

The Missouri Bridge

2024-2025

General Orders

January/ February

Veterans & Family Support: Strengthening Bonds

Auxiliaries are you reaching out to active-duty families, offering childcare and emotional support to bridge gaps in their lives? Innovative projects/events such as raising awareness of caregivers, military health, and suicide prevention, highlights teamwork of the VFW and Auxiliary members.

Membership: Building a Stronger Future

We encourage each Auxiliary to reach the 98% membership goal by March 1, 2025. We are offering incentives of cash awards for achieving goals. With the use of MALTA's online membership tool, it will simplify dues processing, making it easier to retain and grow membership. Together, we can strengthen the organization's foundation. PS Call those lapsed members!

Outreach: Volunteering in the Community

Auxiliaries should be engaging in volunteer work with local groups, such as helping at community events like soup cook-offs or Valentine's celebrations. Members are already making a difference while showcasing the VFW Auxiliary's commitment to service in their communities.

Hospital: Supporting Heroes

Auxiliaries should be engaging in meaningful activities for veterans in hospitals, from organizing New Year celebrations to crafting Busy Aprons for dementia patients. The focus remains on boosting morale and providing support through donated supplies and thoughtful gestures.

Extensions & Revitalization: Strengthening Auxiliaries



Chief of Staff Janet Barlar is celebrating the success of our Mentoring program. Helping members solve challenges and stay connected, ensuring Auxiliaries remain strong and supportive.

Buddy Poppy/National Home: Creativity in Honoring Veterans

The Buddy Poppy Winter Contest theme is "MO on the Move.", to craft a Poster Board display on the history of the "Buddy"® Poppy. Did your Auxiliary donate to the National Home Fund or purchase a Tribute Brick?

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For more information on any of the programs, refer to the individual program promotional material.

Ant Hills in Action Info

MALTA Training – Sign up all members & Train Officer on their Duties.

Reporting – Teaching members to submit Online Reports & Report all activities before April 15, 2025. Make sure the date is correct on your report.

Auxiliary Calendar

District Meetings

D2 Post 2654 January 11 @ 11am
D3 Post 12053 January 19 @12 pm
D5 Post 3976 February 2 @ 12pm
D6 Post 4288 February 2 @ 12pm
D7 Post 2590 February 15 @ 10 am
D8 Post 5741 February 2 @ 12pm
D9 Post 3772 January 12 @ 12pm
D12 Post 4105 February 15@12pm
D14 Post 3404 January 19 @ 1pm
D15 Post 3174 January 19 @ 12pm
D17 Post 2508 January 19 @ 12pm
D18 Post 473 February 1 @10am

Department Meetings & Events

*Winter Council of Administration Meeting & VOD Banquet

February 7 & 8, 2024 @ the Marriott St Louis Airport, St. Louis

National Meetings & Events

*National Mid-Winter Event
February 1-6, 2024 Cancun

Youth Activities: Patriotic Creativity

The Illustrating America Art Contest encourages children in grades K-8 to express their patriotism through art. With entries judged on technique and patriotic themes, this program helps instill national pride in the youngest generation while supporting the VFW Auxiliaries mission of service.

All-State Auxiliary Award Reminders

- ✓ Attend District Meeting
- ✓ Plan a Joint Event with the VFW that will benefit Veterans.
- ✓ Report Projects on Website
- ✓ 101%+ Membership in current Percentages for Max Points

Historian & Media Relations: Expanding Reach

Is your Auxiliary embracing digital tools like custom brochures and websites to boost visibility and engagement? By sharing stories, resources, and updates online, you will create lasting connections within the community and attract new members dedicated to supporting veterans.

Americanism: Inspiring Patriotism Beyond Patriotic Holidays

This winter is a great opportunity to work our Programs like "Flag Education for Kids". Provide tools and or teach proper flag etiquette and disposal methods, in your local Schools or Churches to ensuring respect for our Flag. Together, we remember that patriotism is a continuous commitment.

Scholarship: Investing in Education

Auxiliaries are you promoting scholarships, including the Patriotic Art Contest and the Continuing Education Scholarship, which support students and VFW families pursuing education? This year's Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen winners will be honored at the Winter Council Meeting on February 8, 2025, please join us as we celebrate our future, by honoring the dedicated students who embody patriotism.

Ways & Means Winter C of A Baskets

Districts – 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, & 18

Silent Auction Items

Districts- 2 ,3, 5, 6, 7,& 8

Grab Bags

Every Auxiliary Send/Bring 3 Bags.

Questions, Please Contact

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Legislative Advocacy: Voices for Veterans

The VFW is preparing for the National Legislative Conference March 2-6, 2025, aiming to spotlight issues like protections against predatory practices targeting veterans. Members, I encourage you to join the Action Corps Weekly, to ensure your voices influence legislation that supports veterans' rights. Sign up by Texting VFW to 50457.

Treasure/Secretary Corner

Treasurer: The checkbook of the Auxiliary should always be in the hands of the Treasurer. They are the ones who has custody of the Auxiliary Funds. The checkbooks should never be left where other people could get hold of it. Remember, the Treasurer cannot be the recruiter on the applications. If they are on the application, they are not eligible for any of the Department or National Awards.

Secretary: Please use the Officer Change Form when reporting a change in your officers. You will find it on vfwauxmo.org website. Go to Resources, then to Secretary to find the form.



Wishing you all a Happy New Year!
Always,
Amy Jo Lett- Department

Roster Changes January/February 2025

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