

THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE  
UNITED STATES

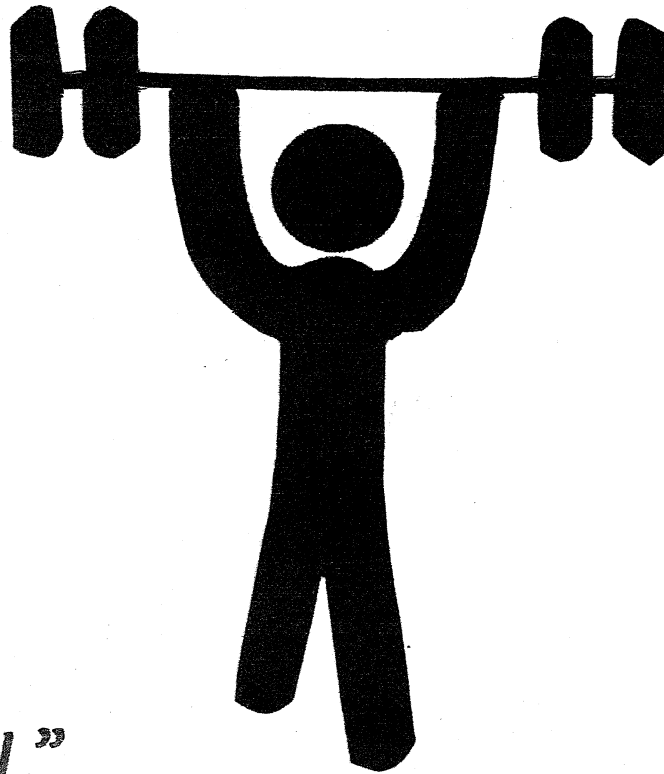
*AUXILIARY*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

*"PUMP IT UP"*

FOR MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

100%



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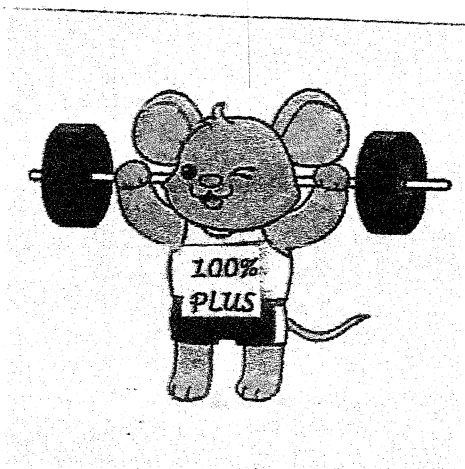
*"LIFE"*

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT: GENNIE PICKENS

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: JILL WILSON

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA  
2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM  
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**"PUMP IT UP"**  
PUMPING UP MEMBERSHIP



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**TEAM #1**  
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**TEAM #2**  
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**TEAM #3**  
DISTRICT - #2  
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DISTRICT - #9

**TEAM #4**  
DISTRICT - #7  
DISTRICT - #8



LIGHTS  
CAMERA  
ACTION

**100%**  
*PLUS*

MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR ORGANIZATION

INVITE, RECRUIT, INCLUDE EVERYONE, FOLLOW UP,  
ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION. USE YOUR RESOURCES

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR AUXILIARY

**BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR  
VETERANS**

RESOURCES and tools can be found on the VFW Auxiliary National  
Website- [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)

READ the information I have provided in this booklet and the information  
from National VFW Auxiliary.

READ the monthly Guide sheets in General Orders.

FOLLOW Indiana's VFW Auxiliary Program Page on Facebook.

**“PUMP IT UP”**  
**PUMPING UP MEMBERSHIP**  
**2023-2024**  
**DISTRICT AWARDS**

1. A Special Dinner at Spring Conference with the department President and Line Officers for all District Presidents and their Membership Chairman reaching **91% PLUS** by December 31, 2023. The Date and Place will be set at a later date. Information will appear in General Orders.
2. The District in their Team with the highest percentage by June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will receive \$25.00

**“PUMP YOUR AUXILIARIES UP”**  
**AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP PINS**  
AUXILIARIES THAT REACH 100% WILL RECEIVE 2  
MEMBERSHIP PINS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

**WHAT DIVISION AM I???**

**DIVISION ONE 10-85 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION TWO 86-119 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION THREE 120-156 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION FOUR 157-185 MEMBERS**

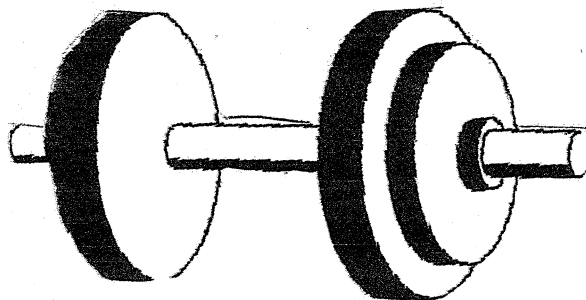
**DIVISION FIVE 186-225 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION SIX 226-299 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION SEVEN 300-399 MEMBERS**

**DIVISION EIGHT 400 MEMBERS & OVER**

**AUXILIARY LIST WILL BE POSTED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS**





**PUMPING EACH OTHER UP IN  
"MEMBERSHIP"  
100% PLUS**

**ANNUAL**

**LIFE**

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS  
AWARDS AND DEADLINES**

1. Each Member showing their 2024 Auxiliary Membership card or their Life Membership card at registration for School of Instructions will be given an entry ticket for door prizes. (Winners will be announced at Membership presentation.)
2. All Auxiliaries that have ALL officers in their Auxiliary **DUES PAID** by August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for 5/\$15.00 winners.  
**OFFICERS:** President, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Chaplain, Conductress/Conductor, Guard,  
1-, 2-, & 3-Year Trustee.
3. An award of \$15.00 will go to the Auxiliary in each Division that has submitted the most dues from July 1<sup>st</sup> -August 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**DUES NOTICES**

**You can use your own form or use the one provided by National**

You can find the directions for Dues Renewal Letters and Mailing Labels in Malta on the next page

1. **School of Instructions:** Send me a copy of your Dues Notice dated July 1<sup>st</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 3/\$15.00 Drawings.
2. **Fall Conference:** Send me a Copy of your Dues Notice dated August 11<sup>th</sup> - October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 4/\$20.00 Drawings.
3. **Spring Conference:** Send me a copy of your Dues Notice dated October 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 - March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 4/\$20.00 Drawings.
4. **Convention:** Send me a copy of Your Auxiliary Dues Notice dated March 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 - June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 3/\$15.00 Drawings.

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## **Print Dues Renewal Letters and Mailing Labels in MALTA**

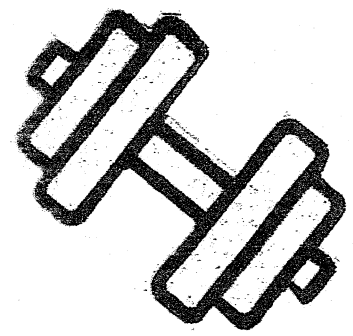
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### **How to Print Dues Renewal Letters in MALTA**

- Log in to MALTA and click on the "Duties" tab near the upper left-hand side of the screen.
  - Click on "Reports" in the Shortcuts section.
  - Select "Dues Renewal Letter" from the list on the Reports page.
  - Click the "Search" button to bring up the list of unpaid members.
  - Click the "Print Dues Renewal Letters" button to download a PDF document.
  - Print the PDF document containing the individual Dues Renewal Letters you can mail to your unpaid members.
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### **How to Print Mailing Labels for Unpaid/Lapsed Members in MALTA**

- Log in to MALTA and click on the "Duties" tab near the upper left-hand side of the screen.
- Click on "Address Labels" in the Manage Members section.
- Select "Unpaid/Lapsed Members" from the drop-down box, then click the "Search" button.
- Before proceeding, please carefully read the instructions on the page for how to format your mailing labels.
- Insert the mailing labels into your printer, and then click the "Print Address Labels" button.



**“PUMP IT UP “**  
**FOR FALL CONFERENCE**  
**AWARDS AND DEADLINES**

**ANNUAL**

**LIFE**

**AWARDS WILL BE DISPENSED AS MONEY IS ALLOWED**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MOST DRAWINGS TAKE PLACE DURING OFFICER'S MEETINGS,  
TO SAVE TIME AND CONFUSION**

1. Auxiliaries in Divisions 1 & 2 that obtain 98% or higher by October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for \$20.00. One \$20.00 award per Division.
2. Auxiliaries in Divisions 3 & 4 that obtain 95% or higher by October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for \$20.00. One \$20.00 award per Division.
3. Auxiliaries in Divisions 5 & 6 that obtain 90% or higher by October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for \$20.00. One \$20.00 award per Division.
4. Auxiliaries in Divisions 7 & 8 That obtain 85% or higher by October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for \$20.00. One award per Division.

**“PUMP UP” YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE SUBMITTED 2 OR MORE NEW LIFE OR LIFE  
REJOIN BY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2023 WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR  
5/\$20.00 AWARDS.**

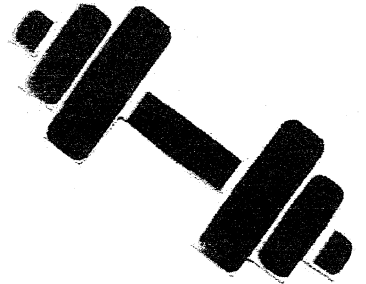
**AUXILIARY OFFICERS' DUES**

**All Auxiliaries that have ALL Officers in their Auxiliary Dues Paid by  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be placed in a drawing for 8 / \$15.00 winners.**

**OFFICERS: President, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Chaplain, Conductress/Conductor,  
Guard, 1-, 2-, & 3-Year Trustee**

# "PUMP IT UP"

## SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS AND DEADLINES



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### ANNUAL

### LIFE

1. ALL Auxiliaries in Divisions 1 through 8 that are 100% or higher in **Paid Percent** will be placed in a drawing for \$15.00. One /\$15.00 award per Division.
2. All Auxiliaries in Division 1 through 8 that are 98% or higher in **Current Percent** will be placed in a drawing for \$15.00. One/ \$15.00 award per Division.  
(SAMPLE BELOW)

#### Membership Summary

Auxiliary	Life New	Life Rejoin	Life Continuous	Annual New	Annual Rejoin	Annual Continuous	Current Total	Cancelled	Deceased	Paid Total	Prior Total	Current Percent	Paid Percent
	0	0	69	18	1	102	190	0	3	193	191	99.48%	101.05%
Total - IN	0	0	69	18	1	102	190	0	3	193	191	99.48%	101.05%
Grand Total	0	0	69	18	1	102	190	0	3	193	191	99.48%	101.05%

## "PUMP UP" YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE SUBMITTED 3 OR MORE NEW LIFE OR LIFE REJOIN WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR 2/ \$20.00 WINNERS
2. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE SUBMITTED 5 OR MORE NEW LIFE OR LIFE REJOIN WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR 2/ \$20.00 WINNERS.
3. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE SUBMITTED 7 OR MORE NEW LIFE OR LIFE REJOIN WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR 2/ \$20.00 WINNERS.
4. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE SUBMITTED 9 OR MORE NEW LIFE OR LIFE REJOIN WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR 2/ \$20.00 WINNERS.

## "PUMP IT UP"

**CONVENTION 2024**  
**"PUMP IT UP"**  
**PUMPING UP MEMBERSHIP**  
**AWARDS AND DEADLINES**



**AWARDS WILL BE DISPENSED AS MONEY IS ALLOWED**

1. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE REACHED 100% PLUS OR HIGHER IN PAID PERCENT BY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2024, WILL RECEIVE \$15.00.
2. ALL AUXILIARIES THAT HAVE REACHED 100% OR HIGHER IN CURRENT PERCENT BY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2024 WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$10.00.

**PAID PERCENT + CURRENT PERCENT = \$25.00**

**"PUMP UP" YOUR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

1. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 4 or more New Life or Life Rejoin Will be placed in a drawing for 2/ \$20.00 winners.
2. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 6 or more New Life or Life Rejoin Will be placed in a drawing for 2/ \$20.00 winners.
3. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 8 or more New Life or Life Rejoin Will be placed in a drawing for 2/ \$20.00 winners.
4. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 10 or more New Life or Life Rejoin, Will be placed in a Drawing for 2/ \$20.00 winners.

***I ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ YOUR GUIDE SHEETS IN GENERAL ORDERS. THERE CAN BE NEW CONTEST THAT "POP UP" THROUGH OUT THE YEAR.***

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### Lights, Camera, Action!

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Without new and existing members, we would cease to exist. We use the words Invite, Include and Invest when talking about recruiting and retaining new members. This Program Year, I'd like to include Invite, Include and Invest while making our Membership Program fun for all members. Do you remember how much fun it was to go to the movies? Did you ever attend a movie premier? This year, we are going to incorporate movies into our Membership Program. Will you be the talent scout, director, cameraman or even a key grip? Every member is important to getting the job done.

### Invite & Recruit

Recruiting up-and-coming stars is a cornerstone of our Auxiliary mission. Keep scouting for that talent in our new recruits. Is so important to keep the organization alive with action. Witnessing how seasoned actors can encourage and motivate newbies is intriguing. The seasoned members can offer sound advice and in turn, they can learn from the newbies about using new technology. For example, as members, you are the talent scouts for your Auxiliary. It's up to you to chat up a storm about our organization and show enthusiasm about who we are, what we do and why we do it. Invite more members to be those talent scouts.

Always carry a couple of applications with you and a Fact Sheet or two. Fact Sheets help solidify what you are promoting and may come in handy! You never know when the perfect opportunity arises to recruit. Think about asking your potential members to come to an event and help in some capacity. Most importantly, put on your happy face and SMILE for the camera!

Bazinga! See how easy it is to get people involved and connect?

### **Include Everyone**

Get all cast & crew members involved in your Auxiliary. No matter how small or how large the jobs are in your Auxiliary, there is always something for everyone to do. Don't become a clique and make someone feel as if they aren't needed. That's a great way to lose a member quickly! Again, let me remind you that we all started as newbies and learned as time went on. New members need encouragement so stay positive.

This also means to shine a light on all members in your Membership production. Did the Auxiliary President appoint a five-person membership team, to include the producer (Treasurer), to contact all members during the Program Year for payment of dues?

### **Follow Up!**

Before every movie progresses to Lights, Camera, Action!, you need a read through with the cast. This is when you need to follow up with these new members. It's when you need to call them about the upcoming meeting. Do they need a ride? Could you meet them for coffee before the meeting? It would be a great time to explain the Ritual so they don't feel in the dark. Sit with them at their first meeting and make them feel welcome! Always make potential members aware of the importance of the goals of our organization.

### **Encourage Participation**

Everyone is important to making a great award-winning movie. The same holds true for your Auxiliary. From the key grip to the cameraman to the director, it's up to each and every one of us to encourage ideas from all members. Remember, all ideas are important and maybe with some slight modification, they can work in your Auxiliary.

Don't shoot down an idea because it has been tried before. Give it a shot and try it with a different approach and just maybe, it could work into a star-worthy project. Everyone has different strengths and skills. Find out who excels in certain skills and encourage them in that field. Always be positive and appreciate all that members do. A simple thank you goes a long way and it helps reinforce that ALL members are important to the Auxiliary.

### **Resources**

There are a ton of Membership resources for everyone to use. Check out MALTA Member Resources. It has everything you need to garner your potential new member. Just log in to MALTA and click on Member Resources, Membership. Everything you need is there for the picking.

- VFW Auxiliary Applications
- VFW Auxiliary Brochure Order Form
- New Member Engagement Guide
- New Member Orientation Checklist
- New Member Packet
- Retention Tools
- And much more

Our directors (Conference Coaches) were chosen for their knowledge of the Membership Program, their strong leadership traits and their great imagination. They pay attention to details as you can see with their taste in movies.

They work well with others and are striving to help their Conference earn the coveted "Golden MALTA." It is the dream of every director to have their Membership story win the prestigious award for Best Picture of the 2023-2024 Program Year. Let's all work together to help make this happen for your director.

### **Invest**

By investing in the future of your Auxiliary, you can grow into a successful franchise. With Lights, Camera, Action!, not only are we having fun, but we're also

### ***Banding Together for Our Veterans.***

# MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

## Invite New Members • Include Current Members • Invest in the Future of the Organization

The VFW Auxiliary started with a small group of women who wanted to serve veterans; it has grown exponentially and now includes both males and females as members. There is only one way to add members: ask someone to join. And once they join, ask them to participate.

### Ask Someone to Join

There are numerous places and times to ask someone if they want to join the VFW Auxiliary. Your approach will look different depending on who your audience is. In all cases, the potential member should have some knowledge of what the VFW Auxiliary is and what we do before they ever receive an application.

### Important tools:

- Fact Sheet, available for free from National Headquarters.
- Business card with contact information. (Order yours from the VFW Store, [vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org).)
- MALTA Member Resources.

### Follow Up!

Most likely, the first time you talk to someone new about the organization, that person may not be ready to commit. It's important to ask for their contact information and then follow up within a week.

### Ask Them to Participate

The key to keeping members is getting them involved. Call or email a new member within a week with the next meeting date and time, or the next possible event or project. Offer to pick them up, or invite them to get coffee before or after a meeting.

Put a team of members in charge of contacting new members or members who haven't been to a meeting recently. The team should be friendly and knowledgeable about the Auxiliary.

### Ways to Encourage Participation

- Monthly sign-up sheet for regular events.
- Emails and phone calls for special events.
- Public recognition of current volunteers. (Consider posters at your VFW Post Home, if permitted, that spotlight member involvement.)
- Be specific about what they will be doing, including the time commitment.
- Find out how that person best communicates, whether by phone, email, Facebook or texting.
- Have another member stay with them for the entire length of the activity or event.
- If they say "no" to the first invitation, be sure to ask again!
- Plan family-friendly events! Members with children in the home want opportunities to do things with their family.

### Have a Plan

Every Department and Auxiliary should have a Membership Plan. This plan should include:

- Contacting current members.
- Outreach to former members.
- Recruiting events for new members.
- Picking a mentor for a new member.
- Before a membership year begins, set your calendar for these events:
  - Make it as easy as possible for members to renew their dues. They can renew online in MALTA!
  - Plan at least four recruiting events in your community each year.



# MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES, DEPARTMENTS AND CONFERENCES WILL BE BASED ON THE PAID TOTAL LISTED ON THE CMR-PAID, CANCELED & DECEASED REPORT IN MALTA.

## Awards for Members

1. **Lights, Camera, Action!** pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2024. Lights, Camera, Action! pin will be mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters.
2. **National Membership Achievement Award** to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits twenty (20) new members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2024. NMA Award to be presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. If a member is not in attendance, the award to be mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters after National Convention.
3. **Lights, Camera, Action! VFW Auxiliary Recruiter Drawing.** Each VFW Auxiliary National Membership Achievement Award recipient will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$500 Visa Gift Card. (VFW Recruiters are not eligible).  
Recruiter Award Forms are no longer needed for VFW Auxiliary members. Reports are compiled by VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters from information entered in MALTA.  
VFW members who recruit new VFW Auxiliary members will need to fill out the required VFW members-only form that is available on MALTA Member Resources. Completed form must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA by June 10, 2024.

## Awards for Auxiliaries

1. \$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 98% Plus in Membership by March 31, 2024\*.
2. \$25 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2024\*.
3. Lights, Camera, Action! VFW Auxiliary Drawing. Each VFW Auxiliary that reaches 101% Plus by June 30, 2024\* will be entered into a onetime drawing to receive \$500.

## Awards for Department Chairmen

1. \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one Department Membership Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding training and promotion of the Membership Program.
2. Outstanding Performance Award to one Department Membership Chairman in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on criteria listed on Page 5 and for the promotion of the Program Goals listed at the top of Page 42. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky

## Award for Conference Coaches

1. Keepsake to each of the four (4) Conference Coaches for their hard work and dedication to this Program.

\*Based on the June 30, 2023 year-end membership numbers.

# VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

**Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.**

**A**

Recruited/Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter Member ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State **IN** Member ID (If already a member) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Membership  Rejoin  
 Life Membership  Transfer  
 Member at Large in Department of \_\_\_\_\_  Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters  
*(If not a transfer, skip to B.)*  
 **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  
 **ANNUAL TRANSFER**  Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  Paying  Nonpaying  
 **ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE** (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

**B**

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  Female  Male  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**C**

**POST-AFFILIATED** (\*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

**D**

**NON-AFFILIATED** (\*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ to Eligible Veteran\* \_\_\_\_\_ VFW Post (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**E**

Investigating Committee Signatures  
 1  \_\_\_\_\_ 2  \_\_\_\_\_ 3  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws.  Rejected  Accepted Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Obligated Date \_\_\_\_\_

**F**

By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.

**OBLIGATION** In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be signed by all members.)

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY**  Check here if this is a gift.  
 Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.  
 Cash  Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership Fee  
 Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing address for card \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**

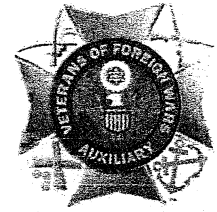
Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

# VFW Auxiliary Membership Moment

## *How to Ensure a Membership Application is Complete*



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

One of the most critical steps in considering a new member for the VFW Auxiliary is the careful review of the prospective member's application details by a three-member Investigating Committee appointed by the Auxiliary President (as outlined in Section 102 of the 2017 VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual).

As an exclusive veterans' service organization, the VFW Auxiliary must ensure that every prospective member's eligibility has been thoroughly vetted by an Investigating Committee before any action can be taken on the application. According to Page 1 of the VFW Auxiliary Booklet of Instructions, "it is the duty of the Investigating Committee to see that the applications are filled out completely before they are presented to the body for consideration." The following fields are to be completed on each application:

- Recruited by
- Auxiliary Name and Number
- Kind of Membership (annual, life, etc.)
- State
- Name (spelled correctly)
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Gender
- City, State, Zip
- Phone
- E-mail
- Post Affiliated or Non Affiliated
- Relationship
- Veteran (name)
- Post Number (if applicable)
- Name of campaign ribbons or medals
- Foreign Service dates
- Location
- Applicant's signature and date
- Signatures of the Investigating Committee (at least 2)
- Signature line following the Obligation

In addition to the prospective member's application, it is the responsibility of the Investigating Committee to review proof of honorable service of the eligible veteran, unless he/she is a member of the VFW Post to which the applicant is applying for membership.

Proof of the veteran's honorable service in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition (as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces) may be determined through careful examination of a Separation Document (DD214) with a VFW-authorized campaign or service medal of the United States; receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, as verified by a copy of a Leave and Earning Statement (LES) issued by the U.S. Armed Forces; or service in Korea for 30 consecutive/60 non-consecutive days after June 30, 1949.

Performance reports, travel orders, medical orders, medals reports, morning reports, assignment listings, buddy affidavits, and letters from a foreign war zone may also be reviewed if a DD214 is not available. For veterans pre-1946, a report of their discharge listing the medals and decorations that were earned is acceptable proof.

For soldiers currently on active duty, they will not have a DD214. In those cases, the appropriate orders showing overseas deployment to a qualifying area, or awarding of an authorized campaign medal, or a LES showing Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger pay will suffice to prove eligibility.

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## RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO USE FOR MEMBERSHIP



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### Membership

#### **Membership Forms and Applications**

- [VFW Auxiliary Brochure Order Form](#) (Fillable PDF)
- [Member Change/Update Form](#) – Revised August 2018 (Fillable PDF)
- [VFW Auxiliary Membership/Member Transfer Application](#) – Revised ~~August 2020~~ (Fillable PDF)

#### **Membership Recruitment & Retention Tools**

[Click here for Membership Recruitment & Retention Tools](#), including:

- Membership Engagement Packet
- Membership Moments (A collection of tips, tools and techniques that can be used to recruit, retain and engage Auxiliary members. Please share these handouts at your Auxiliary meetings and trainings.)
- [VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel Graphic](#)
- Just One Card
- Strengthening Auxiliaries Calendar
- VFW Auxiliary Facts Leaflet
- Recruitment Booth Pointers
- 8 Ways You Can Help Veterans Card
- Member Benefits One-Sheet
- "Join Us" Poster (17 x 11)
- Press Releases
- Door Hangers
- Social Media Shareables

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET

There are two primary qualifiers for membership in the VFW, as set out in our Bylaws. An individual must meet both in order to become a member. They are as follows:

1: Honorable Service – must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.

2: Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. This can be proven by any of the following:

- An authorized campaign medal (see other side for a list of qualifying medals and badges)
- Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
- Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

This information is usually available through a veteran's DD-214. If other information is needed or if a veteran's DD-214 is not complete, they can contact the National Personnel Records Center at 314.801.0800 or online at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/> to request more information.

It is imperative that we verify the eligibility of every member that signs up for the VFW, not only to comply with our Bylaws but also to maintain the integrity of the organization. If you have questions concerning membership eligibility, please contact the National Headquarters at 1.888.JOIN.VFW or via email at [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org).

For further information on VFW eligibility, please consult Section 101 of the VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.



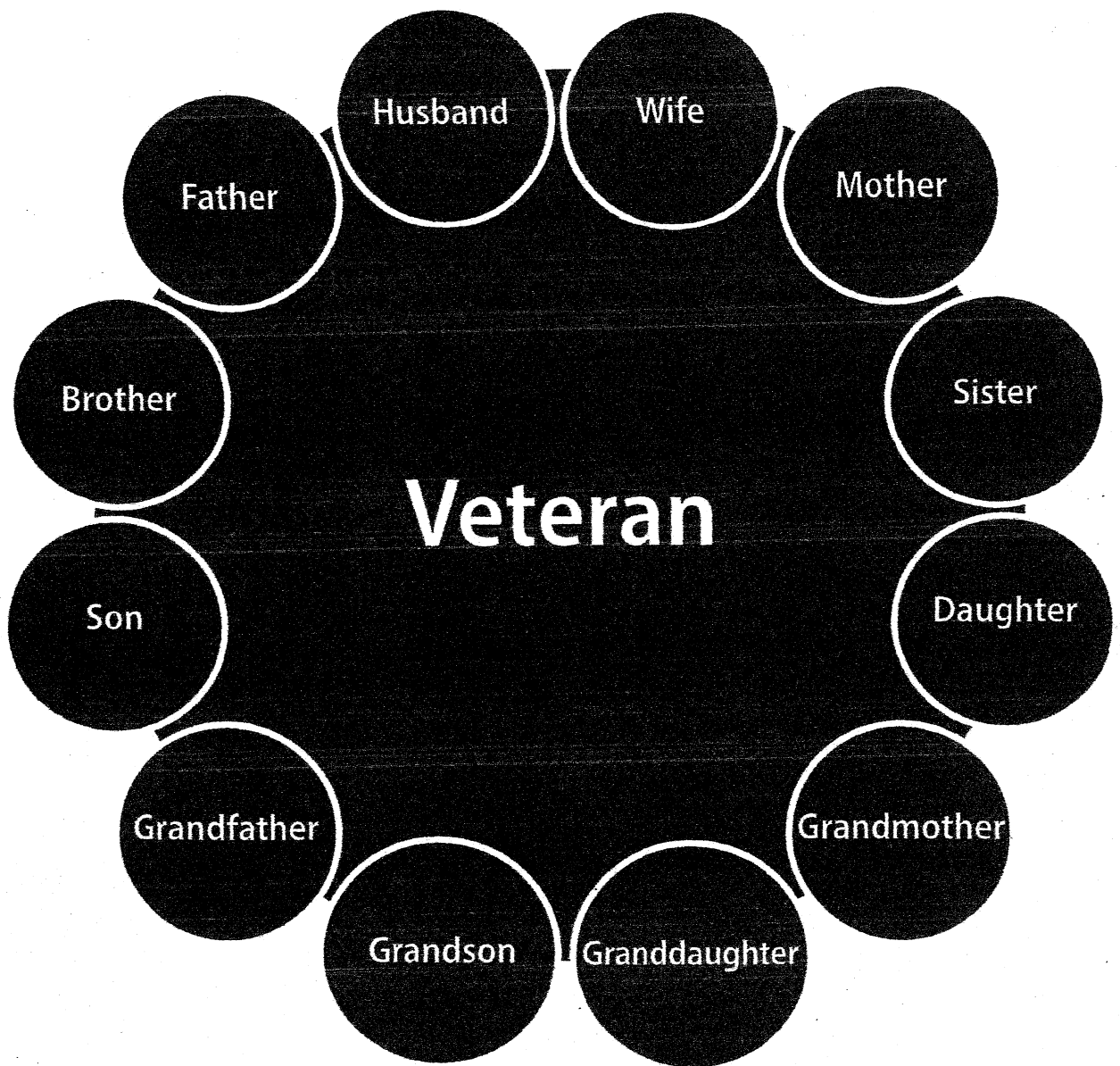
For a full list of campaign medals that qualify an individual for VFW membership, please consult Section 101 of the VFW Manual of Procedure.

If a veteran's DD-214 or other military documentation confirms they have been awarded one of these campaign medals and they have served honorably, then they are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

- China Service Medal
- American Defense Service Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Air Force Combat Action Medal
- Combat Action Badge
- SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon WITH GOLD BORDER
- Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days)
- Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay

For any questions regarding VFW eligibility, please contact the Membership Department at [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org) or by calling 1.888.JOIN.VFW (564.6839) for assistance.

# VFW Auxiliary Eligibility



*\*Step - and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*