



Missouri VFW Auxiliary Talking Points September 2026-2027



- Give **Greetings** from all the Department Line Officers
- **Upcoming Events** for National, Department, and District
 - **Fall Department Conference, and Homecoming** at Lodge of the Four Seasons (Lake of the Ozarks) – **October 9-October 11, 2026**
 - Hotel reservations are open – call hotel direct 573.365.3000
 - Banquet forms emailed out from Angela (VFW State office) due by September 23, 2026 and available on website
 - **“Bring Them Home”** Golf Tournament benefiting **State Commander and Department President’s Project - DPAA, The Cove Golf Course at Lodge of the Four Seasons** (Lake of the Ozarks) – **October 9, 2026** – all information on website; districts and auxiliaries can sponsor a Team (\$600) or Golf Hole (\$100)
 - **Big 10** Conference (Kalamazoo, MI) – **October 16-18, 2026**
 - **VFW National Home** Department Trip to the (Eaton Rapids, MI) – **October 23-26, 2026**
 - Cost - \$125 per person; hotel \$139 per night
 - National President, Donna Mills, Visit – Kansas City – **April 29 thru May 1** – agenda at later date
- **Important items** for immediate attention:
 - **Huge congratulations** from President Anita - ALL auxiliaries were bonded by July 31st
 - **Dashboard Reporting**
 - How are their numbers by district and auxiliaries – print out before attending district meeting
 - Report weekly and anyone can report
 - 46 auxiliaries made All State last year – President Anita wants to give awards to double that number in June
 - 11 districts made All District last year – President Anita wants ALL DISTRICTS to make All District this year
 - Presidents log in and watch the dash board – Report – Report – Report
 - Be sure to share what you are doing with the VFW; some of what you do they can report
 - **Membership**
 - Have they sent out 2026-2027 dues’ notices
 - How are their numbers by district and auxiliaries – print out before attending district meeting
 - Together We Thrive; Not Just Survive so Recruit – Recruit – Recruit
 - 2026-2027 Department membership awards by “Current Membership”
 - Reviewed/updated District and Auxiliary’s Standing Rules. Must be voted on each year
 - Completed District and Auxiliary’s 990 – due by November 15th
- **Website**
 - Use it to find the latest information on the programs and what is going on in the Department
 - All information now behind “Members Only” log in
 - Encourage the members to explore it

- **Deadlines for Contests**
 - Refer to your scholarship and youth program material for these dates
 - National and Department programs books are on the website
- **Donations** – Donations are not required but encouraged. As part of the “All State Auxiliary” we ask that each Auxiliary donate what they can. Must send to Jackie Davis, Dept Treasurer to count for All State
 - **Veterans Service Officers Fund**
 - **Hospital Fund**
 - **Scholarship Fund**
 - **Youth Activities Fund**
 - **Department President’s Project – “Bring Them Home”**
- **Missouri Grant Program (known as the Label Program)** – Encourage members to donate by signing up for this program
 - They can sign up at <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/32137/action/1?locale=enUS>
 - National returns money to the department each year from this program - We don’t want to lose it
- **Work with the VFW as a TEAM!**
- **Learn new Technology!** How to communicate with your members.
- **Be enthusiastic**
 - Share your pride
 - Invite members to join us as we work for our Veterans and their families
 - Encourage members to Mentor new members
- **Thank You! – Goes a long way** – Thank the members for what they do everyday for the Veterans, their families, and the community by being a member of the VFW Auxiliary

Please be Kind by “Carrying Our Torches for Veterans” while “Serving Americas Heroes”