



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

S'MORE NEWS NO.3 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)

September 2025

- 1) **NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS:** Congratulations to the Department of WI! Not only did we make the Circle of Excellence, but we walked away with 8 awards at the National Convention. Congratulations to Past Department President Cheryl Woodars and her team.
- 2) **MEMBERSHIP:** Please transmit your dues as soon as you receive them either to the Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto, or enter them in MALTA. Let's make those benchmarks. We need more 1075 for 100%. You can do this by November. Make sure to collect your dues now and recruit. Do not wait until the last minute or you may miss membership award opportunities for your Auxiliaries.
- 3) **President's Campfire for Courage** informational gathering at the Highgrounds, Neillsville, WI. September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 am. Come here to learn what the weekend retreats are about. Bring a friend or two or invite a business owner to come. Lunch will be served! If you have not already done so, let Jennifer Mauritz, [jmauritz922@gmail.com](mailto:jmauritz922@gmail.com), know you will be there as a head count is needed to ensure enough food is available. As a reminder, it is \$500 per Person to support a veteran or spouse to attend a retreat. Please send your donations in. Reach out to your communities to get support as well. You can print the information off the website and provide it to businesses in the communities.
- 4) **THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE:** October 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the Big Ten Conference in Bettendorf, IA. Advanced Registration is \$165. Lodging is at the ISLE Casino Hotel & Quad Cities Waterfront Conference Center, at a rate of \$124 a night plus taxes. You can register directly on the Department of Iowa website.
- 5) **NATIONAL HOME FALL FESTIVAL:** Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is the place to be on October 25, 2025, for the Fall festival. Our theme this year is Grease. Check out our website ([vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org)) for which character your district has been assigned for costumes and registration information. A bus trip is being planned for this event for October 24-26.
- 6) **FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we will have our Fall Council meeting at the American Legion, Beaver Dam. There will be a council meeting, training, and a vintage auxiliary uniform contest. You do not want to miss this. The meeting starts at 10:00 am! All are welcome to attend!
- 7) **NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:** Have you sent an introductory letter to your National Ambassador? You should have sent them an introductory letter, a copy of your presentation at the Program Promotional Meeting in July, and a copy of any and all bulletins that have been in the monthly mailing. This is what we need to be doing if we want to earn any awards at National.
- 8) Do not miss out on any Department meetings this year as we celebrate the Department's 100 Years of serving our Veterans and Families?
- 9) Watch the 4 Square Raffle coming with great prizes. Deadline postmarked by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, with your selections to Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto, 1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI, 53066.
- 10) Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Make sure to work with your VFW post to submit applications and vote and this year's applicants.



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- 11) Auxiliaries, if you are planning to conduct any raffles, it is essential that you obtain your OWN raffle license. The VFW Post Raffle License cannot be utilized by the Auxiliary. I have also been informed that the gaming license pricing will be going up beginning of next year.
- 12) What do you want to learn about? Is there something you want to learn more about at your Auxiliary, District, or even Department meetings? Email me with your contact information, Auxiliary Number, and what it is you want to learn more about.

Loyally,

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Department of WI President  
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PLEASE NOTE: The new Legislative Chairman is Gail Bensen. Her information is on Pg. 8 in the roster.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin

Auxiliary/ District Change of Meeting Date/ Time

Auxiliary/ District #	
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Scheduled Meeting Date/Time	
New Meeting Date/Time	
Effective Date	
Person Filling Form	
Contact Information:Email/Phone	

**All changes need to be reported to Department Secretary and President.**

Notified Department

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Updated in Malta

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Notify membership 30 days in advance

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Signature

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Date

Email to: [jackie.g@tds.net](mailto:jackie.g@tds.net) and [mrsffiemt@gmail.com](mailto:mrsffiemt@gmail.com)

Veterans and Family  
Support

September 2025 Bulletin



Do you know where to find the resources below? 😬 Now you do. 😊

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/local-resources/>



**VA**

U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

[VA Resources](#)

Use this tool to find VA locations (including community care providers, emergency care, pharmacies, and more).



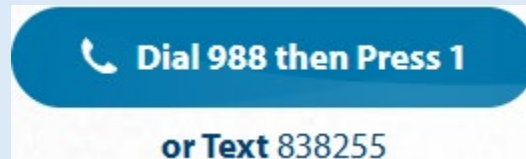
[National Resource Directory](#)

The National Resource Directory (NRD) connects wounded warriors, service members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers to national, state, and local services and resources.



**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Behavioral Health  
Treatment Services**

This tool, which is confidential and anonymous, allows people to search by ZIP code for local treatment facilities that focus on substance use/addiction and/or mental health issues.



Jody McKinney – Veterans and Family Support

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The Department of WI Americanism Program had extra money in the account so it was decided to give out 96 3X5 foot US Flags to Districts and Auxiliaries to be passed on to any school/business/office/resident in need. The flags will be distributed by Department Line Officers and District Presidents at inspections and official visits.

*Please remember to send pictures to me of all flags that are handed out at VFWA Meetings, AND all the flags given by Auxiliaries within your communities! Deadline is JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup> to have photos to me! Email, text or mail but get them to me before the deadline to be eligible for prizes!*

The first flag was distributed by our Chief of Staff Sherrie Rosenau at the July C of A because the hotel flag was tattered. Good eye by sister Aimee Viljevac for noticing it!

All flags will come with details so call if you have questions.

# P A T R I O T I S M

## VFWA September S'More News

### Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Bulletin

Sally Lamers

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#### RESPECT FOR OUR FLAG:

- Begins At Home
- By honoring and Respecting
- By showing your Patriotism
- By being GRATEFUL
- By living a life with the freedoms earned by our VETERANS: Liberty, Prosperity and Allegiance

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- ★ Proper etiquette for displaying and handling
- ★ Educational programs and workshops
- ★ Partner with local schools, civic organizations and other groups
- ★ Ensure that old Flags are properly retired

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
AUXILIARY OUTREACH S'MORE NEWS  
September 2025**

This program includes volunteer work when Auxiliary Members participate with other community organizations. Such as schools, civic, faith based. It may include assisting youth groups. It may include assisting the local police with child ID kits, volunteering at animal shelters, delivering food for Meals on Wheels, or supporting various walk events by serving as a timekeeper, event spotter, and water station volunteer.

**Where does Auxiliary outreach occur?**

At the community organizations event or as they direct. Events can take place at a VFW Post, but the Post or Auxiliary cannot PLAN THEM.

**What do we do as Auxiliary Outreach?**

Well...**WE DO.** We give of ourselves - our time and our energy.

**What is not Auxiliary Outreach?**

Anything that can be reported for any other VFW Auxiliary Program. Anything that involves giving money or goods. Anything that our Auxiliary or our members plan, lead or direct.

**THEN: Show up,  
wearing something that identifies the VFWA, hat, shirt, scarf or Pin  
and help as directed.**

**If you have any questions please call, text or email me with them. I am here to answer your questions or find you the answers if I don't have the knowledge.**



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**WI VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
MID-WINTER 2026 “BUDDY”® POPPY CONTEST  
SEPTEMBER 2025 Bulletin**

The VFW Auxiliary “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest for the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference will be:

**DESIGN:** Design a display to show how the “Buddy”® Poppy impacts all or any of the National Programs, especially the VFW National Home.

**JUDGING:** Will be accomplished by Auxiliary members picked at random and also each person viewing the displays.

<b>AWARDS:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$20.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$15.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00	Honorable Mention	\$5.00 Participation

**REQUIREMENTS AND RULES:**

- One (1) “Buddy”® Poppy MUST be used in the original form with the red color and label attached.
- All VFW Post and Auxiliary members can enter this contest.
- Please remember to use one or both President’s themes and how it represents the Veteran.

**PRESIDENTS’ THEMES:** “From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free” and/or “We Rise by Lifting Others”

Drop me an email to let me know you are bringing an entry or if any questions contact: Dept Chairman, Louise Engness or 715-308-9302.

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**Mid-Winter “Buddy”® Poppy Contest Entry Form (must be included to be eligible)**

POST/AUXILIARY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT# \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON/S RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL NUMBER OF BUDDY® POPPIES USED \_\_\_\_\_



## 2025 National Home Festival Party

**Each person must complete a registration form for accountability**

**DATE: October 24-26, 2025**

COST: \$330 for Adult Double Occupancy or \$495 for Single Adult Occupancy

- Includes Bus transportation & Hotel stay at Quality Suites, Lansing, MI. Meals not included.
- Discount if you register by August 11th, 2025. \$300 for Double Adult Occupancy/\$455 Single Adult Occupancy
- Children 12 and under \$75 Bus Fee
- \$30 rebate available after trip if 40 people register for the bus trip by September 26th, 2025.

**Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2025**

Pickup and drop off location: Pick-up starting at 6:00 AM at Cedar Creek Mall Parking Lot, Schofield, WI, TRAVELING DOWN THE Hwy 51/39 route. Other locations will be determined based on the amount of applications from different areas of the State of Wisconsin.

Room Type: ☐ Double Occupancy ☐ Single Occupancy ☐ Bus Ticket for Children 12 & Under

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Post/Aux#: \_\_\_\_\_ District#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(You will be contacted by Phone or email if pickup time changes)

Roommate Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ (If you choose to room alone, Single Occupancy rate applies)



Grease Theme White T-shirt (sizes XS—4XL) \$20

QTY  Size

Shirts are unisex sizing



Grease Theme Black T-shirt (sizes XS—4XL) \$20

QTY  Size

Shirts are unisex sizing

Total Payment Due/enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information (Full Name and PH#):

\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide vehicle information if leaving a vehicle at a pick up point. Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

### Points of Contact:

Carla McAndrew, 608-763-0042, carla.mcandrew@yahoo.com

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Louise Engness, 715-308-9302, wagnerla4@gmail.com

**Make all checks payable to:**

**VFW DEPT OF WISCONSIN**

Earmark: 2025 National Home Buss Trip

Mail this form and check, if paying by check to:

VFW OF WISCONSIN  
P.O. BOX 6128  
MONONA, WI 53716-0128

~ OR ~

Register Online





# Extention, Revitalization, & Mentoring

September, 2025

## 5 Essentials of a healthy Auxiliary

As we head in  
to Fall and hold our District Meetings and  
Official Visits, let's be mindful of the 5  
Essentials of an Auxiliary:

1. At least 10 business meetings per year with a quorum of at least 5 members in good standing at each meeting.
2. Dues paid by at least 10 members for the current year.
3. Quarterly Audits by Trustees, submitted on time.
4. Officers elected and installed and reported to National Headquarters.
5. Offices of the President and Treasurer **MUST** be bonded by August 31.



## PIP: Performance Improvement Plan

When an auxiliary is struggling, a PIP Committee (not a suspension committee) is assigned to meet with the President, Secretary and Treasurer and under certain circumstances an individual member or members with the issues to discuss and develop a Performance Improvement Plan. The committee **OBSERVE**s the auxiliary and offers **MENTORING**. The PIP committee takes the lead and gradually gets the Auxiliary involved in correcting the issue, therefore; the auxiliary would not have to be placed on suspension. Once the issues is taken care of, the PIP committee advises the Department President that the auxiliary is now considered healthy!

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We Rise By Lifting Others





**VFWA SEPTEMBER S'MORE NEWS**  
**NATIONAL HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS PROGRAM**  
**KAREN JANSSEN CHAIRMAN**

This program encompasses memory keeping and collecting the 5 W's: **Who – What – When – Where and – Why** of the Auxiliary. It includes compiling and chronicling memories and events in written format, photographs, memorabilia and print news/video clips. It is all about spreading the word and sharing the wonderful work being done by the Auxiliary.

I am looking forward to your photos you take when you travel with President Kim. I will not be able to go everywhere. So those of you who travel, please send me a few of your pictures. **A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WHO IS IN THE PHOTO. RIGHT TO LEFT.** Run the cost through your Auxiliary general fund for processing the photos. **I NEED THE INFO WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE VISIT.** Also, I would like to see pictures in your newspaper. Send the whole page too me also to Marla Morgan our editor. Stop at your local newspaper and ask for coverage of your event. Let the people around you know what your Auxiliary is all about.

**Reels:** I know that you are wondering exactly what this means. It involves using pictures or short videos to create a reel that you can then share on social media for all to see. (I would like to ask for a school of instruction on this topic at the Mid-Winter conference to learn how to do this. Please let me know how many of you would like to attend before I ask so we have a healthy class.)  
I am looking forward to all the information you send me to fill up her scrap book of memories. Thanks for all your help!!!

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY**  
**Hospital**  
**September, 2025**

As you are reading this, we are already a couple months into our New Year! If you are already a Volunteer at a VA Health Facility, or Nursing Home – Thank you so much!

If you would like to be a Volunteer at a Facility – the opportunity is there – whether you want to be a regular or occasional Volunteer – it will be appreciated!

We have Representatives and Deputy Representatives plus many volunteers at 6 of our Facilities. We are looking for Representatives for Union Grove and Minneapolis and living nearby would be an advantage! If you don't live nearby, there are CBOCs (Community Based Outpatient Clinics) and currently help is being accepted at La Crosse, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids. Each facility plans activities for their veteran residents and they need help for all kinds of things... Escort patients to church, appointments or recreational activities, etc.

If you would like to be a volunteer, please let me know or the Volunteer Representative at the VA you would like to volunteer at.

Students under 18 can also Volunteer with parental permission.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE IMPORTANT!**

**“One person can make a difference - and every person must try!”**

John F. Kennedy 35th US President!

“From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Our Veterans Who Keep Us Free”- “We Rise by Lifting Others”

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin  
Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship  
September  
2025-2026

🎉 **HELLO Sisters and Brothers!** 🎉

I'm Kimberly Goss — proud President of **District 9, Life Member at 10406 Cochrane**, and beyond honored to serve as your **Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship Chairman for 2025–2026!** 💙💛

And let me say... I am **SO EXCITED** to kick off this year's incredible scholarship season with **YOU!**

**Who was Lillian Campbell?**

Only a **LEGEND!** 🙌 A proud member of Auxiliary 7990 in Neenah, Wisconsin, Lillian led unforgettable events honoring the 50th anniversary of our national organization. She served as **VFWA National President in 1963–64**, blazing trails and changing lives. While she passed in 1996 at the age of 98, her **powerful legacy lives on** — and **YOU** are now part of it through this scholarship in her name!

☀️ **This is your moment to make a difference.**

We're awarding **life-changing scholarships** to our future **medical heroes**, and we need **YOUR** help to spread the word **far and wide!**

🎓 **3 medical students will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship!**

🚒 **2 paramedics will receive \$750 scholarships!**

**Let's make some noise and reach out to:**

- ✅ Colleges & universities
- ✅ Fire departments & EMS stations
- ✅ Hospitals & clinics
- ✅ Counselors, veteran groups & community centers
- ✅ **AND** your own network — family, friends, neighbors, and beyond

Whether they're **combat medics, nurses, paramedics, or first responders**, these individuals have answered the call to serve. Now it's **OUR** turn to support them in their journey to heal and help others. 🤝

📣 **So let's GET TO WORK!** Let's lift up these incredible students and give them the support they deserve

📌 Hang flyers.

✉️ Send emails.

📱 Post on social.

☎️ Make that call

🔗 Learn more about Lillian's story, scholarship details, and download flyers at:

👉 [www.vfwauxwi.org](http://www.vfwauxwi.org)

**Thank YOU for supporting our Veterans and the  
Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship Program!**

**Kimberly Goss**

Department Scholarships / Lillian Campbell

📍 W1334 Serum Rd, Alma, WI 54610

☎️ (715) 946-3285

Please leave a message with your name and contact number.

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**Support the Scholarship**

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

# VFW A Department of Wisconsin Membership

September 2025 -2026

Caring for Hero's Yesterday Today Tomorrow.

AHOY!

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

Family Head of Households: (District Presidents)

Leading the family expansion in order as follows:

<b>Nine:</b>	<b>"Diddley"</b>	Hillbillies	Brew----still.....moonshine (1 New)
Two:	"Silly"	Elites	Fancy Gala (3 new)
Six:		Outlaws	Rustle up members (Tough will be working with them if no District)
Eleven:	"Oh"	Bakers	Cook for membership (1 new)
Four:	"Little"	Yuppies	Protest ----Signs etc.
Eight:	"Shoot"	Bankers	Break the bank for members
Seven:	"Pile-a"	Bikers	Ride for members
Ten:	"Start"	Entertainers	Music Festival....Woodstock (1new)



We will be taking a land excursion in Bettendorf, Iowa, October 17-18 2025. Will your family be riding waves high or will you be sinking to the bottom of the ocean? Even our **Pirates** have been helping expand our Family!

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 District meeting to receive exciting, fun ways to promote membership!

Vicki Newbauer  
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**OUR TREASURE IS WAITING.....HAPPY TREASURE HUNTING!**

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

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
September 2025

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**



Fall session of school is in full swing. Have you contacted your local schools and informed them on how to get entries for Voice of Democracy and Patriots' Pen?

The theme is **"How are you Showing Patriotism and Support for our Country?"**

For detailed information on scholarships visit <https://vfwauxwi.org>, go to Menu then go to Programs, then National Scholarships. You can find entry forms at [vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships).

Remember the deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup> so do you have judges lined up? Remember, also, this is a joint effort with the VFW so include them in the judging. Gundel Metz is the Department Chairman on the VFW side. Her email is [gmem54b4h@gmail.com](mailto:gmem54b4h@gmail.com). How about certificates for participants? Do you need to acquire some to be prepared? You can order some in the VFW Catalog or perhaps you have a member handy on the computer and create your own. Local stationery stores may have blanks to work with as well.



I hope you enjoyed your summer and I am here to help if I can. Don't forget you also have a Chairman in your District.

Marge Southworth

National Scholarship Chairman

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# I M P O R T A N T

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY TREASURER, PRESIDENTS and MEMBERS

### SECTION 813- page 78 – TREASURER, DUTIES OF (ALL LEVELS) READS AS FOLLOWS - Section 'D'.

*The Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of all Auxiliary  
Committees handling funds.*

Meaning... that any and all donations of funds, gifts of money,  
or gift cards are to be entered as receipts for whatever Fund  
Raiser or Event that has been voted on  
prior to the event and used ONLY for that Event.

Any fund raiser for the Auxiliary needs to have a total  
Accounting of **ALL FUNDS RECEIVED AND ALL  
EXPENSES (with receipts) so recorded in Ledger**

All monies at the end of the event shall be counted  
by a minimum of 2 people present and one is the Treasurer.  
A receipt is then given to Chairman of Event for their  
record.

#### **NOTE: DID YOU VOTE ON YOUR BOND?**

Page 89 of the By-Laws under Section 814-E/2 states:  
The amount shall be approved by the body and the bond  
premium paid from their funds. A motion shall be made,  
passed and included in the Secretary's minutes.

Reminder: This Bond does not cover gaming accounts i.e.  
Bingo. Also, no need to make donations for Cancer.

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, thank you to all who participated and helped with the Poker run. Please continue to sell the Mobility scooter tickets. Please remember these ticket stubs and money cannot be sent in the mail. Please return to your district president or contact me to set up a time for pick up. A huge thanks to HME for donating this great scooter.



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Stay tuned to the next fundraiser which will be coming out soon, the Four-Square Flyer raffle. What is it you ask???

It is a flyer that will have four prizes you can purchase tickets for.

Now is the time to start thinking about joining us at Mid-Winter for the Paint and Sips event. There will be a sign-up sheet coming out in November on which you will be able to pick the picture you would like to paint. Join us for a fun night of painting, sipping and camaraderie.



Again, we are asking that all Auxiliaries please donate gift cards to the Ways and Means team to help us this year. Thank you to the ones who have already donated. We will have more new events that we will announce as the year goes on. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements!

The Way and Means Team

Jennifer, Aimee, Lerline and Barbara

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
WI Veterans Assistance  
September, 2025

WOW, July is gone and already we are headed into August and September. We have one District meeting coming up and the rest will follow. So, now is the time to explain why we need donations for WI Veterans Assistance, donations for Wisconsin veterans only.

Our veterans in Wisconsin need assistance with rent, car repairs, food, clothes and utilities and many more items...you get the picture. We can't help our veterans without your contributions. Any donation amount will help. Your donation check can be made payable to: **VFW-WI** and mailed to:

VFW Department Headquarters – Wisconsin  
PO Box 6128  
Monona, WI 53716-6128

**Earmark** your check: WI Veterans Assistance

For a chance to win one of four awards presented at June Convention 2026, send me your Aux. name, city and district. You can Email, text, or snail mail me the information.

There is also a program called Department of WI Unmet Needs. Applications are available to all WI veterans, their surviving unmarried spouse, or out of state veterans who are active members in good standing in Wisconsin VFW. This program is NOT FOR BASIC LIFE EXPENSES, but, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. You can get more information at [UnmetNeeds@vfwwi.org](mailto:UnmetNeeds@vfwwi.org). Send your donations in early so we can continue to help our WI veterans. Thank you.

“From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free” as “We Rise by Lifting Others”

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

September 2025

VFW Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin

Patty Jansky, Chairman / pajansky@charter.net

National Read  
a Book Day is  
September 6th!

A B C D E F G

When my youngest son was in third grade, he struggled with reading. Math, science – no problem! But reading was a real stickler. We read together every day. He would read a page, then I would read a page. Today, he absolutely loves to read and continues to add books to his home library. In fact, one Christmas we even surprised each other with the same book!



### “READING BUDDIES”

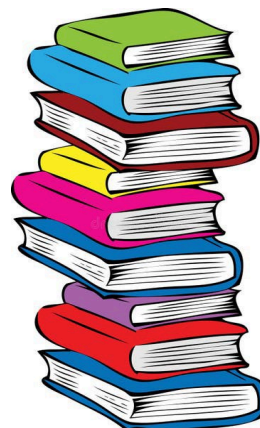


Shannon Stanley, our new National Ambassador, is encouraging all of us to be a “Reading Buddy”. We sometime forget that many children are falling behind in school due to reading issues. Shannon says, “If just one person in each Auxiliary could reach out and help a child become a better reader through reading one-on-one or electronically, imagine what an impact we could make in their daily lives and self-confidence.” Once you have found a “Reading Buddy”, you could choose books from the Patriotism Through Literacy reading list. You can also talk with the child’s parent or teacher to find out what their interests are, as well as their current reading level.

#### *How can we become a “Reading Buddy”?*

- Call your local Family Readiness Groups, Scouts, schools, after-school programs or libraries to see if they need volunteers to read with kids.
- Hold a fun Reading Buddy day at your VFW Post.
- Be a Ready Buddy by using Zoom or the telephone.
- Use #auxreadingbuddy to promote what you and your Auxiliary are doing in our Reading Buddy Program.
- Get proper permission from schools and parents and require that parents/guardians also attend Reading Buddy Post events.

*Let’s all make a difference in the life of a child!*



*“Books are keys that open many doors.” ~ James Rollins*



# Youth Activities

## National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

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### Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.
  - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the  
Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Auxiliary No: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Shannon Stanley by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Youth Activities Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.*

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
ROSTER CHANGES  
September 2025**

**Email Address Correction:**

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**Meeting Time Change:**

District 4, Aux. 1691, Pg. 37

**New Meeting Time:** 6 p.m.

**Chairman Change:**

District 7, Credentials Chairman, Pg. 49

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**Address Correction:**

District 7, Aux. 664, Pg. 50

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**Email Correction:**

Audrey Dotzauer, VAVS Associate Rep, Pg. 14

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**Name Correction:**

Legislation Chairman, Gail Bensen, Pg. 8

**Last name** should be spelled:

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