

The Missouri Bridge

2024-2025

General Orders

September/October

Dear Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers,

As members of this organization, we have come together for the **same “cause”** not necessarily for the **same reasons!** We all have a **“why” we joined or stayed involved in the VFW Auxiliary.** We may not be sure of our **“why,”** but we all have a **“why”!**
Please, do not be the “why” someone did not come back, be the “why” they did come back!

I came back because Spot made me feel like I was a part of it, and I had something to contribute. I had never really felt like I had something to contribute or fit in anywhere. He gave me a confidence in myself that I needed in every facet of my life, **simply by being inclusive.** When I realized that the Veteran I was supposed to be helping, was in fact helping heal a wound within me, I changed my goal of volunteering for a bit, to helping others help Veterans. **Don’t lose sight of your mission!** Our best tools are **kindness and passion** and if you have them the rest will follow. With that being said we must set aside our differences and find our **moral compass** to guide us in the way we treat one another.

Ant Hill Actions

Each Auxiliary should be taking Action in our Auxiliary Programs! This is a reminder of things your Program Chairman are asking Auxiliary Ant Hills to do in each program. Did you see the **Americanism Trivia** in the Promotional Materials for September/ October. We are looking for an **Auxiliary Outreach Project** we could all help with at the Fall C of A in Columbia if you know of something please contact Kim Rudy or President Amy Jo. Do not forget to bring your **Buddy Poppy** Patriotic Ornament, \$20 Walmart Cards for **Hospital**, and the Diapers & Wipes for **Operation Bottom Cover** (reportable in **Veterans & Family Support**) to the **Fall C of A meeting on Sept. 27- 28th.** Brandy is asking if you made reservations for **National Home Bus Trip** October 25th, 2025, yet? Our **Chief of Staff Janet** would like everyone to fill out the Membership Engagement Form to help retain our current **Membership.** Vicki is asking if our 2nd **Dues Reminder** has gone out, and Stephanie the **Historian** has suggested to put a dues reminder on Facebook. **Legislative & Youth** could team up to have a **Register to Vote** at the High School Open House in hopes of registering the Students and Family members and to share our VFW Priority Goals and Action Corps Weekly. **Scholarship** should be preparing for judging of the Scholarship essays. Program info found at vfwauxmo.org.

Auxiliary Calendar

District Meetings

D2 Post 4956 November 2 @ 11am
D3 Post 5717 October 20 @ 12pm
D5 Post TBA October 13 @ 1pm
D6 Post 4195 November 3 @ 12pm
D7 Post 534 November 2 @ 10 am
D8 Post 5331 November 3 @ 12pm
D9 Post 3056 October 13 @ 12 pm
D12 Post 4223 October 12 @ 12pm
D14 Post 3404 October 20 @ 12pm
D15 Post 3838 October 20 @ 12pm
D17 Post 5553 October 20 @ 12pm
D18 Post 4107 November 2@10am

Department Meetings & Events

*Fall Council of Administration

Sept. 27-28, 2024

@ Courtyard by Marriott, Columbia

*National Home Bus Trip

October 25-27, 2024

National Meetings & Events

*National Cafe Event

September 7th 2024

@ VFW National Home

*Big 10

October 18-20, 2024

@ Indianapolis, Indiana

Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen Reminders

- Work with your VFW!
- Use the current Entry Forms.
- Follow all the instructions.
- Meet all Deadline Dates.
 - ✓ **To Post by Oct. 31st**
 - ✓ **To District by Nov.16**
 - ✓ **To Department by Dec. 16**
- Plan an Awards Ceremony.

Ask Amy

Susan from Auxiliary #5555 asked,” My Auxiliary has purchased a refrigerator for their Bingo kitchen supplies and put it in the Post: the VFW is now disbanding. Will the Auxiliary retain ownership of the refrigerator or does the Post assume ownership?”

Hello, Susan from #5555, this is a great question, at National Convention we passed a **Resolution (#13)** a to help clarify property issues like this (see the details below).

The Auxiliary will retain ownership of the refrigerator (**Sec 920D Property Ownership**) and will need to determine its future owner, or sale by a majority vote when finalizing the business of your Auxiliary. See **Sec.208B Auxiliary to a Disbanded Post.**

Section 920. Property Ownership.

A. Auxiliaries, Districts and Departments own personal property acquired by it and retain ownership until disposed of by a majority vote, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or Booklet of Instruction.

B. For the purposes of these Bylaws, **personal property is defined** as tangible and intangible property that is movable, even if a small amount of disassembly is required to move.

C. For the purposes of these Bylaws, **real property is defined** as land and permanent structures on the land.

D. Auxiliary, District or Department personal property placed in or on real property or facility owned or operated by a VFW organization that is not being donated to the VFW organization shall remain the property of the Auxiliary, District or Department.

E. Personal property acquired by an Auxiliary, District or Department and donated by majority vote of the Auxiliary, District or Department with intent for the item to remain with the real property or facility owned or operated by a VFW organization shall belong to the VFW organization.

F. Personal property donated to a VFW organization by a majority vote of an Auxiliary, District or Department may not be reclaimed by the Auxiliary, District or Department without consent of the VFW organization.

National Convention Announcements & Awards

First, a Big Congratulations to Brenda Bryant, as she was elected to the highest office in the VFW Auxiliary!

Madam National President Brenda Bryant, we are so proud! We cannot wait to see what you and your Team will accomplish for our Veterans and their Families!

Congratulations, National Chief of Staff - **Betty Arnold**, Color Bearer #1- **LaWanna Nelson**, Color Bearer #2- **Vicki Garcia**, Color Bearer #3- **Janet Barlar**, and Assistant Guard- **Jackie Davis**! You will make Missouri proud!

23-24 National Program Awards

Missouri/President Judi LInneberger 23-24 Circle of Excellence

Rai Reamer Historian 1st Place Outstanding Performance

Helen Heise Membership Chairman Award #1

Nancy Smith Americanism 2nd Place Outstanding Performance

Betty Arnold Chief of Staff 1st Place Outstanding Performance

Amy Jo Lett Legislative 2nd Place Outstanding Performance

All-State Auxiliary Award Reminders

- ✓ Attend District Meeting
- ✓ Plan a Joint Event with the VFW that will benefit Veterans.
- ✓ Report Projects on Website
- ✓ Audit - Due October 31, 2024
- ✓ 990's filed with the IRS.



Tech Tips

Snipping Tool

Click the Start button, type "snipping tool" in the search bar, and select Snipping Tool from the results.

Take a snip by clicking the New button, then adjust the box to capture the desired area. You can choose between rectangular selection, freehand selection, window, or full-screen capture. Once you are ready, release the mouse or touchpad to take the screenshot. The captured snip will automatically be copied to the Clipboard and the mark-up window. To Copy and paste text. Select Copy all text on the toolbar or use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + A or Ctrl + C to copy the text from the screenshot. Then, paste the text into a document or text editor. Share the snip by selecting the arrow next to the Send Snip button, then choose an option from the list.



Ways & Means 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.

Questions, Please Contact

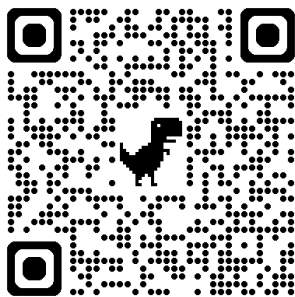
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Membership QR Code

(copy this for your use when recruiting)



VFW & Auxiliary National Home Bus Trip

October 25-27, 2024

Come Join The Fun

More Info in the Auxiliary Promotional Material

Get on the Bus Gus! Make a new plan Stan!



Thank you for Helping Our Veterans & their Families by Bridging the Gap!

Always,

Amy Jo Lett- Department President

Secretary/Treasurer Corner

Treasurers Report- It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to read each item in the receipts and disbursements when they give their report. Not just the total of receipts and disbursements.

Donations- When sending in donations for the President's special project, please specify which special project, i.e., Suicide Awareness, Scholarship or the Department Commander and President's Joint Special Project.

Eligibility At the National Convention, the VFW voted to accept purple heart recipients as eligible for the VFW.

Audit- The July, August & September audit is due by October 31, 2024

Roster Changes September/October

District	Aux	
7	534	President – John Redden 417-291-3263
7	2175	Treasurer – Michelle Kimmell 8723 E 54 Hwy, Nevada 64772 Andymick2@gmail.com 417-684-0467
7	2590	Meeting date changed to 2 nd Tuesday
14	9638	Secretary – Jimi Cress 22320 Mellonee Road, Wheatland, MO 65779 Jimihedricks.217@gmail.com 636-252-8741
15	3416	Treasurer – Lesley Sherrill 97 Hooten Cove; Wappapello, MO 63966-8494 314-568-6089
15	7183	Secretary – Juanita Fowler 219 Market St, Lilbourn, MO 63862-9189 Lilbourn, MO 63862-9189 573-521-6292 juanita_fowler@sbcglobal.net
15	7822	President – Rachelle McGill 202 Zelma Dr; Puxico, MO 63960-9205 rmcgill@puxico.k12.mo.us 314-703-8537
17	2508	Treasurer – Joyce Hurley 904 Swanson Ave; Novinger, MO 63559-2491 660-488-6508