



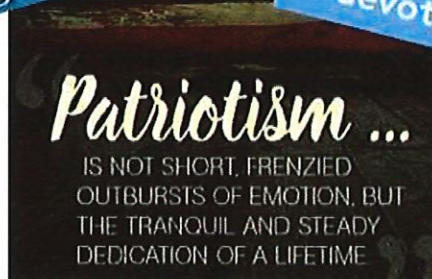
President's Message July 2024

This is the month we celebrate the birth of our Nation. I have always enjoyed the month of July and not just because it was summer vacation from school 😊. I love all the town parades, seeing streets proudly displaying flags and memorial banners of veterans from the community. It's a celebration of all things patriotic and always when I feel the most proud to be an American. Being a member of the VFW Auxiliary has permanently cemented that sense of belonging, mostly because of the members I meet who feel the same as I do and the patriotic sense of camaraderie we all share. It's that sense of patriotism which keeps us serving those who give us our freedoms and rights. Let's never forget our duties to them; those currently serving or those who are home and need to know they aren't forgotten and forever appreciated for their service.

I wish you all a Happy 4th of July!

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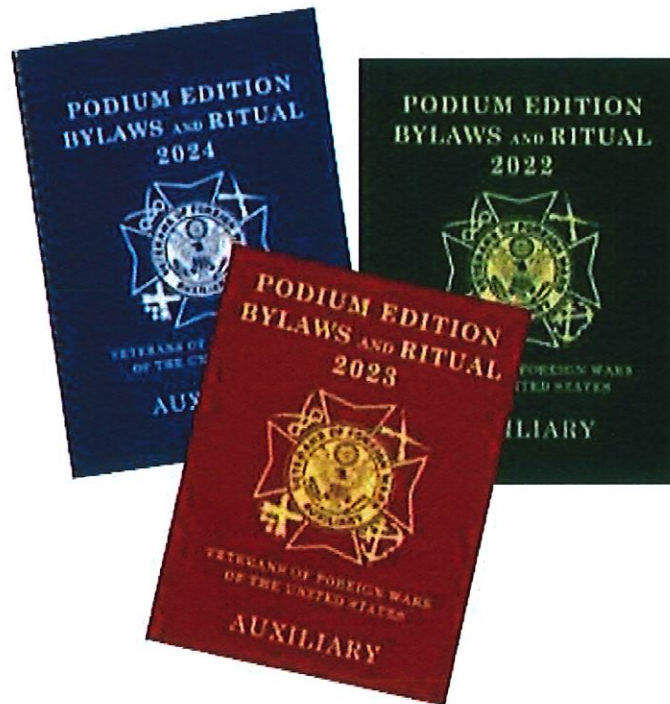
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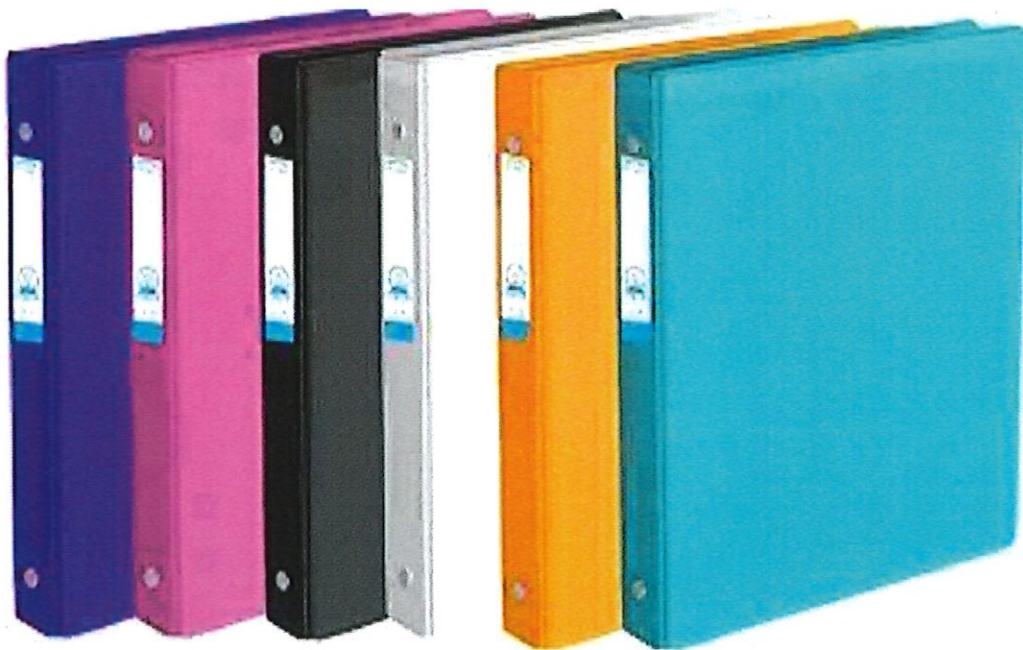
And crown thy good
with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

Pass it Forward!

Got any 2022 and newer bylaw & ritual books you can share with others?



Got any empty 1/2 and/or 1 inch binders from old Communication Books you don't need anymore??



Bring them to the School of Instruction and share with others!

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Welcome to a new Auxiliary Year! With each new Auxiliary year, our National organization focuses on different aspects or new aspects of a given program.

This year (as always) we will be featuring the latest news for District and Auxiliary Historians. And we will also be featuring the latest Social Media Trends, scams (as they occur – on our page and in the country and the world). I will also be bringing back Throwback Thursday and Wisdom Wednesday.

I look forward to seeing all the members at the School of Instruction on August 10th in Manville.

Keep a look out for our post from on the road.

Make sure to follow on all our pages.

Facebook VFW Auxiliary – Department of NJ

Instagram @vfwanj

**"I DO LOVE A
LOCKER ROOM.
IT SMELLS
LIKE POTENTIAL."**

– Ted Lasso

Legislation

Friends, we are going to change the world. Our strength is in our numbers. A primary aim of our VFW and subsequently of us, as its Auxiliary, is to use our strength to influence our government. We are blessed to live in a democracy. Our soldiers fought for this right. Perhaps the purest and highest gratitude that we can give to our veterans is exercising our right to vote and raise our voices to our elected officials.

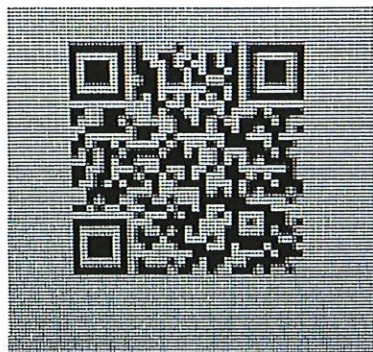
Please begin by signing up for the VFW Action Corp. The Action Corp will inform you on current legislation that focuses on VFW Priority Goals. You can explore the legislative process, as well as your role in its influence, under **"Legislative"** in **"Member Resources"** on MALTA at <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/MemberResources>. Sign up for the Action Corp at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>. You can also scan the QR code on the sign-up sheet with your phone to bring you to sign-up. It's that easy.

Do you want to really be a rockstar and take it a step further? Print out the sign-up sheet I've attached (it has the QR code right on it) and put it up at your Post, Auxiliary meeting, town hall, senior center, library, etc. Your Auxiliary Legislative chair can manually enter emails for those that prefer that method. Honestly, you will find that most people will simply scan the QR. Do not dismiss the opportunity to be informed and have your voice heard.

This month's **Call to Action** in the VFW Action Corps asks us to support H.R. 8371, the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, which will expand the caregiver program for America's veterans. It will increase the availability of care and mental health services. It also aims to ease the burden of ambulatory and emergency care for our veterans. Show your support for this bill here:

<https://votervoice.net/VFW/Campaigns/116229/Respond?vvsn=B4YbfAC3ACFYcAwgkDe7BAA>

Yours in Service,
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Your information will be kept confidential and used solely for our communications.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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Greetings all!

The first Scholarship contest is upon us!

Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen (VFW scholarship supported by the Auxiliary to be submitted by your Post by **October 31, 2024**).

VOD: **"Is America Today our Forefathers' Vision?"**

- Students in grades 9-12
- Audio Essay and typed essay

Patriot's Pen: **"My Voice in America's Democracy"**

- Students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- 300-400 word essay

How can you support your post:

- Join the 2024-2025 Facebook page **"State of NJ VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Page"**. All Chairman should join, but the entire State of NJ Auxiliary and Posts are invited as well!
- Invite everyone you know to join the page (schools, PTA, teachers, students, neighbors, etc.)!
- Use the FB page as part of your advertisements. Sponsor posts, Share to your personal page. Share, Share, Share!

As a team, we are going to help our students achieve their goals!

I'm looking forward to a GREAT year!

Sincerely,

Sandy Reed

Honoring Through Service to our Veterans

JOINT DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PROJECT

July 2024

New Year, New Chair, New Ideas!!!! As this year's Joint Special Project Chair for Department, primarily I am open for all ideas and suggestions for these Special Projects. We are all here for the same thing, Helping and Supporting our Veteran's. All three of these projects are near and dear to our Department Commander and Department President. Working together as a TEAM, will filter down to our Districts, and Auxiliaries. Remember, "IT starts at the Top"

So, with all that being said, let us all start raising some money! The more we raise, the more we help our Veteran's. All money raised, will be split between the three Joint Projects evenly.

Project #1.....Brig-Vet Therapy Camp (website: BRIGVETSURFCAMP@GMAIL.COM)

Project #2.....Free Golf (more information to come. Depart. Chief Brian Green runs this)

Project#3.....NJVFW Veterans Assistance Program (you can get more information off of the VFW Department of NJ website.) Luddie will update information as he gets it'

FYI....Just so we all know, *All money raised, will stay in the State of NJ. Isn't that wonderful?

So let's come up with some great ideas to raise money to help our Veteran's.

I am looking forward to hearing from you all.

I have also included a flyer about our Department Presidents Home Coming BBQ. We are hoping to start the fundraising off that day. Madam President is looking forward to this day. She has a lot planned.

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Youth Activities

July 2024

Hello Brothers and Sisters

I am going to be your Youth Activities Chairman this year, I started with the Auxiliary in 1983. The first meeting I went to I became the Junior Vice President. That was my first experience. I was a young girl when I was introduced to the VFW. My father was a member in Augusta Michigan. My sister and I were their mascot for the parades. My mother got me involved with the Auxiliary and I have been involved ever since. My daughter was in a girl's junior unit and when she was of age to join the Auxiliary I put her in. This is why we need our youths to participate.

I am looking forward to this year to get our children involved with our veterans more as they are the backbone of our organization.

There are a lot of youth groups that we can involve in our activities. To name a few the Halloween party that we do for the children of the community. A senior Thanksgiving dinner if your Post and Auxiliary host one. A Christmas party for the younger children. The youth are our future for this organization to grow. We need to get them to participate in some of our activities. Such as going to the hospitals that have our veterans.

There are also youth programs they can participate in such as Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Illustrating America Art contest

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2024 – 2025 School of Instruction at VFW Post 2290 Manville, NJ

Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3 PM – yep, an all-day school!

This is open to ALL MEMBERS! There will be something for everyone, so I hope officers and members alike sign up and come! We promise to make it worth your while!

Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served - cost will be \$15.00 to cover the breakfast and lunch, snacks will be on the President!

Please complete the bottom portion of this form with payment, cash or check (if check, make out to Dept of NJ Auxiliary) and return/mail to:

School of Instruction
c/o Margaret Russo, Dept Secretary
15 Grant Ave.
Sewaren, NJ 07077

Please return/mail no later than August 1, 2024. Thank you and see you there!

2024-2025 School of Instruction Registration Form

Name _____ Aux/Dist # _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Please circle one/all that applies:	Aux President	Aux Secretary	Aux Treasurer
	Dist President	Dist Secretary	Aux Treasurer
	Aux Trustee	Dist Trustee	Aux Member

No. Attending _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks out to: Department of NJ VFW Auxiliary

**“From our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”
“Honoring Through Service to Our Veterans”**



You Are Invited

**MADAME
PRESIDENT
DENISE
BECKLER'S
HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
BARBECUE**

★ JOIN US AT ★
VFW POST 3020
1125 S FAIRVIEW ST DELRAN

SUNDAY AUGUST 11
NOON - THREE PM

FOOD FUN
RAFFLES &
FRIENDS!

COME JOIN NATIONAL PRESIDENT BRENDA BRYANT AS WE CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR FOR THE NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY

Sponsored by the Department of Missouri

- ❖ **Thursday, August 1, 2024**
- ❖ **Where: Hyatt Regency Louisville**
- ❖ **Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.**
- ❖ **Celebration Presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Dinner at 6:45 p.m.**
- ❖ **Entertainment – Ladies for Liberty**
- ❖ **Cost is \$55 per person**
- ❖ **Dress is casual (no shorts)**
- ❖ **Reservation form and Checks MUST be received no later than July 10, 2024. (Sorry, no credit cards)**

MEAL
(You get both meats)
Pan Seared Beef Sirloin Herb Crusted
&
Seared Chicken Breast Gremolata Crust
Vegetables
Side Salad
Bourbon Dessert
Tea & Coffee

Name: _____ Department: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Total # of meals: _____ (\$55 per meal) Total amount enclosed: _____

Food Restrictions: _____

Send this form and check/money order to:
Jackie Davis, Department of MO Treasurer
3849 Hwy 47 West
Troy, MO 63379

Make check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary Dept of MO**

Any questions, contact Susan Eveland: Phone – 816-309-6182 - Email: sjeveland@aol.com

Tickets may be picked up at our vendor booth at the Convention Center.

*** UPDATE: THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN LANSING IS HAVING ELEVATOR ISSUES. THEY CAN NOT GUARANTEE THEY WILL BE FIXED BY SEPTEMBER, THEREFORE, WE WILL NOW USE THE OVERFLOW HOTEL AS THE MAIN HOTEL. SEE HOTEL INFORMATION BELOW.**



VFW AUXILIARY'S 12th CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOM EVENT



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Come Celebrate 100 Years

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

When: 9/07/24

9/06: Arrivals

9/07: VFW National Home

9/08: Departures

CAFE Registration Costs:

\$40 per person includes lunch and transportation to VFW National Home.

\$20 per person includes lunch only.

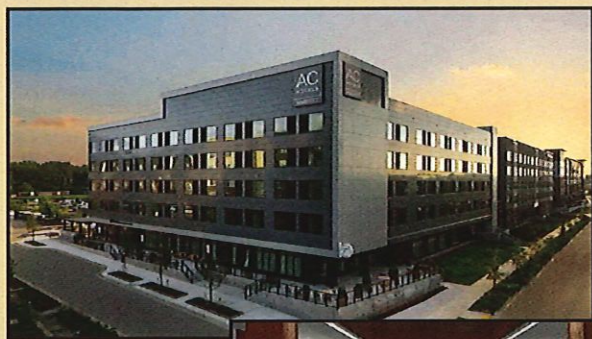
Register in MALTA from 6/1/24 to 8/07/24.
Bring spending money for VFWNH Store.

Where:

VFW National Home

Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Find more information about the location, visit the
VFW National Home website: vfwnationalhome.org



Main/Overflow Hotel is:

AC Hotel Lansing University Area/Hyatt House
3160 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Accommodations:

1 King Bed - \$139.00/night including Breakfast

2 Queen Beds - \$139.00/night including Breakfast

Reserve by 8/07/24

Call: Danielle in Sales at 517-246-4952. OK to
leave a message.