



WI VFW AUXILIARY

2024-25 GENERAL ORDERS



"HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER"

September 2024

MUST BE READ AT MEETING

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- **National Convention – Congratulations to Past Department President Sherrie Rosenau and the Department of Wisconsin for again making the Circle of Excellence. Due to all the wonderful work done by the Program Chairs, we received many citations and monetary awards. More details can be found on our website.**
- **Raffle tickets and monies for the calendar raffle are due by September 13, 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.**
- **NATIONAL HOME FALL FESTIVAL: Eaton Rapids, Michigan is the place to be on October 26, 2024, for the Fall festival. Our theme this year is the Wizard of Oz. Districts have all been assigned characters for costumes should you choose to participate. A bus trip is being planned for this event for October 25-27. Sign up by September 27, 2024.**
- **THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE: October 18-20, 2024, is in Indianapolis, Indiana. Advanced Registration is \$160 and must be postmarked by September 25, 2024. Late and on-site registration is \$180 per person. See information under Events under News on the vfwauxwi.org website.**
- **MEMBERSHIP: Please transmit your dues as soon as you receive them either to Department Treasurer, Lenore Otto, or enter them in MALTA. All auxiliaries should be charging a minimum of \$20 for dues as of July 1, 2024.**
- **National President Visit – President Brenda Bryant will be visiting Wisconsin October 9-11, 2024. Flyer on visit attached.**
- **Finally, under no circumstances are any auxiliaries authorized to close down on their own. There are by-laws that need to be strictly adhered to. If you are having difficulty and even thinking you might need to close, we need to know as soon and quickly as possible. Remember we are here to help you.**

Cordially,
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VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

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September is Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness month. Encourage Veterans and their Families to Reach out, contact a loved one, express their feelings, and / or to check in with a resource person, and encourage them to check in with you. Encourage the crisis line number 988 then press (1).

Set up displays at the library for Veterans and their families to pick up brochures, pamphlets, literature, etc., to view on mental health care, resource numbers, mental health care centers, VA, PTSD centers etc.

Auxiliaries could host, educate, promote, with or without their VFW Post an activity or event for Veterans, their families, on Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health awareness => Invite the veterans and families, community, to Tea time, coffee social or group, book club for mental health/resources, have a speaker come in for education/resources on PTSD or abuse, Humana speaker on copays/funding, support group for caregivers, have a taco social, ice cream social.

For more resources, check out the full September Bulletin for Veterans & Family Support on our website at: vfwauxwi.org and look under Programs.

BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME

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Join Us on the Bus Trip to VFW National Home!!

Included in these Orders, please find the form to sign up to be on the bus with us for this very special and super fun event! The more we have the merrier!!! If you wish to sign up on-line, go to the website at vfwauxwi.org then click on News, then Events and page down to the Fall Festival Info.

Costume suggestions:

- District 1 & 6:** Lollipop Guild
- District 2 & 11** – Munchkins
- District 3 & 9** – Flying Monkeys
- District 4 & 10** – Ozians
- District 7** – Winkie Guards & Winkies
- District 8** – Crows!

Contact Sue Carlson or Michelle Radtke with any questions!



EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

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GREEN LIGHT Healthy and strong with members willing to move there Auxiliaries forward continuing our traditions and promise to take care of our Veterans and their families.

YELLOW Auxiliaries exhibiting a Red Flag and a caution light. Failure to meet any one or more of the five essentials of an Auxiliary.

RED Auxiliary will be put on suspension as a time to step back and regroup.

Suspension simply means there is work to do to get the Auxiliary where it needs to be.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL IF YOU NEED HELP IN ANYWAY. GOD BLESS

HOSPITAL

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This year we are focusing on Volunteers. Any member can be a volunteer at a facility in the name of the VFW Auxiliary if that member has been approved by the auxiliary to do so. Members can volunteer alone or with a group of members and non-members.

Serving as a volunteer at a Hospital, Nursing home, Veterans homes, VA facilities, or other medical facilities where veterans are served can put a smile on a veteran and you as a volunteer.

All assignments of volunteers will vary greatly depending on the needs of the facility and the program that the facility has developed. Supervision tries to place volunteers in situations which permit them to best utilize their vocational training, skills, interests, and physical capabilities.

Every facility will have its own set of qualifications and rules that members should fully understand and comply. Check out more qualifications on our website under Programs/Hospital for the full September Bulletin.

LEGISLATIVE

by Debbie Nackers, Legislative Chairperson
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PLEASE SIGN UP FOR VOTER VOICE

HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER



Sign up for
Voter Voice

Tell our
Legislators

Vote YES
on VFW
backed
Veterans Bills

Stay on top of the issues!
Register for the
**Wisconsin VFW
VoterVoice**
updates.
And tell your friends too!

Visit:
[www.votervoicenet.com/
VFWWI/home](http://www.votervoicenet.com/VFWWI/home)
OR
Scan the QR Code to the right.

SCAN ME

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WI Auxiliary Legislative Chairman
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Signing up for Voter Voice will help get these 2 priority bills passed in Wisconsin.

SB102/AB102 Reducing eligibility threshold to claim Property Tax Credit for Veterans and Surviving Spouses.

SB 8/AB 26 Funding for UW Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project.

Contact me if you need help signing up.

MEMBERSHIP

by Chris Benson, Membership Chairman
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Monthly Activity: “Get Your Ask in Gear”

Using our tree metaphor, we need to step into the gap between the branches.

Make a list with two Columns:

Column A = Family you KNOW will qualify. For as many as possible in column A, commit to gifting a membership to them for their birthday or to celebrate a holiday.

Column B = Family who MAY qualify. This is your opportunity to reach out and reconnect with family who MAY qualify for membership, but you’re unsure.

Can you even imagine? If every one of us did this method with ONE family member... We’d DOUBLE our Membership overnight! YOU are the key to success!



NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Coming up for National Scholarships!

Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contests

Things to remember:

Patriots Pen: 6th – 8th graders, written 300-400 words
Theme: “My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

Voice of Democracy: 9th – 12th graders, audio essay 3-5 minutes
Theme: “Is America today, our forefather’s Vision?”

Deadline for both: handed in to VFW Post by midnight Oct. 31st!

Get the word out!! Consider reaching out to: schools (public, private, parochial, home-schools), scouting groups, youth sports teams, faith-based youth groups, parent-teacher associations, home-school associations, after school programs, any youth focused group. Applications & full rules on VFW website:
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>



Journey to 100 Years September 2024 Question



The VFW and VFW Auxiliary donated these statues for what purpose and where were they located:



Send your answer NOT LATER THAN September 30th

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

No entries will be accepted after the deadline. All entries with correct, complete answer will be put into the drawing for the month. This month will be drawn at the Council of Administration meeting in the fall, if held. Otherwise at the 2025 Mid-Winter meetings.

The 100th Anniversary Committee

FROM YOUR SECRETARY/WEBMASTER

by Faith Elford PDP, 2024-25 Secretary & Webmaster
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As you have seen, your President has gone back to giving you shorter monthly Program reports to help you have shorter meetings. But please know that if there is a particular program that your Auxiliary loves to put their energy into or donate to, check out our website Program pages. There is more detail about each Program on the website page.

Remember, you do not have to give or work on every program presented for the year, especially if you are small with limited resources. Pick a couple of programs and give it your all! Every ounce of energy given to a veteran program is awesome!

WEBMASTER HINTS & TIPS: Email – you may have noticed that more and more emails are dropping into your Junk Mail each day. Email programs are constantly updating their security- for better or worse. Our mass emails to the members go through the National Webmaster’s company and servers. They try very hard to let your providers know that we are legitimate emails, however, not every provider is willing to work with the VFW. Yahoo, for instance, has not been cooperating and is not willing to whitelist our emails. Therefore, especially emails sent to a Yahoo address will fall into your junk mail.

Therefore, you really need to make it part of your routine that when you open your email program, make sure to check your Junk Mail folder, as well as your Inbox. Then when you find an email in there that is a good email, move it to your Inbox and let your program know that it is a good email and not junk.

FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE COMING UP

District	Date
2	Saturday, October 5
4	Saturday, September 14
6	Saturday, September 14
7	Saturday, October 12
8	Saturday, September 21
9	Saturday, September 7
10	Saturday, September 7
11	Saturday, August 24

From the PODIUM EDITION BYLAWS AND RITUAL 2024

Sec. 810A—Auxiliary President Duties
Paragraph **J.** Assure that the President or their representative attend all properly called District Conventions or meetings.

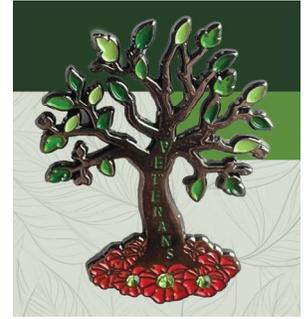
For more details on your Fall District meeting, check out District Information under Resources on the WI VFW Auxiliary website at: vfwauxwi.org



National VFW Auxiliary President Brenda Bryant Visit to Wisconsin

October 9-11, 2024

From Our Roots to Our Branches
EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS



Won't you join us in giving her a big Wisconsin Welcome and show her a good time.

The Itinerary



Wednesday, October 9th, 1:00 PM—National President flies into Dane County Airport.

President Cheryl & The Dayettes will meet her at the airport. Everyone is welcome to join them.

6:00 PM— **Dinner & Meet & Greet** at Madison Day Post 7591; 301 Cottage Grove Rd., Madison, WI. It will be a catered dinner from Smoky Jon's BBQ—Ribs & Chicken Combo Dinner with potato salad and baked beans. (Pay ahead)

Thursday, October 10th, 10:00 AM - (Leave hotel at 9:15 am) **Tour of the Milton House;**
18 S. Janesville Street, Milton, WI

COST: Adult Ticket \$12 - 18 years - 61 years **Senior Ticket \$10** -62 years + Pay at the door.

We will have **Lunch at a Mexican Restaurant** on the way back to Madison, after the tour. Dutch Treat. We need to know how many are coming before we pick the venue.

7:00 PM – Attending VFW Post 7591 Auxiliary Meeting at Madison Day Post 7591 and gathering after with Post members.

October 11, 2024 – Brenda departs on a 7 AM flight out of Dane County Regional Airport.



We have a block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites, 400 River Place, Madison WI

The room rate is \$99 per night plus tax with Breakfast included.

Call: (608) 221-0055 to make your reservation by September 20th.

Ask for the VFW Auxiliary block.

2024 President's Visit Registration:

**Deadline
Sept 20th**

Fill out this form and tell us when you will be with us. Please print:

NAME: _____ AUX #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

I will be with you on Wednesday for: At the Airport Dinner & Meet & Greet— (\$25-send with registration)

I will be with you on Thursday for : Milton House visit Lunch at Mexican Restaurant

Make check payable to: VFW Post 7591 Auxiliary

Mail to: Faith Elford, WI VFWA Secretary; 1414 Montclair Place, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

DEADLINE—Form MUST be in my hands by 09/20/2024 You may email the form to: wivfwafaith@outlook.com



Home Festival Party

Each person must complete a registration form for accountability

DATE: October 25-27, 2024

COST: \$320 for Adult Double Occupancy or \$440 for Single Adult Occupancy

- Includes Bus transportation & Hotel stay at Quality Suites, Lansing, MI. Meals not included.
- Discount if you register by August 12th, 2024. \$300 for Double Adult Occupancy/\$405 Single Adult Occupancy
- Children 12 and under \$75 Bus Fee
- \$30 rebate available after trip if 40 people register for the bus trip by September 27th, 2024.

Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2024

Pickup and drop off location: Pick-up starting at 6:00 AM at Cedar Creek Mall Parking Lot, Schofield, WI, TRAVELING DOWN THE Hwy 51/39 route. Other locations will be determined based on the amount of appli-

Room Type: ___ Double Occupancy ___ Single Occupancy ___ Bus Ticket for Children 12 & Under

Name: _____ VFW Post/Aux#: _____ District#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

(You will be contacted by Phone or email if pickup time changes)

Roommate Choice: _____ (If you choose to room alone, Single Occupancy rate ap-

Total Payment Due/enclosed: _____

Emergency Contact Information (Full Name and PH#):

Please provide vehicle information if leaving a vehicle at a pick up point. Make: _____

Model: _____ License Plate # _____

Points of Contact:

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Make all checks payable to:

VFW DEPT OF WISCONSIN

Earmark: 2024 National Home Buss Trip

Mail this form and check, if paying by check to:

VFW OF WISCONSIN
P.O. BOX 6128
MONONA, WI 53716-0128

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Register Online

