



Missouri VFW Auxiliary Talking Points 2026-2027



As you make your visit to the Auxiliary, you need to cover items that may not have been mentioned in the meeting. Below are some items you may want to cover. This is a **Tool** for you to use. **Not a verbatim script.**

- Give **Greetings** from all the Department Line Officers.
- Events that are coming up for National, Department, and District.
 - National Convention (Reno, NV) – **July 25-July 29, 2026**
 - District meeting - _____
 - Fall Department Conference, and Homecoming at Lodge of the Four Seasons (Lake of the Ozarks) – **October 9-October 11, 2026**
 - “Bring Them Home” Charity Golf Tournament benefiting **DPAA, The Cove Golf Course at Lodge of the Four Seasons** (Lake of the Ozarks) – **October 9, 2026**
 - Big 10 Conference (Kalamazoo, MI) – **October 16-18, 2026**
 - Department Trip to the VFW National Home (Eaton Rapids, MI) – **October 23-26, 2026**
- Items that need immediate attention:
 - Bonds need to be paid by July 31st.
 - Districts and Auxiliaries must vote to pay their bond each year and it must be recorded in their minutes, even if they are in their standing rules.
 - Have they sent out 2026-2027 dues’ notices?
 - It is time to review and update District and Auxiliary’s Standing Rules. They need to be voted on each year.
- Participation in the National Programs – encourage the Auxiliaries to participate in the programs, but if there is one program they are passionate about, they should do it.
 - **Americanism** - Are you helping the VFW promote Smart/Maher **Teacher of The Year**?
 - Have you planned a “**Buddy**”® **Poppy Drive** will you go to the **VFW National Home**? Will you submit and entry in the Fall and Mid-Winter **Department “Buddy”® Poppy Contests**
 - **Hospital - Crafting-at-Home** – Are you promoting donations to the Department Hospital Fund?
 - **Legislative** – Have you pushed the button lately? Signed up for the Action Corp Weekly?
 - **Membership** - Are you actively recruiting new members? Do you make **New Member Kits**?
 - **Scholarship** - Have you made a donation to the Department **Scholarship Fund**? Have you given the new themes for VOD & PP to the Schools? The deadline is October 31.
 - **Veterans & Family Support** – Department joint project **Operation Bottom Cover**. Suicide Awareness.
 - **Youth** - What are you doing with the **Youth** in the Community?
 - **Online Reporting** – report what you have done in each program on a regular basis.
www.vfwauxmo.org.
- **Website** - Use it to find the latest information on the programs and what is going on in the Department. Encourage the members to explore it!

- **Deadlines for Contests:**

Scholarship	To Aux/Post	District
Voice of Democracy	10/31	District Post Chm – 11-15
Patriot's Pen	10/31	District Post Chm – 11-15
Young American Creative Patriotic Art & 3 D Art	3/31	Dept Chm 4/15
Past National Presidents Scholarship		Dept Chm 4/15

Youth	To Aux/Post	District
Illustrating America	3/31	Dept Chm 4/15

Others		
Continuing Education Scholarship	Due to National 2/15/26	

- **Donations** – Donations are not required but encouraged. As part of the “All State Auxiliary” we ask that each Auxiliary donate what they can.
 - **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>
 - They return money to the department each year from this program. We don't want to lose it.
- **Other Items of Interest:**

- **Working 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”