

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

**GENERAL ORDERS NO.3 (MUST BE READ AT MEETING)**

**September 2023**

- 1. NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS:** Congratulations to the Department of WI! Not only did we make the Circle of Excellence, but we walked away with 18 awards as well at the National Convention. That's amazing! Congratulations to Past Department President Faith Elford and her team. You all did an amazing job!
- 2. Also at the National Convention,** it was voted on and passed that we will use the name of "Conductor" for anyone in that position. The word conductor is not a gender specific word so it would apply to anyone. All the terminology in the Bylaws & Ritual will be changed accordingly.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP:** Please transmit your dues as soon as you receive them either to Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto, or enter them in MALTA. Remember, dues go up \$4 after September 30<sup>th</sup> so send them in early to save money or convert to a life membership.
- 4. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE:** October 20-22, 2023, is the Big Ten Conference in Itasca, IL. Advanced Registration is \$140 and must be postmarked by September 29, 2023. Late and on-site registration is \$160 per person.
- 5. NATIONAL HOME FALL FESTIVAL:** Eaton Rapids, Michigan is the place to be on October 28, 2023, for the Fall festival. Our theme this year is Harry Potter. Check out our website (vfwauxwi.org) for which house your district has been assigned for costumes. A bus trip is being planned for this event for October 27-29. Sign up by September 25, 2023.
- 6. FALL COUNCIL MEETING:** November 4, 2023, we will have our Fall Council meeting at the Merrill Post. There will be a council meeting, trainings, and a cookie exchange/contest. The meeting starts at 10am. See attachment for information on this fun event! All are welcome to attend!
- 7. NATIONAL PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:** Have you sent an introductory letter to your National Ambassador? You should have sent them an introductory letter, a copy of your presentation at the Program Promotional Meeting in July, and a copy of any bulletins that have been in the monthly mailing. This is what we need to be doing if we want to earn any awards at National.
- 8. Did you know** we have a special contest on our website regarding our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary? It's called "Journey to 100 Years" and it changes every month. Check it out!
- 9. Raffle tickets** and monies for the calendar raffle are due by September 15, 2024. Remember neither the tickets nor the money can be sent by mail. Get them to your District President or a Department line officer by the deadline.

Loyally,

Sherrie Rosenau  
Department of WI President  
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Veterans and Family Support

September 2023

**September is Suicide Awareness month.** More than 20 Veterans everyday commit suicide. In a year's time that is approximately 7300 veterans we lose to this horrible activity. Do you know the five signs of mental health? Are you feeling like you? Are you feeling agitated? Are you withdrawn? Are you caring for yourself? Do you feel hopeless? **One Veteran lost to suicide is one Veteran too many.**

Keep the Veterans Crisis Line number at hand also. DIAL 988 PRESS 1. The Veteran can receive confidential support for their situation.

Download the Veterans Crisis Line card or the Teardrop Sticker from our Auxiliary Website. Share them with everyone you meet and express the Auxiliary's concern for the loss of life of our Veterans through suicide. The Suicide Prevention Pin can be purchased from the VFW Store. (#1724-\$3.25 each)



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**National Veterans Service (NVS)** This VFW program helps veterans, service members and their families obtain the benefits they deserve--at no cost whether they are a VFW member or not. Highly skilled people assist **all** veterans in filing for claims from Disability Compensation and Rehabilitation to Employment and Training Programs. NVS also works to ensure veterans receive quality, timely and accessible VA health care including Hospital and Outpatient Care, Specialized Health Care for Female Veterans, Alcohol and Drug Dependency Treatment, and Medical Evaluation for disorders associated with military service.

For more information about all the specific programs visit [vfw.org](http://vfw.org)

Helen Stearns [hlstearns1021@gmail.com](mailto:hlstearns1021@gmail.com) 920-319-2621 (leave message)

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

### Americanism Chair and Patriotic Instructor

#### September 2023 Report

Greetings brothers and sisters of the Department of Wisconsin. It is my pleasure to share with you the information from our National Americanism Ambassador Linda. This month we will look at:



#### School's Starting: How's that Flag lookin'?

Now's the time to reach out to your local school, parochial school and even homeschoolers and houses of worship to see if there is a need for their Flag to be replaced! This could be your "in" to bring up the subject of how we might be able to help them with Flag education or provide them with patriotic materials for instructional use. You know that once those first vital lines of communication are open, the door may stay open for us to get our scholarships and youth contests into the hands of our local youth. The VFW Store has some awesome age-appropriate material for Americanism instruction!

#### UPCOMING PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS

#### September is the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

**PATRIOT DAY** also known as the **National Day of Service and Remembrance**, *occurs on September 11* each year in memory of those killed during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

**Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day** (*third Friday in September*) honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

**September 17** celebrates **Constitution Day and Citizenship Day**, commemorating the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 by 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention

In September 2012, President Barack Obama rededicated **the last Sunday in September** as "**GOLD STAR MOTHER'S & FAMILY DAY**"

**VETERANS DAY** is **November 11**, a perfect opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans.

**PEARL HARBOR DAY:** On the morning of **December 7**, 1941, Japanese bombers staged a surprise attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii.

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

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER 2023 BULLETIN

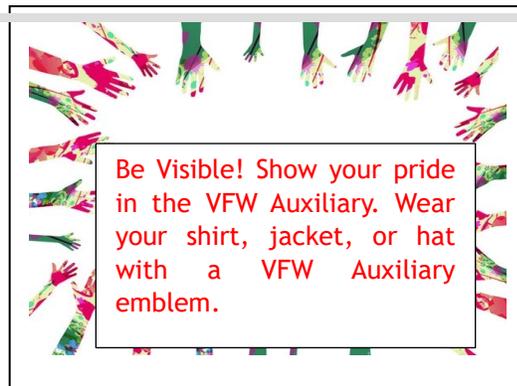
## ***What is Auxiliary Outreach?***

Auxiliary outreach is volunteer work performed by one member or group of members for the benefit of their community or its institutions. It is a donation of TIME, not MONEY. It is about partnering with other organizations in our communities.

To have an outstanding Auxiliary outreach Program, reach out into your community and find local groups and organizations in need of assistance. ASK what your Auxiliary can do to help them. Take the idea to your Auxiliary and ask to have it approved. When approved, form the partnership and report back to your Auxiliary with the details.

### REPORTING:

- Auxiliary Outreach must be reported to your VFW Post Adjutant.
- Form can be found under HOME on the VFWA-WI website
- If what you are doing is reportable under another Auxiliary Program, report it under that Program, NOT Auxiliary Outreach.
- Auxiliaries are responsible for so many good deeds that help our communities. Collectively, all our projects need to be counted to show the importance of the Local VFW and VFWA



Check out the Auxiliary Outreach Guide available on MALTA, under Member Resources, Auxiliary Outreach. So much information at your fingertips.

### **A few suggestions that do not qualify**

- Buddy Poppy Distribution
- Providing an Honor guard at a member's funeral
- Flying the American Flag
- Participating in Flag Retirement
- Church Activities
- Passing the collection basket at church.



**“Bee the Change”**

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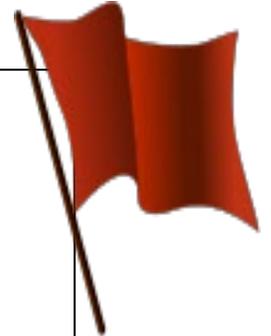
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# *EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION*

September 2023

Vicki Newbauer Chief of Staff

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**N**ow is the time to embrace new changes & challenges

**O**nly correct information should be given to members

**R**emember our primary objective is the VETERAN – not our personal agenda

**E**veryone is a volunteer and is needed for the success of any year

**D**o thank each person for what they do for our organization

**F**ind members **why** they joined and ask for their input into meetings

**L**et all members have an equal say in the operation of the meeting

**A**ccept their opinions, appreciate their help, and approve their contributions

**G**ive GOOD JOB cards to show appreciation

**S**how respect to time, talent, resourcefulness, and most of say Thank You!



**“Bee the Change” as we “Band Together for Our Veterans”**

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY  
State Commander & Department President's  
Special Project

PAWS-A-TIVELY

LET'S RAISE THE WOOF!



VFW Auxiliaries & members who donate to the "Special Project" will have a chance to bring "Georgette" home. She can be your "Life Buddy"!

Donations via a check should be made out to VFW Auxiliary WI and sent to Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto, 1383 W Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066, with "**PSP**" (Presidents Special Project) in the memo line. **Deadline is April 15, 2024.** When you donate, your Auxiliary name will go into a drawing to place me with my forever family.

Please be generous!

**Life Buddy Program from Sierra Delta:** They are committed to assisting veterans with the use of dogs as a partnership to enrich the lives of veterans. Not every veteran needs a service dog, but every veteran could use a Life Buddy.

Will the Auxiliary maintain "bragging rights"?

Will the Auxiliary continue to be the best at supporting the needs of our veterans?

PUP-PUP HURRAY!

PAWS DOWN .....WE GOT THIS!

Vicki Newbauer  
Dept Chief of Staff  
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY



*COOKIE EXCHANGE*

HOSTED BY:

Department President Sherrie

Saturday: November 4, 2023

Fall C of A

Merrill VFW Clubhouse

- 1. Homemade cookies please.**
- 2. Bring as many cookies as you would like to bring home.**
- 3. Bring a copy of your recipe.**
- 4. Include a few extra for tasting/judging.**
- 5. Enter your cookies to win a prize.**

**PRIZES:**

BEST TASTING  
MOST ORIGINAL  
BEST LOOKING

## Fall Council Meeting Luncheon

November 4, 2023  
Merrill Post



Lunch will be \$11, which will include your choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Build-a-Burger Buffet or

\_\_\_\_\_ Hot Turkey Sandwich

Mac & Cheese

Corn

1 Soda included

Dessert

Mail payment to Lenore Otto, earmarked "Fall Council Lunch"

Please send payment by **October 15, 2023.**

Name:

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Title:

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## **Dept WI Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary**

### **Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarships**

#### **2023-2024 Guidelines and Instructions**

#### **Facts:**

- The Lillian Campbell Medical scholarship was started to honor a Department WI Auxiliary sister who was elected as the VFWA 1963-1964 National President.
- Lillian Campbell passed away at her home in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 98 on May 26, 1996 but remains a vital part of the Auxiliary she loved through this scholarship in her memory.
- Funds raised for the Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship (LCMS) allow us to give out multiple scholarships of \$1,000 to eligible applicants currently enrolled in a medical field.
- Examples of eligible student programs are: nursing, pharmacist, physician assistants, medical and surgical technicians, physical and occupational therapists, dental, radiology, veterinarian and other related medical professions.
- First year medical students for a Paramedic students are also encouraged to apply for a \$750 scholarship. There will be only One (1) \$750.00 Scholarship for a Paramedic.

**The number of Scholarships** will be determined by donations; all must be received by Lenore Otto, Dept WI Treasurer (address at end of report) and received before May 1, 2024.

#### **The qualifications for eligibility are:**

- Applicant or member of his/her immediate family (mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, spouse or grandparent) **MUST HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY.**
- Applicant must be in a college or technical college and in a medical field at least one year prior to applying (may be completing their first year at time of application). If awarded a scholarship, applicant must show proof of at least 6 credits up to a full-time enrollment for the 2023 school year to receive the scholarship.
- Applicant must submit their most recent scholastic transcript showing a cumulative grade point average.
- Applicant must show evidence of financial need by supplying copy of most recent Financial Aid Form, FAFSA statement of loans to date, or copy of the first page of income tax form showing family income (BLACK OUT Social Security number!).
- Applicant must submit an essay **NOT TO EXCEED 200 WORDS ENTITLED: "WHY I'M INTERESTED IN STUDYING THIS MEDICAL PROFESSION."** Essay should be placed in a plastic cover with applicant's name on the cover only.
- Applicant must have three (3) letters of recommendation from reliable individuals qualified to evaluate scholastic achievement and personal character, such as principals, teachers, student counselors, clergy, employers, or supervisors. The names of the winning applicants will be

announced at the Dept. WI VFW Auxiliary Convention June 12-15, 2024 held in Green Bay.

- Please send all items to me before April 1, 2024 (mailing address appears at the bottom of the application form).
- Adhere to all guidelines, as failure to include any of these items, along with the signed and dated application will result in automatic disqualification.

**Things to note:**

- Applicants may not receive more than one scholarship.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- Please copy forms prior to mailing, as applications will not be returned following the judging.
- By increasing funds for this project the VFWA will assist more medical students. We will help military family members pursue their dreams in fields which benefit Veterans and all of society.
- Questions or concerns call 715.383.8628, be sure to leave a message if I do not answer.

Together we can have a record-breaking year of awarding our future medical professionals. By working together, we will make sure 2023-2024 is the year we “Bee the Change” while “Banding Together for Veterans”.

Thank you,



Dept. Scholarship Chair

**\*Mail completed applications with all supporting paperwork to:**

Jennifer Mauritz

606 N Wood Ave

Marshfield, WI 54449

715.383-8628

[jmauritz922@gmail.com](mailto:jmauritz922@gmail.com)

**\*Mail donations earmarked LCMS to:**

Lenore Otto/Dept. WI Treasurer

1383 W. Wisconsin Avenue

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Thank you brothers and sisters, I appreciate you for your generous donations and for spreading the word about the Department of WI medical scholarships!

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary**

**Department of Wisconsin**

**Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship and Paramedic Application 2023-2024**

Please check one:      LILLIAN CAMPBELL ENTRY      PARAMEDIC ENTRY

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's/Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If guardian is *other than parents*, with whom do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brothers: \_\_\_\_ Sisters: \_\_\_\_ Sons: \_\_\_\_ Daughters: \_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Name of Veteran in your immediate family: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to that Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_

Date graduated from High School \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a resident of Wisconsin?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you plan to continue your Wisconsin residency after completion of this course?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you a current card-carrying member of the Wisconsin VFW/VFW Auxiliary?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

IMPORTANT: Proof of financial status is required. Family adjusted gross income: (check one):

    FAFSA      Income Tax Form

Please include any information which you think would be helpful to the committee:

\_\_\_\_\_

What technical school or college did/are attend/attending? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Applicant must submit an essay not to exceed 200 words, entitled "Why I'm interested in studying this medical profession." This essay should be typed and placed in a plastic folder with only the applicant's name on the cover. Include three (3) letters of recommendation. Please make a copy of your application before mailing, applications will not be returned.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Applicant: Completed application with required items must be mailed to: Jennifer Mauritz, Dept. WI Scholarship Chair; 606 N Wood Ave; Marshfield, WI 54449 and postmarked before April 1, 2024**

Sponsoring Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Auxiliary Chairperson's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTEMENT OF WISCONSIN



## Journey to 100 Years



The Department of Wisconsin Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was organized by National Chief of Staff Anna Radway and her assistant Freda James. It was instituted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin VFW on June 20, 1925 at Sanger Hall in Manitowoc, WI. by Department Commander Ariel Brandt with delegates and alternates from six auxiliaries.

The Charter closed on July 30, 1926 with 8 auxiliaries.

During the first meeting all present were asked to give something in order to remain at the meeting. What was this?

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

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

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION.** Renew your Department Annual Dues by September 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid paying the \$4 increase that takes effect on October 1, 2023. You would pay \$6 for Department Dues instead of \$10. I am pleased to see that 461 New, Rejoin, and Continuous Annual Dues have been paid as of August 5, 2023. This is probably a good time to consider becoming a Life Member to avoid increases to both Department and National Dues. The National Annual Dues will increase to \$10 in July 2024. You can avoid the National Annual Dues increase by transferring from an Annual Member to a Life Member or join as a Life Member before July 24, 2024.

By now your **Membership Team** should be up and working. The renewal notices have been printed from Malta and sent to your Annual Members. Your contacts with former members, AT-Large members and potential members should be in full swing. You can get a list of At-Large members from Department Treasurer Lenore Otto. Everyone is important to make an award-winning movie. The entire cast should be involved in encouraging others to join our organization. Remember any event at your Post can be a Recruitment Opportunity. In the community we are having County/State Fair, and Craft Fairs which are perfect time to have a Recruitment Booth. Please use the pointers under Member Resources, Membership, in Malt to help you have a successful recruiting event.

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



**MID-WINTER AWARDS**

**Auxiliaries:**

80% by 9/30,2023	10(\$10) Awards
90% by 11/30, 2023	10(\$15) Awards
100% by 12/31/2023	3(\$75) Awards
Recruit 3 new members	2(\$25) Awards

**Districts:**

95% by 12/31/2023	1 (\$25) Award
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**MEMBERSHIP STATS (PAID PERCENTS)**

Wisconsin has hit the ground running as far as membership is concerned. Four Districts and 50 Auxiliaries have already reached the first Mid-Winter goal of **80%**. Twenty-two Auxiliaries have reached **90%**. The most impressive Paid Percents for 6 Auxiliaries who are **100%**. Finally, congratulations to **District 8, Auxiliary 10406 who is 101.39%**.

**The District Race as of August 5, 2023:**

1 <sup>st</sup> - District 4	88.37%
2 <sup>nd</sup> -District 6	84.12%
3 <sup>rd</sup> -District 11	81.30%
4 <sup>th</sup> - District 2	80.78%
5 <sup>th</sup> - District 9	76.84%
6 <sup>th</sup> - District 8	75.90%
7 <sup>th</sup> - District 1	73.76%
8 <sup>th</sup> -District 10	70.07%
9 <sup>th</sup> - non-District	66.36%

Wisconsin is making a beautiful movie. I am so proud of all of you. Continue the great work. I am hoping to have 100% certificates to be presented at your District meeting.

Linda Schluter, Membership Chairman  
4601 Declaration Lane, Madison, WI 53704  
608-209-3080  
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# MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

SEPTEMBER 2023

## PROFESSOR Beethoven

The educated, good-natured bee who knows everything. Although brainy, he never puffs on airs and has friends all over the world.



We all celebrated the success stories from our Department Program winners from National Convention in Phoenix and are very proud of the winners.

Now is the time to set our goals in the Mentoring for Leadership Program for the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. Each and every member has the ability to carry the mentoring torch. But you need a few of these tools to help you become successful this year:

Patience

Understanding

Kindness

Knowledge of your Auxiliary

Knowledge of our Bylaws

Auxiliary Traditions

Each Auxiliary Member can and should, Mentor other Auxiliary Members! Let us work together in making a difference in each other's lives through Mentoring this year. That being said, let's make this a year to remember for our President Sherrie!

GOD BLESS AND HAVE A GREAT YEAR AS WE **"BEE THE CHANGE "**, while **"BANDING TOGETHER FOR VETERANS."**

Linda Moran Mentoring for Leadership Chr. 2023-2024

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920-639-9987 (C)

## Way to Go Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary!

I attended the VFW National Convention in Phoenix and it was fantastic celebrating all of our achievements last year! I could not be more proud! What a way to end my year as your President!

It was wonderful to be part of the Circle of Excellence ceremony on Saturday night, along with the other 37 states that achieved the award. Along with the medal for the highest honor a State VFW Auxiliary can receive from National, we also received a \$500 cash prize.



But the winning didn't stop there. On Monday afternoon, the National Program awards were handed out and your 2022-23 National Program Chairs and other members from Wisconsin brought it home! Check out this list of awards!

<b>Veterans &amp; Family Support - Nancy Ustruck</b>	1st Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to Department & a beautiful Keepsake for the Chairperson and a \$25 Gift Certificate for Best Promotion to "increase awareness of homeless veterans."
<b>Chief of Staff - Marla Morgan</b>	1st Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to Department & a beautiful Keepsake for the Chairperson
<b>Hospital - Kathie Lendosky</b>	1st Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to Department & a beautiful Keepsake for the Chairperson
<b>Youth Activities - Patty Jansky</b>	1st Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$200 to Department & a beautiful Keepsake for the Chairperson and a \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate for Best Promotion of an "Activity by Youth for Youth."
<b>Americanism - Alicia Weix</b>	2nd Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 to Department & a Citation to the Dept. Chairperson
<b>Buddy Poppy /National Home - Helen Stearns</b>	\$25 Gift Certificate - for the most creative promotion of "How the Buddy Poppy & VFW National Home Program makes a difference."
<b>Legislative - Kim McWilliams</b>	\$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate - for the most creative/unique promotion of "the VFW Priority Goals." and <b>West Bend Post 1393 Auxiliary</b> received a \$25 gift certificate & Citation for consistent partnership with young adult civic and or political groups.
<b>Membership - Cheryl Woodards</b>	\$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate For the Best Membership Recruitment video.
<b>Mentoring - Linda Moran</b>	\$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate - For Best "Mentoring activity or training about how to mentor future leaders for a specific Auxiliary position" and <b>Chippewa Falls Post 1038 Auxiliary</b> received \$25 for the most outstanding activity training mentees.
<b>Natl Scholarships-Deanna Carothers</b>	2nd Place Outstanding Performance Award: \$100 to Department & a Citation to the Dept. Chairperson
<b>Member Awards:</b>	<b>Kathie Lendosky</b> was awarded a \$25 VFW Store Gift Certificate thru Extension & Revitalization for nurturing/strengthening a struggling Auxiliary
	<b>Mary Ellen Crandall</b> of Pewaukee Post 9537 Auxiliary won two Hospital awards. One citation for recruiting the most hospital volunteers; and a Citation for the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year
	<b>David Zein</b> , VFW member of Eau Claire Post 305, won an Auxiliary National Membership Achievement Award for recruiting auxiliary members.

## Have You Signed Up for the National Home Halloween Trip?

As I told you last month, the VFW has reserved a bus for us to go to the VFW National Home from October 27-29, 2023. Some have asked where they would have to go to meet the bus for the trip. While we won't exactly know the pick up spots until everyone is signed up, there has been a pattern of pickup locations that has worked for the last couple of years. I can tell you about that. In previous years there has been a stop in the Wausau area, then Portage, Madison (near headquarters), and in the Racine area.



Here are the details for signing up again:

**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 you sign up by August 10, 2023 you will receive a 10% discount off of the cost. (i.e. \$300 for double occupancy will be \$270 and \$435 single occupancy will be \$391.50).

**Plus,** If we have 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.

**THEME:** Our Halloween 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.



**PARADE OF CHECKS:** Did you know? While we are at the National Home, they do a parade of checks after the Annual meeting. So if you are coming along with us, you might ask your Auxiliary for a donation to the National Home and bring the check with you. If you are not going to attend but would like a check to be presented for your Auxiliary, you can make the check out to National Home and mail it to me by October 15th, and I will gladly present your check for you.

Mail to: Faith Elford, 1414 Montclair Place, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

September 2023



Back to school for one and all,  
Our scholarship programs are giving students a call.  
The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen too,  
Give them information on what they need to do.

#### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

**Theme:** "What are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"

Open to students in grades 9-12 by the October 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

Students record their reading of their essay to a flash drive/USB or electronically submitted, via an audio file attached to an email (CD's will no longer be accepted). The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). Visit [vfw.org](http://vfw.org) more information and entry forms or check out all the links and information on our website [vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org).

**National Awards:** First Place - \$35,000 scholarship  
Second Place - \$21,000 scholarship  
Third Place - \$15,000 scholarship  
Fourth through 36<sup>th</sup> Place - \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship  
37<sup>th</sup> – 53<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$1,000 scholarship

#### PATRIOT'S PEN

**Theme:** "How Are You Inspired by America?"

Open to students in grades 6-8 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States. One Department winner will be forwarded to VFW National Headquarters.

This contest encourages young minds to express their views in 300-400 words. You can download the entry form at: [www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/](http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/) Check out all the links and information on our website [vfwauxwi.org](http://vfwauxwi.org).

**National Awards:** First Place- \$5,000  
Second Place- \$4,000  
Third Place- \$3,5000  
Fourth- 53<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$2,7500 to \$500

#### DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY AWARDS:

##### Young American Patriotic Art Contest:

1. \$10 to the Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Patriotic Art contest.
2. \$10 to the Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the 3-Dimension Patriotic Art Contest.

##### Voice of Democracy Contest:

1. \$10 to the Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the VOD contest.
2. \$5 Participation award to Auxiliary that qualifies. (Drawing from eligible Auxiliaries).
3. \$5 to the District Chairman that promotes the VOD contest and sends in their reports to me. (Drawing from eligible Chairmen)

##### Patriot's Pen Contest:

1. \$10 to the Auxiliary with the Best Promotion of the Patriot's Pen Contest.
2. \$5 Participation award to Auxiliary that qualifies. (Drawing from eligible Auxiliaries).
3. \$5 to the District Chairman that promotes the Patriot's Pen contest and sends in their reports to me. (Drawing from eligible Chairmen)

Jackie Gregory, Chairman  
VFWA National Scholarships  
[jackie.g@tds.net](mailto:jackie.g@tds.net)

# TREASURERS WHAT HAS HAPPENED???????

## CHECKS WITH ONE SIGNATURE- YOU MUST HAVE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S NAMES

A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS HAVE COME INTO THE OFFICE AND HAVE BEEN RETURNED ALREADY THIS NEW YEAR. SO THAT IS WHY I AM GOING OVER THE APPLICATION..... SO NOT TO SLOW THE PROCESS.

1. APPLICATION SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING DATE ON: LOWER RIGHT CORNER 5/2022 TO BE CURRENT
2. I WILL GO OVER SECTION BY SECTION
  - A. Recruited/ Recommended by: Member name\_\_\_\_\_ with your ID Number\_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary #\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Check the correct box on type of Membership APPLYING FOR If they are TRANSFERRING then check a box that pertains. (This is not the form for Members Converting Life)
  - B. PRINT MEMBERS NAME CLEARLY MUST HAVE DATE OF BIRTH ADDRESS PRINT CLEARLY CHECK CORRECT BOX ADDRESS PHONE # EMAIL
  - C. POST AFFILIATED – MEANS THE VETERAN BELONGS TO YOUR POST (and is living)
  - D. NON-AFFILIATED – MEANS THE VETERAN DOESNOT BELONG TO YOUR POST OR A POST Relationship (wife etc.) to Eligible Veteran\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Campaign Ribbons or medals \_\_\_these are found on the DD214 Dates of Service \_\_\_to\_\_\_ Location: means where they were stationed on foreign soil
  - E. Investigating Committee Signatures 1\_\_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_ The President CANNOT sign as Investigating Committee member per Page 13 – 2nd Major Bullet-3rd minor section. Nor can Recruiter be on the Committee PER SECTION 102 – THIS IS WHERE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS OR REJECTS THE APPLICATION. A MOTION IS MADE AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION.
  - F. MEMBER READS -SIGNS AND DATES

The application at the meeting is given first to Treasurer to check that it is complete and with proper dues. Then it is given to the Secretary to read in proper order of the meeting. Once the motion is carried – Secretary should mark the proper square and date. Return to Treasurer so the process can be completed by mailing to the Department Treasurers office.

Secretaries: if you cannot read it.....get it corrected so it is not entered into MALTA incorrectly.

Also – I have had some using Credit Cards to pay Life Memberships. If they are declined, they will be returned to the Auxiliary Treasurer to obtain some other form and payment to the Auxiliary and then an Auxiliary Check submitted with the application.

Sorry for the length. Any questions please feel free to contact me

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## WAYS AND MEANS PROGRAM GOALS

### SEPTEMBER 2023

Our main goal is to increase our funds. We are open to new ideas. Here's a few happening now.



- The calendar Make checks payable: VFW A-WI memo: *Money Raffle* **(NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS)**
- **The deadline for all ticket sales is September 15, 2023. No exceptions.**
- All stubs and checks need to be given to a District President, Line Officer, or Ways and Means Chair.
- All stubs and Auxiliary checks are to be in an envelope, clearly marked on front with Auxiliary name, number, amount of tickets and Auxiliary check

We are in need of donations of tickets for sporting events, pictures, other items of great value (\$100+). Also, raffle items/ baskets. Districts will no longer be required to "donate" baskets for conventions, but we are still planning to have raffle baskets. If any individual or Auxiliary would like to donate an item/basket, let us know.

Stay tuned for more information about the Pie in the Face fundraiser that will be held at Mid-winter. Information will be shared with District Chairman (to be read at Fall meetings) and the October Bulletin.

Alicia Weix & Barbara Stillman, Ways and Means Co-chairs



# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## September 2023

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



### CREATING, SPONSORING AND WORKING WITH YOUTH GROUPS

Let's get our kids involved! Your Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage boys and girls in any one of our Programs, including activities to honor our veterans or assist our service members and their families. Inviting youth to recognize our veterans and help with patriotic projects offers a vital source of community involvement for them. These activities can even bring new membership to your Auxiliary. When youth and their whole family are included, they feel more connected to the Auxiliary. Our youth are important – let's work together with them to show our love and support for our veterans, community and country!

### Where do we find these youth groups?

- Boy Scouts
- Girls Scouts
- Church Youth Groups
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Youth Sports Teams
- School Groups
- 4-H Clubs
- Youth Community Centers
- And more!



### What can we do with our youth?



- Deliver groceries to disabled veterans.
- Help a veteran with yard work.
- Take trash out for curbside pickup.
- Make cards or gifts for veterans.
- Visit nursing homes or hospitals.
- Send care packages to troops.
- Take part in parades and patriotic events.
- Conduct a flag retirement ceremony.
- Participate in the Oral History Project.
- Promote Patriotism Through Literacy.
- Organize food and clothing drives.
- Place flags on veterans' graves, and more!



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



## ROSTER CHANGES

When someone who is listed in the Department Roster has a change of name, address, phone number or e-mail, notification should be sent to the Department Secretary. In addition, any change in Auxiliary meeting – place, date or time – should also be sent. Please **PRINT CLEARLY** or type. This form can be copied or sent via e-mail.

Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Information Change**

Please indicate what and where the information needs to be changed.

President/Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Where this information needs to be changed (roster, national, mailing list): \_\_\_\_\_

**New Information:** Reason for Change: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code)/E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Auxiliary Meeting Change:**

New Place: (Please include address and city with location) \_\_\_\_\_

New Date and Time: (With date, please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, etc. with time) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Changes To:** Jackie Gregory or [jackie.g@tds.net](mailto:jackie.g@tds.net)  
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Medford, WI 54451  
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