

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



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July 30, 1925 – July 30, 2025

Brief Information from some past and  
current VFW Auxiliaries and Districts

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## **Burns VFW Auxiliary 388**

August 1925 – Present 2026

Burns VFW Auxiliary 388 helped to form the Department of Wisconsin. In August of 1925, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones from Burns 388 was elected as the first Junior Vice President for the Wisconsin Department and 100 years later, in 2025, another Burns 388 Auxiliary member was elected as Junior Vice President for the Department.

Over the years the meetings went from twice a month to once a month and they changed the day of the week several times as well. They held card parties and white elephant sales. Their early annual picnics featured “mystery dinners.”

VFW Auxiliary 388, Wausau, is part of District 7.

## **Greenwood Memorial VFW Auxiliary 987**

March 31, 2001 – Present 2026

The Greenwood Memorial VFW Auxiliary 987, Baraboo, was instituted on March 31, 2001 with 28 members. The first President was Deborah Zeman. Their current officers are President Marlene Parchem, Senior Vice President Ruth Stiles, Junior Vice President Janet Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Martz.

Special Projects include:

1. Valentines for Veterans
2. Christmas cookies for Veterans, First Responders, Firemen, Sheriff Department and Police Department
3. Flag Coloring Contest for all First Grades in Public and Private Schools. Prizes awarded to each student and one bicycle to each school for best drawing.
4. Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Contests, and Teacher of the Year with awards given.
5. Support local Cub Scouts

The Auxiliary celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and are looking forward to many more years.

## **Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1038**

November 14, 1932 – Present 2026

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 1038 was chartered on November 14, 1932 with 16 charter members. Our current Auxiliary has 82 members.

Auxiliary 1038 is a special organization – our members have become friends and we work well together. We respect each other's ideas and opinions and strive to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and our community.

We also have a strong relationship and good communication with our VFW Post. We help each other with various fundraisers, projects, and events.

Our Auxiliary is 94 years old and we are eagerly looking forward to our 100th anniversary in 2032! Hopefully, we will be around for many more years to come.

Patty Jansky  
President

**CHARTER AUXILIARY  
#1163 – BEAVER DAM, WISCONSIN**

The Clarence Keske Auxiliary number #1163 was organized August 24, 1925 at eight o'clock at the Ladies Auxiliary of Company 'K' rooms, Armory. Mrs. Anna Radway, National Organizer presided at the meeting.

Nominations were in order for officers: An unanimous vote was cast for Selma Jillson for President; Senior Vice was Martha Drahicon; Frances Veling, Junior Vice President; Alma Reipers was Chaplain; Aletha Guenther for Treasurer. Trustees elected were: 6 months-Irene Frank; Ella Braemer as 12 month; and Evelyn Bauer as 18 month. Appointed by President Jillson were the following; Anna Grace, Secretary; Grace Rau as Historian; Minnie Guenther Conductor and Lena Edgerton as Guard. Color Bearers were: Esther Bauer, Margaret Bauer, Florence Keepers and Alice Drahien.

This Auxiliary was organized with 31 Charter Members with the Charter open for 60 days. Sister Radway Then installed the elected and appointed officers. Receipts that night were a total of \$12.92.

Sept 12, 1925

Meeting called to order. Roll call 14 present and 3 absent. 2(Two) bills were presented: one for \$1.10 for books and \$2.00 for the rent of rooms at the Armory. **Very interesting fact; a resolution was passed that any Spanish War Veteran were that had not been in a foreign country his-wife, mother, or sister could join as the Spanish Var Veterans were 100% volunteer. This motion was made by Sister Martha Darhaim seconded by Sister Minnie Gunther.**

Oct. 8, 1925

Meeting had them leaving the Charter open until next month so that those that had paid could be notified. Talk about change of meeting night also about having a social night.

Nov. 12, 1925

General orders #1 was read and motion was made to place on file. They also made a motion to pay \$3.90 per capita tax. Appointment made to have two members to find a new place for meeting due to the rent amount which was more than they wanted to pay.

Dec. 10, 1925

They paid their charter Fee of \$3. They then decided to meet in the council rooms at city hall until the men made other arrangements. A motion by Alma Keeper seconded by Martha Darhaim to have the officers hold their same offices for the ensuing year and check with the men for joint installation.

Jan. 14, 1926

Meeting held with a **motion to take in the Civil War Veterans, wives, sisters and daughters as honorary members. Talk of refreshments. They also had some tickets for show that the men are printing were Given to the members who were willing to try to sell.** Treasurer's report of sort was stated as follows: Sunshine \$1.64 disbursement \$.90 Balance \$.74. They had a Joint Installation on January 21 were they had some interesting talks and lunch. Collected that evening was \$10.20 and \$3.14 Sunshine Fund.

By December of 1929 they were holding card parties; sending \$5 to various hospitals one being Resthaven in Waukesha; \$15 to the National Home for the Children's Christmas Cheer.

January 7, 1930 showed them again with a Joint Installation followed by entertainment by the Pajama Girls dancing, cards and lunch.

April 1932- minutes talk about the Chief of Staff wanting to come to inspect the auxiliary.

July 1932 – minutes reflect that they collected \$52.62 collected.

October 1936- Still meeting at City Hall with 21 members present. The Dept President column in the Wisconsin Veteran was read. President Hampton read a report on the National Convention at Denver. Suggestions for the Good of the Order to have some entertainment and refreshments after some of our meetings to see if more of our members were turn out.

March 1939 – Official communications were National President order #5 also a letter from National Secretary, Membership, Rehabilitation. Essay chairman reported all essays complete and taken to judges.

By October 1945 They had 33 members at the meeting. Hospital quota was paid \$29. That year the Essay theme was – **“WHAT CAN I DO FOR MY COUNTRY”** At this time they are back meeting at the Armory Dugout.

In February 1947 they ordered 3500 poppies, Card parties still a monthly if not oftener event. Dues were being collected at the amount of \$1.80

Time goes forward and auxiliary grow but then slowed declined and they ended closing on October 2020.

## **Curtis McNutt VFW Auxiliary 1382**

January 1926 – May 21, 2017

The Curtis McNutt Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1382, Tomah, was Chartered in January 1926 with a roster of 25 members. Two of these members were still active in 1986, Helen and Millie Otto. Helen Otto, wife of the late E. C. Otto had 60 years of continuous membership.

The Auxiliary, one of the oldest in the state of Wisconsin, was an organization founded and dedicated to be of assistance to all disabled war veterans and their dependents and to work in conjunction with the local Post with their veteran and community projects.

Mrs. Mary Snippen served as the first president of the newly organized auxiliary. Today (date unknown) under the direction of President Margaret Tessman, we have 71 active members.

To be eligible for membership, one must be either a mother, wife, daughter or sister of a veteran that has served on foreign soil during a war, so designated by the United States government.

Meetings were held in the VFW clubrooms on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in further information on becoming a member of this worthy organization, please feel free to contact any active member.

(Information provided by last President Marian Johnson from newspaper article about 60 years after installation.)

NOTE: This Auxiliary was one of the original 8 on the Charter that formed the Department of Wisconsin. It was also part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District and then 11<sup>th</sup> District.

## **Mueller-Hintz VFW Auxiliary 1866**

January 16, 1937 – Present 2026

The Mueller-Hintz Ladies Auxiliary 1866, Marshfield, was Chartered January 16, 1937 with 39 members. They met in a church. They later bought the church on W. Depot Street. The VFW Post bought the church from the Auxiliary. It was their joint home until 2015. The cost to make it ADA compliant was too much. They looked around for a place to rent or buy and came up with their current location – Marshfield Eagles Club, 1104 S. Oak Avenue. They rent from them.

Currently the membership is at 64 and they are now Mueller-Hintz Auxiliary 1866.

Mary Lou Duerr

Auxiliary President

## **Crivitz Memorial VFW Auxiliary 2063**

January 2009 – Present 2026

Greetings from Crivitz, Wisconsin

Crivitz Memorial VFW Auxiliary Post 2063 was organized in January 2009 with 22 members and present enrollment is 37 members.

We have actively participated with the post in many areas. Our main fundraising activity has been the Fourth of July picnic where we serve food and soda, our yearly Buddy Poppy Drive with the post has been a great success, which is 8 to 10 days prior to the Fourth of July.

Other activities include PTSD run, craft shows, Memorial Day and Veterans Day services and food collection. The Vietnam Wall Memorial was in Crivitz in 2018 with an estimated 25,000 in attendance and in 2023 with an estimated 8,500.

When you are visiting the Crivitz area our meetings are the second Monday of the month 7 PM at the American Legion building on Hwy 141.

Submitted by LaVerne Lundberg.

AUXILIARY #2260  
SOLVESON-MOOS-ABRAHAMSON  
OCONOMOWOC, WI

This Auxiliary was chartered on March 8, 1940 with 17 charter members. Charter fee was \$10.00 with Department and National Tax at \$.63 each. Department President Katherine Sloan and 2<sup>nd</sup> District President Dorothy Krech were present.

Their first regular meeting was held March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm at the Armory. A motion was made to have dues at \$.10 a month. Motion carried. They also moved their meeting to start at 8pm. One of the 1<sup>st</sup> projects was "old stockings and silk" to the hospital at Mendota.

In August of 1942 they received a check for \$19.47 from Purity Products. Also, started to meet at members home.

In October 1943 they made 250 place cards for the boys at the hospital along with candy and cookies.

In January 1944 – a "Welfare Fund" was noted in the Treasurers Book. They ordered 1000 poppies for

May distribution. 11 new members at this time and they elected to send Christmas boxes to boys overseas

Dues were up to \$1.50 this year. They made a donation to Nursery Cottage at Eaton Rapids of \$5 this year.

1945- had donations of 40 yards of flannel and 11 corn cob pipes to Waukesha Hospital cost of \$13.65

1946 – 2 delegates to Department Convention each received \$8.42.

1947- February saw them donating – 6 dozen cookies-6cartons cigarettes-276 Valentine Tray Covers to Hospital. They ordered 2000 poppies this year-collecting \$230.35.

1948-Held several dances along with making Tray covers and other items for the Veterans Hospital in Waukesha. Also handed out cigarettes.

1949-June Blue Star Mothers held Convention in Oconomowoc. 2000 poppies ordered at a cost of \$50 per 1000 and canisters at \$.07 each. Card parties were held to raise money and socialize.

1950-All members could receive a Free X-Ray at Red Cross Station. District dues \$.05 per member

1951-Department adopted to European Orphans. Hospital Quota \$.25 per member.

1952-Card parties

1953-Department Encampment Portage

1954-still buying cigarettes

1958-made food for Fish Jamboree

1962-Labels to Central Colony-Madison

1963-Food Stand at Maxwell Street Days

1970's-Assisting with Ring Toss at Carnivel

1980's-Items to Southern WI Center. Average members at meeting 25-30. Donating items to King several times a year. Birthday parties at local nursing home several times during the year.

1990's-Bingo at Shorehaven. Loyalty Day held here-along with MidWinter. We also hosted the MD Telethon at Post home with 6 phones to be answered.

2000's-new programs-collecting aluminum to repair our rehab Equipment-no longer able to take cookies To VA Hospitals. Battery program for safety program Yellow Ribbon Campaign

Now looking at having a New Post Home across the street from the present

AS LONG AS THERE ARE WARS OR CONFLICTS WE WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST OUR VETERANS AND FAMILIES.

## **Harvey Pierre Auxiliary to VFW 2778**

**April 25, 1935 – Present 2026**

On April 25, 1935, the Auxiliary was instituted by Department President Loretta Larson. Thirty-two members were initiated and the officers were installed.

Passwords were used to gain entry to the meetings. For fundraising projects, the Auxiliary held rummage sales, card parties, box lunch socials, and food sales. Frequently, they would raffle a ton of coal for additional funds.

The first poppy sale was held on November 9, 1935. On October 1, 1936, a card party was held at Eleanor Bogan's house to start a kitchen equipment fund.

February 20, 1937, a band was organized, which entertained at various hospitals and took part in convention parades.

In February of 1938, members saved tin foil to raise \$25.00 to purchase a fruit tree for the orchard at the VFW National Home. This tree was given in honor of Lena Pierre, mother of Harvey Pierre for whom our organization is named.

Our Past President's Club was formed in 1948; and as long as in Existence, we played cards and money was raised for cancer.

Julie Manier was the first WWII wife to serve our Auxiliary as President in 1953-1954. She stated "they would raffle chicken to raise money and sometimes the same chicken was raffled and sold so many times that by the time a person actually got to take it home, it was almost too thin to use for soup"

In August 1958, the Post and Auxiliary sponsored teen-age dances every Friday night. As many as 350 children would attend on a Friday night. A year later the dances were changed to monthly rather than weekly.

In December 1958, the Auxiliary sisters began rolling cancer bandages once a month for the Red Cross.

For many years our Military Mailcall took place annually sending cards to Support the Troops programs.

Pull tabs were collected for Ronald McDonald Hospitals and taken to Milwaukee to be donated. Our Clubhouse was turned into an Italian Bistro and much of our money was made by doing many years of Spaghetti Suppers and Brat Frys as well as Bingos. Veterans Day Dinners, Post and Auxiliary Birthday Dinners and Loyalty Day Dinners were served, summer picnics and Kids Christmas Parties were run.

Parades were marched and parties were held for every occasion.

Annually our Post and Auxiliary members participate in several Memorial Day, Christmas parades and programs held in our community, a Flag Day Parade known as the largest in the Nation, along with a community Veteran's Day Parade and many Veterans' Services in several cemeteries, Nursing Facilities and Senior Living Facilities.

## **Electric City VFW Auxiliary 3319**

January 1938 – Present 2026

The Electric City VFW Auxiliary 3319, Kaukauna, was instituted January, 1938 with 45 chartered members.

They were an active group holding Bingo every Sunday in the 80's. Held a carnival in the summer time with a picnic in the park by their clubhouse.

Teen dances were held on Friday nights at the Post clubhouse from 1970 to 1980.

The Post sold the clubhouse in 1990 and it was torn down.

## **Klossner/Dietzler VFW Auxiliary 5729 – Medford**

1949 – Present 2026

Organized in 1949, Auxiliary 5729 in Medford has been right beside the VFW as we work together to better our community.

Auxiliary 5729 in Medford would most be noted for their monthly Soup Lunches. The Auxiliary has been hosting soup lunches since 1985. Vicki Newbauer one of the original organizers of the Soup Lunch project along with Rebecca Piller suggested members donate a pot of chicken soup. With many Auxiliary members working at businesses in town, interest was shown for soup to be delivered. The first soup Lunch day was also the day of a blizzard, forcing members of the Soup Lunch committee to crawl over snow drifts to get ready for service. They also had to go to the members' homes to pick up their soup because they couldn't get out. The first soup lunch had about 50 orders, but once the word got out through posters delivered to local industries, businesses and advertising, numbers have grown to more than 200 orders. Our Soup Lunch program still continues today with volunteers preparing the soup on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and serving and delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. The Post members help with delivering the soup orders to local businesses.

Working together and with the help of our community, we dedicated a new VFW Post building on November 11, 2025. Great grandsons of the first VFW 5729 Post Commander Alfred "Pete" White, Oliver and Eli Nuernberger, cut the ribbon at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the dedication.

Over the decades, Post 5729 and its Auxiliary have donated to the city swimming pool, city park improvements, the Medford hospital, Boy Scouts, the 4th of July celebration in the park, Flag Field and other memorials. We work together, and we work separately, but our goal is always the same: Caring for veterans, and building our community through service and sacrifice.

Submitted by Jackie Gregory  
Secretary VFWA 5729 Medford

## Amery VFW Auxiliary 7929

February 18, 1948 – Present 2026

The Auxiliary of the Amery Veterans of Foreign Wars #7929 was installed February 18, 1948, by Ethel Zeidel, 10th District President from Superior, Wisconsin, at the home of Lil Thompson, with seventeen charter members.

Helen Andren, Joyce Doll, Leila Erickson, Mabel Fredrickson, Gladys Marquand, Myrtle Marschall, Emma Marschall, Bernice McKinney, Jane Rolig, Carmen Olson, Bernice Thompson, Edna Thompson, Inez Thompson, Lil Thompson, Margaret Winchell, Mable Titel, and Minnie Nacey.

The first president was Myrtle Marschall. The first meetings were held in the City Hall or Kirsch's Pool Hall upstairs auditorium. In 1951, the Post purchased its present building, which was a country schoolhouse that had been moved to town. We are currently working on building a new building north of town.

The Auxiliary has supported Bingo since 1975.

Through the years the Auxiliary has worked with the Post on many community projects and charity fund drives.

Thanks,  
VFW Post 7929 Auxiliary President  
**John Ebersohl**

## **DICKMAN-SPAETH VFW AUXILIARY 8584**

October 11, 1970 – Present 2026

The Dickman-Spaeth VFW Auxiliary 8584 was instituted on October 11, 1970 with 23 Charter members. Their first President was Sylvia Larson.

In reviewing the Secretary's minutes from the beginning, it was apparent that the new Auxiliary was a very busy group. They immediately started serving lunches for auctions in the area and had served at 5 in less than 2 weeks. That along with numerous rummage and bake sales were the activities utilized to raise funds. There were many stories told over the years about things that happened at these auctions! They made dozens and dozens of donuts, and one member (Katherine Luckasson) had a trailer they used for a lunch stand at the auctions when a garage wasn't available, and several times getting it stuck in the muddy conditions during the fall auctions.

The December 15, 1971, minutes reported that the Auxiliary would contribute to the Bank of Cashton's Mitten Tree, which they still do to this day. They also donated cookies to the Vet's home in Melvina.

February 16, 1972, reported that there was a big blizzard – no meeting. Then March 15, 1972, it noted the meeting closed early to help the “men” clean smelt.

On May 17, 1972, they voted to purchase a new roaster. June 17, 1972, they held a rummage and bake sale and sold coffee for 10 cents and something else (probably donuts?) – cleared \$44.79. Then on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, they held another rummage & bake sale where they cleared \$39.50.

In July, 1975, the Auxiliary started serving lunch for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Bohemian Valley where the VFW did chicken and fireworks. It was decided July 21, 1976, that they would put 25 cents in each meeting with all names and draw at each meeting. Must be present to win!

Then there was a one line entry for February 26, 1977, that simply stated, “Our VFW Club burned down.”

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, a special meeting was held to discuss the club. No definite decision made. March 15 and April 20, 1977, meetings held at the American Legion Hall, which is now the Cashton Memorial Library.

May 18, 1977, meeting was held in our new place – 905 Front Street, which is where they are still meeting today.

Another special event that took place for New Year's Eve, December 31, 1978 to January 1, 1979, was for Cashton's Centennial Party at the Club. The Village was sponsoring fireworks being set off at midnight to start the Centennial Year at the Intersection of Broadway and Main Streets. The Salvation Army paid for food and the Auxiliary hosted a party at the Club from 10 p.m. till 3:30 a.m. Ruth Olson, Evelyn Schye and Rita Byers worked and served about 100 people with BBQ, coffee and hot chocolate. Ham Schye and Paul Byers stayed at the Club with the ladies that night to insure party goers didn't get too carried away. It was an enjoyable way to start a year of festivities for the village.

April 1979 was another very busy month. The minutes reported that in addition to preparing meals for the Spring District Meeting, the ladies served lunch at the Jim Dunn, Stanley Oaks Auctions and out at Hall's Sales Barn – 3 auctions in 2 days plus helping the men at their Smelt Fry on Friday night serving 429 people.

In 1982, the Auxiliary started an Americanism Poster Contest for Elementary Students at St. Mary's Ridge, Sacred Heart and Cashton Elementary Schools. They had over 100 entries. This year will be the 44<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring this contest. However, it is now a National Auxiliary Program known as Illustrating America. It has had up to 284 entries. Each child receives either a Presidential Ruler or Pledge of Allegiance Pencil as well as Certificates and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place cash awards.

This year will see the Auxiliary sponsoring it's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft Sale on November 28<sup>th</sup>. This event was started in 1985 thanks to the idea of Evelyn Schye and is the main fund raiser for the Auxiliary.

In addition to the events which help raise funds to support Veterans, families, youth groups and community activities, one of the events we now enjoy is purchasing gifts for the Women Veterans at the Tomah VA and delivering them.

This is a brief history of the Dickman-Spaeth VFW Auxiliary through the years.

## **Germantown Memorial VFW Auxiliary 9202**

April 2, 1984 – Present 2026

Instituted on April 2, 1984, Germantown Memorial VFW Auxiliary 9202 is the home of Past Department President Mary Brown. One of the most memorable events was when National President Peggy Haake visited in September 2019, and the last surviving Charter Member Jeanette had her picture taken with Peggy. Jeanette was so proud of this picture!

The major achievements of Germantown Memorial VFW Auxiliary include membership growth, sponsoring the Patriot Pen Youth Essay Contest, the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and the Illustrating America Coloring Contest. Through the years there were Department winners from each of the contests! We are very proud of our students and their achievements. Most of all, our pride is our Veterans!

## **Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9537**

**May 2, 1968 – Present 2026**

Auxiliary 9537 was chartered on May 2, 1968. Currently there are 48 members who support our Post, our state and national Auxiliaries and reach out to our community as volunteers with other non-profit organizations.

Two of our members serve the State Auxiliary as appointed officers - State Musician and Flag Bearer. Our members have also received state awards for their work serving veterans; Mary Ellen Crandall was named Hospital Volunteer of the Year for her work with Union Grove and Zablocki VA facilities and Mary O'Neil was awarded the Patriotic Leadership award in 2019 for her work with special needs children teaching History and creating over 200 greeting cards for each holiday to go to VA facilities.

For 33 years, our Auxiliary hosted a picnic for the residents of Sunrise Nursing Home in Milwaukee. This special project continued until it was no longer possible for the Nursing Home to transport the residents to Pewaukee.

Veterans Day has been one of our 2 main focus dates for community outreach and leadership. For 20 years, we have helped plan and lead the Veterans Day ceremony at Horizon Elementary School in Pewaukee. The Auxiliary contacts local veterans to participate in the ceremony and then meet with the students in their classrooms. We have coupled that work with donations through the Patriotism Through Literacy program to the Horizon School Library to purchase books on the provided list.

Veterans Day projects don't end with the school ceremony; the Auxiliary makes a special gift for each veteran who lives in a Pewaukee Assisted Living facility. This gift always celebrates the veteran as a Hero. At one facility the Auxiliary also leads a ceremony honoring the veterans who live there.

Our other focus date is Memorial Day. We provide a ceremony at a residential living facility including an honor guard with full honors and gun salute. Our members walk or ride in the annual Pewaukee Memorial Day Parade. During the parade, Military Honors are conducted at 6 memorial sites in Pewaukee including our President laying a wreath at each site.

Our Post hosts a Car Show every Memorial Day as well, and the Auxiliary members volunteer in any way needed to make this event a success for our Post.

Our members continue their volunteer work throughout the year donating many hours with the Bell Tower Memorial, the Pewaukee Womans Club, Wreaths Across America, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Children's Parade and Pewaukee Parade, the 9/11 ceremonies held at the lakefront and the Bell Tower Memorial site, providing meals and Bingo games at VA facilities.

We have been blessed with a Post that values the work and partnership of our Auxiliary. We are very grateful to them and hope that we give them the honor due their service.

# Heart of the Valley VFW Auxiliary 10544

December, 1987 – Present 2026

Back in 1980, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District 8 Commander was trying to earn his “White Hat” and needed to install one more Post to get it. He enlisted the help of fellow VFW member Wilfred “Twiggy” Johnson who let no grass grow under his feet! Wilfred went to a local establishment where many regulars were eligible veterans. “It is a place that everyone knew everyone, and most had family and friends that would be able to join too”. The name of the establishment was none other than “Jerry Kamps Bar” on Williams Street!

On April 21, 1980, the Heart of the Valley VFW Post 10544 was Chartered, and 36 members were installed by the Department of WI VFW Commander Jim Lamboy. Dick Kamps of Combined Locks was the 1<sup>st</sup> Commander of VFW Post 10544, Combined Locks. They had their monthly meetings at Jerry Kamps Bar until the Combined Locks Civic Center became their home - and still is to this day!

Post 10544 has been active in the community since the day of its inception. Some of you may remember the annual horseshoe (at Jerry’s) and baseball (at Van Zeeland Park) tournaments. Every Memorial Day started at the Saint Paul’s Catholic Church Cemetery including a 21 Gun Salute and placing of the patriotic wreath for fallen comrades. From there, the VFW Members led by the Honor Guard and with all flags flying high marched to the “new” church on Wallace Street; tall and proud, many in uniform.

In 1987, Post 10544 started the process of forming an Auxiliary. In December the Auxiliary installed 32 members and received its Charter. The first official meeting of the Heart of the Valley Auxiliary to Post 10544 was held at the Combined Locks Civic Center on January 4, 1988 under the leadership of Gladys Schroeder. From the very start, the Post and Auxiliary worked hand in hand. Fun fact: the 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplain of the VFWA 10544 was Theresa Lamers, and Linda Reitzner was the 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer – both are still holding their positions! Karen Janssen has been our President since 1995.

To this day the Post and Auxiliary are involved in many Combined Locks programs and continue the tradition on Memorial Day with placing of the 1<sup>st</sup> wreath in memory of fallen comrades at the cemetery; the mass at St. Paul’s Church with the 21 Gun Salute and a luncheon for all that attend. A 2<sup>nd</sup> wreath is placed at the Civic Center and 3<sup>rd</sup> is placed at Blaese Park. Both the Scouts of America and a Brownie Troop are involved from start to finish.

Veterans Day is special to the VFW and VFWA because we offer scholarships for oral and written speeches. “Voice of Democracy” and “Patriots Pen” essays are judged by the Post. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen are awarded a cash prize from VFW and VFWA 10544. The 1<sup>st</sup> place entry’s go on to the state level; and winners at that level go on to National for judging.

VFW and VFWA members work together to support youth activities, donate to numerous programs and work hard to ensure legislation benefits the lives of veterans.

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are grateful for the relationship with the Village of Combined Locks for the courtesies provided since 1980’s!

## DISTRICT 2

The info that I found was compiled May 1, 1948 from the Historian Book.

The Department Encampments held in the District as follows:

Madison in 1928  
Madison in 1945(Department Council Meeting)  
Madison in 1946

Hospital Service:

Member Hulda Dietcher of Waukesha served as Hospital Chairman for Rest Haven in Waukesha. Member Ruth Church of Madison was Mendota Hospital Chairman from 1937-1944. She was Succeeded by Esther Perkins and Mary Ellen Coyne. Monthly birthday parties with Entertainment and birthday cake. Cigarettes were given to those veterans who desired them. Dances and other recreation were sponsored. The Mendota Hospital was closed in May 1, 1948 By the government with veterans transferred to the new government hospital at Tomah.

National Guests:

Anna Radway, Wisconsin's First Department President was present at a meeting of Clarence Keskie Auxiliary #1163, Beaver Dam in 1925. She was visiting at that time in the capacity of a National Organizer. This Auxiliary entertained our National President in 1928.

Marie Dewitt, National President was a guest of Cleary-Krech Auxiliary #1707, Portage in 1942.

Marion Crandfield #1318, Madison hosted several times National Presidents:

\ 1940 Winnifred Touissant of New Jersey: 1945 saw Hazel Miller of Iowa there: again in 1947 Dorothy Mann of Michigan at their auxiliary.

Rosemary Coyne, member of #1318, Madison was appointed National Soloist by Dorothy Mann, National President for the 1947-1948 year. That year Louise Turner wrote the words for a "Welcome Song" to the Tune of 'My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean' that was sung at her visit

1949-Outstanding gift of \$1,190.50 was presented to the Department from Madison #1318 Post and Auxiliary to be split between the VFW and Auxiliary for the Wisconsin Cottage Fund.

The Second District Convention held Sunday, October 23, 1949 in Lake Mills:

With registration at 10am  
1:30pm Parade  
2:30 Meeting Start time  
5:30pm – Banquet  
8pm – Schlitz Family Fraumfelder  
8:30pm Dance

This was truly interesting: In January 1950, Mrs. Donat Monaco Sante Fe, New Mexico was at Mid-Winter Conference in Portage included some neat little items in her address: the Typewriter Contest; The Cancer Research Fund; the return to Health and Happiness Fund; Legislative work; Junior Girls Unit; Bond Savings Drive; and the new Let Freedom Ring project. She pleaded with members to donate \$1 to fund being raised to purchase an X-ray machine for the hospital in Eaton Rapids. She received a gift of the State of Wisconsin of silver coins on a maroon satin background.

1951-1952 -- The Patriotic Instructors Flag was presented to the District by Soat-Vergenz Auxiliary #721 of Waukesha. A motion was passed to observe a "Friends Night" once during the year, and invite one or more auxiliary.

1952-1953 – They decided to hold a Membership Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$25: 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$15: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10  
Auxiliaries donated assortment of cookies thru out the year to Rest Haven, Woods Hospital.

1955-1956 – Community Service Chairman Lorene Patten reported the First Place Honors in the Community Service Contest was won by Edwin Frohmader Poast and Auxiliary #1879.

1960-1961 – They sold candy to raised money for several years. Auxiliaries were collecting dog food labels for Pilot Guide Dog. District collected money for a camera to be presented to Lorene Patten at Department Convention.

1960-1969 - Had all auxiliaries giving reports on happenings in their auxiliaries. Many holding Poppy Drives. Various hospital donations – clothing to King. District received 100% participation in Community Service. 1963 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District President Garfield announced that this year her special Project would be 'Relief of Veterans in Distress'.

1980 – forward – This District was 33 auxiliaries strong at this time.

Going forward this District would lose a number of auxiliaries. Those that remained have Stayed committed to the Veteran-their families and their communities. Always continuing in The carrying of our programs be: Legislative-Rehabilitation-Youth-Americanism or Special Presidents Projects.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Wisconsin

**8<sup>th</sup> District**

The 8<sup>th</sup> District was started in 1938 and our first President was Mary Becco who served 1938-1940 from #1967 Marinette.

The first year I was District President in 1989-1990 we had our highest number of Auxiliaries which was 37 and we used to get well over a hundred members at our District meetings. We are now down to only 16 Auxiliaries and barely break 30 members at meetings.

Over the 88 years District 8 was in existence, 31 ladies accepted the honor to serve as District President as follows: 7 from 659 Manitowoc, 3 from 1248 Two Rivers, 3 from 1967 Marinette, 4 from Green Bay, 4 from 2113 DePere, 4 from 2732 New London, 9 from 2778 Appleton, 1 from 3071 Oconto, 1 from 3088 Sturgeon Bay, 4 from 3319 Kaukauna, 2 from 6705 Denmark, 1 from 7152 Algoma, 3 from 7534 Duck Creek, 1 from 7784 Oneida, 1 from 8974 Cleveland, 1 from 10402 Amberg & 2 from 10544 Combined Locks. All ladies served as President of our District for a minimum of one year, with several doing two and three terms and our current President Lisa Wolfinger holds the record with this year being her seventh term as President. We are so honored to have so many dedicated sisters in our District.

Appleton & Green Bay were the largest two Auxiliaries in District 8 and we used to go back and forth every year to see which would maintain the honor of being the largest.

Judy Borg

Past District President

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Department of Wisconsin  
**District 10**

Between 1940 and 1946, District 9 and 10 held District meetings together. The Auxiliaries were instituted and initiated during the District meetings.

There was a "Password" assigned and everyone needed to know the password to gain entry.

The service members were always referred to as the "boys" when they would send care packages and do something for them. There were a War Orphan's, Indian Children, and Pilot Guide Dog programs on the Department level.

Camp Waubeek was a program in 1958 that donations were asked for. In 1960, there was a "Special Citizen's" program through National.

Before many of the District meetings, there was a question and answer session. Many Roll Call totals were at least 114 to 125 members present plus guests. At one District meeting in Eagle River, 23 Department Officers and Chairmen were present.

Raising funds for Cancer for Aid and Research Program was a large undertaking. Fran Risku, a member of the Hurley Auxiliary, for many years did a dance at District and Department meetings where her husband Oliver would play the stump fiddle and Fran would dance in her costume, to Alley Cat music. Over the years, she raised thousands of dollars with members in attendance putting money in a hat that Past State Commander Chuck Arndt would pass through the crowd.

Auxiliaries in the District were as follows:

690 Ashland	5780 Weyerhaeuser	8491 Prentice
847 Superior	5828 Clear Lake	8637 Eagle River
1028 Spooner	6177 Catawba	8811 Clayton

1256 Siren	6856 Centuria	9536 Mercer
1580 Hurley	6903 Park Falls	9665 Washburn
2273 Mellen	7232 Danbury	9867 Shell Lake
2490 Ladysmith	7233 Hayward	10197 Iron River
2495 Winter	7300 Glidden	10232 Lewis
2687 Tomahawk	7346 Minong	
2977 Jump River	7817 Westboro	
3143 Rhinelander	7898 Woodruff	
4186 Dresser	7929 Amery	
5729 Medford	8239 Bayfield	
5778 Phillips	8329 Barnes	

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Wisconsin  
**11<sup>th</sup> District**

On July 11, 1976, the Third and Eleventh Districts, State of Wisconsin, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Auxiliaries held a special meeting to divide property at the VFW Clubrooms at Richland Center at 1:00 P.M. with Phyllis Edgerly presiding. There were 9 officers present.

Sister Edgerly appointed Lois Duhr (2267), Arleen Bolstad (1530) and Evelyn Erickson (9075) to audit the books. Third District members present were: Phyllis Ederly, Dorothy Larson, Verna Cardy, Bernice Carter, Lois Durn, and Vivian Bonson. Eleventh District members present were Evelyn Erickson, Alma Havens, Vernetta Fish and Arleen Bolstad.

The following disposition of property was unanimously recommended:

1. Discard old rituals. Each district will buy its own.
2. Eleventh District to get the folding easel.
3. Third District gets Memorial cloth, ballot box, treasurer and secretary books.
4. Balance of funds was \$412.13. 3<sup>rd</sup> District to get \$200; 11<sup>th</sup> to get \$212.13.
5. 11<sup>th</sup> District received from Department: blue altar cloth, white Bible, regular Bible, and a gavel.

Recorded by Vernetta Fish, Eleventh District Secretary

Approved: September 19, 1976 by Eleventh District

With that information, the 11<sup>th</sup> District was formed with 11 Auxiliaries that included 1382 Tomah, 1530 La Crosse, 1916 Reedsburg, 2112 Sparta, 2114 Mauston, 2336 Baraboo, 3932 Viroqua, 5970 Lyndon Station, 8278 Bangor, 8584 Cashton and 9075 LaFarge. Several Auxiliaries were added and also dropped through the years to include 8351 Onalaska, 8021 Westby, 8123 DeSoto, 10231 Necedah, 987 Baraboo, and 10911 Camp Douglas. Members of the new 11<sup>th</sup> District who held position of President in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, were considered as Past District Presidents in the 11<sup>th</sup> District.

## Listing of Closed and/or Consolidated VFW Auxiliaries

Auxiliary No.	District	Name of Auxiliary	City	Date Instituted aka Report of Muster	Date Disbanded or Consolidated
	1	District		10/15/1949	
	3	District 3 split into 3rd and 11th Districts		6/26/1976	6/5/2018
568	7	General McGlachlin	Stevens Point	3/14/1935	12/14/2007
690	10	Chequamegon Memorial	Ashland	5/18/1946	11/14/2014
721	2	Soat-Vergens	Waukesha	6/13/1934	3/30/2024
726	Consolidation	Swanson-Williams & Cpt. Alf. Gaartz 2787	Milwaukee	12/6/1943	1929?
726	Consolidation	Swanson-Williams /A.O. Smith Memorial	Milwaukee	7/10/1990	
847	10	Henry S. Bloomberg Auxiliary	Superior	5/29/1939?	6/8/1994?
865		Knaack Thompson	Abbotsford	10/14/1934	7/17/2013 w/2227
920		Nowak-Plunkett Auxiliary	Milwaukee	9/26/1938	5/23/1990
1028		Dodge-Gilbertson-Carlson	Spooner	5/6/1933	2/22/2017
1091	10	Thomas F. Stein	Superior		8/18/2014
1163		Clarence Keske Auxiliary	Beaver Dam	Before Nov. 1946	10/22/2020
1230		Wolf-Olson Aux. Consolidate with 9156	Sheboygan	2/25/1925	Consolidated 9/5/2019
1248		Eleven Gold Star Auxiliary	Two Rivers	6/2/1936	8/5/2020
1256		Burnett County Ladies Auxiliary	Siren	10/25/1933	6/13/2011
1382		Curtis-McNutt Aux.	Tomah	1/?/1926	5/31/2017
1391		Wm F. Ehrlich	Racine	?	?
1465		City of Wauwatosa	Wauwatosa	6/4/1936	?
1580		Iron County Auxiliary	Hurley	9/12/1946	9/7/2016
1853		Gerald George Graham	Milwaukee	2/7/1931	After 1972
1865		Junker-Ball	Kenosha	3/9/1931	9/8/2025
1904		Bohlman-Grimes Consolidated w/10172	Fond du Lac	1/31/1977	?
1945		McKinney-Tyler	Prairie du Chien	4/17/1934	?
1959		Thompson-Red Cloud Medal of Honor	Black River Falls	5/3/1935	12/15/2010
1967		Hoefler-Tousignant	Marinette	3/6/1934	11/30/1990
2028		General Pearsall	Milwaukee	5/27/1947	12/2/1997
2037		Noble-Straubel	Green Bay	1/21/1932	2/25/2014
2114		McEvoy-Miller	Mauston	3/21/1954	8/29/2016
2115		Hudson Auxiliary	Hudson	6/20/1947	7/2/1997
2126		Nicolet	Neenah-Menasha	6/22/1935	6/14/2000

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2241	Wilson-Heintz	Neillsville	9/23/1945	?	
2273	Copper Falls	Mellen	3/31/1941	10/4/1994	
2304	Sgt Leslie T. Knutson	Milwaukee	5/19/1933	5/24/2013	
2306	Mead-Allen	Beloit	3/19/1932	9/17/2013	
2312	Cecil Jones	Monroe	2/9/1947	2/28/2022	
2334	Richard Soward	New Miner	4/10/1949	6/25/1963	
2336	Parshall - Cummings	Baraboo	10/27/1932	8/7/2017	
2344	William Pollock	Lancaster	4/8/1948	9/9/2009	
2373	Geneva Lake	Williams Bay	2/27/1948	?	
2495	Wright-Howard	Winter	4/4/1946	12/16/1997	
2663	Edward J. Malliet	Bear Creek	3/3/1944	1/31/1956	
2708	Edgerton City	Edgerton	11/13/1946	4/6/2016	
2711	Richard Brown	Stanley	12/10/1953	4/7/1970	
2723	Herbert E. Mc Laughlin	Shawano	5/8/1940	8/7/2017	
2732	Learman-Schaller	New London	11/19/1933	8/9/2016	
2751	Coat of Arms	Somers	11/10/1972	10/29/2007	
2804	John D'Amore	Milwaukee	6/27/1934	8/10/1993	
2861	West Milwaukee Aux	West Milwaukee	12/8/1933	?	
2874	City of Milwaukee	Milwaukee	11/29/1933	2/11/1998	
2879	Bay View	Milwaukee	4/22/1947	?	
2923	Corp. Henry Schafer	Milwaukee	12/2/1933	11/6/2012	
2925	Wells-Krause	Berlin	2/6/1946	5/5/2021	
3046	Greenfield	Milwaukee	6/2/1946	?	
3071	Lester J. Crane	Oconto	9/17/1934	7/29/1997	
3088	Door County	Sturgeon Bay	11/24/1946	2/11/2008	
3091	Milwaukee County Safety	Milwaukee	4/24/1935	?	
3143	Ray Rousseau	Rhineland	11/21/1934	?	
3309	Paysy Shay	Crandon	6/4/1939	12/1/2015	
3358	Norman W. Zunker	Slinger	10/4/1944	1/4/2011	
3434	Community Gold Star	Wittenberg	1/15/1948	?	
3435	Pepin County	Arkansas	5/4/1941	?	
3589	Endl-Gruennert, Congressional Mdl of Honor	Jefferson	6/27/1945	5/1/2024	
3635	Florence County	Florence	12/4/1948	?	
3664	Forward	Milwaukee	4/20/1938	?	

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3742	South Milwaukee	South Milwaukee	3/11/1945	12/13/2016	
4186	Westwood-Hewlette	Waterford	2/15/1959	?	
5158	Marshall-Johnson	Hartland	5/23/1946	?	
5167	Cody-Valcq	Milwaukee	6/23/1946	?	
5268	Lafayette County	Darlington	4/23/1969	6/30/1993	
5270	Bralick-Miller	Genesee Depot	7/26/1949	1/15/1986	
5272	Franklin Memorial	Franklin	5/26/1968	?	
5274	Platteville	Platteville	1/30/1949	10/29/2020	
5276	Jacob J. Berg-Albert A. Averkamp	Potosi	4/2/1948	?	
5470	Whitewater	Whitewater	8/20/1948	5/6/1974	
5470	Whitewater	Whitewater	4/20/1993	?	
5716	Hoepfner-Horn Bros.	New Berlin	8/26/1947	2/1/2021	
5780	Weyerhaeuser	Weyerhaeuser	4/2/1947	6/6/2022	
4186	Harold R. Brellenthin	Lake Geneva	4/20/1947	changed 4/4/1950	
5811	to Brahn-Pearson Aux. 11001 then to 5811	Como	7/27/1950	?	
5830	Bloomfield Center	Pell Lake	4/27/1947	10/13/2015	
5960	Schuman-Arendt	Nekoosa	5/21/1947	?	
6005	Lyman Rivard	Cadott	5/16/1970	10/4/2024	
6175	Bloomer	Bloomer	2/7/1947	6/4/2018	
6177	Catawba	Catawba	5/26/1946	9/22/2008	
6179	Kubale-O'Connell	Cato	10/19/1954	3/14/2022	
6375	Elkhorn Memorial	Elkhorn	4/10/1947	3/12/2025	
6498	Gross-Yakah	Milwaukee	9/29/1946	12/30/2021	
6614	Krause-Langer w/10510	Waterloo	6/3/1973	11/10/2020	
6709	Bentley-Hull	Waupun	6/11/1946	?	
6858	Wallace-Culles-Maveus	Brodhead	1/26/1947	3/11/2009	
6769	Wolf River	Nichols	9/22/1946	1/7/1982	
6769	Cumberland	Cumberland	2/4/1984	?	
6856	Murdock A. Campbell	Centuria	8/5/1947	?	
6856	Murdock A. Campbell	Centuria	11/30/1960	?	
6903	Heisler-Mockler	Park Falls	6/30/1947	9/14/1999	
6905	Evansville Memorial	Evansville	2/2/1947	8/16/2018	
6973	Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah	Elkhart Lake	4/21/1993	?	
7131	Pittsville Memorial	Pittsville	2/22/1987	10/4/1994	

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7152	Hostak-Novak	Algoma	11/19/1959	?	
7240	Jackson Memorial	Jackson	4/19/1993	4/1/1999	
7308	Pleasant Prairie Memorial	Pleasant Prairie	4/24/1991	?	
7308	Pleasant Prairie Memorial	Pleasant Prairie	11/12/2015	9/14/2021	
7344	Esser-Lademan	Milwaukee	4/25/1953	10/8/1997	
7345	Dodgeville Memorial	Dodgeville	2/27/1949	?	
7346	Minong	Minong	6/25/1968	?	
7429	Dorn-Tell	Milwaukee	5/12/1947	11/30/1987	
7485	Krejci-Braun-Meier	Milwaukee	12/6/1953	5/2/2018	
7499	19 Star	Fennimore	3/5/1950	?	
7501	Tri-Troy Memorial	East Troy	3/30/1969	6/30/1993	
7549	Cream City to Curtiss Johnson	Milwaukee	5/2/1948	7/1/1991	
7588	Port Washington Memorial	Port Washington	4/21/1993	?	
7611	Deaton Shorey	Argonne	6/23/1946	?	
7694	Lachmund-Cramer	Sauk City	4/16/1958	?	
7852	Clarence McGuire	Watertown	4/8/1947	11/6/2012	
7898	Paquette-Blackburn to Lakeland in 1998	Woodruff	12/5/1948	?	
7931	DuBord	Niagara	3/25/1950	9/14/1999	
7989	Butina-Zimdars	Lannon	2/27/1951	?	
7933	Owen	Owen	11/9/1947	12/30/1958	
7990	Hubbard-Peterson	Neenah	10/29/1949	?	
8021	Westby	Westby	3/6/1988	9/6/2012	
8090	Columbus-Fall River	Columbus	7/14/1948	1/3/2013	
8092	Oakfield	Oakfield	4/23/1949	12/5/2012	
8099	Brown Deer Memorial	Brown Deer	4/9/1967	7/7/1981	
8171	Lembezeder-Cook	Muskego	4/24/1960	3/11/2009	
8244	Prairie Sands	Avoca	8/3/1986	1/14/1988	
8278	Clements-Anderson-Leis	Bangor	3/30/1952	2/27/1992	
8280	Peplin Memorial	Mosinee	11/7/1979	7/30/2019	
8288	Moen-Hamilton	Whitehall	4/14/1970	?	
8292	A. O. Smith	Milwaukee	2/20/1958	?	
8318	Cuba City	Cuba City	6/1/1948	?	
8320	Brookfield changed to Albert H. Groska	Brookfield	5/21/1961	11/9/2006	
8338	Barron	Barron	11/15/1948	6/30/2012	

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8339	Kettle Moraine	Campbellsport	5/3/1953	9/13/2017	
8340	Robert Albert	Montello	10/24/1985	4/1/1999	
8343	Kulchar-Fohr	Windlake	2/6/1949	2/10/2015	
8351	Onalaska-Holman, Three Rivers	Onalaska	5/22/1980	?	
8373	Lubeno-Patrick Memorial	Paddock Lake/Salem	4/30/1976	3/1/1983	
8375	Brandes Memorial	Silver Lake	3/24/1977	8/1/2016	
8388	Wautoma Memorial	Wautoma	1/18/1978	10/4/1994	
8433	Mosinee Memorial	Mosinee	May-67	?	
8482	Meyer-Dziedzic	Oak Creek	5/8/1969	11/9/2006	
8491	Southern Price County	Prentice	1/22/1950	11/12/2010	
8493	Fox River Valley	Omro	?	11/30/1988	
8494	Alma Center Community	Alma Center	12/13/1946	6/30/2019	
8637	Trinka-Weber-Rogers	Eagle River	8/2/1949	11/5/2019	
8658	Adrian Neubauer	Barton	4/14/1947	4/5/2010	
8735	Hilltop	West Allis	5/5/1957	11/30/1987	
8770	Big Falls	Big Falls	11/24/1958	?	
8811	Clayton	Clayton	5/27/1953	1/27/1992	
8811	Robert J. Schley	Fitchburg	1/28/1989	?	
8834	Hartford	Hartford	5/15/1947	8/27/2021	
8895	Rothschild, Schofield, Weston Memorial	Rothschild	4/28/1973	?	
8976	Cedar Lake	Mikana	10/20/1959	?	
9006	Nob Hill	Milwaukee	5/28/1978	4/1/1999	
9007	Owen-Withee	Owen	10/20/1977	11/8/1993	
9057	Collins	Lake Delton	6/17/1948	3/26/1962	
9060	Pierce County	Prescott	6/10/1965	4/1/1999	
9075	Jones-Lawrence	LaFarge	4/28/1947	6/17/2008	
9207	Stockbridge Memorial	Bowler	12/10/1979	3/25/1981	
9290	George Loritz	Fish Creek	10/18/1947	?	
9298	Ritchie-Bowers-Kohout	Montfort	6/17/1948	11/14/2006	
9336	Ewing-Olson	Arena	1/18/1981	5/15/2000 & 8/16/2018	
9351	St. Francis Memorial	St. Francis	5/30/1969	3/14/1977	
9378	Zamlen-Holman	Milwaukee	12/27/1952	2/11/1998	
9379	Jerome M. Rouse	Pound-Coleman	8/1/1976	3/11/2009	
9379	Oregon Memorial	Oregon	10/11/1950	?	

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9387		Wisconsin Dells Memorial	Wisconsin Dells	2/26/1967	11/6/2012	
9392		Schoenwetter-Frase	Lowell	10/13/1948	?	
9403		Becker-Godfrey	Milton	8/7/1976	9/17/2013	
9424	2	Deerfield-Cambridge Memorial	Deerfield	2/16/1970	12/22/1997	
9464		Cornell	Cornell	9/24/1979	1/15/1986	
9496		Menomonee Falls Memorial	Menomonee Falls	10/16/1966	?	
9502		Wild Rose	Wild Rose	4/15/1989	11/18/1991	
9510		Meyer-Gestner	Lakemills	5/4/1948	?	
9510		Randolph	Randolph	4/27/1982	9/15/2000	
9511		Mount Horeb Centennial	Mount Horeb	1962	11/24/1997	
9518		John G. Fitch	Milwaukee	10/18/1949	3/25/1981	
9531		The Transit	Milwaukee	7/11/1962	4/30/1984	
9536		Mercer Area	Mercer	6/23/1963	10/4/1994	
9665		Washburn Memorial	Washburn	4/27/1949	1/15/2002	
9748		Iola/Scandinavia	Scandinavia	3/24/1986	10/4/1994	
9804		Domack-Fischer	West Allis	3/6/1949& 12/19/1971	9/4/1964 & ?	
9867		Shell Lake Memorial	Shell Lake	8/25/1983	?	
9923		Hewitt Memorial	Hewitt	3/17/1980	?	
9924		Howards Grove	Howards Grove	4/16/1967	8/10/1993	
9948		Sturtevant Memorial	Sturtevant	10/6/1982	3/11/2009	
10162	7	Auburndale Memorial	Auburndale	10/25/1969	6/14/2011	
10170		Mayville	Mayville	11/15/1970	5/26/2016	
10171		Cedarburg-Grafton	Grafton	3/16/1975	2/1/1996	
10172		Carl W. Grimes	Fond du Lac	10/10/1976	?	
10173		Delavan-Darien	Delavan	3/11/1979	6/27/1996	
10187		Edgar Memorial	Edger	3/14/1971	?	
10195		Rosendale	Rosendale	3/29/1981	11/30/1990	
10197		Iron River Memorial	Iron River	4/13/1971	1/9/2015	
10231	11	Wayne C. Chitwood	Necedah	12/1/1984	8/1/2016	
10232	10	Lewis Memorial	Lewis	10/2/1973	4/19/1990	
10232	10	Lewis Memorial	Lewis	3/28/2022	2/20/2024	
10244	8	Ashwaubenon	Ashwaubenon	6/14/1976	10/11/2016	
10263		Mulryan Steiner Atkinson	Pardeeville	12/11/1972	1/3/2013	
10272		Brooklyn-Oregon Memorial	Oregon-Brooklyn	3/22/1987	?	

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10301		City of Racine	Racine	9/27/1980	11/30/1990	
10394		Whitnall Park Memorial to Hales Corners	Hales Corners	6/16/1976	7/29/1999	
10395		Pecatonica	Blanchardville	8/12/1979	7/29/1997	
10402		Amberg Memorial	Amberg	12/11/1988	3/16/2007	
10405		Altoona	Altoona	12/11/1978	7/30/2019	
10407	7	Spencer Memorial	Spencer	5/9/1975	Post closed 1981	
10423		Juneau Memorial	Juneau	12/4/1976	?	
10430		Clinton Memorial	Clinton	10/26/1975	?	
10441		Tichigan Area Memorial	Tichigan	2/21/1982	9/14/1999	
10452		Dr. G. G. Mueller	Princeton	10/1/1989	?	
10490	10	Town of Parkland	South Range	4/9/1988	2/12/1990	
10534		Aurora	Aurora	3/15/1981	7/29/1997	
10568		Springbrook	Springbrook	4/10/1988	5/23/1995	
10604		Sullivan Memorial	Sullivan	12/13/1984	6/30/1993	
10669		Walworth-Fontana	Walworth	4/19/1983	?	
10671		Bautch-Kokott-Johnson	Arcadia	12/2/1984	2/27/1992	
10892		Neshkoro Memorial to Joseph Kresic, Jr.	Neshkoro	9/29/1990	12/17/2015	
10893		Neenah Memorial	Neenah	?	7/8/2019	
10914		Lakes-Country	Lakewood	12/2/1990	?	
10915		Gleason Memorial	Gleason	5/6/1990	1/20/1998	
11038		Aspinall-Bair-Stober	Rochester	?	2/1/1996	
11038		Aspinall-Bair-Stober	Rochester	5/2/2022	10/27/2023	
11156	9	Galesville-Ettrick	Galesville	4/24/1997	12/14/2007	
11279		Fr. Mathias Zerfas	Twin Lakes	10/1/2015	12/8/2015	
11675		Formerly 7346 Granted 1 Year w/o Post	Minong	11/8/1982	11/8/1983	

## Monthly TRIVIA Questions and Answers:

**August/September:** During the first meeting, all present were asked to give something in order to remain at the meeting. What was this?

**Answer:** Password

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

**Answer:** A wooden voting ballot box and black and white marbles. The process for voting on whether to accept or reject a candidate for membership was that each member at the meeting that is considering the candidate voted with a marble, either black or white. If even one member gave a black marble, the candidate was rejected for membership or “blackballed”.

**November** – How many Department Presidents have served two years or more?

**Answer:** 6 – Freda James, Mina Cashman, Loretta Larson, Clara Wickert, Victoria Berger/Newbauer, and Laurel Ann Wiese

**December** - What expense was allowed for all members traveling to the Council of Administration meeting in 1941:

**Answer:** Railroad fare.

**February** – Who was the longest serving Department Treasurer?

**Answer:** Blanch Ruttan / maiden name Mecklenberg - 24 years

**March** – List the original Auxiliaries that formed the Department of Wisconsin.

**Answer:** Swanson Williams Aux. 920, Milwaukee; Henry S. Blomberg Aux. 847, Superior; Eau Claire Aux. 305; Burns Aux. 388, Wausau; Wolf Olson Aux. 1230, Sheboygan; Curtis McNutt Aux. 1382, Tomah; Dodge Gilbertson Carlsen Aux. 1028, Spooner; and Clarence Keske Aux. 1163, Beaver Dam.

**April** – What city was the Silver Jubilee Encampment held in? (This was Wisconsin’s Silver Jubilee.)

**Answer:** Oshkosh

**May** – To remain in meetings, according to new regulations to become effective January 1, 1949, what was eliminated?

**Answer:** Password

**July** – Who was the Past Department President that organized and cooked at VFW Auxiliary Tomah Days for 25 Years?

**Answer:** Audrey Fansin

**August** – Who was Department Auxiliary Photographer during the 1970’s, 1980’s and into the 1990’s?

**Answer:** Louise Schwandt

**September** – The VFW and VFW Auxiliary donated these statutes (Statue of Liberty, Bear, Cow, Horse, etc.) for what purpose and where were they located.

**Answer:** They were donated for the miniature golf course at the Tomah VA. They are kept in storage there and were last used wearing masks during COVID to raise residents and employees' spirits.

**October** - What Department Program Award was instituted in 1976 and first presented by Past State President Ruth Brown?

**Answer:** Continuing Service Award, now known as Jeanette Frank Continuing Service Award

**November** – Who was chosen to help with many Auxiliary installations at Department Conventions and had also received National Awards?

**Answer:** The Milwaukee County Ladies Drill Team

**December/January** – In regard to Past Officer's Pins, what change has been made to the By-Laws in recent years?

**Answer:** Before the change, Section 1002 – Past Officers' Pins, A. stated "All Past Presidents *shall* receive a Past President's Pin provided they have served from installation to installation." This section now states: "All Past Presidents are *eligible* to receive a Past President's Pin....."

**February** Journey question which was: What project did the VFW and Auxiliary do jointly into the 1990's that they don't do anymore?

**Answer:** Bowling.

**March** – What "Fun Fact" did National VFWA recently share about Department of Wisconsin that still exists today?

**Answer:** WI's first President Anna Radway, was an early proponent of the Cancer Aid & Research Program, and the Department worked hard to help build the fund that continues to help members today.

**April** – Who was the National President when Wisconsin became a Department?

**Answer:** Effie King.

**May** – Who is the most important person at the 100 Year Celebrations?

**Answer:** "Me".

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