

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**  
[www.vfwauxwi.org](http://www.vfwauxwi.org)

**GENERAL ORDERS NO.4 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)**

**October 2023**

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** As I am writing this bulletin, we are at 86.28% in Membership!! This is very good!! Please continue to send in those dues so that we may be eligible for monetary awards.
2. **HOSPITAL PROJECTS:** Veteran's Day is coming up and we need donations for our hospitalized Veterans. This money is used to support all 8 hospitals in our area, so please give generously. Earmark checks Hospital Projects and send them to the Department Treasurer.
3. **BONDS:** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for getting all of our President's and Treasurer's Bonds in before the deadline. Calls were made and you got the job done!
4. **DISTRICT DUES:** Send your District Dues to your DISTRICT TREASURER ASAP!
5. **AUDITS:** Make sure you get your audits in to Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto. If you're having problems with it, ask her or your District President for help.
6. **DID YOU KNOW:** General Orders are emailed to Auxiliary Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. When you receive these emails, please forward them to your other members. They are always available on our website, [vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org). You can print one copy and share it at your meeting. Take turns reporting on the programs. Keep your members involved.
7. **FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** November 4, 2023 will be our next Council of Administration meeting at the Merrill Post. We will be having a cookie contest and exchange. If you bring a dozen cookies, you take a dozen home. If you bring two dozen, you take two dozen home, etc. Please bring 3 extra cookies for judging if you'd like to enter the contest. THERE WILL BE PRIZES!!! Entry form is included in these general orders. Please email your Official Entry Forms to me (email address below). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
8. **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!
9. **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.
10. **Thank you** from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for our veterans. It is truly inspiring to see all the time and effort put in to help those in need. One little act of kindness can make a huge difference and it doesn't go unnoticed.

Our sympathies to those who have lost someone and our thoughts and prayers to all those in need.

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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

### Veterans and Family Support

October 2023

**National Veterans Service** helps veterans, service members & their families obtain the benefits they deserve at no cost to them, by pairing them with a service officer. Service officers can be found by going to the VFW Website, [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) & looking at the VA Claims & Separation Benefits section under the assistance tab. Service officers are able to assist with filing claims.

There are several resources available to assist our veterans, active-duty military & their families by utilizing the **Resource Rack Cards** located behind MALTA under organizations.

#### **BEE THE CHANGE**

It's **up to each of us** to honor our veterans' service to this great nation. All of us ***banding together for our veterans*** will fight for their rights & offer the support & encouragement that is needed not only to them – but to our active-duty military & their families as well.

**PROGRAM AWARDS:** This year, there will be **two** National Awards available for **Auxiliaries**. The first is to one Auxiliary available in each of the four Conferences that has the **most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health**. The second is for the **most outstanding activity and/or event to increase the support of veterans, service members and their families**. See the 2023-2024 National Program Book for more details.

As we approach Veterans Day, make plans to march in a parade. Your Auxiliary may want to purchase some of the **Thank You Coins** (Item # 1925) that are available from the VFW Store. They are a great way to recognize our veterans in attendance & a way to say "*thank you for your service*".

**\*\*Always keep the VETERANS CRISIS LINE number available Dial 988 Press 1.** You never know when you may need it.

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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

### Americanism Chair and Patriotic Instructor October 2023 Report

Greetings brothers and sisters of the Department of Wisconsin. It is my pleasure to share information from our National Americanism Ambassador Linda. This month features #AuxTRIBE. Upon returning home, comrades may feel the void of lost camaraderie, feeling adrift without a mission. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is one condition service members can experience.



#### #AuxTRIBE:

While other nations were formed around tribal bonds, America is a unique conglomeration of people and experiences. The place where this mindset works best and may serve as an example to our nation is the military. Many individuals enter the service, go through bootcamp, and emerge as ONE high functioning force...one **TRIBE** unified in a brotherhood stronger than most familial ties. Most of our forefathers and -mothers chose to come to America to form a new way of life side by side with strangers bearing little or no resemblance to themselves. They declared themselves Americans by **AGREEING** to be!

*VFWA Patriotic Instructors*, your job does not end after the reading at the beginning of your meeting. *Patriotic VFWA members*, your role does not end after your meeting closes. Rather, it is the obligation of ALL of us to teach the unifying traditions that create *our #AuxTRIBE* and foster an environment more accommodating to our VFW comrades... to help them soften the effects of their **PTS(D)**:

- **Post**
- **Tribal**
- **Separation**
- **(Dysphoria)**

Seeing the unity of our Auxiliary, watching us carry out our traditions in how we function with our rituals, and being around us while we are “wearing our gear” in uniform or other patriotic attire, subconsciously reminds them of the unity, elevated status, and common mission that their military experiences and the wearing of their uniforms *made them feel*. In a word, we can be for them the **TRIBE** they are looking for. With us they will *be “home.”*

Join me in bringing awareness to the issue of Veteran Suicide and observe **#22aday**:

Every 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month wear blue and do a **#BuddyCheck** (Take a pic and hashtag it **#AuxTRIBE** and **#22aday**; please text or email me that pic.)

*My thanks for all you do for our VETERANS and to promote AMERICANISM!*

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# Buddy Poppy/National Home Program-2023-24

October/November Bulletin

Sept 14, 2023

## "Buddy"® Poppy



### UPDATE ON METAL POPPIES

As I told you earlier this season, there will be a metal poppy choice to purchase, however, as of this date, National has not released the price and Headquarters cannot order them yet. Stay tuned.



Forms for Poppies & the National Home Trip can be found on the WI VFW Auxiliary website at: [vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org) and then click on Programs and go to the Buddy Poppy/National Home page and scroll down.



Be the Change!

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## Here's How You Can Help the National Home



### BECOME A HOME FRONT HERO!

Home Front Heroes take a leading role in the National Home mission by pledging to make a recurring monthly contribution. Home Front Heroes are their front line of support, helping provide a steady, reliable source of funding for their essential programs and services.

As a monthly donor and Home Front Hero, you will help ensure the strength and longevity of all their programs and services.

- It's eco-friendly. Save trees by switching to paperless, automatic donations.
- It saves money. Save the cost of a stamp with every gift you make.
- You determine the amount of your monthly donation.
- Increase, decrease or suspend your gift at any time.
- Start today for as little as \$10 a month!

Sign up at [www.vfwnationalhome.org/hero](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/hero)

### Celebrate the upcoming VFW National Home Centennial in style with a personalized engraved brick in our 2025 Centennial Garden



Whether it's to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or simply leave your mark on this historic occasion, our 8x8 engraved bricks offer a timeless way to do just that. And for a limited time only, you can secure your place in history for an unbeatable price of only \$500.

Our bricks are made from the highest quality materials and engraved with the latest technology, ensuring that your message will last for generations to come. Not only will your brick be a lasting tribute to your contribution to celebrate our 2025 centennial anniversary, but it will also add to the beauty and legacy of the garden for years to come.

With only a limited number of bricks available, now is the time to act. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Order your personalized engraved brick today for only \$500 and be a part of history. Visit <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/vfwnationalhome> to order your brick today.

### WE STILL HAVE ROOM ON THE BUS TO THE NATIONAL HOME FOR HALLOWEEN!

The deadline to sign up for the bus trip to the National Home for Halloween is September 25, 2023.

**TRIP COST:** The cost to ride with us and two-night stay at the hotel is \$300 per person for double occupancy and \$435 for single occupancy. However, check this out!

**DISCOUNT PROGRAM:** If we got a minimum of 40 members signed up by September 25, 2023, each member that has signed-up and paid in full, will receive a \$40.00 rebate. (As of Sept 14th, we have 41!!!)



**THEME** for this year at the National Home is Harry Potter. The VFW has divided the state up between the four houses of the Hogwarts Academy. Slytherin: Districts 1, 7, 8, & 11; Ravenclaw: District 2 & 4; Hufflepuff: District 3 & 10; and Gryffindor: District 6 & 9. If you are unsure of a costume, there are lots of pictures and information on the internet regarding Harry Potter.

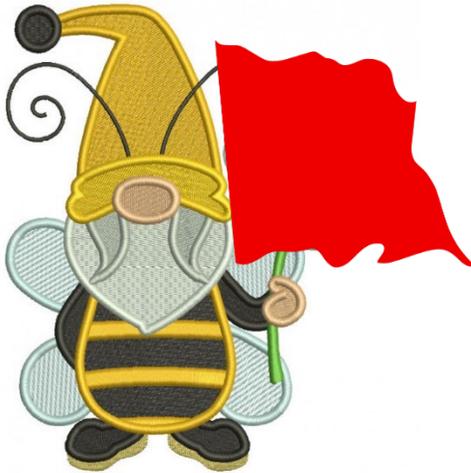
# VETERARNS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Extension & Revitalization

October 2023

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

“Bee the Change”



- Present a fun report for your Meetings
- Don't just read the Monthly Bulletin
- Help your Auxiliary President with his/her Band section
- Is your Auxiliary struggling to keep in tune? (Audits, elections etc.)
- Does your Auxiliary lack melody? (Quorum)
- Is your Auxiliary out of step? (No participation)
- Is your Auxiliary not rehearsing regularly? (Holding monthly meetings)
- We are always scouting for new talent and added Sections for our band.
- Bee prepared
- Bee on time
- Set Goals
- Respect others time, talents and opinions
- Engage all members
- Get it Right, Practice, Plan your rehearsals!
- Do a fun activity
- Visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources)

I am looking forward to hearing how creative you will be in promoting the Extension & Revitalization program!

**There are “sweet” rewards waiting for you!**

Vicki Newbauer  
Department Chief of Staff  
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# Cookie exchange

**Official Entry Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Aux.#: \_\_\_\_\_

I am entering the following for cookie judging:

Type of cookie: \_\_\_\_\_

(example: Sugar, molasses, gingersnap, drop cookie, molded, cut out, pressed)

Recipe included. Bring 3 cookies for judging.

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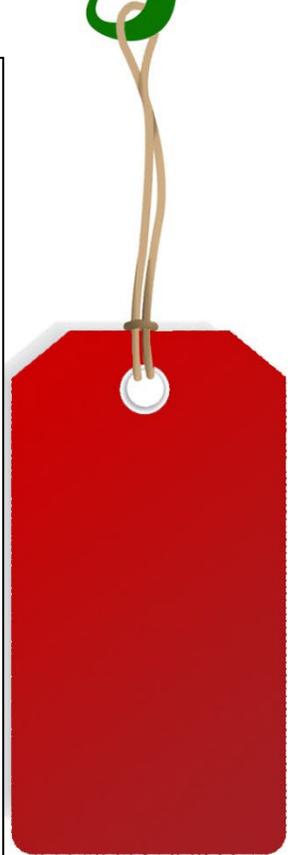
Judges use: Points 1-5

Best Tasting \_\_\_\_\_

Most Original \_\_\_\_\_

Best Decorated \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_



# HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS



October 2023

## Remember to search for STARS!

I was super excited this last week to receive my very first legacy video interview! I can't wait to see more.

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 entre form to me by March 31, 2024, for judging.

## 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](mailto:nikdmetalsmith@gmail.com)



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



Hello Brothers and Sisters, fall is here!! I have to admit this is my favorite time of year. Keep sending in those photos of events and Official visits.

Are you going to the VFW National Home's Fall Festival Party? Remember to take lots of pictures and then send them to me. I can't wait to see everyone in their Harry Potter Costumes!

I saw this posted on the National Facebook page and thought it was good info to pass on. Earlier this year, VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters made the decision to no longer use last names for students in grades K-8, which includes contest winners, featured Scouts, youth volunteers and scholarship recipients. Instead, we will use first names only and/or first names with last initials. This is an attempt to reduce the children's digital footprint.

This does not apply to scholarship recipients, featured Scouts, members, members' relatives, or winners in grades 9-12. Unless specifically requested by the parent/person submitting the information, photos and photo releases.

While the last name redaction policy is not mandated for individual Auxiliaries and Departments, we encourage you to consider doing the same.

National Historian and Media Relations Ambassador Diana Morris encourages all members to "SNAP" as they take and post pictures this year. That stands for, "Stop Now, Ask Permission."

- Print those photo releases from the MALTA Resource page (protect yourself & the person you are photographing, especially children).
- Be aware of what you are photographing (remember what kindness looks like).
- When taking photographs, connect with the subject and the emotion (don't be a paparazzi).



**HOSPITAL REPORT**  
 Karen Johnson Hospital Chairman  
 October 2023



Donations are down on the Hospital Programs and Hospital Projects. The Department needs these donations so that our Representatives can have events at the VA Hospitals and VA Nursing Homes. Please send donation to Lenore Otto and earmark Hospital projects and Hospital programs. Below are the reasons we need your donations.

**HOSPITAL VISIT TOMAH**

- TOMAH Camp VA all week Sponsored by the VFWA Dept  
 Mon.- Havens petting farm and ice cream.  
 Tues.- Caricaturist Tommy  
 Wed.- Elvis impersonator.  
 Thurs.- smoothies, music games.  
 Fri.- Dept. Officers served Smores and had music.  
 A wonderful day for all.

**HOSPITAL VISITS-VA Veteran Home Union Grove and VAVS Zablocki and Fisher House.**

- VA Veterans Home Union Grove tour the home.
- Zablocki had a nice talk with Director. Then we went to see the Fisher House where a veteran family can stay if the veteran is at Zablocki for treatment. It is a beautiful home.
- Looking forward to next Visits-Madison, Iron Mountain, King, Chippewa Falls.

**Woman's Health Care.**

- Tomah is working on a small house for a outpatient for women.
- Called Women Health care Center of excellence.
- Women town call to answer question.

Women have served our nation for generations and are the fastest growing group within the veteran population. Comprehensive health service is available and tailored to the unique needs of women veterans. Learn about the resources and health care services available and help them receive the benefits and services they deserve.

**VOLUNTERISM:**

Don't forget volunteering for your VA medical facility or nursing home. Volunteerism is a job that can be rewarding. It can boost your self-esteem and life satisfaction.

- Has your auxiliary promoted volunteerism?
- How have you recognized that volunteer?
- Have you sponsored a member of your Auxiliary or non- member to be a volunteer?
- Drawing for \$10 from Dept. for the Auxiliary with member or non/member and reported on year-end report.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin**

**2023 – 2024 Jeannette Frank Continuous Service Award  
October 2023 Bulletin**

This special award recognizes the dedicated, ongoing service of an Auxiliary member who has served the organization for at least 25 consecutive years. It is named in honor of Jeannette Frank of Manitowoc, whose terms as Department President in 1965-1966 and National President in 1980-1981, exemplify outstanding dedication to Veterans, the Auxiliary and our communities.

Awarded annually at the State Convention, this Award has a very simple nomination process that takes place in the final quarter of our Program Year. Any member in good standing may nominate another outstanding Auxiliary member who they feel is deserving of this recognition. Nominees must have served for a minimum of 25 years. **NOTE:** Past Department Presidents and previous recipients are NOT eligible for nomination.

The deadline for nominations for the 2023 – 2024 Jeannette Frank Continuous Service Award is **April 10, 2024**. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. Information and nomination forms are available in the October 2023 and February 2024 Auxiliary mailings, at Department meetings, on the Auxiliary State website and from the Chairman by request.

Please start thinking now about that very special Auxiliary member who qualifies for this honor with their dedicated, “above and beyond” service to your Auxiliary. It is a wonderful way to thank them for their years of service.

**Marla J. Morgan, PDP**  
**2023 – 2024 Awards Chairman**  
**505 S. Apple Avenue**  
**Marshfield, WI 54449**  
**(715) 384-2500**  
**[marla.morgan@charter.net](mailto:marla.morgan@charter.net)**

# 2023 – 2024 Jeannette Frank Continuous Service Award

## Nomination Form

(Please type or print clearly!)

Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Aux. # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Auxiliary office (if any – not required to nominate) \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT THE NOMINEE:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, middle name or initial, last)

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ JOINED IN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate year)

OFFICES AND CHAIRMANSHIPS HELD \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL INFO:

Please use **extra sheets** to tell us why your nominee should receive this award. Be sure to list specific accomplishments and activities! Letters of recommendation from other Auxiliary members or individuals and organizations may also be included. **REMEMBER:** the nominee **MUST** have at least 25 years of continuous membership to qualify. **Past Department Presidents and previous recipients are NOT eligible for nomination!**

**DEADLINE** for your nomination packet is **APRIL 10, 2024**. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

**MAIL TO:** Marla J. Morgan, PDP  
Awards Chairman  
505 S. Apple Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

**QUESTIONS?** Call 715-384-2500

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTEMENT OF WISCONSIN



## Journey to 100 Years



October 2023 Journey to 100 Years question:

**How were new members voted on in the early years?**

Send your answer to: Rita Byers at [rabyers66@gmail.com](mailto:rabyers66@gmail.com) for a chance to win the \$25.00 monthly cash prize.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WI  
OCTOBER 2023



Bee the  
Change



Greetings, we are doing a Legislative Trivia this month. Everyone that fills out the trivia and sends it back to me by October 31st, 2023 will be put into a drawing. As, Legislation is very important to all our veterans and families, it is important to know all about how to help and where to get the information.

Always, check the department website, and VFW legislation website for more information.

Speak up for our  
Veterans

Check out the Legislative Tab under Program on our New website <https://vfwauxwi.org>

2024 VFW Leg-  
islative Confer-  
ence

March 3rd-7th

Washington,  
DC

Contact your  
local represent-  
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Have you signed up for Action  
Corps yet?

YOU **BEE** the **Change** for our  
veterans!

Legislative Corner

Additional information can be found on  
the Department website.

- 1) Trivia Form
- 2) VFW Pending legislation
- 3) What's happening at the White House
- 4) House of Representatives

Kim McWilliams

Department Legislative Chairman

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

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Legislative Trivia  
October 2023

**Must be sent to me by October 31,2023 to be entered into drawing. No late entries.**

- 1) Who are your local Legislative representatives?
  
- 2) What are the VFW Legislative Priority Goals?
  
- 3) How many bills are currently in Legislation for veterans?
  
- 4) Where did you find your information?
  
- 5) As of April 26, 2023 how many bills is the United States Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs supporting?

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
OCTOBER 2023

Wisconsin is having a great Membership year. As of September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Mid-Year goals have been met for the following number of Auxiliaries: ( I am using Paid Percents for my Awards.)

80% by 9/30/23          64 Auxiliaries

90% by 11/30/23        40 Auxiliaries

100% by 12/31/23      23 Auxiliaries

We have Auxiliaries that are 100+. They are District 2: 328 and 2260; District 6: 1393, 6707, and 9202; District 9: 10406. District 5 qualifies for the drawing for 95% by 12/31/23. Wisconsin is at 85.89% using the Paid Percentage on September 5, 2023.

There is plenty of time for Auxiliaries to meet these deadlines. Many of you are so close to meeting some of these deadlines. Good Luck!

Remember the Post Members can also recruit members for the Auxiliary. If they recruit three members for us, they can be entered in the drawing for our Mid-Winter Award for Three New Members. They need to complete the form, **VFW Members Only for recruiting members to the VFW Auxiliary 2023-2024** which is found in in MALTA, Member Resources. A copy of the form needs to be sent to me by **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. VFW members send this form to the Department Treasurer by June 10, 2024, for National Awards.

**Time for your second Recruitment Event.** In October there is Halloween and an opportunity to throw a party. It could be a children's or/and an adult's party which is open to the public. Either way, potential members would be there.

Or you could have an appreciation luncheon/dinner where members could bring a guest as a potential member. You could eat and visit. Then have a short presentation about our programs and what we do for veterans. Have pictures of involved members at your activities. Be sure to leave time for questions. Or a fall festival, craft show, etc. Whatever you do, link recruitment with it.

**"Bee the Change" as we are "Banding Together for Our Veterans."**

Linda Schluter, Membership Chairman  
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# Scholarships

## Auxiliary Award No. 1

*Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year*

- Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary.
  - Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary. 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 scholarship opportunities through the Auxiliary. 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 National Convention.

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

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Scholarships Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

April 30, 2024 - The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Scholarships Ambassador Tina Hicks for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Scholarships Chairman must **email** VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto: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.

**WISCONSIN VFW NEWS**

**Subscription Special**

**INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW:** When a VFW member is reported as deceased, the VFW State Headquarters **MUST** be informed (by either the Post or Auxiliary) that the widow would like to continue receiving the *Wisconsin VFW News* for the next year. THE SUBSCRIPTION IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUED! After that year, Auxiliary members must pay for their own subscription. We are again offering **half-price subscriptions** (\$5 instead of the regular \$10) to all Auxiliary members for either new or renewing subscriptions. **Until December 15, 2023**, any Auxiliary may send in a **GROUP LIST** of subscriptions, using this form. **PLEASE**, no *individual* mailings or *personal* checks – Auxiliary checks and one group listing **ONLY**.

**Auxiliary Treasurers:** Please issue **ONE AUXILIARY check for the whole group**. It is up to each Auxiliary to decide if they will pay for the subscriptions or collect the \$5 from each member that wants one. **NOTE:** These may be **NEW or RENEWING** subscriptions and there is no minimum or maximum number required. **Please use reverse side if more space is needed.** **Questions? Please call Auxiliary Chairman Miranda Smith at 336-675-6905.**

**NOTE:** The subscription year runs for all six yearly issues, **starting in January, 2024.**

Fillable form available on VFW Auxiliary website – [www.vfwauxwi.org](http://www.vfwauxwi.org)

*Thank you for printing clearly!*

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

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

**MAIL THIS FORM & AUXILIARY CHECK PAYABLE TO VFW DEPT. OF WI by Dec. 15, 2023 to:**

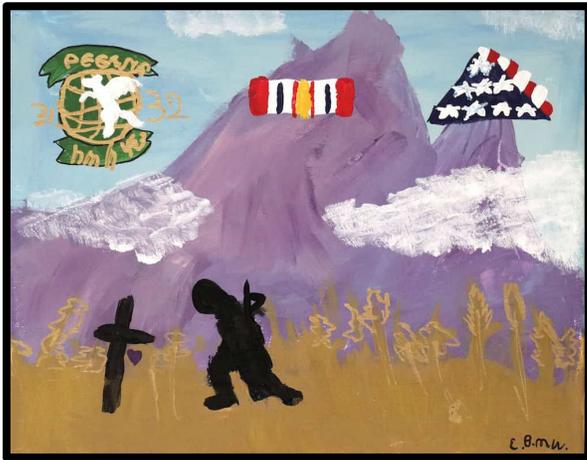
**VFW Dept. Headquarters, Attn: News Subscriptions, PO Box 6128, Monona, WI 53716-0128**



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## October 2023

VFW Auxiliary – Department of Wisconsin  
Patty Jansky, Chairman / [pajansky@charter.net](mailto:pajansky@charter.net)



Chippewa Falls first grader Carter Wittwer's award winning "Illustrating America" entry.

Hello, Autumn! The leaves are changing colors, the air is getting crisper, and boys and girls have settled into their school routines. This is a perfect time to start promoting our two Youth Activities Competitions – the "Illustrating America" Patriotic Art Contest and the "Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!" National Anthem Singing Contest. Let's get the word out and encourage our youth to enter these contests. We had some excitement this summer when six-year-old Carter Wittwer took second place at National in the K-2 grade division for "Illustrating America". WOW! What can Wisconsin do this year? So, this month, I'd like to focus on "Illustrating America".

### ILLUSTRATING AMERICA ★★☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

One exciting way for students in grades K-8 to convey their feelings of patriotism is through the "ILLUSTRATING AMERICA" patriotic art contest. Their two-dimensional art will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. Any type of art media may be used, and entries can be submitted on a canvas stretcher frame, canvas board or paper. Paper entries can be matted in white (if desired) and must be reinforced on back with heavy white paper. No color border should surround the artwork. Entries can range in size from 8" x 10" to 18" x 24", not including a mat. **Please remind your students to read the instructions carefully!** Entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31, 2024. Local first place winners must reach me by April 15, 2024. There are National and Department awards in three grade divisions:

#### National Auxiliary Awards:

**Grades K-2:** 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

**Grades 3-5:** 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

**Grades 6-8:** 1st Place \$100 / 2nd Place: \$50 / 3rd Place: \$25

#### Department of WI Awards:

**Grades K-2:** 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

**Grades 3-5:** 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

**Grades 6-8:** 1st Place: \$80 / 2nd Place: \$40 / 3rd Place: \$20

Encourage your area youth to display their artistic talent by entering this contest. More information can be found under the Youth Activities Program on our WI Auxiliary website ([vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org)) or on the MALTA Member Resources Page.



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



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
ROSTER CHANGES  
October 2023**

**Remove Home Phone #:**

**Linda Schluter**

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PDP, Pg. 18  
PDP Club Pres., Pg. 21  
District 2 Mentoring Chr., Pg.30

**Remove:** 608-246-8414

**District Change:**

Kim McWilliams:

**Remove:** Aux. # 1865

**Add:** Aux. #2260

Jr. Vice- Pg. 3

Legislative Chm. – Pg. 8

**Remove as:**

District 1 Treasurer, Pg.24

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**Audrey Dotzauer:**

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District 6, Aux. 1393, Pg. 51

**New Dues:** \$25.00

**Aux. # Change:**

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**Change to:** Aux. # 1393

**Phone # Change:**

**Denise Hicks:** Pg.99

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**Meeting Place Change:**

District 9- Aux. 8478, Pg. 86

**New Meeting Place:**

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**District 4 Officer Corrections:** Pg. 42

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