



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

GENERAL ORDERS NO.1 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)

July 2025

1. CONGRATULATIONS to all new Presidents and Officers. We hope you will have a most enjoyable and successful year. Auxiliary and District Presidents please appoint all program chairmen and urge them to keep a notebook to allow them to have complete and accurate year-end reports. Promotion of all program reports shall be read at each meeting.
2. General Orders must be read at each meeting. All program bulletins shall be read at each meeting. The Auxiliary and District program chairman should review the award system to understand the objectives for the year. In the absence of the chairman, it is the responsibility of the Auxiliary or District Secretary to communicate this information to the members.
3. **EXTENSION:** District Presidents, if you know of any "Bachelor Posts" in your District that are interested in having an Auxiliary, please contact myself or Department Chief-of-Staff Sherrie Rosenau. The earlier in the year that we institute new Auxiliaries, the easier it is to get them off to a good start.
4. **BONDS:** Remember to get your bond for your President and Treasurer voted on and paid at your July meeting. Bonds must be completed by August 31st, 2025.
5. The First Council of Administration and Chairmen's Promotional Meeting will be held at the Hotel Meade in Wisconsin Rapids, on July 11th and 12th, 2025. Friday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m. will be a training for the District President's, Sr., and Jr. Vice Presidents. The School of Instruction will begin at 1:00 PM. We will have a joint meeting with the VFW on the special project for this year. The Joint Kick-Off Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. On July 12th at 8:15 a.m. the Chairmen will present their programs for the coming year. At 1:00 we will have the Council of Administration Meeting.
6. Effective communication is a priority for us, and we aim to connect with all our members. If you do not receive your general orders, please inform us so we can address the issue promptly.
7. The 112th National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio from August 9th-13th, 2025. You can access registration details and hotel information on MALTA and the official national website.
8. To address any concerns or inquiries this year, please follow the established chain of command by directing your questions to the appropriate individuals. Start with your District President, who will either provide answers or escalate your queries to the relevant Department member. We will be working closely with our District Presidents, who will reach out to Department Officers as follows, for treasury-related inquiries, please contact Lenore Otto, the Department Treasurer; for clerical matters, reach out to Jackie Gregory, the Department Secretary; and any other questions, direct your inquiries to the Department President or Sherrie Rosenau, the Department Chief-of-Staff.

9. If you would like the President or a Line Officer to attend any events, please complete the request form with sufficient notice to facilitate arrangements. We look forward to being a part of your success.
10. Remember you as an Auxiliary are a pivotal part of the operations of our Department. We appreciate you and your work for veterans. Overall, WE are ONE team.
11. Reminder-- District Presidents, please refrain from holding your District meetings in October as we have the National Home Trip and Big 10, which becomes difficult for members.
12. I extend my warmest wishes to the Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary and its members on the joyous occasion of your 100th anniversary, on July 30, 2025. I encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming Department meetings, as the 100-year committee has dedicated significant effort to ensure a memorable celebration for all.

The National President for the 2025-2026 year is Lois Callahan and her theme is "From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans". My theme for the coming year is "We Rise by Lifting Others".

Loyally,

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Department of WI President
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VFW Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin
REQUEST FOR VISIT

Please use this form to request a visit from your Department President. I would be honored to attend either your regular meeting or special event (Post/Auxiliary Anniversary, etc.) that you have planned for 2025-2026. Please provide as much information as possible about the visit.

From: VFW Auxiliary to Post # _____ City _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Type of Meeting or Event: _____

Date and Starting Time of Meeting or Event: _____

Location: _____

Type of Dress (Uniform, Business Casual, Casual) _____

Remarks Needed? _____

Please include any helpful information (Anniversary #, celebration reason, project) _____

If President cannot attend is another Line Officer Representative desired? _____

Preference _____

Please include any special directions and complete event location address.

Return to: Kim McWilliams
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Americanism - July 2025



UPCOMING DATES:

Army Birthday – 06/14/1775

July 4th – Independence Day

September 11th – Patriot Day

September 20th – POW/MIA
Recognition Day

September 29th – Gold Star
Mother's & Family's Day

**Get your local schools,
residents and businesses
contact list ready** for to let
them know if they need to retire
their tattered flags AND present
a certificate once it is replaced.
Be sure to let them know how
to dispose of it correctly. **Be a
positive advocate and always
be respectful because YOU
are the face of our GREAT
organization!**

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Summer is upon us and it is time
to show your colors: Red, White
and Blue!

Honoring and respecting our
American Flag is significant
because it is a tribute to the
sacrifices and service our veterans
made. *It is a symbol of our
national unity and identity.*

Educate others about the meaning
and importance of patriotic
symbols and traditions which
include our American Flag, the
National Anthem and the Pledge
of Allegiance. Share ideas to
honor these symbols!

Let's show our patriotism this
year and our love for America
and our American Flag. Every
time you see an American
Flag, and especially if you are
carrying one, walk tall and be
proud! **As an Auxiliary
member it is our duty to
show our patriotism by
supporting veterans and
their families.** We do this by
volunteering in our
communities and by flying our
American Flags!

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Legislative

“Thank you for your service”. It’s time to turn our gratitude into meaningful advocacy.

How can we do that?

- Handwritten notes and phone calls to our legislators. Let’s thank them for listening to us about VFW Priorities.
- Getting as many veterans and supporter signed up for Action Corp and Voter Voice by sending out thank-up cards with links.

What are some of the VFW priorities?



Claim Sharks. Tell legislators to Say NO to putting veterans in debt! **Vote No on H.R. 3132.** This legislation would allow certain claim consultant companies to charge exorbitant fees for filing VA disability claims.



Extending Property Tax Exemptions to 70%, 80% and 90% Disability. Wisconsin only has an exemption for 100%. If a veteran loses a leg, they are only considered 40%. Can you imagine how disabled 100% is?



\$500,00 to fund the MIA Recovery Project. There are 1500 Wisconsin MIA Veterans. Time to fund these UW volunteers so they can bring them home.

Find your legislators at: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) and legis.wisconsin.gov

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Extention, Revitalization, & Mentoring

July, 2025

Surf's Up!!!

Grab your surfboards and your boogie boards!

Dip your toes in the water and get your feet wet!

It's time to take a ride!

This year we are going to ride the waves to success. We are "stoked" to bring in new auxiliaries and look forward to helping them "take-off" on their new ride.

We are here to help and support each other.

Don't let the size of the "swell" intimidate you. No wave is too big for us to handle TOGETHER! We won't let you "wipeout"!

So join the "party wave" cuz...

Everybody's going surfin'
Surfin' VFWA!

Green Light, Yellow Light, Red Light- What color is your Auxiliary?

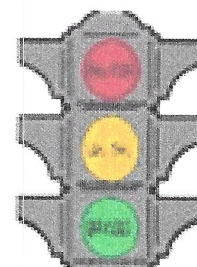
Under Malta member resources, there are 7 resources in the Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit. They help to determine if you are a healthy Auxiliary.

Green Light Auxiliaries are healthy auxiliaries. If you're having trouble recruiting new members, there are very few reports of your programs worked, or the officers have held the same position numerous years, you should be asking the Department for help. These are some of the caution signs or Yellow Light indicators!

This the time to take action and help resolve these issues. To do this will require openness and honesty.

Red Light is when an Auxiliary is placed on suspension. Please reach out to the Department President or Chief of Staff before you get to Red.

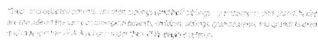
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July 2025-2026



During one of my sailing excursions, I unexpectedly met distant relatives. The **CHYTT**'s. In conversation they explained the family ancestry. Caring for Hero's Yesterday Today Tomorrow. After several meetings and much research we have decided to search our Wisconsin shorelines and look to expand our family.



<https://vfwauxfl.org> and MALTA <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org> website

October 17-18, 2025 then making port in early November at an undisclosed location, continuing to Appleton, **February 6-8, 2026**, with the final stop in **Rothschild June 11-13, 2026**. Each stop will reveal the waves of family expansion and present treasures at certain destinations.

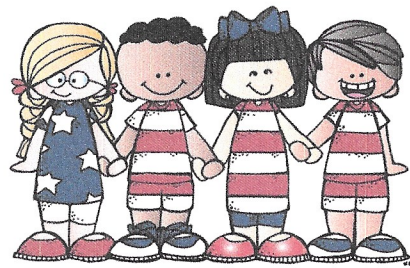


YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 2025

VFW Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin

Patty Jansky, Chairman / pajansky@charter.net



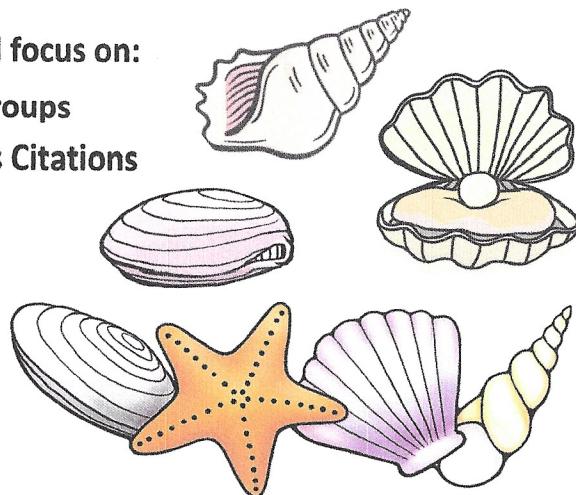
Welcome to an exciting new VFW Auxiliary Program Year! I'm honored that President Kim has asked me to stay on as the Youth Activities Chairman for 2025-2026. Shannon Stanley, our new National Ambassador, reminds us that we all have something to share with our youth. She says, "Being an Auxiliary member and a part of something as special as the VFW Auxiliary gives us a family of brothers and sisters with a variety of special skills and ideas that can be shared to make a difference with today's youth." Our youth are our future, and we can make an effort to include them in our Auxiliary projects and events as we serve our veterans and their families.

"Like seashells, we are beautiful and unique with a story to tell."

National Ambassador Shannon Stanley uses this quote to describe our Youth Activities Program. Molded by our life experiences, we all have a remarkable story to tell. Each of our Auxiliary members are special and possess distinctive talents and skills to share, just as our youth do. Together, we can make a powerful difference in the lives of our veterans, our communities, and our country. Our Auxiliary Youth Activities Program (see below) offers several ways to reach out to our youth to boost their patriotism and respect for our veterans. Watch for details in our upcoming monthly bulletins, on our Wisconsin Auxiliary website and on MALTA Member Resources under Youth Activities. Let's make 2025-2026 the year of working together with our youth!

This year the Youth Activities Program will focus on:

- Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups
- Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations
- Patriotic Youth Awards
- R.A.P. Cards
- Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates
- Illustrating America
- Patriotism Through Literacy
- Reading Buddies



"We Rise by Lifting Others" as we are "Honoring Veterans".



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Department of Wisconsin

Veterans and Family Support

Bulletin July 2025 www.vfwauxwi.org

Hello Brothers and Sisters, my name is Jody McKinney, and I am in District 9. I am very honored and proud to be your Department of Wisconsin Veterans and Family Support Chairman for 2025–2026. Did you know that the Heartbeat of our organization really is Veterans and Family Support. It is not only for the Veteran but for the whole family for whom we serve and support. No Veteran, active – duty service member, or their families should suffer in silence without some support and that is where we come in. It is my goal for this year to make sure we all know where to go to obtain the necessary resources to be able to assist those who may not know there is help available. I will also make sure you have adequate information to complete your awards for National along with your Department year-end reporting. This year the National Ambassador Annie O'Connor's main focal points for this year will be:

- VFW-Based Veterans Assistance Programs
- Veterans Mental Health Awareness
- Veteran and Veteran Spouses Employment

You can find additional information at:

vfwauxwi.org click on programs and click on Veterans and family support

vfwauxiliary.org this is the National Auxiliary, click on header what we do, then click on veterans and family support.

For more information, visit the VFW website at: vfw.org/assistance

Also, the Auxiliary can never stop ensuring that people are aware of the warning signs of ANYONE that is possibly considering ending their life. We must always promote that help is always just a phone call or text away at **988** (Press 1)!

Our National Ambassador's theme for 2025-2026

"A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"

Jody McKinney / studebaker1971@gmail.com

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
Ways and Means**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

This is the year of thinking outside the box and the year of fun. We are looking for new ways to earn money and keep everyone involved and having fun. Our first new upcoming event will be a **Poker Run on July 26, 2025.**

This will be held in the southern part of the state and will be for everyone, travelling by your selected mode of transportation.



Another event that we will be having is a **Paint and Sip** event during Mid-winter Conference in Appleton, Feb. 6-7, 2026 at the Hilton Paper Valley.



We have decided that instead of raffling baskets, we will be using gift cards. We are asking that all Auxiliaries please donate gift cards to the Ways and Means team to help us this year.

We have some more new events that we will announce as the year goes on. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements!

The Way and Means Team

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