

# The Missouri Bridge

2024-2025

July / August

## Program Pickins

As we are Jumping into **Action in our programs**, I wanted to highlight the things we are working on and projects that your Auxiliary can do. In our **Americanism** program Sandy is asking us to promote less common patriotic holidays, like Purple Heart Remembrance Day on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Kim is encouraging volunteering with a Backpack program to assist with the filling of the backpacks for **Auxiliary Outreach**. Brandy is spreading the word about our **National Home** Bus Trip October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and our **Buddy Poppy** Patriotic Ornament Contest for the Fall C of A meeting on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. **Chief of Staff** Janet continues to speak to us about, retaining our new members. Have you seen the **Membership** videos on our Facebook? Vicki is encouraging us in creative ways to reach 85% by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **Historian** Stephanie is keeping us updated on our Facebook page with all kinds of informative Posts. Is your Auxiliary posting? Karen is asking for \$20 Walmart cards for **Hospital!** Monica is currently working on Missouri **Legislation** for Veterans and & signing people up for Action Corp Weekly. Jenn is walking her way to donations to support **Scholarships** in our Department. Lori is promoting working with our **Youth** and Patriotism Through Literacy program. Complete Program information is found at [vfwauxmo.org](http://vfwauxmo.org).

## Ask Amy

Sue from an anonymous Auxiliary asks:  
Amy, is it okay for the VFW Commander or any other VFW member to sit in on the Auxiliary meeting? & How many meetings do we have to hold every year?

Hello, Sue from an Anonymous Auxiliary.

Thank you for reaching out to ask. **The answer is No.** Only Auxiliary **members in good standing** are allowed to be in the Auxiliary Meeting. However, anyone can address the Auxiliary before the meeting begins or the Auxiliary can stop the meeting and let the VFW or non-member guest speak. Continuing the meeting only after all non-members have left the meeting room. Each Auxiliary is required to hold a **minimum of ten meetings per year**. Sec, 210 A in the VFW Auxiliary Bylaws. Email questions to [moamyjo2425@gmail.com](mailto:moamyjo2425@gmail.com).

## Auxiliary Calendar

### District Meetings

- #2 Post 2025- July 13 @ 10am
- #3 Post 4055- July 13 @ 12pm
- #5 Post 5789- July 14 @ 1pm
- #6 Post 3118- Aug 4 @ 12pm
- #7 Post 2175- Aug 10 @ 8:30 am
- #8 Post 4282- Aug 11 @ 12 pm
- #9 Post 2866- July 14 @ 12 pm
- #12 Post 2365 July 13 @ 12 pm
- #14 Post 3404 July 21 @ 12 pm
- #15 Post 3127 July 21 @ 12 pm
- #17 Post 4958 July 21 @ 12 pm
- #18 Post 5366 Aug 3 @ 10 am

### Department Meeting

Fall Council of Administration  
Sept. 27-28, 2024  
@ Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia

### National Cafe Event

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2024  
@ VFW National Home

### National Home Bus Trip

October 25-27, 2024

## All-State Auxiliary Award Reminders

- ✓ Installation Report – June 1, 2024
- ✓ Bonded by- July 30, 2024 need a motion to pay in the minutes
- ✓ Financial & Membership Report to Commander within 30 days of taking office.
- ✓ Attend Department SOI & share info with the Auxiliary.
- ✓ Attend District Meeting
- ✓ Plan a Joint Event with the VFW that will benefit Veterans.
- ✓ Report Projects
- ✓ Audit - Due August 31, 2024

**Project Suggestions**

**Have you started planning your projects for the year?**

**Heritage & Honor:**

**VFW Auxiliary’s Fair Booth Holds Second to None**

**VFW Auxiliary Post #0000** located in Sometown, Missouri.

Veterans & Family Support Chairman Darla will be promoting Suicide Prevention and the Map Program at the Auxiliary booth this Thursday - Saturday. She will be offering a raffle ticket for chance to win a POW/ MIA Flag if you fill out a membership application to Join the Auxiliary! While Mom & Dad are filling out applications the Kids can work on an entry for the Art Contest. The annual Buddy Poppy Drive will happen during the Saturday morning Parade. While folks register to Vote or are working in the Buddy Poppy Craft area, Karen will also be teaching people to make aprons for the Veterans Homes. So, President Kim plans to help at the Partners for Parks Booth from 2-4pm Friday volunteering her time. You should stop and look at her new gray Auxiliary shirt she wears to let everyone know she represents the VFW Auxiliary.

**We covered every program with this one sample project! Teamwork is the key! What is your Ant Hill planning to do? Are you advertising your projects on Facebook and other media?**

**Ways & Means at Fall C of A**

- **Baskets**  
Districts- 2 ,3, 5, 6, 7,& 8
- **Silent Auction Items**  
Districts – 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, & 18
- **Grab Bags**  
Every Auxiliary  
send/bring 3 Bags

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**Secretary/Treasurer Corner**

**New Treasurers** need to fill out the 8828-B. You can find it on our website. Send it to the IRS and a copy to Department Treasurer.

**Bond** - The bond for the President/Treasurer is due by July 31st. Make sure to make a motion at your July meeting so that it is in the minutes.

**Incorporation** thru the State of Missouri is due August 31, 2024. You should receive a postcard. You can pay for two years.

**Audit**- The April, May, June audit is due by August 31.



*Department President Amy Jo Lett*

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VFW AUXILIARY**



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