



# WI VFW AUXILIARY

## 2024-25 GENERAL ORDERS

### "HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER"



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March 2025

MUST BE READ AT MEETING

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**GENERAL Orders and Program Bulletins** can be found on the Department Website at:  
<https://vfwauxwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp> Look under the news tab and click on General Orders.

**DRAPING THE CHARTER** - On January 25, 2025, we lost our beloved VFW Auxiliary 2023-2025 Past National District Council Member #11 and Past Wisconsin Department President Laurel Ann Wiese. If your auxiliary has not already done so, please drape your charter for 30 days. We will miss her loyalty, guidance, and inspiration. Prayers and thoughts continue to be with Sherrie and her family during this time of grief.

**YEAR END REPORTS** - While we hoped to really have our year end reports online this year, unfortunately that will not happen. We tried the program while at the National Mid-Winter and found numerous glitches that won't enable us to move in that direction at this time. Faith worked extremely hard and closely with the National Webmaster and we found that the National Webmaster was not privy to information on the National side which would have helped tremendously in setting this program up appropriately. So please pay careful and close attention when doing the paper Year End Reports. Faith has made them fillable if you choose to go that way. Using the fillable forms makes reporting easier to read. Pay special attention to the deadlines into the District President.

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS** - As we get closer to new nominations and elections, please let us know if you feel you may not have officers for your Auxiliary. I will repeat an earlier comment, DO NOT CLOSE YOUR AUXILIARY DOWN on your own. Unfortunately, we continue to see this being done. Doing so, you have the real potential to be asked to get back the money you spent before closing on your own. We have been informed that this is a real possibility and if that happens, we all look bad.

**MEMBERSHIP** - is now at 98.46%. We are getting so close. Try reaching out to those members who have not renewed and ask them to reconsider. Better yet, find out why they didn't renew. Cost? Can your auxiliary help those who may have need to pay their membership dues?

Our world continues to change by the minute. What doesn't change is the need to continue to support our veterans, active military members and their families, and our communities. Please try to do what you can whenever you can. Be thankful for each new day.

Cordially,  
Cheryl L. Woodards  
Department of Wisconsin President  
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**"From our Roots to our Branches Extending  
Service to our Veterans" as we are  
"Honoring Veterans Together"**

## AMERICANISM

by Sally Lamers 24-25 VFWA Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chair  
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Being one of my last official reports before End of Year Reports are completed I would like to take this opportunity to say, “Thank You for sending me photos, participating in the Mid-Winter quiz, and especially for doing what you do as an auxiliary member to promote Americanism.”

I’m proud to say our Department of WI VFW Auxiliary and Posts have worked as a team within their districts and at many schools; with other service-related organizations, and especially within the community. Even those Auxiliaries that do not work closely with Posts get the job done! Thank you for all of it but more than that thank you for doing it with smiles and joy on your face. That kind of kindness is what will bring new members because we show how hard we work and have fun doing it. I am looking forward to seeing your End of Year reports and handing out Awards so please write on the backs of your reports all of what you did this past year.

Remember to send the reports to your District Presidents WELL BEFORE April 1st (must be in their hands so get to Dept level by their deadlines). Your link in the Auxiliary chain is the strongest if we “get er done” in the timelines we have. Don’t forget these future Patriotic days:

**NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY**  
MARCH 29

**LOYALTY DAY**  
MAY 1

**V-E DAY (VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY)**  
MAY 8

**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
MAY 30 (TRADITIONAL); OBSERVED LAST MONDAY IN

**FLAG DAY**  
JUNE 14

Thank you for all you do for our veterans, and for promoting Americanism every day!

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## AUXILIARY OUTREACH

by Alicia Weix, VFWA Dept. Auxiliary Outreach Chairperson  
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Auxiliary Outreach is partnering with organizations for the benefit of your community or it’s institutions. While emphasis is placed on our core VFW and Auxiliary programs, we realize auxiliaries also participate with other community organizations. Auxiliaries can now report and be recognized for such community work through the Auxiliary Outreach Program. Projects may be done by the Auxiliary alone or with the VFW Post. Collectively, all of our volunteer hours need to be counted to effectively show the importance of the local VFW and VFW Auxiliary to the community.

Be visible and show your pride in the VFW Auxiliary by wearing Auxiliary branded attire when you participate in Auxiliary outreach. A shirt, jacket, or hat with the auxiliary emblem can start a conversation about the Auxiliary and what we do. It is also a great way to show members volunteering out in our communities and not just in our Post.

What is considered Auxiliary Outreach? When an Auxiliary partners with an organization outside of our own, it should be considered Auxiliary Outreach if the project was approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project.

While volunteering at an event with an organization, you can engage with others about who we are and what we do . This is a great way to provide information about our Programs and attract new members who have a similar passion for our mission . Think of this as a way to invite the outside into our organization. *(Continued on next page.)*

## AUXILIARY OUTREACH - CONTINUED

by Alicia Weix, VFWA Dept. Auxiliary Outreach Chairperson  
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Here are some ways to find and establish partnerships in your area:

- Prepare a letter of introduction to send to organizations that do community events.
- Create a flyer that can be posted to both your Auxiliary and community social media pages.
- Email your members asking if there are members of any outside organizations that do community events.
- Do a press release about the Program.
- Check local newspapers and bulletin boards.

Auxiliary outreach should follow this order:

- Find local groups & Organizations in need of assistance
- Ask what your auxiliary can do to help them
- VOTE at your auxiliary meeting to approve the activity
- Form the partnerships
- Report the details



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### IS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE??

Do you have members complaining that they are not getting emails from us or National VFW Auxiliary? Ask them the following questions:

- Have you changed your email address since you signed up to be a VFW Auxiliary member?
- Did you switch internet companies?
- Did your name change and you changed your email address?
- Did you get an email address after you signed up as a member?

Please let Department Secretary Faith Elford know the name of the member, Auxiliary #; and the new email address. I can update them in MALTA and in our email system. My email address is: [wivfwafaith@outlook.com](mailto:wivfwafaith@outlook.com). There are 125 emails bouncing back to me right now and I would love to get that down to zero.

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### EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

by Linda Moran, Department Chief of Staff  
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If your Auxiliary is struggling with growing pains, changes, or are not sure how to do something, PLEASE let us know so we can come in and help.

Good Mentoring---“Open the door, open your eyes, open your heart.”

- Be kind, not right
- Mentor must be dedicated, knowledgeable and supportive of all members
- Know how to communicate
- Kind to everyone
- Positive, never negative
- Make every member feel important
- Show appreciation
- Develop genuine interest in members
- Respect, listen, and smile!
- Remember, everyone has talent and something to contribute.

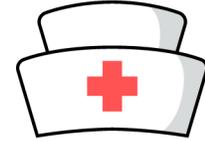
(From Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation)



GOD BLESS AND HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY AS WE CONTINUE HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER.

## HOSPITAL

by Karen Johnson Hospital Chairman  
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### Department of WI Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year 2024-2025

Fill out the VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Volunteer of the year nomination forms 2024-2025. This form is the vfwauxwi.org website go programs/ Hospital. If you have anyone that is a volunteer, please think about nominating them. Fill out form have the Auxiliary Hospital chairman sign it and send to me the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2025. As Department Hospital Chairman I will select ONE Outstanding Hospital volunteer and forward on to the National Hospital Ambassador by April 30, 2024. From this form the one that is sent to National will be our Department of Wisconsin Volunteer of the year. Please think about nominating someone.

Also please fill out the Hospital charm form if you have 50 hours of volunteering services and send to me by March 31, 2025.

The year-end report is out. Please fill out and send to your District President as requested. Every Auxiliary does some type of hospital volunteer.

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## LEGISLATIVE

by Debbie Nackers, Legislative Chairperson  
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# SAVE THE DATE

## Veterans Day at the Capital April 22, 2025

- Gather at Monona Terrace for informational session and discussions
- Lunch
- Capital Rally
- Meet with Representatives

Registration coming soon at  
[wilegion.org](http://wilegion.org)



## NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

by Deanna Carothers, Chairman  
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Hello! By now you all should be getting the word out about our two (2D and 3D) Patriotic Art scholarship programs. Hopefully you've been spreading the word on your Facebook pages, handing information out to your local art teachers and reading these reports at your meetings. and, the deadline for the students to HAND IN their art pieces is March 31st – coming up soon! So, what happens then?

After your local Auxiliary has received all the entries, it's time for judging. Time to ask a few people to be your judges. Who do you ask? It's best to have people who aren't related to any of the entrants so you can have non-biased judging. You could ask an art teacher, a veteran at your Post, Auxiliary members or maybe a local business person. National has provided score sheets that you can use to make things easier. They are in MALTA, under "Member Resources" and then "Scholarships" and scroll down to "Judges Score Sheets." These are the same score sheets that we will use for state level judging.

After your Auxiliary has determined which art pieces came in first place, check with your District President to see if there will be District level judging. District judging is Optional. If your District gets A LOT of entries, it might be a good idea to have District Judging and only forward your top 3 to the state level. That is up to each District. There's a small window of time between the entry deadline and the deadline to have them to me, so you would have to coordinate it carefully. If your District is NOT having their own judging, then just mail your first place art piece in both 2D and 3D to me. Remember the deadline to have them to me is April 15th.

Some helpful hints to remember: Please be sure the Application is filled out legibly so we can decipher the name and what Auxiliary it's coming from. Please be sure it has a complete address, a phone number with area code AND an e-mail address. It also needs to have a signature of both the student and their parent or guardian. Each art entry needs to have an artist statement, essay or detailed description of the art and how it was made. Your Auxiliary Scholarships chairperson should sign the application before sending it to me.

Please be sure to use paper, bubble wrap, air pillows and/or foam to help protect the art while shipping. Label the package clearly. IF you happen to live close to Fort Atkinson or plan to be driving through, feel free to personally drop the art off at my house. If you contact me, I can arrange to be there to take it, or it can be left on my enclosed front porch where it will be safe and out of the weather.

I am so looking forward to seeing all the art again this year and displaying it at our Convention in June. We should be very proud of our artistic students here in Wisconsin!! 😊

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

by Patty Jansky, Chairperson  
pajansky@charter.net



### Deadlines are Coming Up – It's not too late!

- Illustrating America patriotic artwork and entry forms are due to your local Auxiliary by March 31st. Send in your Auxiliary's first-place winner in each grade division (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8) to me for Department judging by April 15th!
- The National Youth Activities Award for Auxiliaries is for the most outstanding activity and/or event of youth reading to veterans and/or veterans reading to youth. This Auxiliary award application is due to me by March 31st!

Please mail or email (if applicable) your entries to me:  
Patty Jansky, 12758 43rd Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-723-0408 / [pajansky@charter.net](mailto:pajansky@charter.net)

Questions?  
Give me a call!

### Your Youth Activities Awards for Auxiliaries – Department of Wisconsin

1. Outstanding Recognition of Youth with “Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans” Citations, Individual “Patriotic Youth Awards”, and “Random Act of Patriotism Cards” (R.A.P.) – \$5.00
2. Outstanding Participation in “Patriotism through Literacy” – \$5.00
3. Outstanding Participation in “Illustrating America” – \$5.00
4. Outstanding “Activity and/or Event of Youth Reading to Veterans and/or Veterans Reading to Youth” – \$5.00

AWARDS

Will YOUR Auxiliary earn one of these awards at our June Convention?



## Journey to 100 Years

### March 2025 Question



**What “Fun Fact” did National VFWA recently share about Department of Wisconsin that still exists today?**

**Send your answer NOT LATER THAN March 31, 2025.**

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

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

**The 100th Anniversary Committee**

**DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO DISTRICT MEETING  
VFW AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN**

AUX. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ DIST NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY SECRETARY:** Immediately following your election of Delegates and Alternates to the **DISTRICT** Meeting, to be held in the Spring of 2025, please complete this form. It is **YOUR** duty to mail this form to your **DISTRICT SECRETARY**. (NAMES AND ADDRESSES ON BACK OF THIS FORM)

**Delegates and Alternates to the District Meeting shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than ten (10) days prior to the District Meeting; one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates. Sec. 302, page 33 of the 2025 Bylaws.**

Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members dues paid on date of election \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed below have been duly elected to represent our Auxiliary at the 2025 District Meeting.

DELEGATES	Attending	ALTERNATES	Attending
1. _____	Yes No	1. _____	Yes No
2. _____	Yes No	2. _____	Yes No
3. _____	Yes No	3. _____	Yes No
4. _____	Yes No	4. _____	Yes No
5. _____	Yes No	5. _____	Yes No
6. _____	Yes No	6. _____	Yes No
7. _____	Yes No	7. _____	Yes No
8. _____	Yes No	8. _____	Yes No
9. _____	Yes No	9. _____	Yes No
10. _____	Yes No	10. _____	Yes No
11. _____	Yes No	11. _____	Yes No
12. _____	Yes No	12. _____	Yes No

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Auxiliary President)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State & Zip Code)

**(Auxiliary Seal Here)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Auxiliary Secretary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State & Zip Code)

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION  
VFW AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

**AUXILIARY SECRETARY:** Immediately following election of Delegates and Alternates to the **DISTRICT** Convention, to be held in the Spring of 2025, please complete this form and it is **YOUR** duty to mail this form to your **DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

**District Secretary Names and Addresses:**

- District 1: Cheryl Woodards, 601 Malvern Hill Dr, Madison WI 53718-3133
- District 2: Lenore Otto, N62w37856 Wadebridge Rd., Oconomowoc WI 53066-1729
- District 3: Cheryl Woodards, 601 Malvern Hill Dr, Madison WI 53718-3133
- District 4: Susan Koehler, 8040 S 20<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Creek, WI 53154
- District 6: Mary Jo Grube, 111 S 1st St., Kiel WI 53042-1451
- District 7: Mary Kimmel, 2817 Center St, Stevens Point, WI 54481
- District 8: Judy Borg, 250 W Highland Park Ave, Apt. 720, Appleton, WI 54911
- District 9: Patty Jansky, 12758 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
- District 10: Jackie Gregory, W5463 Apple Ave., Medford, WI 54451
- District 11: Kathryn M. Schmitz, 24447 Lambeth Rd., Cashton, WI 54619

Veterans of foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin  
Application for Department Hospital Charms 2024-2025

Please list the names of all sisters/Brothers that completed volunteer projects of any kind. 50 hours or more for any VA Medical and /or Non-medical facility, nursing home, Rehab, CBOC, etc., from April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025. Auxiliary Hospital Chairman is to fill out form and have signed by Auxiliary President. This is for auxiliary only. VA Reps will order charms for their volunteers.

**Return by April 1, 2024** to: Karen Johnson  
Department Hospital Chairman  
506 W 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Kaukauna, WI 54130  
[nursefrazzle@gmail.com](mailto:nursefrazzle@gmail.com)

Aux # \_\_\_\_\_ Aux Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Name	Hours (50 or more)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(use back side for more volunteers)

Auxiliary President \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## PRESIDENT'S PIN 2025-2026 PRE-ORDER FORM



As there is a limited supply of our pins,  
we want to give you a chance to pre-order them now.

Any questions call: Sherrie Rosenau **"We Rise by Lifting Others"**  
(920) 251-8888  
Email: [littlemama6@yahoo.com](mailto:littlemama6@yahoo.com)

**IF WANTING LESS THAN 15 PINS  
PLEASE PURCHASE AT CONVENTION OR FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

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**PRESIDENT'S PIN PRE-ORDER FORM**

**MINIMUM - 15 PINS**

AUXILIARY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AUX # \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pins: \_\_\_\_\_ x\$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*If we are asked to mail the pins, please enclose \$8.00 for shipping\*\*\*\*\*

Make checks payable to: **VFWA-WI** and MEMO: **2025-2026 PINS** (Enclose with order)

Please mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick the pins up at the Department Convention in June.

Please send with our District President.

Mail this order form with your check by: **May 15, 2025**  
**TO: Lenore Otto, Dept. Treasurer,**  
**1383 W Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc, WI 53066**