

The Missouri Bridge

2024-2025

General Orders

November/December

Ant Hills in Action Ideas

- **Veterans & Family Support** – Homeless Backpacks
- **Americanism** – Teach a Church youth group the Pledge.
- **Auxiliary Outreach** – Volunteer with the local Football Boosters Club
- **Buddy Poppy** – Make a Poppy display for Convention.
- **National Home** – Make a Nation Home info poster.
- **Chief of Staff** - Make & give out New Member Packet/Bags
- **Historian** – Record the Auxiliary events with photos & a story then share it on Facebook.
- **Hospital** – Volunteer for Bingo at the Veterans Home
- **Legislative**- Sign up High schoolers for the Action Corps
- **Membership** – Hold a fundraiser for Life Membership Giveaway and pay Life Memberships for active members.
- **Scholarship**- Promote our Continuing Education Scholarship & PNP Scholarship during the meeting.
- **Youth**- Involve them in all our projects, remember the Homeschooled Children for our Illustrating Art Contest
- **MALTA Training** – Sign Members into MALTA
- **Reporting** – Teaching members to submit Online Reports

Ask Amy

Can I be removed from my elected office if I don't pay my dues? Yes, please see the following bylaw for more of an understanding.

Sec. 109—Members and Officers—Rights of

B. No officer may be relieved of their office except for the following reasons:

1. Non-payment of dues prior to December 31. Once relieved from office, the member may not be re-elected or appointed to any position until the member's dues are paid.

Janet asked, Amy, can my Auxiliary just change the meeting time, because Julie cannot make it in time? Janet, no they cannot. They must follow the bylaw below.

Sec. 210 -

B. A change in the regular monthly business meeting date, time, or location shall be approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Auxiliary members present at such meeting.

1. Notification of such change shall be sent to all of its Auxiliary members, the National, Department, and District Secretaries within ten (10) calendar days.

Auxiliary Calendar

District Meetings

D2 Post 4956 November 2 @ 11am
D6 Post 4195 November 3 @ 12pm
D7 Post 534 November 2 @ 10 am
D8 Post 5331 November 3 @ 12pm
D18 Post 4107 November 2@10am

Department Meetings & Events

*Winter Council of Administration Meeting & VOD Banquet

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

*National Home Trip

October 25-27, 2024

National Meetings & Events

*National Mid-Winter Event

February 1-6, 2024 Cancun

Operation Bottom Cover

Donations were over the top!

VFW & Auxiliary Cash

Donations of \$16,488.50 !

VFW & Auxiliary filled the Department Box truck with Diapers & Wipes!

Thank You, Missouri!

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

Briana Borts

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Tech Tips

FreeConferenceCall.com

To use FreeConferenceCall.com

You can use your email and password to create a free account.

Host a conference:

Log in to your account, click Host, and provide participants with the meeting's dial-in number, access code, and online meeting ID. You can also use the desktop app to join the audio portion of the meeting.

Join a conference:

Use the dial-in number, access code, and host PIN to join the conference. You can use the desktop app or Web Viewer to join. Add video conferencing and screen sharing. Download the collaboration tool to your computer to host online meetings. Participants can join online meetings with Web Viewer.



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

All-State Auxiliary Award Reminders

- ✓ Attend District Meeting
- ✓ Officers Dues paid by December 15, 2024
- ✓ Plan a Joint Event with the VFW that will benefit Veterans.
- ✓ Report Projects on Website
- ✓ 990's filed with the IRS.
- ✓ 101%+ Membership in current Percentages for Max Points



Chief of Staff Janet Barlar

Extensions, Mentoring & Revitalization

I used to think that to be a good mentor, you had to be one of our seasoned long-time members. I no longer believe that. A good mentor is someone that can lead by example. They are knowledgeable about our bylaws, our traditions, and a thorough understanding of our Programs. A good mentor is enthusiastic, creative, and not afraid to think outside the box. Above all else, a good mentor is kind, understanding, and nonjudgmental! Ask yourself, are you a good mentor?

Please remember your members that are no longer able to attend your auxiliary meetings during this holiday season. A phone call, a card, or maybe even a visit, goes a long way to let them know that we are thinking of them and that they are still an important part of your auxiliary!

Treasure/Secretary Corner

Secretaries can find the Secretary cheat sheet on the website. This is for taking notes and then you transcribe them into your minutes.

Treasurer's – please send a Distribution Form with your checks. You can find it on the Missouri website under Treasurer's Resources. **Please, file your 990 they are Due!**

Trustee Zoom Trainings will be held **November 13 and December 4**. Please see the fliers on the website and with the Promotional Material.



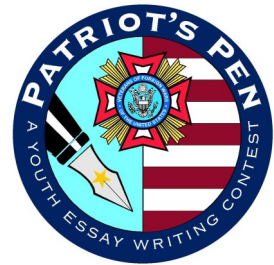
Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!
Always,
Amy Jo Lett- Department President

February 7th and 8th, 2025
Department of Missouri
VFW & Auxiliary Winter Convention
Voice of Democracy
& Patriot's Pen



LOCATION:

Marriott St. Louis Airport
10700 Pear Tree Lane
St. Louis, MO 63134
Phone: 314-423-9700



Our special rate is **\$98.00** a night plus applicable fees.

You may click [HERE](#) to reserve online; you can change your arrival/departure dates by altering the “Check In” and “Check Out dates and then click “Check Availability ” or you may call the hotel , however I do believe it transfers you out to a call center and you are not actually talking to someone at the hotel and you will need to reference

VFW Winter Convention.

Trustee Training Invitation

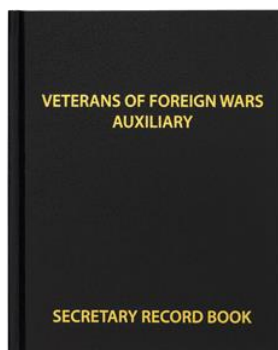
We are offering two zoom training for the Trustees of the Auxiliaries. This will give you instructions on what you need to do when auditing your Auxiliary Treasurer/Secretary Books.

Two Dates: November 13, 2024
 December 4, 2024

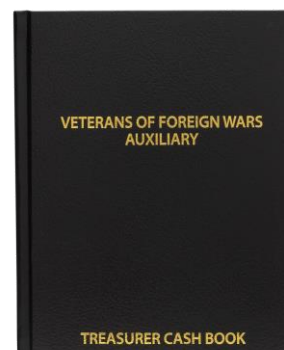
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Who: Any VFW Auxiliary Member

How: Contact Jackie Davis at vfwauxdeptmo@gmail.com to receive the zoom invitation. Make sure to specify the date you would like.



Please join us!



VFW Auxiliary Programs Project “Recipe” Instructions

Needed: One “Recipe” VFW Auxiliary Programs Project “Recipe” from each Auxiliary – (can do more than one if you like, big or small, anything that works). We will put these together in a Project “Recipe” Book to share with all Auxiliaries.

Please do multiple Project “Recipes”. You can do one for each of the Auxiliary Programs if you like.

What you can do: Complete the VFW Auxiliary Programs Project “Recipe” Template on any of the programs that you do in your Auxiliary. Just follow the instructions or steps as indicated.

What kind of projects: Any project that your Auxiliary has or is currently doing to support the programs. It could be for one program or for several.

Other information: Please provide any tips that may help. Also include your fundraising ideas.

Where to send: Send your completed “Recipe” project by email to:

moauxprojects@gmail.com

Deadline – January 6, 2025

Let’s have fun with this! This is a great opportunity to share what we do in our Auxiliaries to help support our Veterans, their families, and our communities.

VFW Auxiliary Programs Project “Recipe” Template

- **Project Title:** (Name of the project or event)
- **Program:** (Program it would be reported to)

- **Ingredients:** (List of resources needed for the project, such as materials, volunteers, budget, etc.)
 - Resource 1
 - Resource 2
 - Resource 3(Continue as needed)

- **Preparation Time:** (How long it takes to plan and organize the project)

- **Serves:** (Number of participants or people helped by the project)

- **Instructions:** (Step-by-step guide on how to work the project, like a recipe method)
 - Step 1
 - Step 2
 - Step 3(Continue with as many steps as needed)

- **Special Notes:** (Any additional tips, advice, or important information for completing the project)
- **Outcome:** (Expected or actual results, such as community impact or feedback)
- **Optional Categories to Include:**
 - **Estimated Cost:** (Budget for the project)
 - **Difficulty Level:** (Rate the project’s difficulty level: Easy, Moderate, Challenging)
 - **Time of Year:** (Suggested time of year or occasions for this project)

- **Auxiliary# & District #**

Sr Vice Fundraiser

Department of Missouri

Our Senior Vice President Patti Burge has been given permission to hold a Fundraiser for her year.

She will be giving away this Welcome sign with 8 interchangeable magnetic icons. The sign is 9 inches by 52 inches and can be used indoors or outdoors. Sr Vice Patti will have two drawings. One will be at the Winter Conference, and one will be at the Convention. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Tickets and money are to be sent to:
Department Treasurer – Jackie Davis
3849 Hwy 47 W, Troy, MO 63379.

\$1 for One
\$5 for Six

Two Drawings
Winter Conference
Convention



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Send to Jackie Davis – 3849 Hwy 47 W, Troy, MO 63379