Pollard, a fierce advocate for the History of the Holocaust. Mr. Pollard lived at the home and was a WWII Veteran, who was the inspiration and driving force behind the creation of our library. The home is designed to house 184 Veterans, with one secured, memory care community, and three open communities serving those who need long term care. The Administrator is David Hibler, LNHA and the Volunteer Services is Cathy Poindexter. The Veterans Home Liaison for the VFWA is Kathy Holmes.</p>
<p>Cape Girardeau Veterans Home 400 Veterans Memorial Dr. Cape Girardeau, MO 63701</p> <p>1-573-290-5870</p>	<p>Cape Girardeau Veterans is located in beautiful Southeast Missouri and opened in June of 1990. It sits on a beautiful piece of property directly off of Interstate 55. This facility is known for its wonderful reputation on the care the staff provide and a homelike environment for the Veterans with an exciting recreation program built in for all ages and abilities. The Administrator is Mindi Pruitt, LNHA, and the Volunteer Coordinator is Kristen Pind. The Veterans Homes Liaison for the VFWA is LaDonna Hengst.</p>
<p>Veterans' Home Liaisons</p>	<p>Don't forget to fill out the Monthly Report each month of what you have been doing in our veterans' homes and hospitals. Send a copy to me (Dr. Karen) and a copy to Department Treasurer Jackie Davis. Keep a copy for your records. You can find this form on the Department of Missouri website.</p>

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Donations 	Please give generously and often to the hospital program. Put it in your standing rules to donate a pre-determined amount and then you can vote at any meeting to send another donation.										
Unusual Holiday's They can be found Fun Holidays - Funny, Random & Weird Holidays (timeanddate.com)	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">MAY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">JUNE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st May Day & Loyalty Day</td> <td>3rd National Egg Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th National Pizza Party Day</td> <td>12th Women Veterans Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19th World Baking Day</td> <td>20th American Eagle Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26th National Paper Airplane Day</td> <td>26th National Chocolate Pudding</td> </tr> </table> 	MAY	JUNE	1st May Day & Loyalty Day	3rd National Egg Day	15th National Pizza Party Day	12th Women Veterans Day	19th World Baking Day	20th American Eagle Day	26th National Paper Airplane Day	26th National Chocolate Pudding
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 Online Reporting www.vfwauxmo.org	<p>Online reporting is the only way to do any reporting. Click members only, sign in with your auxiliary number and your password is your last name lowercase. Once there go to reporting and fill out EVERY part of the report. If things are missing you will be asked to resubmit the report to fill in what is missing. This makes it much easier to do the judging. It also shows up on the dashboard so your auxiliary will know that it's been reported. Things I'm looking for this year are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many \$20 Wal-Mart cards did you donate • How much money did you donate • How many handmade cards did you complete • Most Outstanding project 										
Physicians RX 	<p>The Hospital Program is a program close to my heart. As a wife of a veteran who uses the VA system, I know some of the challenges that is within the system. Let's do our best to help fund the Missouri Veterans Commission for the veterans in our great state of Missouri.</p> <p>Until next time, be safe and work, work like the ants, as a team.</p> <p><i>~Dr. Karen~</i></p>										

VAVS Monthly Report

Date: _____

Facility visited: _____ District: _____

Representitive: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

of members attended: _____ Miles driven: _____

Money spent: \$_____

Details of visit (Be specific):

Send report to:

Karen Cypret 2222 Whiplash Ln. Washburn, MO. 65772

Jackie Davis 3849 Highway 47 West, Troy, MO. 63379

Keep a copy for your rercords.





May/June 2024-2025

Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)
Bulletin
Department of MO Legislative
2024-2025 Promotional Material

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Legislative Chairman


 Present a report at each meeting. Give a brief description of current priority legislation that will affect our veterans, service members and their families. Report on the status of bills.


 Please report each event when it has been completed through online reporting. Mark the correct category and be sure you tell me in the description box what you did. Be specific and give details. If you utilized the materials from the National website, please tell me what you did with them. The more you tell me the better your chances for awards, this is how we determine who gets awards.


Updates on Missouri Legislation

What is going on at the State level? All things Veteran! Please use the Missouri Bill Tracking site for more information about Veterans Legislation
<https://house.mo.gov/billcentral>

 (Priority) Fully fund the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) and transfer its Personnel Services to funding by General Revenue.

 HR 1490 – Advocate for additional funding to increase Veterans’ Service Officers and their pay to include Grant Partnership Veterans Organizations Service Officers to help ensure Missouri’s 425,000 Veterans receive the benefits they have earned through their service (Claim Shark Bill).

 HJR 74 – Allocate the first 10% of internet gaming revenue to the Missouri Veterans Commission.


 HJR 75 – Enhance Real and Personal Property Tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans.


Dates to Remember

Dept of MO Convention in Springfield–June 6-9

Dept Schools of Instruction:

 June 15, 2024 – Ste Genevieve Post 2210

 June 22, 2024 – Argyle Post 8045

 June 23, 2024 – Monett Post 4207

 June 29, 2024 – Bowling Green Post 5553

 June 30, 2024 – Lee’s Summit Post 5789



Legislative Resources

VFW Website: www.vfw.org

MO VFW Auxiliary Website: www.vfwauxmo.org

VFW Legislative Priorities:

<https://www.vfw.org/legislativepriorities>

VFW Legislative Priorities including VFW 2024

Priority Goals:

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service>

VFW Action Corps Weekly:

<https://www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweekly>

All Federal Bills Currently Supported by VFW:

<https://ssl.capwiz.com/vfw/issues/bills/>

Federal Bills: <https://www.congress.gov>

US Senators: www.senate.gov

US Representatives: www.house.gov

MO Senators:

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/Senators/Index>

MO Representatives: <https://house.mo.gov>

MAVO Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064617375512>

Action Corps

Sign up for Action Corps so you stay current on key legislation.

Text “VFW” to 50457

Visit website:

<https://voterveice.net/VFW/Register>

Scan the QR Code



“Helping Our Veterans by Bridging the Gap”
“From Our Roots to Our Branches:
Extending Service to Our Veterans”



Department of Missouri
 Membership 2024-2025
 May/June Promotional Material
 Vicki Garcia – Membership Major (Chairman)
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Attention Treasurers! As we prepare for the Annual Financial Reconnaissance, it's time to gear up and execute a precision maneuver. Our mission: Operation Swift Remittance!

Here at command headquarters, we are encouraging treasurers to get a jump on sending out dues' reminder letters RIGHT NOW! There is no need to wait until July 1, 2024, to send out dues' reminder letters. Treasurers willing to help with this endeavor will be awarded the Operation Swift Remittance Award. This is a monetary award that will be given directly to and for the auxiliary treasurer!

To be eligible to receive the Operation Swift Remittance Award an auxiliary treasurer must:

- ❖ Have the dues reminder letters and/or emails sent out prior to June 1, 2024.
- ❖ A copy of your dues letter must be sent to me via email prior to June 1, 2024. If you send dues letters out via email, be sure to copy me on your group email.
- ❖ If letters are sent out via US Mail, then a photo of you mailing the letters must be sent to me prior to June 1, 2024.
- ❖ Treasurers that meet all requirements will be eligible to win \$25 at the June 2024 Convention. All eligible treasurers' names will be placed into a drawing and four winners will be awarded and given a citation. Checks will be mailed to the winners after July 1, 2024.

Now is the time to encourage converting to a Life Membership. Annual dues to National are increasing by \$5.00 starting July 1, 2024. This means that your total dues per annual member transmitted to National will be \$13.50 instead of \$8.50. Be sure to include that information in your dues reminder letter. The current life membership dues are as follows by age group as of December 31, 2024:

21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
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



To encourage the timely collection of dues we will also be offering the Operation Swift Collection Award.

- ❖ Treasurers must be eligible for the Operation Swift Remittance Award requirements shown above.
- ❖ Treasurers shall bring or send dues collected to the June 2024 department convention. Annual dues and convert to life dues will be counted. Please make one check out to the VFW Auxiliary Department of Missouri along with a Membership Summary Form listing names and membership numbers of all dues collected.
- ❖ The treasurer that turns in the highest percentage of annual dues at the convention, will receive a \$25 award and citation.

So, treasurers, listen up! Just like a supersonic sortie, swift action is key. Collect those dues from your squadrons and load them into your financial payload. No more waiting in the holding pattern—let's bring those dues to the convention!

Membership Squadron Groups will be announced at the June 2024 Convention along with details on what awards your auxiliary can win!



AUXILIARY OUTREACH
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
May/June 2024

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As this year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank Coletta Williams for doing such an outstanding job as the Auxiliary Outreach Chairman for the 2023-2024 year. I appreciate all she has done and I hope that I do as good of a job as she has. I wish each and every Auxiliary good luck as the winners are announced at Convention for their participation with the groups in your communities.

It's not too early to be thinking of new and innovative ways to get involved with your community for the upcoming year.

There are five steps to make sure you are successful volunteers:

- Find one or more specific local organizations who may need your help with events and projects. Write letters to the organization outlining how you may be able to assist them.
- Ensure that you have approved and voted on any activities your Auxiliary will be participating in.
- Remember that one or more members are available to participate.
- Wear your name tag, shirt or hat that identifies you as an Auxiliary member.
- As soon as the activity is done, REPORT, REPORT, REPORT online the number of participants and how many hours were volunteered at: www.vfwauxmo.org



Hello everyone, I am Jenn Hoyt and I am this year's 2024-2025 scholarship chairman. I am a 1st grade teacher at Ingel's Elementary in the Hickman Mills school district in Kansas City, Missouri. I have been in the Education field for over 24 years. I feel that youth is our future. I am so happy to be the scholarship chairman for the 2024-2025 year.

I just wanted to reach out and speak how proud I am for all of the auxiliaries who did the scholarship program at their auxiliary this last year. The youth is who we are helping be successful in education and to help them further their education.



Walk for Scholarships

This year I want to challenge you and your Auxiliary to walk for education. Some of your sisters and brothers have smart watches or fitbits. I would like each Auxiliary to donate to the scholarship fund so we can continue to help our youth grow. One way your Auxiliary can donate is to participate in a Walking Challenge where from July 1 to December 31, 2024 you keep track of how many miles you and your auxiliary are walking. Each month you turn in your walking form to your District Scholarship Chairman and they can email it to me. Now, you are wondering how to get money for walking. Simple, ask for it! Ask your family members or your friends if they will donate to your miles. Example: Say, if I walk five miles. Ask- Will you donate \$5? You would be amazed how much money you can get donated for our scholarship fund. I will have a form available that you can use to keep track each week of how many miles you walk and how much money you get from walking.

Please reach out to your schools as soon as possible. Most schools are doing summer school until the end of June. Another place to reach out to the youth about scholarships and other award programs is church youth groups.

**Helping Our Veterans by Bridging the Gap
From Our Roots to Our Branches:
Extending Service to Our Veterans**

Continuing Education Scholarships:

This is for members and their family members. The application must be received at National Headquarters by February 15

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest Grades 9-12

Deadlines:

Participating VFW Auxiliary – March 31

(District Judging is OPTIONAL)

VFW Auxiliary Department – April 15

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters – May 5

VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest, Theme: Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?

Grades 9-12

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31

Post Judging Complete – November 15

Department Judging Complete – January 10

Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, Theme: My Voice in America's Democracy?

Grades 6-8

Deadlines:

Entries to VFW Post – Midnight, October 31

Post Judging Complete – November 15

Department Judging Complete – January 10

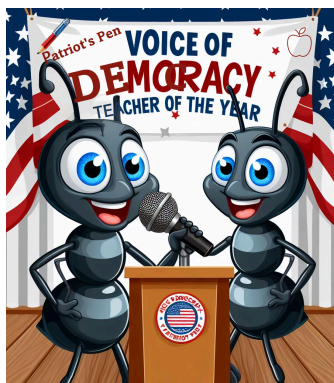
Department Winner to VFW National Headquarters – January 15

Missouri Past National President Scholarship

Grade 12

The Department of Missouri offers two scholarships (\$1,800 and \$1,200) in honor of Mabel Tanner and Glenneta Vogelsang who served as National President to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. To qualify, students must be a high school senior and the sibling, child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a current Missouri VFW or VFW Auxiliary member. Send application, transcript, letter of recommendation, and a brief essay to the Missouri Scholarship Chairman by April 15, 2025.

If you ever need to reach me you can text, call, or email me. I am usually available to talk.



Tracking Your Miles

Name of Auxiliary: _____ District: _____

Name	Miles	Donations
Total:		

Send Checks to Jackie Davis. Your Auxiliary can send the donations to Jackie Davis. Make checks payable to MO VFW Auxiliary and put in the memo (scholarship fund)

Email me your tracking miles chart: Hoytauxiliarscholar24@gmail.com

Veterans and Family Support
Department of Missouri
MAY/JUNE 2024

Darla Nebel
4736 Gorrell
Bland, MO 65014
Shebe6787@gmail.com
(573) 205-3454

This year our Department President Amy Jo has chosen the theme” **HELPING OUR VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP!!**” and Brenda Bryant, our National President, picked “**FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES: EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS.**” as her theme. I think the two themes work beautifully together and express how all the hard work we do is for our veterans. Every one of us joined this organization to show our love for our veterans by serving and honoring them in any way we can.

The Veterans and Family Support program has lots of different ways to help and honor our veterans and their family. We can help by offering guidance about acquiring VA benefits, providing information about scholarship opportunities, and recommending helpful resources for when life hits a bumpy road. It’s important for us to know about the different programs and benefits so we can pass the information on to those who need it.

In this report I will highlight:

PRESIDENT AMY JO’S SPECIAL PROJECT: SUICIDE AWARENESS

Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness

Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention is our president’s special project this year. Every day in the United States, 22 veterans succumb to suicide — losing their personal battle to invisible wounds of war. We need to stand up to do something to help veterans struggling with PTSD. We as an Auxiliary need to help our veterans and their families to find the tools to help themselves. We need to help our veterans bridge the gap to help with their suicide /mental health awareness. Be mindful of the characteristics associated with thoughts of suicide and be watchful of our veterans' mental health. One veteran lost to suicide is one veteran too many!

What will you do for our veterans, service members and their families this year?

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can:

- Call 988 and Press 1.
- Call 1-800-MyVA4 I 1 to access all VA departments.
- Chat online at veteranscrisisline.net.
- Send a text message to 838255.

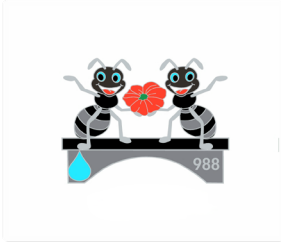
Confidential support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Tip: Add the Veterans Crisis Line number as a contact in your cell phone for easy referral.

Here are some great resources for Mental Wellness Support:

- **VFW Mental Wellness Campaign:** vfw.org/assistance/mental-wellness
- **The Campaign to Change Direction:** ChangeDirection.org
- **Give An Hour:** GiveAnHour.org
- **Patients Like Me:** PatientsLikeMe.com/join/vfw
- **One Mind:** OneMind.org
- **The Elizabeth Dole Foundation:** ElizabethDoleFoundation.org
- **Help Heal Veterans (Therapeutic Craft Kits):** HealVets.org
- **Veterans Voices Writing Project:** VeteransVoices.org

HELPING OUR VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP!!





Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities

May/June

Lori Suiter
11703 E 37th St S
Independence, MO 64052
816-805-2245
lsuiter5576@gmail.com

A brand new year of reporting is upon us, and I'm excited to get started! My name is Lori Suiter, and I will be your 2024-2025 Youth Activities Department Chairman.

Our youth are the future of our country. They are impressionable, and we as Auxiliary members are in a unique position to mold and teach our young people the principles upon which our nation was founded. We can lead by example while serving our veterans, service members and their families.

As you begin to plan your activities for the coming year, find ways to include your local youth. When involving entire families, they will feel welcomed and included, and in turn can bring new membership.

Examples of Youth Groups you can work with:

- School Clubs
- Youth sports teams
- After school programs
- Home School Association
- Church youth groups
- Scouting programs
- JROTC
- Youth community service groups

Reading is a big part of growing up and learning. The Patriotism Through Literacy program offers us the opportunity to not only interact with young people, but teach them about patriotism. You can do this by hosting a read-a-thon, book drive, donate books to a library, school or shelter, or volunteer to read at your local library or school.



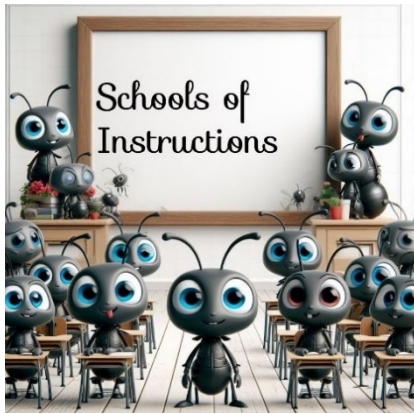
You can also team up with your Post members and host a "Reading Party" for youth to read to veterans and veterans to read to the youth. This can happen at your Post home, local library, church, etc. You can find a list of patriotic books divided by grade level that you can refer to at vfwauxmo.org under Youth Activities.

Don't forget to recognize the youth groups you work with, and individual youth for their patriotism with the **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation** and **Patriotic Youth Award**, as well as the **Random Acts of Patriotism** cards for your littlest youth!

The **Illustrating America Art Contest** is open to any student in grades K-8. Due date to the Auxiliary will be March 31, 2025.



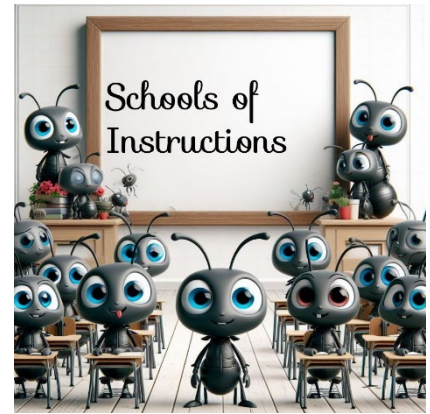
As we involve our youth in "**Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap With Teamwork**", let us never forget that "**From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans**" is the reason we exist.



Missouri VFW Auxiliary

2024-2025

Schools of Instructions



Below are the 5 locations of the 2024-2025 School of Instructions for the Missouri VFW Auxiliaries. Please select the location and date that best suits your Auxiliary members. Reservations are to be sent to the person listed for each location. (**Do not** send it to the Department Treasurer.)

Saturday, June 15, 2024 – Auxiliary 2210 Ste Genevieve – Districts 8 & 15

- Breakfast – Donuts and Coffee
- Lunch - **\$10.00** – Bratwurst or Burger, Baked Beans, Slaw, Desserts, and Drinks (Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Water)
- Contact Joyce Herman – Send reservations to Joyce: 18 Oakwood Dr, Ste Genevieve, Mo 63670-1817 – email: joyce.herman@ymail.com – Phone: 573-883-0654
- Reservations are due by June 8, 2024. Checks are made out to **VFW Auxiliary 2210**

Saturday, June 22, 2024 – Auxiliary 8045 Argyle – Districts 2, 8, 9, & 18

- Breakfast – Biscuits & Gravy and Coffee
- Lunch - **\$10.00** – Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts, and Drinks (Coffee, Tea, Water)
- Contact Monica Schroeder – Send reservations to Monica: 6617 Highway P, Westphalia, MO 65085-2314 – email: moaux8045@gmail.com – Phone: 573-680-5738
- Reservations are due by June 14, 2024. Checks are made out to **VFW Auxiliary 8045**

Sunday, June 23, 2024 – Auxiliary 4207 Monett – Districts 7, 14, & 18

- Breakfast – Donuts, Coffee, Orange Juice, and Milk
- Lunch - **\$10.00** – Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Cookies, and Drinks (Coffee, Tea, Water, and Soda for purchase)
- Contact Danetta Wakefield – Send reservations to Danetta: 21985 Lawrence 1086, Monett, MO 65708 – email: c.d.wakefield10972@outlook.com – Phone: 417-236-8112
- Reservations are due by June 14, 2024. Checks are made out to **VFW Auxiliary 4207**

Saturday, June 29, 2024 – Auxiliary 5553 Bowling Green – Districts 1, 2, 9, 12, & 17

- Breakfast – Donuts, Coffee, Hot Tea, and Juice
- Lunch - **\$15.00** – Chicken and Ham Sandwiches (Select One), Pasta Salad, Fruit & Vegetable Trays, Bananas & Apples, and Assorted Desserts, and Drinks (Coffee, Tea, Water, and Soda for purchase)
- Contact Rowena Grigsby – Phone: 573-470-9446 - Send reservations to Ellen Orf: 316 S Pearl St, Bowling Green, MO 63334-2312 – email: ellenorf@gmail.com
- Reservations are due by June 21, 2024. Checks are made out to **VFW Auxiliary 5553**

Sunday, June 30, 2024 – Auxiliary 5789 Lees Summit – Districts 1, 3, 5, & 6

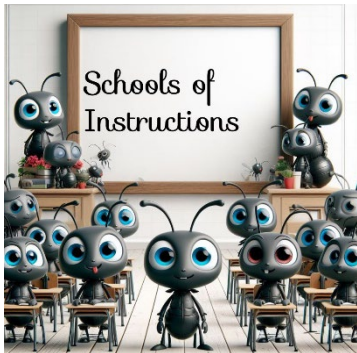
- Breakfast – Donuts and Coffee
- Lunch - **\$15.00** – McAllister Sandwich Boxes – You will select one of these (Black Angus Roast Beef, Roasted Turkey, or Black Forest Ham). They come with Chips, Pickle, and a Cookie. Drinks (Lemonade and Tea, Sodas for purchase)
- Contact Stephany Leary – Send reservations to Stephany: 1031 NE Remington Ct, Lees Summit, MO 64086-5383 – email: dlearyous05@gmail.com – Phone: 573-337-9399
- Reservations are due by June 21, 2024. Checks are made out to **VFW Auxiliary 5789**

Fill out the reservation form and send to the School of Instructions your Auxiliary plans to attend. If you select June 29th or June 30th, make sure to put your selection for the food.

We encourage all Auxiliaries to attend or at least send a representative from their Auxiliary to one of the School of Instructions. You will receive information on:

- Programs
- Bylaws and Ritual
- MALTA
- Missouri Website Reporting
- Officers Duties
- And much more

Come and join us to make this the best School of Instructions ever!



Missouri VFW Auxiliary School of Instructions Registration Form

District _____ Auxiliary _____ Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Names of those Attending	Auxiliary Office	June 15	June 22	June 23	June 29		June 30		
		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00 Select One		\$15 Select One		
					Chicken	Ham	BAR Beef	R Turkey	BF Ham

*****Send your reservations to: (Select the one you are attending) Make checks out to the VFW Auxiliary you are attending.**

- June 15 – Joyce Herman – 18 Oakwood Dr. Ste Genevieve, MO 63670-1817**
- June 22 – Monica Schroeder – 6617 Highway P, Westphalia, MO 65085-2314**
- June 23 – Danetta Wakefield – 21985 Lawrence 1086, Monett, MO 65708**
- June 29 – Ellen Orf – 316 S Pearl St, Bowling Green, MO 63334-2312**
- June 30 – Stephanie Leary – 1031 NE Remington Ct, Lees Summit, MO 64086-5383**

2024-2025 VFW Auxiliary Apparel

Order Date _____

**Send Order Form and Check to:
Department Treasurer Jackie Davis
3849 Hwy 47 West Troy, MO 63379**

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

District # _____ Auxiliary # _____ Email _____

ORDER DETAILS



\$30

#1 Ladies Polo



\$30

#2 Unisex Polo



\$30

#3 Cardigan



\$30

#4 Hoodie



Embroidered Logo

All apparel comes in the sizes below *Ladies runs a size small							
Small	Med	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	

NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL

Payment Info

Make checks/money orders payable to : MO VFW Auxiliary

Cash \$_____ Check #_____ Money Order

TOTAL	
PAID	
Thank you for your Order!	

Please, Place Order no Less Than 2 Weeks Prior to Pickup Date

Pick Up Location

Please Choose A Pick Up Location

- Convention June 6-9 2024
- SOI St. Genevieve #2210 June 15, 24
- SOI Argyle #8045 June 22, 2024
- SOI Monette #4207 June 23, 2024
- SOI Bowling Green #5553 June 29, 2024
- SOI Lee's Summit #5789 June 30, 2024
- Fall C of A - Sept 27-28 2024
- Dept. Pres. District Visit Delivery _____
- Approved Arrangements _____

Authorized Pick Up Person : _____

Large Orders
Becky Bond 816-522-8386

Special Arrangements Scheduling
Ella Edwards-Kirtley 816-519-2288

2024-2025 VFW Auxiliary Department Pin



Pins \$75 per 25 Count Bag

Send Order Form and Check to:
Department Treasurer Jackie Davis
 3849 Hwy 47 West Troy, MO 63379

ORDER
 DATE: _____

CUSTOMER DETAILS			
NAME:		PHONE:	
DISTRICT #	AUXILIARY #	EMAIL:	
UNIT PRICE \$75	QUANTITY PURCHASED	TOTAL	Thank you for your Order!
MAKE CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO : MO VFW AUXILIARY			
PAYMENT METHOD:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consignment Signature Required _____			

All Consignment Orders Need To Be Paid Within 90 Days Of Purchase

Pick Up Location

- Please Choose A Pick Up Location**
- SOI Bowling Green #5553 June 29, 2024
 - Convention June 6-9 2024
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Questions & Consignment Info
Becky Bond 816-522-8386

Special Arrangements
Teresa Curl 816-373-2525

2024 Year ending Celebration Banquet

Commander Charles Williams & President Judi Linnenberger

Friday, June 7, 2024, 5:30 P.M. at Oasis Hotel & Convention Center

Grand Ballroom

Casual Banquet Dress Attire is Encouraged

Please Indicate Quantity.

_____ \$15.00 each

BUFFET:
THE DELI BOARD

Specialty Breads & Rolls

Sliced Turkey Breast, Roast Beef & Smoked Ham

Cheddar, Swiss, American, & Pepper Jack Cheese

Red Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Red Onions
& Pickle Spears

Assortment of Condiments

Oasis Signature Side Salad with Dried Fruit and Nut Blend, Goat Cheese, Cherry Tomato, and Charred Pineapple Vinaigrette

Potato Chips

Seasonal Fruit

Print attendee's full name	

Note: Tickets for multiple reservations will be placed in one envelope, in the name of the first person listed above.

► My payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

If paying by credit card, please complete all information below including your email:

Type of Card: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card# _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date ____/____ Verification (CVV)# _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Authorized Signature _____

Email Address: _____

****Forms MUST be received by Department of Missouri VFW NO LATER THAN May 24, 2024*****

*Send completed ticket request form & payment to
Department of Missouri VFW
3401 Knipp Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65106 or
Email: hqangela@moyfw.org

2024-2025 Program Book Order Form

Each 2024-2025 Auxiliary President will receive a copy of the 2024-2025 Program Book at the Department School of Instructions in June. It will also be posted on the Missouri website www.vfwauxmo.org for anyone download and copy.

If you have members in your Auxiliary who would like a printed copy, please fill in the information below. Each copy will cost \$10. You can pick them up at the School of Instructions you are attending. If we send it through the mail, it will cost an additional \$10.

Auxiliary: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State, Zip Code: _____

Check one:

I will be attending the School of Instructions

June 15th at 2210 Arnold _____ June 22nd at 8045 Argyle _____ June 23rd at 4207 Monett _____
June 29th at 5553 Bowling Green _____ June 30th at 5789 Lees Summit _____

Printed Book(s) _____ x !0.00 plus Postage of \$10.00 = _____

Total Order _____

Make Check to **VFW Aux MO**

Send this form to Department Sec/Treasurer by May 23rd

**Jackie Davis
3849 Hwy 47 W
Troy, MO 63379**

Promotional Materials

The Department of Missouri Auxiliary has strived to cut cost on promotional materials by having it posted to our website www.vfwauxmo.org. We encourage either the President, Secretary, or Treasurer to download the information and share it with the members of the Auxiliary.

Our Program Chairmen work very hard to provide our Auxiliaries with quality material on their programs. We encourage all members to use this resource. You can find it by logging into the website and going to the tab "Programs". There you will find the list of the program. By clicking on a Program name, you will be able to see all the promotional material they have for the year. You will also find the President's message/newsletter.

We realize some Auxiliaries cannot get the internet or do not have the capability to print the Bimonthly Promotional Material. To help those Auxiliaries that are unable to get the material, we will send it to the Auxiliary President.

Please complete the form below if you need the Promotional Material sent to your President only if the President, Secretary, or Treasurer does not have the capability to print the information.

Auxiliary: _____ District: _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____

Send this form by May 31st to:

Jackie Davis
Department Secretary
3849 Hwy 47 W
Troy, MO 63379