



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



**OUR MISSION IS VETERANS AND FAMILY FIRST!**

**GENERAL ORDERS NO.5 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)**

**November 2025**

1. **REMINDER:** General orders and chairmen's bulletins need to be read at each meeting. Please remember to summarize your chairman's reports to the key points. You can share with the membership the full report.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** As I am writing this bulletin, we are at 93% in Membership!! This is awesome!! Remember, our goal this year is 101% and I know WE can accomplish this. If you need assistance with recruiting events or ideas, reach out to Charlene Cobb, membership chair.
3. **CAMPFIRE FOR COURAGE:** We have currently reached 41 out of our goal of 100 veterans and families, leaving us with 59 more to support. I am confident that we can accomplish this mission to assist our veterans and their families. Each participant requires \$500 to attend the retreats and begin their journey of rebuilding. I urge you to consider reaching out to local businesses for donations, auxiliaries donating even if you already have, contributing yourself, or organizing a fundraiser. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those we serve, providing them with the opportunity to rebuild and thrive.
4. **AUDITS:** Make sure you get your audits into our Department Treasurer. If you're having problems with it, ask her or your District President for help.
5. **TREASURERS:** Have all of the requested donations been made? Please check the list on our website – [vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org) under treasurer and send the donations to the proper place.
6. **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE** will be held at the Hilton Paper Valley, Appleton, on February 6 and 7, 2025. All members are encouraged to attend this Conference. Hotel, Meals, and Registration information will be in next month's General Orders and on the website. Come as we continue to celebrate our Auxiliaries' 100 years.
7. **TREASURER AND TRUSTEE TRAINING: IMPORTANT INFORMATION. PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE.** You will receive a link to the online training via email. First, the training day is November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm for Districts 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>. The second training day is November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM for those in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. Third, Training Day is November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for those in Districts 9, 10, and 11. Presidents, assist those who do not have access to ZOOM. It can be done as a group at a post or a home.
8. 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.

We are fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated team! We wish you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day and a wonderful holiday season.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Department of Wisconsin

**Veterans and Family Support**

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### Did you know about Uniting for Veterans?

Originally established in 2018 as the Uniting to Combat Hunger program, the VFW and our friends at Humana® created Uniting for Veterans to actively address food insecurity across America with an emphasis on the military community. And we're not stopping there as we have now added a veteran homelessness component and will continue to do all we can to improve quality of life for America's heroes and their families. [Uniting to Combat Hunger - VFW](#)

Together with [Humana®](#), the VFW's **Uniting for Veterans** program, formerly known as *Uniting to Combat Hunger & Homelessness*, was established to address the diverse and evolving needs of the military and veteran communities. From fighting food insecurity and homelessness, to providing resources to help improve quality of life for all service members and veterans, the Uniting for Veterans program is our united commitment to doing all we can for America's heroes and their families who have sacrificed so much for our country.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), data shows that on a single night in January 2024, 32,882 veterans experienced homelessness in America — a record low in veteran homelessness since measurement began in 2009. The data also show a 7.5% decrease in Veteran homelessness since 2023, an 11.7% decrease since 2020, and a 55.6% decrease since 2010, but all of this comes at a time when overall homelessness in America is at an all-time high.

In 2025 alone, Uniting for Veterans raised more than 800,000 meals and 325 nights of housing for homeless veterans. To date, the VFW and Humana® have provided more than 6.4 million meals over the past eight years for food insecure families.

Jody McKinney [studebaker1971@gmail.com](mailto:studebaker1971@gmail.com) - Veterans and Family Support Chairman

Our National Ambassador's theme for 2025-2026 *"A rising tide lifts all veterans to success!"*

Our Department Presidents theme is *"We rise by lifting others!"*



To make filling out  
Americanism Year End  
Report's easier come spring;  
a copy is included to help  
you keep track of your  
activities as the year  
progresses – please respect  
the deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> and  
mail it early!

work hard.  
→ have fun.  
make a difference.

The following page has some  
VFWA ritual examples –  
familiarize yourself and  
become comfortable with  
them. If you see someone  
doing it incorrectly, please  
mentor gently and remember  
a smile warms both your heart  
and the person you are  
educating



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*Americanism/Patriotic Instructor*

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**THE MOTTO OF THE  
VFWAUXILIARY IS “IN  
FORTITUDE AND  
LOYALTY” AND OUR  
TAG LINE IS “SUPPORT  
FOR UNCOMMON  
HEROES.”**

What does this mean in  
simple words?

**FORTITUDE:**

Strength/Courage/Grit

**LOYALTY:**

Faithfulness/Dependability/  
Trustworthiness

**SUPPORT:**

Steadfast/Unswerving/Uphold

**UNCOMMON:**

Rare/Special/Exceptional

**HERO:**

Champion/Defender/Warrior

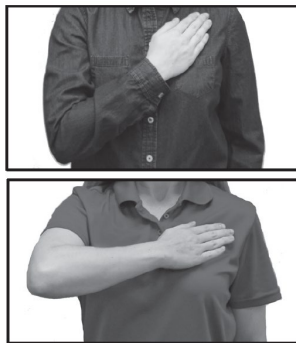
**THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING  
VETERANS!**



**Pin placement when wearing uniform shirt (note flat on collar)**

**ATTENTION:** When Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary are at Attention it means their hands are at their side, head up with eyes looking straight ahead.

**HEART SALUTE:** Members of the Auxiliary shall rise and salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart, or Military Salute (veterans) when the Flag passes by in parade. Below are examples when in uniform or dress casual attire:



**PARADE REST:** The left foot is moved slightly to the side while bringing the arms to the small of the back. Place the left thumb in the palm of the right hand. The head is bowed slightly during the prayer.



**Thank you for all you do for our great organization, and the Veterans we serve!**



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY**

**Department of Wisconsin**

**2025– 2026 Americanism Year End Report**

***Please print clearly and answer each question, I know you worked hard to  
promote Americanism this year!***

**Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_**

**City \_\_\_\_\_**

**Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Number of times your Auxiliary promoted, participated in and/or recognized any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The number of American Flags and/or Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flags your Auxiliary distributed and/or presented: \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did your Auxiliary use social media to share stories, events, messages using #Auxiliary Patriotism? (Please use back of page, listing the number of times) \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many photos have your Auxiliary sent to the Dept WI Americanism Chair since July 1, 2025? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificates of Appreciation or Respect for the Flag Citations presented to citizens or businesses in recognition of their displaying the American Flag, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flag or other displays of American provide: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO YOUR**

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT BY APRIL 1, 2026.**

Auxiliary President or Americanism Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report must be postmarked before April 1<sup>st</sup> and mailed to your DISTRICT PRESIDENT.**

***If you email it directly to me, please send an additional copy to your District President.***

Sally Lamers, Dept. WI Americanism Chair

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# Buddy Poppy

Louise Engness, Chairman

Remember to order your anniversary poppies and pick them up at the November CofA meeting in Beaver Dam. Then plan a Poppy display for February 2026 Mid-winter meeting.

Please review the poppy distribution request form and complete and send in prior to placing any order for poppies. The *Donation request form* can be found on the Department web site, under resources/treasurer.

Remember to take pictures of Buddy Poppy Distribution, most enthusiastic, well-dressed and branded VFW to win! Send Pictures to [wagnerla4@gmail.com](mailto:wagnerla4@gmail.com)

## VFW Wisconsin National Home, est 1937

Great things are happening at the National Home. The National home's goal is to increase to 50 homes. WI VFW has made a commitment to sponsor another home! This is a worthy project to support our service men and women and their families.

When you go on the fall trip you find out first hand how precious this treasure is to the families that come to live here for the next four years of their lives.

Since it is the end of the year, please consider supporting the National Home. Your support can be thru membership, Lifetime membership or purchasing a garden or tribute brick. There is a wish list posted on the National Home site, [VFWnationalhome.org](http://VFWnationalhome.org).

Take the time to make plans for 2026 VFW National Home Trip to Eaton Rapids Michigan!

Louise Engness, Department National Home Chairman



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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to use your special Anniversary Poppies you get from fall C of A meeting too!



# Extention & Revitalization

November, 2025

## Lack of members attending your meetings?

Do your members see no reason to come or do not feel needed or involved at your meetings?

Increase involvement by asking members to attend. During an Auxiliary function is the perfect opportunity to ask a member to participate or provide them with a "job." It feels good to be needed. Mentor a new member – offer to pick them up for a meeting or an event. Your personal contact will make a difference. An Auxiliary newsletter or email are other communication tools to request volunteers. Each member has their own special talents; encourage and utilize their contributions.

## Words of Encouragement

As we stand together in service, I'm reminded that our mission is not just a responsibility—it's a calling. Each of us carries the torch of honor, remembrance, and unwavering support for our veterans, their families, and our communities. We don't serve for recognition; we serve because it matters. Because freedom isn't free—and because someone must always stand watch over those who stood for us.

In every meeting, fundraiser, care package, and moment of outreach, we are building a legacy of compassion, patriotism, and purpose. Let us move forward this year with renewed energy, deeper commitment, and hearts wide open to the possibilities ahead. Let's lift each other, lead with kindness, and remind every veteran we meet that they are never forgotten. Together, we are stronger. Together, we are the VFW Auxiliary of Wisconsin.

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We Rise By Lifting Others



**Department of Wisconsin  
Hospital Chairmanship  
November 2025**

**Who Me?** Do you think you could become a VA Representative for our Veterans?  
Here are the descriptions for the different Volunteers for the Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

**Regularly Scheduled (RS) Volunteers:** Regularly scheduled volunteers are VFW Auxiliary members who participate in the VAVS Program on a regularly scheduled assignment under VA supervision. Frequency of participation is determined by the local VA medical facility. They are officially authorized to serve when they have:

- A. Completed and signed the VFW Auxiliary's "VAVS Volunteer Forum"
- B. Been certified by the Auxiliary Certifying Official
- C. Been approved for assignment by the Voluntary Service Program Manager Designee
- D. Participated in required screenings, background checks, fingerprinting, Interviews, orientations and training required by the VA facility
- E. Completed a trial period as established by the VA facility

**Occasional Volunteers:** Occasional volunteers are individuals serving under the VAVS Program who do not meet the requirements of Regular Scheduled volunteers. These individuals frequently volunteer with a group or organization on an occasional basis.

**Student Volunteer:** Student volunteers are under the age of 18 and must have written parental or guardian approval to participate in the VAVS Program. They must also have Written authorization for diagnostic and emergency treatment if injured while volunteering. The minimum age for volunteers is determined by the facility management.

**Sponsored Volunteers:** Sponsored volunteers are non-members of the VFW Auxiliary who wish to serve under VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision as volunteers at VA and non-VA facilities or in VA community-based programs. They must be interviewed and screened in the same manner as VFW Auxiliary members. Upon acceptance, sponsored volunteers are governed by the same ethics and rules prescribed by members.

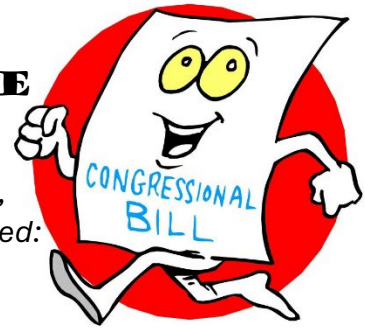
**What does a Volunteer do?** Assignments will vary depending on the needs of the facility per the Voluntary Service Program Manager. Some Traditional Assignments are Patient escort, volunteer driver (shuttles), clerical, information desk, guest relations, patient meal assistance and many more positions that have been open to our volunteers for years. Non-traditional assignments are: Writing letters, respite/hospice volunteers, female-specific clinics requiring female volunteer assistance. Volunteering in outpatient clinics, rehabilitation and treatment centers and virtual volunteering with homebound veterans.

**Won't you think about becoming a Volunteer???????**

**If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please contact me or one of the representatives that are volunteering in our hospitals or Nursing Homes. Please help us out.**

**Laurie Coffin, Hospital Chairman, [laurie2bk@gmail.com](mailto:laurie2bk@gmail.com)**

## NOVEMBER 2025 - LEGISLATIVE



Here's **Congressional Bill** running through the halls of Congress, hoping to become a LAW. This is the path Bill must take to succeed:

1. Be proposed by a member of Congress.
2. Go before committee for discussion and revision.
3. Voted on by one chamber (House or Senate).
4. If passed, go to the other chamber.
5. If passed by 2<sup>nd</sup> chamber, go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> to be voted on again with any edits.
6. If both chambers vote to pass, go to the White House to see the president.
7. If the president signs, Bill becomes Law. If president vetoes (does not sign), then its back to Congress which can vote to override the veto, then Bill becomes Law.
8. If Congress does not override the veto, then Bill is finished.

Want to help Congressional Bill? Check Action Corp to see if Bill is VFW-supported. Send an email to your congressional representatives to urge them to support Bill.



Once Congressional Bill becomes a LAW, remember to **GIVE THANKS** to your representatives for their support of our veterans.

Send a follow-up email (or note) – your legislative chair can provide you with the text you can use.

Planning is underway for the inaugural **VFW Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Legislation Day: On the Homefront**. This dialogue between federal legislators and families of combat veterans living in Wisconsin will focus on VFW Legislative Priorities and is tentatively scheduled for the end of March 2026. Look for more information on how you can voice your support and your concerns directly to your representatives.

Despite government shutdowns and delays, our veterans need our support.

Best Wishes for a peaceful, healthy Thanksgiving and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

"We Rise By Lifting Others"  
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(518) 209-8362 (talk/text)



# Happy Fall, Ya'll!



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is proud to celebrate this beautiful season of giving and gratitude, please help spread the word about an incredible opportunity for students in the medical field — the

## Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship!

### About the Scholarship:

This scholarship honors the legacy of service and dedication within our veteran community by supporting students pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, or emergency medical services.

### ✿ Eligibility & Requirements:

Applicants must:

- ✿ Have a **military connection** — self or immediate family (parent, sibling, child, spouse, or grandparent) who served. Proof required.
- ✿ Be **enrolled in a college or technical school medical program**, with at least one year completed.
- ✿ Submit the most recent **official transcript** showing GPA.
- ✿ Provide proof of **financial need** (FAFSA summary, tax return first page, or other documentation).
- ✿ Include a **200-word essay** titled “*Why I Chose the Medical Profession.*”
- ✿ Provide **three letters of recommendation** (academic, personal, or professional).
- ✿ (*Paramedic applicants only*) – include proof of program enrollment.
- ✿ **Deadline:** Applications must be **postmarked by April 1, 2026.**
- ✿ **Winners announced:** June 2026 at the Department of Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary Convention.
- ✿ For application materials and full details, visit [www.vfwauxwi.org](http://www.vfwauxwi.org) → Programs → *Lillian Campbell*

WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS  
us “FROM SEA TO SHINGING SEA HONORING VETERANS WHO KEEP US FREE”

### ✿ Questions, contact: Kimberly Goss

Department Chairman/Lillian Campbell  
Call or text 715-946-328 (leave name & number)  
Email: kimberly.gossdistrict9aux.wi@gmail.com

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

### ✿ Support the Scholarship:

Donations help us assist more future medical professionals!

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

**VFW AUXILIARY- CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!**



## *VFW A Department of Wisconsin Membership*

*November 2025*

*Chairman Charlene K. Cobb*

### **Caring for Heroes Yesterday Today Tomorrow**

We are one third of the way through our cruise. What treasures have you found? What other places can you look? Let's search a little deeper and find those hidden gems! After all, we are the oldest Veterans' Service Organization Auxiliary. For more than 100 years, we have been serving Veterans, Service Members, and their families in countless ways. Millions of hours, millions of dollars and millions of tributes.

**THIS IS JUST WHO WE ARE!!!**

This month concentrate on making sure your current members are engaged. A key to retaining membership is to match interest and talents with the programs and projects we are doing. Let's also look at our rosters and contact members that have allowed their membership to lapse. Reach out to them; do they need assistance that we can provide? Do they feel valued and welcome as a member of our Auxiliaries? Those GEMS are there for the us to find and to keep!



# ***National Scholarships***

## **November 2025 S'More News**

Essays for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy are now in the hands of the District Chairmen. Let us now focus on Continuing Education. Our National Presidents special project is to raise funds for Continuing Education. Our President, Lois Callahan, would like us to do fundraisers to increase the amount of funds in the scholarship program to increase the amount available. To deposit money to the special project, select the "Make a Gift" tab and then "National President's 2025-2026 Special Project in MALTA." You could also mail a check to National Headquarters earmarked "National President's 2025-2026 Special Project."

Do you have a member or family member that is changing careers or want to further their education in some way? They may benefit from a little extra financial help. Put the info in your newsletters. Inform your members. Post it on your bulletin boards.

What? You don't know who is eligible or where to find the information?

Log on to [www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education). Here you will get the application. The applicant must be 21 years old or older, a current VFW Auxiliary member, a spouse of a current VFW Auxiliary member, or a son or daughter of a current VFW Auxiliary member. The qualifying VFW Auxiliary member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one year by the application submission deadline of February 15th .

Four \$1,250.00 scholarships will be awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Each applicant must answer all questions on the Continuing Education application. They must also write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals and how this scholarship will help them attain these goals. The application process began on July 1<sup>st</sup>; the start of the new program year. All applications must be submitted to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters by February 15, 2026. They may be emailed to [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) or mailed to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Kansas City MO 64111 Attn: Program Awards Administrator. Scholarship recipients are notified by May 1, 2026.

*"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans who Keep us Free" as "We Rise by Lifting Others"*

Marge Southworth  
National Scholarships Chairman  
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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin  
November S'more News  
Ways and Means**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Join us at November C of A to get a sneak peek at which pictures you will be able to choose for our Paint and Sip event. The form will be available to pick up and it will be in December Smore's News.



Don't forget to get your Four-Square Raffle in before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We will do the drawing 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.

Keep working on selling the Mobility Scooter Raffle tickets and let us know if anyone needs any additional Mobility Scooter Raffle tickets, as we still have some left to sell and plenty of time. The holidays are coming and that could be another opportunity to sell some tickets.

If you have suggestions or ideals that you would like to share on new ways of fundraising, please reach out as we are trying to find new (to us) ways to fundraise while keeping it fun.

Don't forget about our upcoming events: Our Paint and Sip event at Mid-winter.

A huge thanks to those who have already sent us gift cards.

Please help us to help our great organization!

The Way and Means Team

Jennifer, Aimee, Lerline and Barbara

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# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**November 2025**

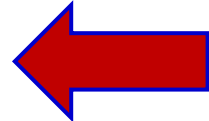
VFW Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin  
Patty Jansky, Chairman / pajansky@charter.net



## RECOGNIZING YOUTH

Recognizing our youth for their achievements will encourage them to keep giving back to our veterans and community. Show our boys and girls that you see them by presenting:

- **Random Act of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards – four new designs this year!**
- **Youth Acts of Kindness Certificates – brand new this year!**
- **Individual Patriotic Youth Awards**
- **Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations**



All of these awards can be found on MALTA Member Resources or on our Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary website under the Youth Activities Program. You can print them out yourselves!



## YOUTH ACTS OF KINDNESS CERTIFICATES

Although all of our Youth Activities awards are special, this month I'm going to concentrate on the **Youth Acts Of Kindness Certificates**. This is a new incentive introduced this year by our National Youth Activities Ambassador Shannon Stanley. This certificate would go to boys and girls caught in an act of kindness. We can show our youth that their good deeds do not go unnoticed. Reach out to schools or youth group leaders and let them know that you are looking for students who go out of their way to be kind and helpful. Each child is precious, and we can help them see that their kindness does matter.



  
**Kindness  
Matters.**



**TO:** ALL WISCONSIN AUXILIARY MEMBERS  
THE NEW APPLICATION IS IN THIS MAILING

PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD APPLICATIONS  
TREASURERS – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN  
CREDIT CARD HANDLING.

**ALL OLD APPLICATIONS** WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED  
EFFECTIVE – 1/1/2026

*PER NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS*  
THEY WILL BE RETURNED WITH A NEW APPLICATION TO  
BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT  
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON:  
[vfwauxwi.org/Programs/Membership](http://vfwauxwi.org/Programs/Membership) or  
[vfwauxiliary.org/MALTA](http://vfwauxiliary.org/MALTA)

Any questions please contact me.  
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Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
262-560-1222 (IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE)  
[lennylavfw@yahoo.com](mailto:lennylavfw@yahoo.com)

# VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

**Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.**

**A**

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name  ☐ Female ☐ Male  
Address  Date of Birth  /  /   
City  State  ZIP  Phone (  ) -  Email

**B**

Auxiliary Post No.  City  State   
☐ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member (Prior ID Member Number)   
☐ Member at Large in Department of  ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**C**

(Transfer only information) ☐ ANNUAL TRANSFER ☐ LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER  
Member ID  Previous Auxiliary  ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

**D**

## POST-AFFILIATED (\*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
VFW Membership ID  VFW Post (Must be same as B)  VFW Member ID

**E**

## NON-AFFILIATED (\*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

I am the (Relationship)  to (Eligible Veteran\* Name)   
Name of campaign ribbons or medals:   
Dates of Service:  to  Foreign Location:

**F**

Recruited/Recommended by:  Recruiter Member ID   
Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

**G**

## Investigating Committee Signatures

1 ☒  2 ☒  3 ☒   
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date  Obligated Date

**H**

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift (Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)  
Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Check ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

\*\*\*If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.

Phone  Email

**I**

**OBLIGATION** In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒  Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

By filing out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephony dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| 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       | \$109 |
| 81-85       | \$86  |
| 86-90       | \$69  |
| 91 and over | \$58  |

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

**Officer Change:**

District 8, Aux. 6823, Pg. 65

**Remove** Treasurer Michelle Belland

**Add New Treasurer:**

Kimberly Winkelman (715) 889-1736

4455 State Highway 32

Laona, WI 54541

**Email Change:**

District 9 -Aux. 2204, Pg. 74

Donna Meinen, Secretary

**New Email:**

[ldmeinen23@gmail.com](mailto:ldmeinen23@gmail.com)

**Email Change:**

District 9, Aux. 10331, Pg. 77

President, Secretary Torri Gundrum

**New Email should be:**

[torrigundrum@gmail.com](mailto:torrigundrum@gmail.com)

**Phone No. Addition:**

District 2, Aux. 8216, Pg. 31

Secretary Mary Bechtol

(608) 335-9318

**Plus: Meeting Day Change**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7 PM

**DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/WEBMASTER CHANGE IN DEPARTMENT ROSTER:**

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Faith A. Elford, PDP

1414 Montclair Pl

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Phone: (608) 322-5144

**\*\*Please note the NEW email address for Faith for Auxiliary business:**

[Secretary@vfwauxwi.org](mailto:Secretary@vfwauxwi.org)

Please update your Contact list in your email program.

**And don't forget to check your Junk Mail every day,** in case the new email address drops in there in the beginning. Thanks!