



President's Message August 2024

The prepping is over, our adventures begin! We will hit the ground running this month with a full day School of Instruction, a President's Homecoming, our first Council of Administration meeting and Official Visits – all of which I'm very excited about!

It's also Membership Renewal time - I hope everyone has started working on their Membership drives for this upcoming year. The one thing I want to say about membership is, it's fantastic to bring in new members, but it is VITALLY important to get them engaged, get them excited and make them want to take part in activities. We can accomplish SO much when we pull together. Do all you can to befriend and mentor the new members that come in. Who knows, one day they may be our Department President one day! I would never be in this position without those members who took me under their wing, helped me to see what a fantastic organization this is how fulfilling it is to aid and assist our veterans, both within our Post and within our great state. It truly does take JUST ONE...

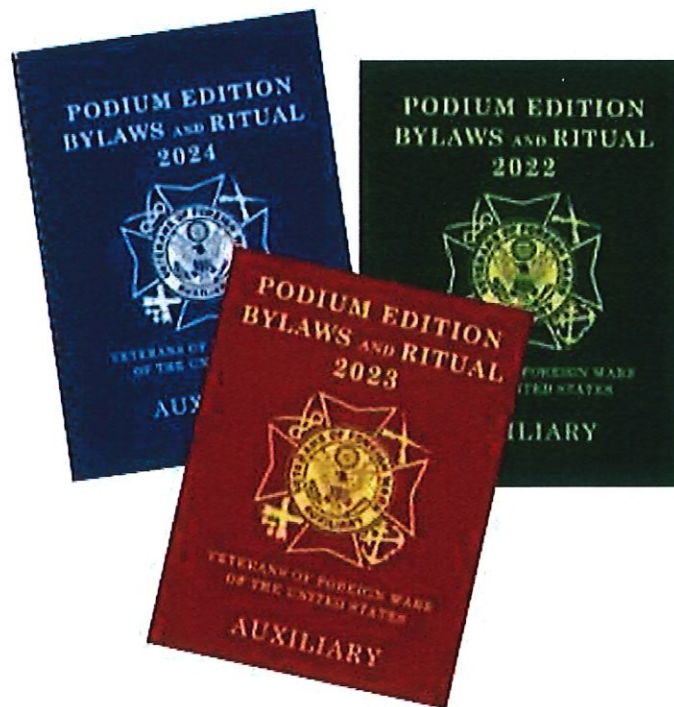
See you soon! 😊

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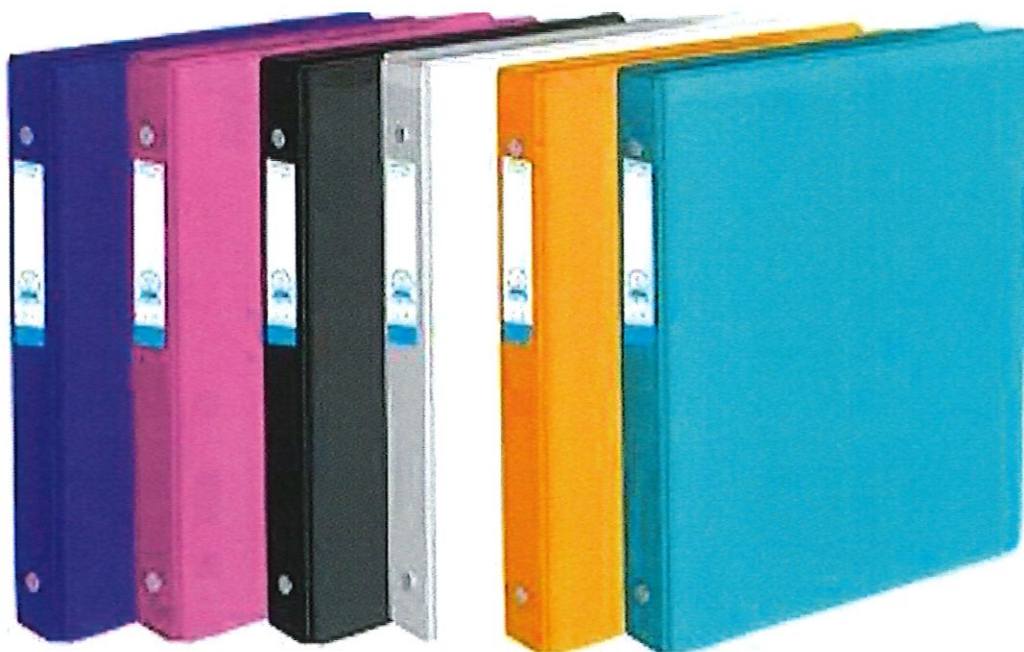
Denise Beckler

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!

All American Auxiliary Recognition Contest

2024-2025

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After some talk with our Department President, Denise and since we have changed the contest that it is no longer the presidents only and for the auxiliaries.

We have decided that the All American Auxiliary Recognition Contest will run from **May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025**. Since the Auxiliary work is not over just because our program year has ended. We also made this announcement at the Department Convention.

This means if the auxiliary did anything in May or June for any of our programs as long as you get it to me it will count toward the final points and will be included in the judging.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Good luck to every Auxiliary.

Americanism
August 2024

In the communication binder, I spoke about what Americanism means to me.

"Americanism is a noble endeavor that involves fostering a deep and unwavering love for our country, being loyal to its institutions and ideas, and defending it against all adversaries. It's about showing undivided allegiance to the flag and striving to secure the blessings of liberty for future generations. Embracing Americanism means cherishing the values that make our nation unique and working to preserve the freedoms and opportunities that define the American spirit. Through education, community involvement, and upholding the principles of democracy, we can ensure that the legacy of Americanism endures for generations to come."

Now I would love to hear from each of you. I aim to highlight a few individuals and/or Auxiliary's each month. Too spread new ideas, definitions, and promoting of Americanism.

Please mail/email me a short blurb on the following:

What Americanism means to you.
How do you promote Americanism?
How do you promote Americanism to the youth?

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH

August 2024

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What is the distinction between **Auxiliary Outreach** and **Community Service**?

Auxiliary Outreach are projects not affiliated with VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs within the community. It is auxiliary members working as a group or individual that benefits the community, as a volunteer, that do not benefit VFW, VFW Auxiliary members or veteran with no monetary donation. It is volunteering your time to help the community with their services or projects.

Projects or services participation must be approved by the auxiliary members and recorded in their minutes prior to the project or service.

Community Service is defined by the **National Community Service Trust Act** encompasses **Service any human act serving the community good in the interest of the community**" Elsewhere community service is further defined as "A service that is performed for the public or its institution.

Refer to the pamphlet VFW Department of New Jersey Community Service Report Guidelines enclosed, this explains the VFW Community Service.

Why is Reporting Important?

At the end of each reporting year, VFW National reports the number of hours and the monetary value of all donations, time and money to Congress. These total numbers demonstrate the importance of the VFW to our government, the savings we provide to the government, the veterans and why we should continue, to maintain our tax exempt status.

Why Reporting must be "Honest and Accurate".

The VFW is always susceptible to an audit by the Internal Revenue. Reports that are inflated or not within report guidelines, can jeopardize our tax exempt status. Your department community service chairman is the sole approving authority for all records.

This is where the distinction comes in, our Auxiliary Outreach, helps the community, with our time and not monetary donation. The Community service is any service benefiting the VFW, VFW Auxiliary and veterans not affiliated with the post and our community where monetary donations are made or project where money is used.

Please contact me, if you have any questions.

Enclosed

1* VFW AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Frequently Asked Questions

2* VFW Department of New Jersey Community Service Report Guidelines

FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS

**VFW Community Service encompasses many Auxiliary Programs, not just Auxiliary Outreach. Therefore, all that your Auxiliary does is to be reported to the Post Adjutant.*



VFW Auxiliary Outreach

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q.:** Every year my Auxiliary participates in a walk in our area that raises awareness about suicide prevention. Members walk in the event and donate \$100 to the organization. Can the number of hours and members who walked in the event count toward Auxiliary Outreach?
A.: This is a great team-building activity for your Auxiliary, however, walking or running in an event/race may not be reported under Auxiliary Outreach. This example may be reported under Veterans & Family Support as that's where Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness and Prevention falls.
2. **Q.:** Members of a local Auxiliary were asked to sit on their county board to help raise money and volunteer to work at a dedication of a memorial that honors veterans. Since it was not a VFW- or VFW Auxiliary-sponsored event, can this be reported under Auxiliary Outreach?
A.: No, it cannot be reported under Auxiliary Outreach. It's for veterans and the betterment of the community, therefore, it should be reported under Americanism.
3. **Q.:** A few of the ways listed to participate in Auxiliary Outreach involve youth. Wouldn't this be reported under the Auxiliary's Youth Activities Program?
A.: It depends on the project. For example, if you are putting on a patriotic program at a school with your Auxiliary, that is reported under Americanism and/or Youth Activities. If your Auxiliary volunteers with the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts to teach them the Folds of the Flag, that is reported under Americanism and/or Youth Activities. If your Auxiliary partners at the Boys & Girls Club to tutor a group of kids, that is reported under Auxiliary Outreach.
4. **Q.:** Our Auxiliary purchases and delivers turkeys for a food pantry every Thanksgiving. Does this get reported under Auxiliary Outreach?
A.: No, it does not. Dropping off turkeys for a Thanksgiving meal is not the same as volunteering time in the food pantry organizing food, serving meals, bussing tables, etc.
5. **Q.:** Our Auxiliary partners with another organization to host a sock collection at our local Walmart. Does this qualify as Auxiliary Outreach?
A.: It depends. If you stay and man the collection, then yes. If you drop off a collection bin and leave, then no.

If you are unsure of whether your project will count toward the Auxiliary Outreach Program, contact your Department Chairman with your questions.

VFW Department of New Jersey Community Service Report Guidelines

How a Post interacts with its community determines the relevancy of the VFW. Someone once said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." The VFW and its ability to impact veterans, youth, political issues, patriotism, civic pride, volunteerism, and almost anything you can name, is directly dependent upon the Post being recognized as a caring and involved participant in the community. Hopefully, this guide will provide some ideas as to how a Post can create and grow the kind of reputation that will benefit their community and themselves. The impact on the community is immeasurable. The benefit to the Post is new members, more effective fundraising, greater participation in events and tremendous goodwill. The Post is, for most Americans, the only thing they know about the VFW. Make sure those Americans in your community have a favorable opinion of our great organization and our veterans.

This is a guide to assist you in completing your Community Service Report. ONE QUESTION: Why do we have to report these activities? ANSWER: We are a non-profit organization, and we can justify our non-profit status by reporting our activities. A copy of this report should be on file at your Post in the event you are audited by the IRS. Additionally we use this data to effectively advocate in Trenton & Washington DC for you, your fellow veterans, troops & families.

It is of the utmost importance that VFW Posts and Auxiliaries report their volunteer hours and especially their donations accurately. A Post that inflates the amounts of money or time they donate, intentionally or otherwise, may place their not-for-profit status in jeopardy. Conversely, failure to report donations or volunteer hours could also place the post's non-profit status in jeopardy.

The reporting period is July 1 through June 30. You must report at least quarterly but take care to report per the All American or All State guidelines for that year if you plan on competing in those programs.

What is the definition of "community service"?

It is easier to describe what is not a community service than what is. Community service is any activity performed by members of the VFW, Auxiliary, Cooties, Riders, or other VFW volunteers, while representing the VFW. The service must be under the umbrella of the VFW and not while employed or volunteering for another organization. A good rule of thumb is if the service is held at your post or the members are wearing VFW covers or apparel when off location, then it is VFW community service. Any aid, assistance or event held for veterans, troops, or families as a VFW member or VFW activity is a community service. Parades, veteran/patriotic ceremonies, color guard presentations, or VFW representation at community events – fairs – or festivals would be considered community service. Non-compensated use of VFW facilities by other non-profit or government organizations is a community service and both the hours and cost to the post (utilities/clean-up) should be reported as community service.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS - Include Beverly and Finns Point Memorial Services, and the Christmas or Holiday parties annually sponsored events by the Department at the VA and NJ DMAVA medical and home facilities. It also includes Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests and awards ceremonies.

DONATIONS: Donations made by the post should be reported on the community activity form.

What is not a community service:

- Church activities such as attending or conducting services as a member of the church, pastor, or usher as they are part of an individual's service to their faith and not to the VFW.
- Volunteer fire or EMT service.
- Activities as a paid employee.
- Maintenance, upkeep or beautification of the Post home, cooking or serving a meal for a Post fundraiser, or working on bingo night.
- Poppy Drives are not community service although the funds collected should be reported when donated out from the Relief Fund.
- Efforts that are part of the normal requirements of a Post or Auxiliary would not be considered community service. Examples of this would be providing an honor guard for a member's funeral, flying the American Flag at the post, or holding the required monthly meeting.
- The canteen / hall rentals or the costs of their operation.
- Conventions, conferences, meetings, or training.
- *Recycling will no longer be considered a community activity.*

DO NOT REPORT: The value of the volunteer hours worked; the value is a calculation made at the national level only. Posts and Departments should never report any figures derived from the value of hours worked.

FUNDRAISERS: Fundraisers to support a specific charitable organization or purpose are community activities. The cost and volunteer hours to host the event along with the funds donated from the event should be reported.

Nonspecific fundraisers such as "for veteran causes" or regular dart leagues, corn hole/horseshoe tournaments, ect; are generally not community activities. Any funds raised from those events later donated would be reported on the community activity report.

HOURS: When the Post reports to the Department, they should list the hours of community service performed by the Post, affiliated Cootie, Auxiliary, and Rider Groups for that reporting period. The time spent by a member driving to and from the event along with 14 cents per mile driven in service can be included. Additionally, the hours the post spent planning and preparing for the event should be reported.

MONETARY OR MATERIAL DONATIONS: The money/donations that should be reported are the amount & value donated or expended by the post in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteers. Material donations would be something such as food, clothing, or other items acquired by the post (by purchase or donation) and given to others as a charitable gift. A post can claim the retail value of the items on the report.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Adjutant

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES*

Form for VFW Auxiliary to turn in to VFW Post RE: VFW Community Service

Auxiliary to VFW Post # _____

Date from: _____

Date through: _____

Auxiliary programs that count:

# of members	# of hours	# of miles	Donations
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Americanism

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Auxiliary Outreach

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VFW National Home

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Hospital

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Legislative

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Scholarships

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Veterans & Family Support

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Youth Activities

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Total Auxiliary Community Service Information

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Auxiliary Programs that do not count for VFW Community Service - Extension & Revitalization, "Buddy"® Poppy, Historian & Media Relations, Mentoring for Leadership and Membership. Work for your VFW Post Home does not count.

“BUDDY”® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME
August 2024

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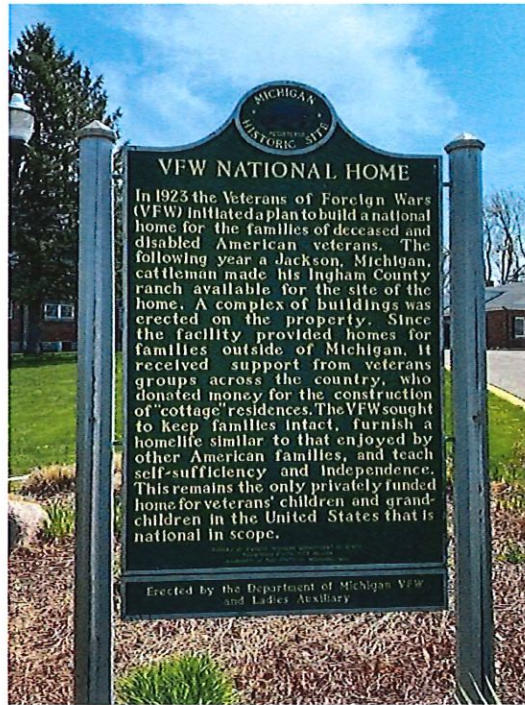
“Buddy”® Poppy

It is a new program year but not a new program message. We all know that the “Buddy” Poppy is the most recognizable symbol of the VFW/Auxiliary and it is our way of honoring our dead by helping the living. With that in mind, please remember that “Buddy” Poppies can be promoted all year long, not just on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and any contributions collected are to be deposited into the Relief Fund.

At this time of year, your VFW post may be ordering their share of “Buddy” Poppies. Contact either the Commander or the Quartermaster to confirm they are ordering and maybe ask for an additional amount to be added, or request an order form from our Department headquarters, or purchase through the VFW Store. You can never have enough “Buddy” Poppies on hand, and they should be visible all the time and all around the post.

This may also be a good time to work with your VFW post on a joint “Buddy” Poppy drive (remember to wear VFW/Auxiliary branded clothing). Host a joint event, such as: BBQ/Picnic, Trick or Trunk, Holiday bazaar/vendor event, or Santa visiting children at the post and make sure to have poppies displayed and within reach. Do not forget to have flyers displayed around the post or post flyers in high traffic locations in the community. This would be a good project to work with the local youth groups to earn ‘community hours’ for honor societies and/or religious requirements. Have the members of the youth groups assist at any event by distributing, not selling, “Buddy” Poppies and remind them to not refuse anyone that cannot donate.





VFW NATIONAL HOME

Have you visited VFW National Home? If not, our National President, Brenda Bryant, is holding her Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) at National Home on September 7th, 2024. This would be a great opportunity to not only visit National Home but learn more about the wonderful happenings there. Details for CAFÉ can be found at www.auxiliary.org under events.

Speaking of exciting happenings... On January 7th, 2025, VFW National Home will celebrate its 100th birthday! To help celebrate, it has been requested that every Auxiliary send birthday cards to VFW National Home (by January 1st, 2025). It would be awesome to cover the walls of the gym with cards from every Auxiliary and anyone else. The address is: VFW National Home, 3573 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

Are you a Life Member of VFW National Home? This may be a good time to become a Life Member. What is a Life Member? Life Members may vote for the Trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation. The cost of becoming a Life Member is a one-time fee of \$50 and includes a membership certificate, a wallet card and a Life Member pin.

Or, you may want to accept National Home's Centennial Membership program offer, which is available to current members and non-members through December 31, 2025. Centennial Life Member is a one-time fee of \$100 and includes an exclusive Centennial membership pin, 10% off souvenirs and apparel, reduced guest lodge rate, and exclusive member-only apparel. More information about National Home membership can be found at www.nationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

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AUGUST PROMOTION **CANCER**

The most important thing to remember is **EARLY DETECTION!**

I have attached a copy of South Jersey Cancer Fund please read so you will understand what we are donating to. But remember all donations go to our Department Treasurer Paula Pinto, ear mark check for Cancer.

The month of August is Appendix Cancer which is very rare. In the US, it has been thought to affect about 1 or 2 people per 1 million per year. However, recent studies show that Appendix Cancer is becoming more common. It is more common in people between the ages of 50 to and 55 years old, but can happen at any age.

The two types of appendix cancer are called **Carcinoid Tumors & Carcinomas**. Carcinoid tumors are the most common appendix cancers, making up about half of those diagnosed, they are usually found at the tip of the appendix.

For more information go to Appendix Cancer, Oncologist Thomas Abrams or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, they have all the information you will need.

"Honoring through Service to our Veterans"

"From our Roots to our Branches-Extending Service to our Veterans"



We are dedicated to serving the Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland Counties. Our organization is dedicated to bring awareness, support, and a path to curing a disease that affects us all. We work with a variety of sponsors and partners who provide funds from all sorts of people with different backgrounds, but have the common goal of standing up to cancer. We are a proud host to many events that bring people together in solidarity to fight the good fight. Whether its through sponsorship, memorial contributions or general donations - let SJCF be your platform to show your support.

www.sjcancerfund.com | 609-266-0616

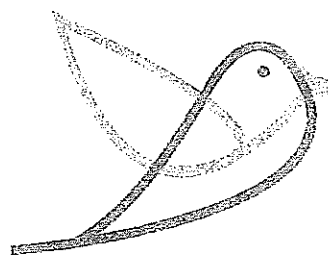
P.O. Box 1084
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SJCF

We Can Help!

Once we receive your request, one of our patient liaison members will contact you. Every request is handled promptly, professionally, and compassionately. Once a medical professional verifies the diagnosis, the patient will be enrolled into our program. Types of financial assistance that we provide include medical insurance, doctor bills, prescriptions, travel costs, nutrition, medical supplies, and utility bills.



You Can Help!

SJCF is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. More than 95% of the funds raised are used to help patients. With your gift, we can work together to support a patient in need. You can help by sending your tax-deductible donations to our PO Box or through our website

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Extension & Revitalization
Department Chief of Staff Chairman
August 2024 Promotion

Barbara Wiener
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Hello everyone, welcome to August!!!!

To continue being a strong Auxiliary, we must carry on our traditions and keep our Auxiliaries Healthy and Growing.

By doing this, we can follow the stop lights - Green - **Yellow** - Red.

Green lights are healthy Auxiliaries. Malta has several Member Resources to maintain your healthy Auxiliary.

Yellow light - there might only be one factor that would make your Auxiliary a yellow light.

Examples of some factors:

- * attracting new members
- * failure to report in programs to assist veterans and families
- * no new officers
- * failure for members and/or officers to attend District and State Meetings
- * failure to attend trainings

Red light - this is when an Auxiliary might be put on suspension. In some instances this might mean to take a step back and regroup.

For the yellow or Red light, this is where your Chief and Department President would come in and try to recover and bring your Auxiliary back even stronger.

Attached you will find a program that can be done throughout the year. It's a fun program that is bringing back some of the old traditions that we might have lost along the way.

If anyone has any questions or problems, please feel free to reach out.

HONORING THROUGH SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS

FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES

EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION AUXILIARY AWARD 2024-2025

GREEN – YELLOW – RED LIGHTS

This year we will be doing a point system for the Extension and Revitalization award. The Auxiliary with the most points will win a Department award, plus a Department President Challenge Coin and all others that enter will receive a citation.

I'm hoping this program will help Auxiliaries that are yellow or red lights become GREEN.

This is a year-round contest for your auxiliary and should be sent at the end of the year. Your Auxiliary could get as much as 78 points.

Let's all become GREEN lights!!!!

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Attached is the form to be filled out by your Auxiliary and returned to me no later than April 15, 2025.

Barbara Wiener
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EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION AWARD SHEET
FOR 2024-2025

Name _____

Aux.# _____

PH# _____

- Did your Auxiliary have a minimum of 10 meetings?
1 point for each meeting.

Jan _____	July _____
Feb _____	Aug _____
March _____	Sept _____
April _____	Oct _____
May _____	Nov. _____
June _____	Dec. _____
- Did member(s) other than the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary attend a District Meeting?
1 point for each meeting
 1. _____
 2. _____
- Did your Auxiliary attend a Council of Administration?
1 point for each meeting
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- Did member(s) other than the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary attend the school of instruction?
1 point
 1. _____
- Did your auxiliary hand out any Podium Edition: Bylaw and Ritual Books to your new members?
1point for every new or used (2022 or newer) 10 maximum

- Did you give your new member(s) an auxiliary membership or Life membership pin?
Can be ordered through the VFW store. 10 maximum
1 point for each pin given to a member

- BONUS POINTS
2 points for each member (max 10 Members)
Number of traditional obligations/initiation ceremony performed with any new members (not transfers)
(ceremony found in the Bylaws)

Send completed report by April 15, 2025

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GRANT WRITING



President Denise has asked me to chair a special project on grant writing. As Treasurer of Auxiliary 386 in Cape May, I have obtained \$23,000 in grant money in 4 years. Some of the grants were for the Auxiliary, some were for the District and some were for the VFW.

All of the funding comes from the VFW Foundation (#stillserving). Please do not be intimidated by grant writing. All applications are 2 pages. You do not need a background in accounting or finance. It is a very simple process.

The grant season opens on October 1, 2024. To get started, all you need is a good idea to help veterans and your federal tax ID number.

Next month, I will discuss the various grants eligible to Auxiliaries. Please reach out to me with questions. I look forward to helping all of our auxiliaries in New Jersey obtain the free money that is available.

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Now that we have returned from the National Convention, the real work can begin on programs.

So, you have been appointed as Historian for your Auxiliary and/or District.

I know what you are thinking (I've been there), what do I do next?!

First, we need to know the differences between the two (2) portions, first up Historian.

Imagine being in charge of the history of your Auxiliary, daunting right? Start on a small scale, think of a program year. Keep track of the events your Post/Auxiliary hosts. What events work, what doesn't. Sometimes an event that doesn't work, might just need a little tweaking for it to work.

A big part of the Historian program is pics, but it's not the only part. It's more than just taking pictures. Talk to your President to see how they want their year cataloged – traditionally (similar to a scrapbook) or digitally (photo books or digital frames). You don't need a fancy camera to take pics, all you need is your phone.

When you are telling the story of your Auxiliary, remember the basics of storytelling you learned in elementary school.

Now for Social Media

Does your Auxiliary/District have an active Facebook page? If you want to create one, the Online Academy has training to help set up your page. They even have tips and tricks for a successful page.

And just remember, I am here to help you. I am a text, or e-mail away.



Hospital Promotion August 2024

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Welcome to our new program year! This year I look forward to working with you as the Department of New Jersey Hospital Coordinator. I will be working closely with our hospital and VAVS representatives to ensure the needs of our hospitalized veterans are taken great care of! I will also be serving this year as your Department of New Jersey Conductor and District Two Auxiliary President. In District Two, I have served as chief of staff and Conductor. I have held multiple Department, District and local Auxiliary chairmanships throughout the years and look forward to learning more about the Department hospital program with our membership. I am serving my auxiliary to Post 809 as President to continue the local initiatives that we work towards. I have served in my local auxiliary.

I have fond memories of the VFW and Auxiliary always supporting our veterans, members and community. My grandfather, Andrew Rovito, was a World War 2 veteran serving in the Seabees division of the Navy. My grandmother was an active auxiliary member for over 50 years holding countless offices and chairmanships throughout the Department, County, District, and local organization. I can only hope to capture the true essence of Americanism my grandparents embodied throughout their entire life.

The hospital program is an essential part of our Auxiliary to uphold unwavering support for our veterans. I look forward to learning from and working with all our Auxiliaries this year. We will work together to highlight the great residents and the work we do together to support them. We will explore new ways to have a greater impact on improving the resident's day to day activities and happiness.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am excited for our year to come! Be sure to fill out your activity reports and coordinate with your hospital representatives to capture all the great work we do!

Looking forward to working with you!

Vineland Veterans Memorial Home
August Communication 2024

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Good Afternoon Department of NJ:

Here starts another fun-filled year, lets start it off with a bang.

Our first event will be on September 18th, Wednesday at 2pm. We are celebrating National Bear Day!!! I am looking for some stuffed bear donations, at least 6" to 12" big. They need to all be new, no used stuffed bears please. And only bears, no other animals. Thank you.

For a drop off of the bears, I will be at several meetings in August:

8/10- School of Instruction, 8/11-homecoming, 8/17-C of A, 8/23-o/v, District 1, 8/24-o/v, District 2 or 8/25-o/v District 3. I need to have at 250 bears for all the residents. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Snacks and beverages, plus singing and laughs at this event. Thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Some future save the dates:

Halloween October 31 Thursday 2pm, (come dressed for this party)

Turkey Bowling, Friday November 22, 2pm

State Christmas Party, Sunday December 15, 11am. Theme to be announced at a later date.

As always we are always looking for volunteers to help out with all the events. The more the merrier. The residents enjoy having visitors at any time. No invitations needed, come one, come all.

Thank you to all who donate monies to the Veteran Homes, without you these events wouldn't be possible.

Legislation

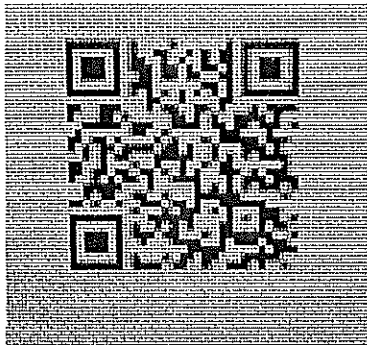
Does your Auxiliary or Post have a picnic this summer or will they have a table at your town picnic/street fair? This is an opportunity to accomplish some of our VFW Priority Goals in legislation. Print out the sheets I've attached and bring them to the people in your community to have their voices heard by your representatives. Your Auxiliary or Post can provide a stamped, pre-addressed envelope to mail each letter to an assembly or senate member. Addresses for these can be found by following the directions on the last page of my promo. Please note to make sure that you are mailing to the correct District representatives for the town each signer lives in.

You'll notice that this month's Call to Action, taken from the weekly VFW Action Corps is featured in the letter. You can use this letter as a template and tailor it to each month's Call to Action that I feature in my promos. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance.

Legislation is an Auxiliary program that each and every one of our members can make an impact in. You can do it by signing up for the VFW Action Corp. The Action Corp will inform you on current legislation that focuses on VFW Priority Goals. Sign up for the Action Corp at: <https://votervoice.net/VFW/register> . You can also scan the QR code below with your phone to bring you to sign-up.

This month's **Call to Action** in the VFW Action Corps asks us to support H.R. 1282/S. 344. As law, this will help all of our disabled veterans forced to retire prior to 20 years of service due to military connected injuries and disease to receive full retirement and disability compensation. Currently, veterans must have a 50 percent VA disability rating and 20 years of service to be eligible to collect full retirement and full VA disability pay. Those that do not have 50 percent have their retirement pay offset by the amount of disability compensation they receive. This bill is named in honor of Major Richard Star. Star was forced into early retirement, due to terminal lung cancer caused during his service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Unfortunately, Major Star passed away on Feb. 13, 2021

Yours in Service,
Kathleen Shanahan
NJ VFWA Legislation
shanahank2@gmail.com
201-410-6814



District _____,

I am writing to you as a resident of NJ District_____. I am writing to encourage you to support H.R. 1282/S. 344. As law, this will help all of our disabled veterans forced to retire prior to 20 years of service due to military connected injuries and disease to receive full retirement and disability compensation. Currently, veterans must have a 50 percent VA disability rating and 20 years of service to be eligible to collect full retirement and full VA disability pay. Those that do not have 50 percent have their retirement pay offset by the amount of disability compensation they receive. This bill is named in honor of Major Richard Star. Star was forced into early retirement, due to terminal lung cancer caused during his service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Unfortunately, Major Star passed away on Feb. 13, 2021. I am confident that you are sympathetic to the plight of our disabled military veterans. Therefore, I am asking you to support H.R. 1282/S. 344. Thank you, in advance, for your attention.

Respectfully,

Printed

Name: _____




Address: _____

Mail letters to your local representatives. This small step makes a **BIG** impact.

Follow this link to find your District representatives:

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/legislative-roster>

Once you are on this page, click on your District number to find the addresses of your representatives.

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District 38

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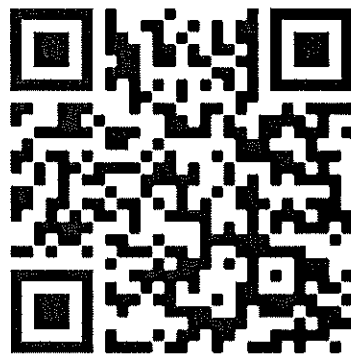
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Membership Promotion August 2024
From Our Roots to Our Branches

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Awesome August to everyone! Welcome to a totally new year of Membership! "From Our Roots to Our Branches, we will navigate ways and means of recruiting and retaining our Auxiliary's growth.

We're taking orders from our National Department President Brenda Bryant, and National Membership Ambassador Linda Roloff, as they put together an extraordinary year. Orders will be passed down from them to our Membership Coach Wayne LeFleur. I will then remain within my service to you by keeping our Department on track.

After attending our National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, I must say that I am extremely excited for our year! The Conferences will be representing each branch of service, and we have the great honor of representing the United States Marine Corp "Oorah". So, look forward to strapping up your boots, getting on the front line of service for membership, and growing our Auxiliary.

Our "roots" are in line with those of the VFW as to "WHO WE ARE". This is important because we preserve and strengthen camaraderie among our members. Moving skyward with our "branches" helps us in meeting them "WHERE THEY ARE", and those places will be online, on their phones, and social media. We must get out of the old way of doing things, and figure out how to reach them by being places they are and doing the things which interest them.

Membership this year will be about changing our approach. Get your "ASK" in gear! We need to step into the gap between our branches. "Like a mighty Redwood, our goal is to be "Sempre-Virens" - Always Living! We MUST not root ourselves firmly in our history, traditions, and legacy of service. We MUST branch out and include EVERY one of our qualifying family members in our mission. And we MUST provide our new branches and young leaves with all of the necessary support to thrive indefinitely like the Redwood. We are constantly reaching skyward. So, don't leave any qualifying member behind".

Keep in mind the artillery we are equipped with via MALTA: VFW Auxiliary Fact Sheet, VFW Auxiliary Brochure Order Forms, New Member Engagement Guides, New Member Orientation Checklist, New Packets, various Retention Tools, Business Card, and our newest tool – VFW Auxiliary Application QR Code.

Upcoming Awards:

For all Auxiliaries in the Department that reaches 80% by the end of August will receive \$20.

For those members who recruit (5) or more members they will receive a “Roots to Branches” pin directly from National.

For those members who recruit (20) new members by May 31, 2025, will receive a National Membership Achievement Award.

The Department of New Jersey will again continue the “Just One Cards”, which are to be completed whenever a recruiter successfully recruits a new member. Please remember to mail or hand deliver your “Just One Cards” directly to me to be placed into the raffle which will be drawn at the Fall and Spring Conferences along with Convention. The award for each drawing of the “Just One Cards”, will be a prize of \$25.

Remember!! Be creative in your membership outreach!



Sisterly,
Victoria L Hendrix
Membership Chairwoman
VFW Department of New Jersey Auxiliary

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sandy Reed, Chairman
732-343-1133

vfwauxiliary7508@gmail.com

Greetings all!

Welcome and thank you to everyone who has joined the Scholarship Facebook page! If you haven't, now is the time!

To make it easier to find the page, scan this QR Code!



Once you're in:

- 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!

Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen (VFW scholarships 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

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

I want to hear from you! If you have any questions or want to share ideas, Please reach out!

Sincerely,

Sandy Reed

Honoring Through Service to our Veterans

DEPARTMENT of NJ JOINT SPECIAL PROJECTS
August Mailing

This year is already off to a fast and busy start. I am trying to gather some donations, for our Dept. President Denise Beckler's Homecoming. If you are interested in donating an item, or gift card, we will plan to pick it up, or you can bring it to the School of Instruction on August 10th. Anything would be appreciated. I am hoping to see a lot of you there.

I am also hoping that you read the flyer about the Homecoming BBQ in July's mailing. It is a free BBQ, Cash Bar, and give aways and games. All money donated will go to the Dept. JSP.

I know these projects are very important to our Veteran's and their families, and they need to keep growing. For that to happen, we have to raise money. One project is Brig-Vet Surf Camp. They just completed this on the 8th and 9th of July. It has grown so much, and they are thinking about traveling to another location. They have purchased wetsuits, and surfboards. Right now, they are in search of a closed trailer to store and travel to other locations. Brian Wiener even made the news with what he started for our Veterans. To find out more about this amazing Surf Camp, you can go to <http://Brigvetsurfcamp.com>

The Live Golf is also an amazing project, Dept. Chief of Staff Brian Green oversees this one. This too is free to our Veterans and donations from us keep it afloat. For more information on this you can go to livegolfnj.org. This seems to be a weekly event. The last of the Joint Special Projects is VFWNJ Veteran's Assistance Program. All donation money stays in the state of NJ. Department of NJ Commander Luddie Austin is the one in charge of this. It is for Veterans and their Families. For more information on this project, you can go to VFW Department of NJ website.

So as you can see, it takes team work to keep these JSP's going. These veterans and their families gave up a lot for us, so we need to help them with their readjustment back into the community.

I am starting off the year with a fundraiser that will kick off at our Dept. Presidents Homecoming. It is a raffle with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, place prizes. \$1,000.00 gift certificate to Golf Galaxy, a free 4some of golf at a golf course, and \$200.00 cash. Each ticket donation will be \$20. And the drawing will be held at our Spring Conference. I am hoping to raise lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$. We need to work together.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Post 3020 for The Homecoming BBQ, on August 11th.

If you would like to help in any other way for this event, please reach out to me. I am really getting excited about my Chairmanship this year, let's make our Dept. of NJ Commander and President proud. Don't be afraid to reach out with your ideas if you have any. Thank you in advance.

Donna Avery JSP Chairman
126 Delaware Ave. Apt A
Riverside, NJ 08075
1-856-906-1003 cell
dlynnave@yahoo.com

Youth Activities

August 2024

Brothers and Sisters,

We are at the beginning of the year. I am going to give you a few things about Youth Activities.

There is reading to our youth. You can do this by setting up a reading session in a library or a veteran's home. You can go into Malta under resources and go into youth activities. Then check out the reading list to see which of the books in the list you want to get. These books would let the children know about patriotism, our country and our flag which our country is based upon.

You can ask the children questions and if they do a patriotic task you can give them a R.A.P. card. You can also give them a R.A.P. card if they salute the flag.

National read a book day is September 6, 2024. You could have your VFW set up and host a reading day at your Post for the children and your veterans.

Loyally.
Mary Dungan
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Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562
Marydungan217@yahoo.com
609-351-5882

SOME IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES...



Please have your auxiliary/district bonds paid through MALTA no later than August 15th.



If you don't have it in by 8/15, you'll be getting a from me!

PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING!

Sunday, August 11, 2024 from Noon – 3:00 PM

Delran VFW #3020 - 1125 South Fairview Street, Delran, NJ

No Cost! Join us for a day of fun, BBQ and live music!



Council of Administration meeting is Saturday, August 17, 2024

Westville Grove VFW #2174 - Start Time 10:00 AM

640 Tacoma Blvd., Westville Grove, NJ

Fall Conference

Friday & Saturday, September 27-28, 2024

VFW Post Avenel #7164 – 60 West Park Ave., Avenel, NJ

Dinner before Council Meeting \$10 PP 5:00 PM

Council Meeting starts at 7 PM

Fall Conference starts at 10:00 AM

Need a hotel? Try the Holiday Inn Woodbridge 844-208-9011 - a mile away from Post



DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT



EASTERN CONFERENCE BANQUET

SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 2, 2023

~ MENU ~

Mixed Green Salad

**Two (2) Entrée Selections: Panko Crusted Cod and
Maple Mustard Pork Loin**

Accompanied with:

Dinner Rolls and Butter

**Freshly Brewed Coffee & Assorted Teas, Lemonade & Ice Tea
Dessert**

**Dinners are \$55 per person. Please complete form below and return to:
Dept. Treasurer Paula Pinto NO later than Friday, September 20, 2024.
436 Locust Ave Burlington, NJ 08016**

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BANQUET ORDER FORM (Please Print)

Name for Tix: _____ Aux: _____ Dist. # _____

Number of Meals _____ X \$55.00 each = _____

Meal Choices (mark how many needed): Cod _____ Pork Loin _____

VFW AUXILIARY DISTRICT 15
600 Washington Ave
Manville, New Jersey

Cindy Dilks, President

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Madam President Denise Beckler will be making her official visit to District 15 on
Saturday, September 14, 2024 at

VFW Post 2290
600 Washington Ave, Manville, NJ.

The meeting will start a 2 PM with light refreshments following the meeting.

There will be a dark horse after the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call me at 908.581.5601.

Cindy Dilks
District President



*Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
District 8*

Dear President & Members,

District 8 Official Visit of our Department President Denise Beckler will be September 13, 2024, in Carteret Post 2314, 289 Pershing Ave. Carteret, NJ

We will be hosting a dinner at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00. Please make check payable to District 8 Auxiliary.

Please advise if you will be attending to the following:

Gloria Lisicki
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Gloria Lisicki
Chairman