



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

GENERAL ORDERS NO.6 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)

December 2023/January 2024

- 1. REMINDER:** General orders and chairmen's bulletins need to be read at each meeting.
- 2. MEMBERSHIP:** As I am writing this bulletin, we are at **95.49% Paid and 94.51% Current** (with deceased members) in membership!! We are in 1st place in the Big Ten and 2nd place Nationally!!! This is awesome!! Please continue to send in those dues so that we may be eligible for monetary awards.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE:** I would like to put out a membership challenge to everyone. *** If we can get our **PAID** membership to 98% by February 1, I will take a pie to the face at our Mid-Winter Conference on February 2-3, 2024. I know we can do this. **Let's get after it!**
- 4. ANY OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES will be removed from office after December 31, 2023.** We have just a handful of Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers that are on my list currently. District Presidents will be getting a list of unpaid officers from me.
- 5. HOSPITAL PROJECTS & HOSPITAL PROGRAMS: Funds are extremely low.** This money is used to support all 8 hospitals in our area, so please give generously. Earmark checks Hospital Projects or Hospital Programs and send them to the Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto. If you've given previously, please consider making another donation. We need to make sure that our hospitalized veterans are well taken care of.
- 6. MID-WINTER CONFERENCE is February 2-3, 2024, at The Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.** The registration form is on the first page of our Auxiliary website (vfwauxwi.org) and also included with this mailing. The rooms are \$82/night (715-423-1500) and the registration form is due by January 15, 2024.
- 7. IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Council of Administration will need to vote on a **new conductor** at the Mid-Winter Conference. If you are interested, please let us know.
- 8. Please remember to send pictures** to Nicole David, our Historian & Media Relations Chairman. You can also send pictures to Jeff Nuernberger to be put on our department website.
- 9. ANOTHER REMINDER:** Go to our website and look for this month's "Journey to 100 Years" question. You could win \$25 just by answering the question!
- 10. Do you have an event that 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.

I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! Reach out to those you love and make everlasting memories.

Please continue to **"Bee the Change"** while **"Banding Together for our Veterans"**!

Sherrie Rosenau
Department of WI President
920-251-8888
littlemama6@yahoo.com



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

December 2023/January 2024

Unmet Needs is a program that addresses the needs of the family while the service person is away. Grants up to \$1500 payable to the creditor can bridge the gap to make mortgage or rent payments or to fund home and auto repairs. It can also help in the cost of insurance bills, utility costs, food & clothing.

To learn more, visit vfw.org/assistance/financial-grants.

VFW “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” Program gives the gift of scholarships to our nation’s heroes as a way to thank them for their dedicated service to our nation. This program awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members to help them complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student debt.

To learn more, visit vfw.org/student-veteran-support.

Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness is the main focus this year; as it should always be. Making a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis is the key. We must educate ourselves and others about the warning signs of suicide.

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Dept of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll- free hotline, online chat, or text.

Veterans and their loved ones can:

- Call 1-800-MyVA411 to access all VA departments,
- Call 988 and Press 1,
- Chat online at veteranscrisisline.net, or
- Send a text message to 838255.

Confidential support is available 24/7/365. Support of deaf & hearing impaired is available. TIP: ADD THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE AS A CONTACT IN YOUR CELL PHONE FOR EASY REFERRAL.

Continue “Banding Together For Our Veterans” as we need to **“Bee The Change”**

Helen Stearns hlstearns1021@gmail.com 920-319-2621(leave message)



Wishing you and your family health,
happiness, peace and prosperity this
holiday season and in the coming New
Year. May the magic of Christmas fill
your heart all year long!

❖.....❖
MERRY
Christmas
❖.....❖

From your line officers:

Sherrie Rosenau, President

Cheryl Woodards, Sr Vice President

Kim McWilliams, Jr Vice President

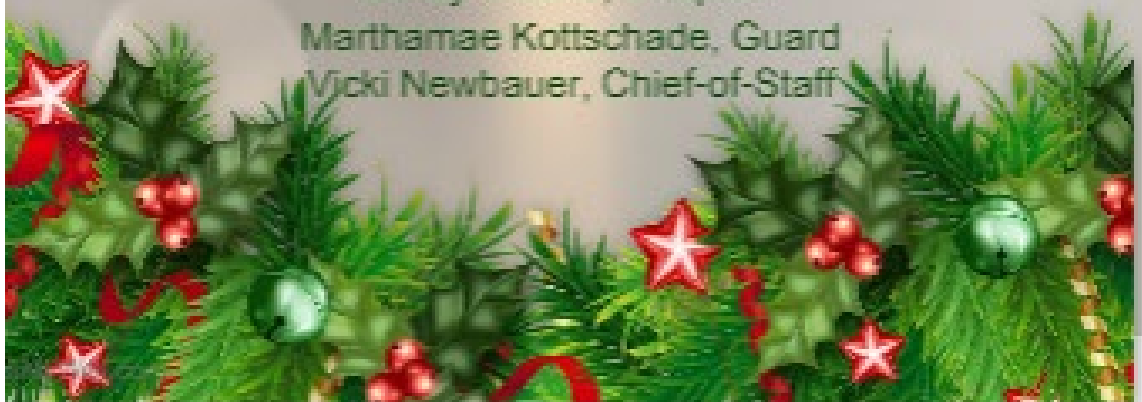
Jackie Gregory, Secretary

Lenore Otto, Treasurer

Janey Owens, Chaplain

Marthamae Kottschade, Guard

Vicki Newbauer, Chief-of-Staff





Achievements

As we slide into the Holiday Season, let's not forget our achievement checklists. Just as Santa checks his list twice, now is the time to update or start yours if you haven't begun. As I said earlier most of them can be checked off before the end of the year!

Auxiliary Member of Year – By now hopefully you have thought of someone within your Auxiliary who would be most deserving of this award and are working to put together a biography of what has been accomplished by them. The deadline for this will come up quickly after the New Year.

My wish for all of you is to make this holiday season as enjoyable as possible with new memories and shared time with loved ones. Pass on a smile, hug, telephone call, or time for those who find this time of year difficult to navigate.

Cheryl Woodards



Buddy Poppy/National Home Program-2023-24

November/December Bulletin

Nov 7, 2023

"Buddy"® Poppy



METAL POPPIES ARE AVAILABLE

The metal tabbed Poppy is now available for ordering through the VFW Dept of WI Buddy Poppy Order Form. Please use the newly revised form on the WI VFW & Auxiliary websites.

Also please be advised:

All Buddy Poppy Orders must now include a VFW Membership ID and be shipped to a VFW Member.

MID-WINTER POPPY DISPLAYS

Now is the time to start creating your wonderful "Buddy"® Poppy Display to bring to our 2024 Mid-Winter Conference at the Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.

The Entry Form for the Mid-Winter Poppy Contest can be found on the WI VFW Auxiliary website at: vfwauxwi.org and then click on Programs and go to the "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home page and scroll down to the forms.



Be the Change!

Faith A. Elford, PDP
2023-24 Chairperson
608-322-5144
faelford@outlook.com

VFW National Home—The Best Kept Secret



At the Annual Meeting of the VFW National Home, our Wisconsin Trustee and now Past President of the National Home Board Annabelle Furgason noted that the VFW National Home is one of the best kept secrets in the United States and we all need to work on changing that.

Therefore, I challenge each and everyone of you to spread the word on the VFW National Home. It is not difficult to talk about the Home. Check out their great website at: www.vfwnationalhome.org. Show people all of the wonderful homes that are on the property by moving your computer mouse to About Us on their site and then click on "Community."

Here are just two quick paragraphs that you could use to tell people about the National Home:

"It is such a great place for our Veterans and their families in need to get all the help they need. Families find a healing calm in a tranquil, rural, small-town community. Tree-lined streets connect 42 single-family homes with common areas like their gym, library, computer and science labs, daycare center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more.

The National Home's neighborhood is open to the families of actively serving military personnel, including drilling National Guard and Reserve, Veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children. If you know a family that could use our services, please encourage them to call 800-313-4200 or contact them through the website."

I had the opportunity to talk to a group of American Legion members and the public that were attending a meat raffle at their Post and I gave this quick explanation of the Home and then I asked for donations for National Home. I had a National Home bank with me and I ended up getting a total of \$540 which I took along on the VFW National Home bus trip at the end of October and presented during the Parade of Checks. It was wonderful and so many came up to me after and said they had never heard of the Home but were so glad I had told them about it. It was easy to do and only took 5 minutes. It was very rewarding.

Please drop me an email to let me know how you got the word out about the VFW National Home and then don't forget to report it on your Buddy Poppy/National Home Year End Report next Spring.

A Great Time was had by All at the National Home Fall Festival!



Pictured Above: Wisconsin "Harry Porter" participants during judging by National Officers.

**WI VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
MID-WINTER “BUDDY”® POPPY CONTEST
FEBRUARY 2024**

The VFW Auxiliary “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest for the 2023-2024 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.

AWARDS: 1st Place \$20.00 2nd Place \$15.00
 3rd Place \$10.00 Honorable Mention \$5.00 Participation
(Participation Certificates will be given to each Post/Auxiliary that enters a display.)

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: “Bee The Change” and “Banding Together for our Veterans”

Any questions contact: Dept Chairman, Faith A. Elford at faelford@outlook.com or 608-322-5144

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 _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUDDY® POPPIES USED _____

HISTORIAN/ MEDIA RELATIONS

December/ January 2023

Can't Wait To See Your Pictures

Did you have a trunk or treat at your VFW? Did you deliver or provide Thanksgiving meals for those in need in your community? Did you take pictures during these events? Don't forget to send those pictures on to **ME!** Remember all your Great pictures help me to put together a Great Powerpoint presentation for President Sherrie and highlight all we do here in Wisconsin to show at the National Convention. So keep taking those pictures into the Christmas Season and I look forward to seeing them all!!

Where can you find the National Historian Award form?

<https://vfwauxwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=130627>

Where do you send photos from your Auxiliary events?

Email: nikdmetalsmith@gmail.com



Nikki David - Historian/Media Chair
920-650-3737

Capturing the Best Pictures

When capturing your pictures, it's important to keep a few details in mind:

- Think about the format the picture is intended for (e.g.: Facebook, website, newspaper, etc.).
- Hold your hands steady; this will help keep your subject in focus.
- Never be afraid to take lots of pictures, as you never know what memories you'll most want to remember, or which picture will come out the best.
- Be aware of your timing when photographing (remember what kindness looks like).
- When taking photographs, connect with the subject and the emotion (don't be a paparazzi).

Remember to keep searching for STARS!

There is still plenty of time left to submit your legacy member interviews. You can email me the video file or link OR mail me a flash drive with the video saved on it, either way works for me. Just remember to also fill out and send me the National Historian Award form.

Let your Auxiliary legacy members become STARS, for without our STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist. Connect with a legacy member in your Auxiliary and complete a three- to five-minute video interview: Ask why they joined. Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s). Place emphasis on bringing the past to life. If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, look to your District or Department. Submit your video interview and entire form to me by March 31, 2024, for judging.



Photo from Big Ten Conference. Wisconsin members looking good for Banquet!
Photo provided by Rita Byers Auxiliary 8584 Cashton



HOSPITAL REPORT

DEC-JAN 2023-2024

Karen Johnson Hospital Chairman

www.vfwauxwi.org



Did your Auxiliary do a non-traditional Holiday or are you thinking about it? It is a fun to find different ways to celebrate Non-traditional holidays and the traditional holidays. The traditional Holidays are coming up and veterans holds a special place in their hearts for traditional Holidays. Families visits and volunteers give them events they enjoy. Think about doing something this Holiday season for our veterans in the VA Hospitals and nursing homes.



Keep a lookout for volunteers in your Auxiliary. They are priceless to our VA Hospitals and nursing homes. With the problems in our hospitals with restrictions, volunteers are not always going to be able to help, but we do what we can. Volunteers are needed in many different places in the hospitals so ask the Activities Director and they will help you with things you can do. Monetary donations help our VFW Aux. Department to give our Representatives and Deputies the means to have events at the hospitals. Please consider donating to Hospital Projects by sending your donation made out to VFWA-WI "earmarked Hospital Projects". Thank you.

There are 3 Hospital awards from National your Auxiliary might be interested in.

- VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year nomination form.
- VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & 2.
- Hospital Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

You can get these forms if you go into Malta. Members Resource, Hospital and the forms are there. All these forms can be sent to me, Karen Johnson Hospital Chairman, by March 31, 2023.

For Veteran's health and well-being, the following is available for them.

- Acupuncture
- Battlefield Acupuncture
- Biofeedback
- Chiropractic Care
- Guided Imagery
- Clinical Hypnotherapy
- Message Therapy
- Tia Chi/Qigong
- Yoga
- Health Coaches
- Whole Health Orientation

Check your VA facility and with your care provider to see if these alternative measurers are available to you.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTEMENT OF WISCONSIN



Journey to 100 Years



December 2023 – Journey to 100 Years question:

What expense was allowed for all members traveling to the Council of Administration meeting in 1941?

Send your answer **NOT LATER THAN December 31st** to: Rita Byers
at rabyers66@gmail.com for a chance to win the \$25.00 monthly cash prize.

No entries will be accepted after the deadline. All entries with correct, complete answer will be put into the drawing for the month. This month will be drawn at the Mid-Winter Council of Administration meeting in February.

The 100th Anniversary Committee

Keep the light going for our
Veterans



Legislative

December/January

Kim McWilliams

Department Legislative
Chairman

mrsffiemt@gmail.com

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Legislation to Watch Closely

H.R. 3722 Daniel J Harvery, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to reduce veteran suicide act and the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute

Veteran and service member suicide prevention is still the VFW's top priority. The risk is increases after transition from the military has been seen in recent research. When this was looked into more the risk is also heightened in individuals with mental health diagnoses. Education and support during transitioning service members with connections and resources outside of the military makes sure that the risk factors are identified and the proper care is given.

The VFW recommends and supports that Congress to ensure that the legislation provisions occur in a private setting for the sake of the veteran. This would give the veteran a safe and confidential environment to discuss any personal and or service related events.

Are you going to the Washington DC Legislative Conference in March 2024? Have you ever thought about it going?

CONGRATULATIONS Sally Lamers on winning the Legislative Quiz drawing.

Thank you everyone that sent in the quiz and staying up on legislative issues for veterans.

**Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**

Do you know what the VA Misson Act is? Is your veteran having issues with their care?

Va Misson Act was signed into law to aid in the care for veterans and opening up opportunities to provide them care inside or outside of the VA.

Veterans waited weeks or even months for their medical appointments at the Department of Veterans Affairs health facilities. While employees across the country would have hidden wait list to defer what was seen of the extended wait times. Some of the veterans on this list even died waiting to see a doctor.

It took four years for action to be taken to ensure veterans can get medical care in a timely manner. This became the VA MISSION ACT and became law. This gives veterans more choice over where they get their care from.

You find more information on the Department website under legislative.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Membership Report
December 2023/January 2024



As you can see, many of the Districts have met the goal of 95% by 12/31/23. The Dept of Wisconsin is also at 95.06%, in 1st place in the Big Ten Conference and second place Nationally. What a great accomplishment!

DISTRICT RACE		
*AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023		
District	Place	Paid Percent
D-6	1	98.87%
D-4	2	98.67%
D-2	3	97.61%
D-9	4	96.64%
D-8	5	95.25%
D-7	6	95.09%
D-10	7	91.19%
D-11	8	89.02%
D-1	9	82.58%

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR

Mid-Winter goal for 90% by 11/30/23 was met by many Auxiliaries for 10(\$10) Awards.

The last Percentage goal for Mid-Winter Awards is 100% by 12/31/2023. Many Auxiliaries have already met this goal for 3(\$75) Awards.

Recruit 3 new members by 12/31/2023 for 2(\$25) Awards.

An Auxiliary membership is a good gift for the holidays. It cuts down on your shopping and is a quick gift to give in honor of a veteran. It also helps increase our membership. Please consider this ever-giving gift to your loved ones.

Renew your dues by December 31, 2023. If you do not pay them, you are not considered a member in "good standing," and you cannot be an officer or attend meetings. Pay your dues by June 30, 2024, to remain a member.

"Banding Together for Our Veterans" while we "Bee the Change."

Linda Schluter, Membership Chairman
l.schluter0319@gmail.com

608-209-3080

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. WHAT WERE FROSTY'S LAST WORDS?
2. WHAT WAS THE MOST POPULAR TOY OF 1984?
3. WHAT WAS THE FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE CHRISTMAS AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY?
4. WHICH REINDEER IS RUDOLPH'S DAD?
5. DECEMBER 24, 1814 ENDED WHAT WAR?
6. WHICH U.S. PRESIDENT BARRED THE CHRISTMAS TREE FROM BEING DISPLAYED IN THE WHITE HOUSE?
7. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF GIFTS AN ADULT MALE GETS FOR CHRISTMAS IS?
8. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE RABBIT IN THE MAGIC HAT IN FROSTY THE SNOWMAN?
9. HOW MANY POINTS DOES A SNOWFLAKE TRADITIONALLY HAVE?
10. FINALLY WHAT FLORIDA TOWN MAINTAINS A FULLY DECORATED TREE YEAR AROUND?

EMAIL ANSWERS TO ME AT

LOOPYLIN1950@GMAIL.COM

MAIL TO ME:

Linda Moran
1225 Suburban Dr.
De PERE, WI 54115

JULY 4TH AND CHRISTMAS TRIVIA ENTRIES
WILL BE COMBINED TO WIN A GIFT
BASKET AT MID-WINTER.

You've heard it again and again: Everyone needs a mentor in their Auxiliary meetings, if not several. Just like you want the kind of friends who can successfully guide you through life's twists and turns—like how much you should spend on your next car or whether you should get a new hairstyle—you want people who can provide that same level of support in your Auxiliary. And mentors can be valuable in just about any stage you're in, whether getting adjusted in a role, looking to move up, or exploring a new path in life.

Not all mentors are created equal. The best mentors share some important qualities. You'll want to look for these attributes in anyone you're thinking about building a mentor-mentee relationship with. And if you're looking to be a better mentor yourself, these qualities are worth noting.

QUALITIES OF A GOOD MENTOR

1. Relevant Expertise or Knowledge
2. Enthusiasm for Sharing that Expertise
3. A Respectful Attitude
4. Eagerness to Invest in Others
5. The Ability to give Honest and Direct Feedback
6. Reflective Listening and Caring
7. Willingness to Be a Mentor

**GOD BLESS EVERYONE —HAVE A GREAT
AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS.**

2024 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

February 2nd & 3rd, 2024

Hotel Mead & Conference Center

451 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494—(715) 423-1500



Member: _____

Post # _____ Title: _____

☐ Select to Register Amount: \$ _____

All registrations \$20/Advance; \$25/After Jan 15th



Member: _____

Aux #: _____ Title: _____

☐ Select to Register Amount: \$ _____

All registrations \$15/Advance; \$20/After Jan 15th

Past Commanders Lunch

Friday, Feb 2nd ~ Noon

VFWA Dutch-Treat Lunch

\$29

Ham & Swiss or Turkey & Swiss wrap
served with bag of chips and cookie.

☐ Ham & Swiss ☐ Turkey & Swiss
← Select One →

Ham & Swiss or Turkey & Swiss wrap
served with bag of chips and cookie.

☐ Ham & Swiss ☐ Turkey & Swiss
← Select One →

\$29



Awards Luncheon Saturday, Feb 3rd ~ Noon

\$34

Deli Buffet – Assorted breads, meats, cheeses, lettuce, tomato, onion, and condiments. Served with pasta salad, tossed salad, chips, and dip, coffee, water, milk, or iced tea.

QTY

\$42



Mid-Winter Banquet ~ Saturday, Feb 3rd

Cocktails 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm

QTY

Little Italy Buffet

Traditional Lasagna, spaghetti and meat balls, fettuccine alfredo, garlic bread and a bowl of shredded asiago, Chef's salad, Potato salad, and Bacon and cheese pasta

VFW and/or Aux Total Payment Due: \$ _____ Phone #: _____

Contact: _____

REGISTRATION & RESERVATION POLICY

- ◆ This form accommodates up to 1 VFW Member and 1 Auxiliary Member, for a total of TWO registrations.
- ◆ Use additional forms for more registrations.
- ◆ Cut-off date for meal registrations is January 15, 2024.
- ◆ Registration and payment MUST reach Dept Headquarters by the **January 15 Deadline** to avoid higher registration fee.
- ◆ **No Refunds.**
- ◆ **Late meal reservations, if accepted, are subject to \$5.00 surcharge per meal.**
- ◆ Special dietary needs? Please let us know in advance.
- ◆ If entrée choice is unspecified, you will get first item offered.
- ◆ **CALL THE HOTEL MEAD DIRECTLY TO RESERVE A ROOM. ROOM RATE IS \$82. MENTION THE VFW BLOCK**

Make all checks payable to:

VFW DEPT OF WISCONSIN

Earmark: 2024 Mid-Winter Conf.

Mail to:

VFW OF WISCONSIN

P.O. BOX 6128

MONONA, WI 53716-0128

Scan the QR Code below using your phones camera to register and pay online.





YOUTH ACTIVITIES

December 2023/January 2024

VFW Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin
Patty Jansky, Chairman / pajansky@charter.net



“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” – Garrison Keillor

Christmas will be here before we know it! In this age of technology, books remain a very special gift to give to children. Reading improves writing and grammar skills, promotes better focus and concentration, stretches the imagination, and helps boys and girls understand and share the feelings of others. During this holiday season, let's focus on another Youth Activities Program – **“Patriotism Through Literacy”**. As our National Ambassador Joyce Caldwell said, “One of the easiest ways to promote patriotism is through reading among our youth.”

PATRIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY



Patriotic books introduce youth to our nation's history and the key figures who helped to build our great country while also fostering a love of reading and a lifetime of learning. Where can you find patriotic books? One place to start is the **Patriotism through Literacy Suggested Book List**. Your Auxiliary could donate books to your local library, schools, shelters, Boys and Girls Club, etc. Place a label inside each book that shows that the donation is from your Auxiliary and is in honor of National President Carla Martinez. Both the suggested book list and labels are found on our WI Auxiliary website or on MALTA's Member Resources under Youth Activities. In addition to donating books, your Auxiliary members could volunteer to read fiction or non-fiction historical books to kids, help out in a classroom or school library, host a read-a-thon, run a writer's workshop for aspiring young authors, or invite an author of historical books to do a book talk or signing.

It's never too early to reach out to our boys and girls. They can learn about our flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, how our country was formed, and who our Presidents were. Books provide an ideal way for children to appreciate our history as well as our veterans' sacrifices to keep our nation strong and free.

Have you heard? **This year's National Youth Activities Award for Auxiliaries is for the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism through Literacy and utilizing the Random Act of Patriotism card (R.A.P.)** Your Auxiliary will receive a citation for entering and may win a \$25 award! The entry form must reach me by March 31, 2024. A copy of the form is included with this report. Thank you in advance for promoting Patriotism through Literacy!



“Bee the Change” while “Banding Together for Our Veterans”.





Youth Activities

Auxiliary Award No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism Through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.).
 - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
 - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department
Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: _____ No.: _____

Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department Youth Activities Chairman: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Joyce Caldwell for judging.

AND

April 30, 2024 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must **email** VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
ROSTER CHANGES
December 2023/January 2024**

Address Correction:

District 1, Aux. 6375, Pg. 28

Patricia Firkus

Address should be:

W5135 Memorial Dr
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Change of Officer:

District 8, Aux. 2119, Pg. 71

Remove: Andrew Overland

Add New President:

Carolyn Burkhardt (920) 629-0506
15536 Jenny Ln
Mountain, WI 54149
burkhardtcarolyn@gmail.com

Phone # Correction:

Linda Moran: Pgs. 8, 17, 21, 23, 67,
68, 69, & 71

Phone number should be:

920-639-9987

Dues Change:

District 2, Aux. 2267 Oconomowoc, Pg.34

New Dues: \$25.00

Meeting Time Change:

District 7, Aux. 388, Pg. 59

New meeting time: 7:00 p.m.

Dues Change: Aux. 388, Pg. 59

New Dues: \$25.00

Officer Change:

Dept. Conductor, Pg. 3

Remove: Miranda Smith

Hospital Associate Rep Change:

Minneapolis VA, Pg. 14

Remove:

Inez Semingson

Officer Change:

District 10, Aux. 6856, Pg. 95

Remove Treasurer:

Anita Strauss

Add New Treasurer:

Ngan Moramphy (858) 883-9574
1873 W Bone Lake Dr
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Defunct Auxiliary:

District 1, Pg. 28

Aux. 11038 Aspinall-Bair-Stober (Waterford)

New Meeting Time:

District 9, Aux. 8514 Osseo, Pg. 87

New Time: 1:00 p.m.

Dues Change:

District 6, Aux. 9202 (Germantown)

New Dues: \$20.00

