

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN S'MORE NEWS

GENERAL ORDERS NO.4 (N

(MUST BE READ AT MEETING)

October 2025

- 1. MEMBERSHIP: As I am writing this bulletin, we are at 88.24% in Membership!! This is very good!! Please continue to send in your dues so that we may be eligible for monetary awards at the National Level. Is your Auxiliary on track for Department awards?
- 2. All Officers should have their dues paid.
- 3. BONDS: Thank you for working diligently and getting all of our President's and Treasurer's Bonds in before the deadline. Calls were made, and you got the job done!
- 4. DISTRICT DUES: Send your District Dues to your DISTRICT TREASURER ASAP!
- 5. DONATIONS: Have you made your yearly donations yet? If not, please send it to the Department Treasurer at 1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI, as soon as possible.
- 6. AUDITS: Make sure you get your audits to the Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto. If you're having problems with it, ask her or your District President for help.
- 7. Reach out to your members you have not seen in a while and invite them to a meeting.
- 8. Have you considered adopting a member this year or gifting a Life membership to a member who does outstanding work?
- 9. FALL COUNCIL MEETING: November 15th, 2025, will be our next Council of Administration meeting at the American Legion, Beaver Dam. THERE WILL BE PRIZES!!! Dress in your favorite Auxiliary Vintage wear. Prize for the best costume. Complete the registration form for attendance that is in this mailing. There will be a drawing for members who bring someone new and have not attended council meetings. Additionally, for first-time attendees. Ways and Means will have baskets as well.
- 10. Do you have an event you'd like a Department Officer to attend? Just fill out the request form on our website. We will do our best to meet your wishes.
- 11. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for our Veterans and Families. It is truly inspiring to see all the time and effort put into helping those in need. We Rise by Lifting Others, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

Kim McWilliams 815-999-9214 mrsffiiemt@gmail.com





WHO:

ALL Members Welcome

Number in attendance _____ X \$20 = ____

Name/Auxiliary #: _____

Title: _____

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
Fall Council of Administration Meeting
Saturday, November 15th, 2025
American Legion Post 146

WHERE:	American Legion Post #146. 300 Beichl Ave, Beaver Dam, WI 53916
WHEN:	Saturday, November 15 th @ 9:00 a.m.
for only \$20. earmarked N	a Hot Italian beef sandwich, Fettuccine Alfredo, Ravioli Marinara, and House Salad 00. Drinks must be purchased at the bar. (Send Check to Lenny by Nov 1 st ov. Council) aving a Vintage Auxiliary Dress contest.
November Co	ouncil of Administration November 15 th , 2025

RSVP by November 1st, 2025, to Kim McWilliams, 24625 103rd St, Salem, WI, 53168, or email your response to mrsffilemt@gmail.com or call (815)999-9214.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Veterans and Family Support October 2025

Let's talk about October 1st 2025, for the 2025-2026 program year! Why you ask? Well because the VFW MAP grant will reopen!!

What is **MAP**? Well, I am glad you asked.

M-MILITARY A-APPRECIATION P-PROGRAM = MAP

MAP, is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community, offering support around the world. Since 2005, **MAP** has sponsored events supporting more than 3.4 million service members and their families.

A large part of **MAP** is the Adopt-a-Unit program, providing VFW Posts the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during, and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military.



If you are a service member or a Family Readiness Group leader interested in participating in this "Amazing" program, contact the **MAP** office today.

MAP office at 816.756.3390 or <u>m.a.p@vfw.org</u>

Adopt A Unit Application can also be found at m.a.p@vfw.org

Jody McKinney – Veterans and Family Support

Studebaker1971@gmail.com

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Buddy Poppy, October 2025

Louise Engness, Chairman

Thank you for your support! Have you ever handed out a Thank You note to those who support the Buddy Poppy Drive? The note can be on a colorful piece of paper and several on one sheet of paper and cut apart to hand out. The thank you note can have a short excerpt of Flanders field, or the significance of the colors of the Buddy Poppy. Remember to include your Auxiliary name, where and when you meet and even an event that could spark interest in VFWA!

Remember to tell the stories of the Buddy Poppy. Share how this supports veterans and our active-duty service men and women. Keep a new member form in your pocket for a quick hand out!

For the year end awards remember to Take Pictures of Buddy Poppy Distribution, most enthusiastic, well- dressed from head to toe to win! Send Pictures to <u>wagnerla4@gmail.com</u>

Remember to send Buddy Poppy pictures to VFW News!



Pack the Bus with riders, costumes and donations to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids Michigan on October 24-26th 2025. We will be able to participate in the Halloween party and celebrate 100 years of VFW National Home's continued service! Sign up on line at the Department VFWA home page. The price of just the bus with no hotel will be added to the registration form soon.

Auxiliaries do you have a member or members-ready to go on a fact-finding mission! Be ready for the parade of checks at the yearly meeting on Saturday morning. Want to donate an item? Go to VFWnationalhome.org and click on the donate now link/other ways for the amazon wish list and you will see a pig brush! Yes, it's not a mistake, the kids raise pigs and show them at the fair then sell them at the meat sale! There are also cleaning supplies, bedding, sports equipment and much more for the residents of the home. You already have items ready to go, get them on the bus! Encourage and support members to take time to participate in this three-day fact-finding mission!

Checklist: Travel buddy, costumes, donations for the home, snacks for the bus and money for meals, and of course save up for the National Home goodies at the gift shop! You can never have too much National Home Swag!

GREASE is the theme for the VFW National Home Halloween Party! Costumes for districts are as follows:

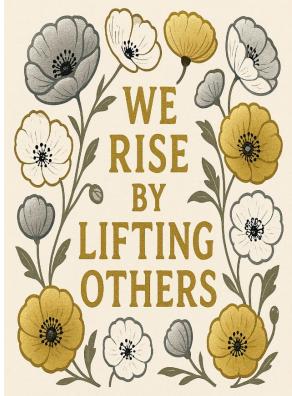
Line officers: T-Birds and Pink Ladies
D 1, 6, 10 –Rydell High Students
D 2,7,11—Rydell High School Staff
D 3&8—Scorpions
D 4&9—Cycle Lords

Please keep all costumes to a 1950's theme and child appropriate and represent our VFWA well.

Louise Engness, Department National Home Chairman.

Wagnerla4@gmail.com

100th Anniversary Gift to you!



We're excited to invite you to the upcoming Council of Administration November 15th, in Beaver Dam, an important gathering where your presence truly makes a difference. As a token of appreciation for your continued dedication, all Auxiliaries in attendance will receive "Free" Anniversary Poppies; silver, gold, diamond, to help honor and support our veterans. These iconic symbols of remembrance are a meaningful way to show your commitment and share our mission with others.

All we ask is you use these "Poppies" in an entry/display for our Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Let's come together, rise, and make this Council one to remember.

Thank you for your 100 years of volunteer service!

100th Anniversary Committee: Kim, Rita, Sherrie, Cheryl, Jackie, Lenny & Vicki





25th silver	Soth	75th diamond		25th silver	50th gold	75th diamond
Our Auxiliary	will be attending	the November Co	uncil Mee	ting:		
Auxiliary nam	ne:				□ 5	0 of each
Person pickin	g up Poppies:				□ 8	30 of each

Return by November 4, 2025 to:

Vicki Newbauer

1909 E 14th St. #17

Merrill, WI 54452



Officers, Chairmen and Members

Are you a new officer or chairman? Are you unsure of your new duties? Are you unsure where you should turn for information?

I have a solution for you!

Log into Malta
https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/Dashboard
and then click on Member Resources.
There are 3 Guidebooks listed there.
Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation
has five guidebooks to help you.

You are also welcome to contact me for help at any time. We are here to help your auxiliary be strong and healthy.

We are in this together!

Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation

Guidebook 1 – Officers' Duties (Information and help for each Officer of each level of the Organization, except Treasurer) 78 pages

Guidebook 2 – Programs & Reporting (Information and help on Chairmen duties, setting up a project and/or Program and reporting on each level of the Organizatio.) 11 pages

Guidebook 3 – Membership, Recruiting & Extension (Information and help for forming new Auxiliaries, working membership and recruiting new members) 6 pages

Guidebook 4 – National District Council Members (Information on the role and responsibility of National District Council Members) 4 pages

Guidebook 5 - Financial Responsibilities (Information and help for Treasurers and Trustees on all levels

of the Organization) 21 pages

Sherrie Rosenau Chief-of-Staff littlemama6@yahoo.com 920-251-8888

We Rise By Lifting Others

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

HOSPITAL REPORT OCTOBER 2025

First of all, let me say thank you to the Auxiliaries who volunteer their time and talents to our VA Hospitals and VA Nursing Homes and are reporting their contributions to me!

If you haven't don't so, please remember to send donations for Hospital Projects and Hospital Programs. Please send donations earmarked as such and write the check to VFWA -WI and send your donations to our Department Treasurer-Lenore Otto at her address in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

We started our Annual Visits with President Kim and Commander Ty and so far, we have visited VA Hospital Zablocki and were able to tour the one area (very interesting) SIM LAB. This was a very interesting tour. Next, we were able to visit King and listened to all the projects they have ongoing and upcoming and had a nice lunch nearby (Thanks to Karen, Judy and Twiggy).

Upcoming is the visit to Chippewa Falls Veterans Home, and Iron Mountain for this month. In October we have Tomah VA, November is Minneapolis and Union Grove and then in December is Madison. So, we have been and plan to be very busy checking out all 8 of these facilities and learning what they are doing and plan on doing in the future. When we visit Tomah, we will have a tour and then the veterans will come to Bldg. 455 and have cherry pie bars and listen to some wonderful music.

I hope you are able to read the bulletins each month at your meetings – if you don't you might miss out on some VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Does your Auxiliary have Hospital Volunteers? Please send me a message with their names and what areas they volunteer in. I volunteer at Tomah and have been in many different areas volunteering. This Information Will Help With Your Year End Report!! Does your Auxiliary donate funds to a VA Facility near you for parties, Holidays or just for the Veterans? Please let me know!

Well, enough for now – let me close with a quote!

"One of the things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people."

Dick Gregory (American Comedian and Civil Rights Activist)

Hospital Chairman Laura Coffin Laurie2bk@gmail.com 1-608-792-1422



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

2025-2026

JEANNETTE FRANK CONTINUOUS SERVICE AWARD



MEMBERS ARE YOU

FOR THE MEMBER

THAT IS DESCRIBED IN THE WORDS ABOVE?

This Award is to honor a sister that has mentored, volunteered and continues to assist in leading her Auxiliary and this organization with her many skills and talents. She must have joined prior to 2000 with continuous years of membership.

Very simply follow the instructions and deadlines on the nomination form

This This

will be given at the Department Convention in Rothschild, June 2026.

WHO WILL IT BE?????

LENORE OTTO, AWARDS CHAIRMAN

1383 W Wisconsin Ave. Oconomowoc, WI 53066

lennylavfw@yahoo.com

262-560-1222



September 2025 – Legislative

I am honored to have been asked to fill the position of Legislative Chair for the VFWA Department of Wisconsin for this year and look forward to an active year of advocacy on behalf of our veterans.

Are you part of the Legislative TEAM? It certainly matters when one or two of us reach out to our local, state, and federal legislators to encourage support of VFW priorities – but when HUNDREDS of us – THOUSANDS of us – reach out, we really can make a difference for our veterans!

CASE IN POINT: With 1 click you can send a thank you email to your US representative, senators, and the President of the United States to thank them all for their support in passing H.R. 1815, *VA Home Loan Program Reform Act*. We ask for their support of VFW priorities and we want to make sure to thank them when they do.

Here's what YOU can do:

- Sign up for **Action Corps** (www.vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)
 and **Voter Voice** (www.votervoice.net/VFWWI/home) you will receive an email every week or so that will let you know what legislation is pending and how you can help.
- No Internet? *NO PROBLEM*! Send a postcard or a quick note to your legislators in support of pending legislation in fact, most outreach is done online, so your letter will have an even greater impact. Ask your legislative chair to help with the wording or to find out which legislators represents you. Please contact me for language to use in your outreach.
- Talk to friends and family about veterans' needs, and legislation that is being decided upon.
- Work with other members of your auxiliary to prepare letters, cards, emails, etc. to legislators.
- Watch for an invitation to participate in *Auxiliary Legislation Day 2025*! A new initiative for all of us to meet with legislators so that we can encourage them to support VFW priorities.

Together, everyone really does achieve more to support our veterans through meaningful legislation. Join the TEAM!

Gail Bensen, gsbbensen@gmail.com (518) 209-8362 (talk/text)



OCTOBER 2025 - LEGISLATIVE

FALL into the habit of checking Action Corps notices each week! www.vfw.org/JoinActionCorps



The VFW National Legislative Committee gathered in Washington, D.C., Sept. 7-11, to meet with senators, representatives, and congressional staffers regarding key VFW legislative priorities. This year's discussions focused on passing *Major Richard Star Act* and the *TAP Promotion Act*. See what you can do to help this effort – sometimes, no action is requested, and other times - LIKE RIGHT NOW – our veterans need our help to encourage representatives to vote for programs and policies that provide <u>real</u> help for our veterans and those active duty service men and women who will need those services in the future.

Click on this button >

Congress is back in session and will be voting on these and other critical veterans' issues this fall. Let's reach out to our reps and let them hear our voices for our veterans! Remember: from Kenosha to Superior and Hudson to Green Bay, all of Wisconsin's veterans are represented by the same two senators: Sen. Ron Johnson and Sen. Tammy Baldwin. If we come together, our voi: Sen<u>l</u> be heard.

No computer? No problem! Ask your Legislative Chair for a copy of the Action Alert, then write a letter, or call the office and read the alert:

Sen. Ron Johnson 328 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-5323 Sen. Tammy Baldwin 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-5653

Don't know who your representatives are? Search online through the VFW Auxiliary Member Resources or ask your Legislative Chair for help.

GET INFORMED. GET INVOLVED.

"We Rise By Lifting Others"
Gail Bensen, gsbbensen@gmail.com
(518) 209-8362 (talk/text)



We need YOUR help to keep Lillian's legacy alive!

For years, this scholarship has supported aspiring medical students, carrying forward Lillian's legacy of compassion and service.





Mail donations (LCMS) to: Lenore Otto, Dept. WI Treasurer 1383 W. Wisconsin Ave Oconomowoc, WI 53066

WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS



FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA,
HONORING VETERANS WHO
KEEP US FREE

Honoring the Past, Empowering the Future We need YOUR help to keep Lillian's legacy alive!

"Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship"



For years, the Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship Program has been a lifeline for aspiring medical students, helping them pursue their dreams of serving others through medicine.

Now, this vital scholarship is in urgent need of funding — and we're turning to our incredible WI Auxiliaries and friends to come together and ensure Lillian's light continues to shine for generations to come.

A Why It Matters: "WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS"

Lillian Campbell dedicated her life to the service of others. Through this scholarship, her compassion lives on in every student who receives support, every patient those students will someday heal, and every life they touch.

But without your donations, we risk losing this opportunity to support future doctors and caregivers who are counting on us.

W How You Can Help:

- Make a Donation Every dollar makes a difference
- Spread the Word Share this message with your fellow Auxiliaries and friends
- Honor Lillian's Legacy Ensure her spirit of service lives on

EXECUTE: Let's make October a month of giving and hope.

Give from the heart. Support the future of medicine.

Please help us expand the impact of the Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship. Your donations allow us to assist more students pursuing careers in the medical field.

Mail Donations (Earmarked LCMS)

To: Lenore Otto Dept. WI Treasurer 1383 W. Wisconsin Avenue Oconomowoc, WI 53066



Thank You for Being Part of This Legacy of Care!

"FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA, HONORING VETERANS WHO KEEP US FREE"

VFW A Department of Wisconsin Membership October 2025-2026

Caring for Heroes Yesterday Today Tomorrow.

AHOY!

Fulla (Vicki) here with the CHYTT family expansion update.

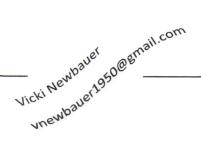
Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. For more than 100 years, we have been serving veterans, the military, their families and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform. Review the Eligibility Wheel and ask someone to join.



Use the QR code! Utilize the Membership tools on MALTA.

Continue your veteran(s) legacy by retaining your membership and recruiting new members so your veteran(s) will continue to live on through you as a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Attend your upcoming Department Fall Council of Administration Meeting in Beaver Dam November 15, 2025 to receive exciting, fun ways to promote membership!





OUR TREASURE IS WAITING.......HAPPY TREASURE HUNTING!

https://vfwauxwi.org and MALTA https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org website

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES Life Membership loss are not returdates. Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

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Life Merr	bership
Through	20 \$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31.35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61.65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71.75	\$132
76-80	\$100
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and ov	er \$58

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY VFW NEWS

October 2025



WISCONSIN VFW NEWS Subscription Special:

We are again offering half-priced subscriptions to all Auxiliary members for either renewing or new subscriptions (\$5 instead of the regular \$10). Until December 15, 2025, any Auxiliary may send in a Group List of subscriptions, using the WISCONSIN NEWS Subscription Special form in this packet.

Also note, if an Auxiliary member becomes a widow or widower, the subscription is not automatically continued. The Post or Auxiliary must contact VFW State Headquarters to inform them that the widow/widower would like to continue the WI

Reminder: Please consider donating to the VFW NEWS: \$1.00 per member, based on the June 30, 2025 membership total for each Auxiliary. Thank you.

Sharon Kamrowski VFW NEWS Department Chairperson skshar@aol.com

VFW NEWS for the next year.

WISCONSIN VFW NEWS

Subscription Special

INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW: When a VFW member is reported as deceased, the VFW State Headquarters MUST be informed (by either the Post or Auxiliary) that the widow would like to continue receiving the <u>Wisconsin VFW News</u> for the next year. THE SUBSCRIPTION IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUED! After that year, Auxiliary members must pay for their own subscription. We are again offering half-price subscriptions (\$5 instead of the regular \$10) to all Auxiliary members for either new or renewing subscriptions. Until December 15, 2025, any Auxiliary may send in a GROUP LIST of subscriptions, using this form. PLEASE, no individual mailings or personal checks – Auxiliary checks and one group listing ONLY.

<u>Auxiliary Treasurers</u>: please issue ONE AUXILIARY check for the whole group. It is up to each Auxiliary to decide if they will pay for the subscriptions or collect the \$5 from each member that wants one. NOTE: These may be NEW <u>or</u> RENEWING subscriptions and there is no minimum or maximum number required. Please use reverse side if more space is needed. Questions? Please call Auxiliary Chairman Sharon Kamrowski at 608-406-0924.

NOTE: The subscription year includes six issues, **starting in January**, **2026**.

Thank you for printing clearly!

NAME	ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP	NEW?	RENEW?

TOTAL number of subscriptions (including reverse side) x \$5.00 each = \$ enclosed

MAIL THIS FORM & AUXILIARY CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW DEPT. OF WI by December 15, 2025 to:

VFW Dept. Headquarters, Attn: NEWS Subscriptions, PO Box 6128, Monona, WI 53716-0128

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin October S'more News Ways and Means

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Attached is our Four-Square Raffle that will be open until December 1st, 2025 and will be drawn on December 10, 2025, just in time for Christmas. Please share with everyone, see if your family or friends might want to help us and have a chance to win some great prizes.



Please let us know if anyone is in need of any additional Mobility Scooter Raffle tickets, as we still have some left to sell. Don't forget about our upcoming events: Fall C of A and our Paint and Sip event at Mid-winter. We will be announcing another "out of the box" fundraiser in November.

Join us at the November C of A for a new fundraising activity and some basket raffles.

The Way and Means Team

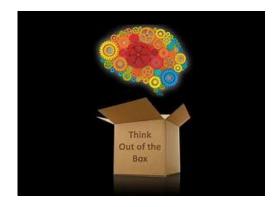
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Ways and Means Four Square Raffle

Raffle License #R0032634-A-82120

1. Mary Brown Quilt



2. Ty Letto Charcuterie Board



3. Green Bay Packer Football



4. 17" Blackstone Griddle



\$5 each ticket or 5 for \$20

Drawing December 10, 2025 @ 1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Fill out form below with how many tickets you want and mail back with money to:

Lenore Otto 1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI 53066
Form and money due by December 1st, 2025

Name:			
Address:			
Phone:			
Prize 1. Mary Brown Quilt	No. Tickets	_X \$5.00 =	\$
Prize 2. Ty Letto Charcuterie Board	No. Tickets	_X \$5.00 =	\$
Prize 3. Green Bay Packer Football	No. Tickets	_X \$5.00 =	\$
Prize 4. 17" Blackstone Griddle	No. Tickets	_X \$5.00 =	\$
Minus \$5 for each 5/\$20 = No.	X \$5.00	Grand Total	\$

WISCONSIN VFW AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2025 - 2026



CHARLENE K. COBB

SR VICE PRESIDENT

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE



Each Auxiliary is a working piece of the Department of Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary

You will not be competing against other Auxiliaries to receive your points. These points are based on your performance only. The total points available are 530 plus 100 bonus points.

Auxiliaries will be chosen for the Auxiliary Achievement Circle of Excellence by a combination of the completion of achievements on this form and a brief description of your Auxiliary's accomplishments. To be considered your Auxiliary must meet the eligibility criteria below and this form must be filled out in its entirety and submitted by May 1, 2026.

On May 10, 2026 your points will be totaled and all Auxiliaries reaching 430 points will be welcomed into the Circle of Excellence and receive their award.

MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO, THE PERSON YOU ARE, AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE!

WISCONSIN VFW AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Auxiliary Number	
District Number	
Auxiliary President's Name	
Full Address	

TO BE WELCOMED INTO THE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE, YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- 1. Auxiliary **MUST** be represented at each of your own District meetings.
- 2. Membership **MUST** be at least 95% by December 1, 2025.
- 3. All monies owed to the Department **MUST** be paid in full by March 31, 2026.
- 4. All audits **MUST** be received at the Department Office ON TIME.
- 5. Report **at least one (1)** time between July 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026 in each chairmanship.
- 6. Report of Installation **MUST** be received in the Department by June 30, 2025.
- 7. IRS form 990 MUST be received by the Department by November 30, 2025.
- 8. This guide sheet **MUST BE COMPLTED** along with a short description of your Auxiliary's accomplishments and **MUST** be received by May 1, 2026.

Membership growth based on the membership standings as of April 30, 2026.

Possible points	Membership Goal	Actual points
110 points	If you are over 101%. Not including deaths (current	
	percentage)	
100 points	If you are over 100%. Not including deaths (current	
	percentage)	
90 points	If you are over 100% including paid deaths (paid	
-	percentage)	
80 points	If you are 97-100% including paid deaths (paid	
	percentage)	
10 points	Auxiliary signed up at least one new/rejoined	
·	member. Must have member ID# on application.	

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Taking care of your administrative duties means being on time and up-to-date.

Possible points	Administrative Duties Goal	Actual points
15 points	If your installation report is received by the	
	Department Secretary by June 15, 2025.	
10 points	If your installation report is received by the	
	Department Secretary by June 30, 2025.	
15 points	President and Treasurers bond is received at	
	National by July 15, 2025.	
10 points	President and Treasurers bond is received at	
	National by July 31, 2025.	
10 points	If the dues of all Auxiliary Officers are paid by	
	December 15, 2025.	
40 points	10 points awarded for each audit received on time.	
15 points	IRS 990 Completed by November 15,2025, and a	
	copy sent to the Department Treasurer.	
15 points	Within 30 days of taking office as President you	
	provided a written financial and membership report	
	to the Post Commander (Attach a copy)	

Total Points Available – 110

Total	Earned:	
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School of Instruction

Possible points	School of Instruction Goal	Actual	points
15 points	Auxiliary President attends the school of instruction		
10 points	For each additional officer that attends the School of Instruction		
5 points	For any other member of the Auxiliary that attends the School of Instruction		

Total Points Available – 30

Total	Farned:	
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Working toward a common goal

Possible points	VFW and Auxiliary Common Goal	Actual points
25 points	Support the Commander and President's special	
	project	
25 points	Donate to the National President's special project	
25 points	Bonus: Auxiliary participates in Ways and Means	
	Poker Run	
20 points	Bonus : A joint project or activity with the VFW that	
	benefits both	

Total Points Available – 50 (Bonus – 45)

Iotal Earned:

Being part of our organization includes attending our functions

Possible points	Function Attendance Goal	Actual points
10 points	President attends the National President Visit	
5 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends the National	
	President's Visit	
20 points	President attends the Big 10 Conference	
15 points	Each if Sr or Jr Vice attend the Big 10 Conference	
10 points	Each for other Auxiliary member that attends the Big	
	10 Conference	
20 points	President attends the Fall Festival (Eaton Rapids)	
10 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends the Fall	
	Festival (Eaton Rapids)	
5 points	For each member that attends the July CofA	
5 points	For each member that attends the Nov CofA	
15 points	President attends ALL their own District meetings	
15 points	President attends the Mid-Winter Conference	
10 points	Each if Sr or Jr Vice attend the Mid-Winter	
	Conference	
5 points	Each for other Auxiliary members that attend the	
	Mid-Winter conference	
25 points	Bonus : President, Sr or Jr Vice attend the National	
	Commanders Homecoming (Des Moines)	
25 points	Bonus : President, Sr or Jr Vice attend the National	
	Legislative Conference (Washington D C)	

Total Points Available – 145 (Bonus: 50)

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Program Participation

Possible points	Program Participation Goal	Actual points
10 points	For promoting patriotic holidays and reporting to the	
·	Americanism Chairman	
10 points	Auxiliary Outreach (program approved by State	
	Chairman)	
10 points	Donate to the Department Hospital Fund	
10 points	Have an entry in the Young American Patriotic Art	
	Contest 2 and 3 dimensional categories (5 pts each)	
5 points	Distribute at least 10 R.A.P. cards	
5 points	Sign up a new member to the VFW Action Core	
15 points	Bonus : Participate with the VFW on Buddy Poppy,	
	VOD & Patriot's Pen (5 pts each)	

Total Points Available – 50 (Bonus: 15)

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Tracking for Program Reporting	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr
Americanism				
Auxiliary Outreach				
Buddy Poppy / VFW National Home				
Historian & Media Relations				
Hospital				
Legislative				
Membership				
Scholarships				
Veterans & Family Support				
Youth Activities				

Bonus Points Available (1 per check mark) – 40

Total Earned:

Any questions please reach out to me in an email, and I can call you if you need me to.



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WISCONSIN VFW AUXILIARY ACHIEVEMENT CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

District Circle of Excellence Criteria



You will not be competing against other Districts to receive your points. These points are based on your performance only. The total points available are 725 plus 115 bonus points.

Districts will be chosen for the Auxiliary Achievement Circle of Excellence by a combination of the completion of achievements on this form and a brief description of your District's accomplishments. To be considered this form must be filled out in its entirety and submitted by May 1, 2026.

On May 10, 2026 your points will be totaled and all Districts reaching 550 points will be welcomed into the Circle of Excellence and receive their award.

BE PROUD, your hard work makes a huge difference for our VFW Auxiliary Family!

District Number	
District President's Name	
Full Address	

Membership growth based on the membership standings as of April 30, 2026.

Possible points	Membership Goal	Actual points
110 points	If you are over 101%. Not including deaths (current percentage)	
100 points	If you are over 100%. Not including deaths (current percentage)	
90 points	If you are over 100% including paid deaths (paid percentage)	
80 points	If you are 97-100% including paid deaths (paid percentage)	
25 points	Bonus : District holds a Membership Drive, Training or other event to recruit new members and/or recapture expired members.	

Total Points Available – 110 (Bonus – 25)

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Taking care of your administrative duties means being on time and up-to-date.

Possible points	Administrative Duties Goal	Actual points
15 points	If your installation report is received by the	
	Department Secretary by June 15, 2025.	
5 points	If your installation report is received by the	
	Department Secretary by June 30, 2025.	
15 points	All District Auxiliaries bonded by July 15, 2025.	
10 points	All District Auxiliaries bonded by July 31, 2025.	
5 points	All District Auxiliaries bonded by August 31, 2025.	
10 points	If the dues of all District Officers are paid by	
	December 15, 2025.	
40 points	20 points awarded for each semi-annual audit	
	received on time, complete and accurate.	
10 points	Within 30 days, provide a written financial and	
	membership report to the District Commander	
30 points	All Auxiliary Official visits completed by Dec 15, 2025	
	and reports turned in by December 31,2025	

Total Points Available – 120

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School of Instruction

Possible points	School of Instruction Goal	Actual points
40 points	District host a training session for each of the	
	following topics: National Programs, Organizational	
	Knowledge, Use of MALTA, and Identify Healthy and	
	Unhealthy Auxiliaries (10 points for each, can be	
	combined with another District)	
25 points	President (or Sr/Jr VP) attend Department training	
	by April 1, 2026.	
5 points	Each for any other District Officer that attends the	
	School of Instruction	

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Working toward a common goal

Possible points	VFW and Auxiliary Common Goal	Actual points
25 points	Support the Commander and President's special	
	project	
25 points	Donate to the National President's special project	
20 points	Bonus: A joint project or activity with the VFW that	
	benefits both organizations.	

Total Points Available – 50 (Bonus – 20)
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Program Participation

Possible points	Program Participation Goal	Actual points
15 points	District President MUST submit the President's	
	report by May 1, 2026	
25 points	All Auxiliaries MUST complete one project, activity or	
	donation that benefits Veterans by April 15, 2026.	
25 points	Each District Chairman send two (2) reports to their	
	Department Chairman	
10 points	Pre-ordered President's pins	
25 points	District Auxiliaries sell their Quota of Calendar and/or	
	money raffle tickets	
20 points	Bonus : District participates in the Ways and Means	
	Poker Run	

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Being part of our organization includes attending our functions

Possible points	Function Attendance Goal	Actual points
30 points	President, Sr or Jr Vice attends the National	7 totaar pointo
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50 points	President, Sr or Jr Vice attends the Big 10	
·	Conference (P-20, Sr/Jr-15 each)	
60 points	President, Sr or Jr Vice attends the Fall Festival	
·	(Eaton Rapids) (20 each)	
30 points	President attends the July and Nov CofA (15 pts ea)	
15 points	Sr or Jr Vice that attends the July or Nov CofA in lieu	
	of President	
40 points	If Sr and/or Jr attend the Jul and Nov CofA in	
	addition to the President (10 each)	
25 points	President attends the Mid-Winter Conference	
20 points	If Sr or Jr Vice also attend the Mid-Winter	
	Conference (10 each)	
15 points	If Sr or Jr Vice attend the Mid-Winter Conference for	
	the President	
25 points	Bonus : President, Sr or Jr Vice attend the National	
	Commanders Homecoming (Des Moines)	
25 points	Bonus : President, Sr or Jr Vice attend the National	
	Legislative Conference (Washington D C)	

Total Points Available – 270 (Bonus: 50)

Total Earned:

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES October 2025

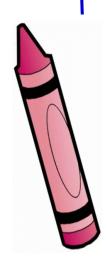
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ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

Illustrating America gives our students a chance to showcase both their patriotism and their artistic talent! Once again, our Youth Activities Program is offering this Patriotic Art Contest for students in grades K-8. Their two-dimensional art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique.

Please remind your parents and students to read the instructions carefully. Some frequently missed items include printing the child's name, age and grade on the back of their artwork, and reinforcing paper entries with heavy paper (such as tagboard, posterboard, cardboard, foamboard, etc.) Matting requirements are less restrictive (colored mats are now allowed). There is a new 2025-26 entry form and contest rules on MALTA Member Resources and on our WI Auxiliary website under Youth Activities. These pieces of art are so precious! We don't want a child's entry to be disqualified because their artwork or entry form was not completed properly.





National First Place Winner Grades K-2 – 2024-2025



ILLUSTRATING AMERICA AWARDS

Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2026. Local first place winners in each grade division must reach me by April 15, 2026. The awards are:

Department of Wisconsin Awards

(In each of the grade divisions – grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8) First Place: \$75 / Second Place: \$50 / Third Place: \$25

National Awards

(In each of the grade divisions – grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8) First Place: \$100 / Second Place: \$50 / Third Place: \$25

Encourage your talented young artists to enter this contest. Not only will it allow them to share their creativity, but it will introduce them to what our VFW Auxiliary does for our veterans and our communities. It may also motivate them to enter the Young American Creative Patriotic Art and 3-D Art Scholarship Contests in high school. **Go, Wisconsin!**

This QR Code will take you to the Youth Activities Program info on the National Auxiliary website. Check out the recent Illustrating America winners and 2025-2026 forms!



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY ROSTER CHANGES October 2025

Address Correction:

District 2, Aux. 3709, Pg. 29 President Christine Bowen Address should be:

312 Franklin St, Apt 2 Watertown, WI 53094

Phone Correction:

Linda Moran, Pg. 16, 58, 59, 62 **Phone Numbers should be:**(020) 351, 3021 (U)

(920) 351-3021 (H) (920) 639-9987 (C)

Meeting Time Change:

District 7, Aux. 10262, Pg. 57 **New Meeting Time**: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Time Change:

District 4, Aux. 1691, Pg. 37 New Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Time Change:

District 7, Aux. 8068, Pg. 55

New Meeting Time:

October - March

2nd Sunday of the Month -1:30 p.m.

Meeting Information:

District 9 Aux. 2204, Pg. 74 **No Meeting in Jan. or Feb.**

If meeting date lands on a holiday, we will meet the following Monday

Meeting Place Correction:

District 4, Aux. 10394, Pg. 38

Meeting Place should be:

Clifford's Supper Club, 10418 W Forest Home Avenue Hales Corners, WI 53130 1st Wednesday @ 7:30

Meeting Time Change:

District 11, Aux. 987, Pg. 92 **New Meeting Time**: 6:30 p.m.

Address Correction:

Auxiliary 5278, Pg. 44

Address should be:

113 E. Fond du Lac St

Meeting Date changed

Thurs Jan 1 to Thurs Jan 8

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Meeting Place Change:

District 9, Aux. 8478, Pg. 76 **Meeting Place should be:** Augusta Area Senior Center

616 W. Washington St.

Augusta, WI

New Chairman:

District 11, Hospital Chairman, Pg. 90

Remove: Rita Byers Add New Chairman:

Laurie Coffin (608) 792-1422

503 S "L" St

Sparta, WI 54656

laurie2bk@gmail.com

Correct Phone number Pg. 90 & 91

(608) 792-1422

Officer Change:

District 8, Aux. 2778, Pg. 63

Remove: Sheila Kudrle, Secretary

Add New Secretary:

Sherrie Rosenau (920) 251-8888

W8528 Lincoln Rd Van Dyne, WI 54979

littlemama6@yahoo.com

Address Correction:

District 11, Aux. 987, Pg. 92 Secretary Jackie Martz

Address should be:

S3017 Foxhill Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

Email Change:

Distrct 10, Aux. 7817, Pg. 85 President Diane Brandner

New Email:

dbretired@myyahoo.com

