# THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

AUXILIARY

**DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA** 

MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025

PROUD
TO
GET

OUR
"ASK"
IN
GEAR

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**TEAM #4** 

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TO JOIN

PREPARE YOUR "ASK"

GET YOUR "ASK." IN GEAR

DON'T BE DEAD ON YOUR "ASK



**READ** in this booklet all about the "**ASK**" from National VFW Auxiliary Membership Chairman, Linda Rolloff.

RESOURCES and tools can be found on the VFW Auxiliary National Website-vfwauxiliary.org
READ the monthly guide sheets in General Orders.
FOLLOW Indiana's VFW Auxiliary Program Page on Facebook.



# SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS AWARDS AND DEADLINES

### MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR DOOR PRIZES AT THE REGISTRATION DESK (WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION)

- 1. All Auxiliaries that have **All** officers in their Auxiliary Dues Paid by August 12,2024 will be placed in a drawing for 10/\$15.00 drawings. **OFFICERS**: President, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Chaplain, Conductor, Guard, 1, -2, -& 3 Year Trustee.
- 2. An Award for \$15.00 will go to the Auxiliary in each Division that has Submitted the most Dues from July 1st -August 12th ,2024.
- 3. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 2 or more New Annual & or New Life will be placed in a drawing for 2/ \$15.00 winners.
  - + All Auxiliaries that have submitted 4 or more New Annual & or New Life will be placed in a drawing for 2/\$15.00 winners.
  - +All Auxiliaries that have submitted 6 or more New Annual & or New Life will be placed in a drawing for 2 \$15.00 winners (will create more than 8 etc. if needed)

#### **DUES NOTICES**

- School of Instructions: Send me a copy of your Dues notice, dated
   July 1st August 12th 2024. Your auxiliary will be eligible for 4/\$20.00 Drawings.
- FALL: Send me a copy of your Dues Notice dated
   August 13- October 31, 2024. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 4/\$20.00
   Drawings. (even though we are not having a fall conference this drawing will be done at Spring Conference)
- 3. **Spring Conference:** Send me a copy of your Dues Notice dated November 1st 2024 to March 9th 2025. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 4/\$20.00 Drawings.
  - **4. Convention:** Send me a copy of your Dues Notice dated March 10<sup>th</sup> June 14<sup>th</sup> 2025. Your Auxiliary will be eligible for 3/\$20.00 drawings.

# PROUD TO "ASK"

#### MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025 DISTRICT AWARDS

- A Special Dinner at Spring Conference with the Department President and Line Officers for all District Presidents and their Membership Chairman Reaching 91% or higher by December 31,2024. The Date and Place will be set at a later time. Information will appear in General Orders.
  - 2. The District in their Team with the highest percentage by June 15, 2025 will receive \$25.00.

### GET YOUR "ASK" IN GEAR

#### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP PINS**

Auxiliaries that reach 100% will receive 2 membership pins

#### WHAT DIVISION AM 1??

DIVISION #1 10-85 MEMBERS DIVISION #5 186-225 MEMBERS

DIVISION #2 86-119 MEMBERS DIVISION #6 226-299 MEMBERS

DIVISION #3 120-156 MEMBERS DIVISION #7 300-399 MEMBERS

DIVISION #4 157-185 MEMBERS DIVISION #8 400 MEMBERS & OVER

# AUXILIARY LIST WILL BE POSTED BY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTIONS

# PROUD TO "ASK" SPRING CONFERENCE

# AWARDS AND DEADLINES AWARDS WILL BE DISPENSED AS MONEY IS ALLOWED

- 1. All Auxiliaries in Divisions 1 through 8 that are 100% or higher in **Paid Percent** by March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025, will be placed in Drawing for **2/\$15.00** awards per Division.
- 2. All Auxiliaries in Division 1 through 8 that are 98% or higher in Current Percent BY March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 will be placed in a drawing for **2/\$15.00** awards per Division.

Don't forget to send me your Dues Notices

### "ASK"

# SOMEONE TO JOIN PREPARE YOUR "ASK" GET YOUR "ASK" IN GEAR

- 1. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 5 or more New Annuals and or Rejoined members by March 9th 2025 will be placed in a drawing for 5/\$15.00 winners.
- 2. All Auxiliaries that have submitted 8 or mor New Annuals and or Rejoined members by March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 will be placed in a drawing for 5/\$15.00 winners.
- **3.** All Auxiliaries that have submitted 5 or more New Life or Annuals that convert to Life members By March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 will be placed in a drawing for 5/\$15.00 winners.
- **4.** All Auxiliaries that have submitted 8 or more New Life or Annuals that convert to Life members By March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 will be placed in a drawing for 5/\$15.00 winners.

#### HOW TO PRINT DUES RENEWAL LETTERS IN MALTA

- Log into MALTA and click on the "Duties" tab near the upper left-hand side of the screen.
- Click on "Reports" in the shortcut section.
- Select "Dues Renewal Letter" from the list on 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

### 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 "Adress 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.

# Send me a dated copy Or one that you have created

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# PROUD TO "ASK" CONVENTION 2025

#### **AWARDS AND DEADLINES**

- 1. All Auxiliaries that have reached 100% or higher in **Paid Percent** by June 14,2025 will receive \$15.00
- 2. All Auxiliaries that have reached 100% or higher in **Current Percent** by June 14, 2025 will receive \$10.00 MANAGEMENT OF THE PERCENT OF TH

## "ASK" SOMEONE TO JOIN!!

STARTING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2024 TO JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025 Send to me your list of your members who, you as a member recruited/as follows

- 1. Auxiliary Members who RECRUIT five (5) new and /or rejoined members, 10/\$20.00 winners.
- 2. Auxiliary Members who RECRUIT twenty (20) new and or rejoined Members, 8/\$30.00 winners.

Your recruited members list must include:

Recruiters Name: Auxiliary # District #

Names of 5 new members. Enter every time you have 5, but must let me know when you have 20

Jilwil2929@yahoo.com

Jill Wilson

Dept. Membership Chairman 540 Lane 250 C Lake Pleasant Orland, In 46776 (260) 433-2637 PLEASE NO ipeg

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INFORMATION ON A VETERAN'S SERVICE RECORDS CAN BE OBTAINED BY
CONTACTING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
ADMINISTRATION AT: PHONE; 1-866-272-6272

\*ON LINE: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

#### **NEW MEMBER RECRUITER**

IT IS YOUR JOB TO MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBER ID AND NAME IS ON THE APPLICATION TO RECEIVE CREDIT

#### 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.
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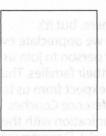
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#### Keep Your "Why" Close By

It has been said that in order to know where you are going, you must know where you've been. Pretty simple concept, right?

When thinking about Membership, it's helpful to revisit WHO we are. You will never get someone to join you until you know who you are and what you stand for.

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How many of us have read the Congressional Charter issued to the Veterans of Foreign Wars? It is a good reminder of WHO WE ARE!

#### The purposes include:

- To preserve and strengthen camaraderie among its members
- To assist worthy comrades The YAM only ylimst ribe
- To perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans
- To maintain true alliance to the government of the United States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws
- To foster true patriotism
- To maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom, and
- Preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Those are amazing reminders of the mission IF we adhere to that charter. Our VFW Auxiliary Charter closely mirrors that of the VFW, and we are coming off the longest war in American history, so why are we not bursting at the seams with members?

#### To Our Branches

It's time to get real...now that we've reacquainted ourselves with our roots, we need to focus on reaching skyward with our branches! For us, that means figuring out the disconnect with the current generation of war veterans and their families...a.k.a. our potential members. As close as I can estimate, that little spark of magic is going to be in meeting them WHERE THEY ARE.

Where the elusive THEY are is online: on their phones and on social media. This generation literally makes life decisions (e.g. choosing their potential life partners... (think I'm cute; swipe right") in 1.4 seconds! Be where they are and do things like they do. If we give you some of the tools, do you think you can do it? YOU CAN!

#### What We Must Do

Membership this year will involve changing everything about how we approach people. The veterans/families we are trying to attract will do just about anything to escape a face-to-face conversation with somebody they don't really know or have just met. But if you can "slide into their DMs" (kidding, but good imagery), by getting onto their phone and making it easy for them. When THEY feel like looking at it, YOU'VE GOT'EM!

Something for Everyone "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!

At the Speed of Light "Don't Be Dead On Your Ask"

Ready to take this thing to the next level? Our Membership Team (the National Conference Coaches, National staff and myself) are providing a "new" electronic pathway to recruiting and membership.

We have created a QR code (see below) which is a link to access information that you can provide to potential members. (No more hard copies of stuff that folks can just toss as soon as they are out of sight.) This will happen phone to phone...a method that is familiar to and preferred by a tech savvy generation. The entire interaction can be quick and painless; AND it shows us to be modern and adaptable.

Behind this QR code will be things like the Fact Sheet, Membership Application, What We Do, Auxiliary Locator and anything else we might need in our "Recruiting Tool Kit".

To use military terms, we are in a target rich environment; so why aren't we hitting anything? If we embrace new techniques, we WILL be able to turn the membership tide and hopefully turn it into a tidal wave!

Extending Service to Our Veterans What You Can Expect From Us

This might seem a bit unusual right here, but it's important that you know how much we appreciate every single member who recruits another person to join us in our mission to serve veterans and their families. That's why you should know what you can expect from us to support you in your efforts. The Conference Coaches and I are committed to open communication with the Department Membership Chairperson(s), Department Presidents and each other. We will employ Zoom meetings to meet electronically face-to-face for the purpose of encouragement, skills and team building and coaching.

We are here for our veterans and their families, right? YOUR Membership Team is here for you and that's a promise!

Our Family Tree

Like a mighty Redwood, our goal is to be "Sempre-Virens" Always Living. A truly achievable goal if we model our organization after this indominable giant. We MUST root ourselves firmly in our history, traditions and legacy of service. We MUST branch out and include EVERY one of our qualifying family members in our mission. And we MUST provide our new branches and young leaves with all of the necessary support to thrive indefinitely like the mighty Redwood. We are constantly reaching skyward. So don't "leaf" any qualifying member behind.







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.)
- MALTA Member Resources.
- QR Code See Page 38.

#### 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 recruiting events in your community each year. This can be done by just the Auxiliary or in conjunction with your VFW Post.

#### 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**

- Recruiter pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. Recruiter 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 20 new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. <a href="VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award">VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award</a>. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.
- 3. Top Recruiter award to the one recruiter in each of the 4 conferences who recruited the most new and/or rejoined members in their conference. <u>VFW Recruiters and VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award</u>. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.
- 4. VFW Auxiliary Recruiter Drawing for each VFW Auxiliary National Membership Achievement Award winner. Winners will be entered into a drawing to receive one \$500 Visa gift card. VFW Recruiters and VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award. Winner will be announced and award presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.

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 and/or rejoined VFW Auxiliary members will need to fill out the required VFW members only form that is available in MALTA Member Resources. Completed form must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA by June 10, 2025.

**Awards for Auxiliaries** 

- 1. \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2025\*.
- 2. VFW Auxiliary Drawing. Each VFW Auxiliary that reaches 101% Plus by June 30, 2025\* will be entered into a one-time drawing to receive \$500.

**Awards for Department Chairmen** 

- \$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. The Outstanding Performance Award and Second-Place Outstanding Performance Award will be awarded in each of the 10 Program Divisions based on the criteria listed on Page 5 and for the promotion of the Program goals listed at the top of Page 39.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

**Awards for Departments** 

- 1. Bronze Department Award #1: \$200 to each Department that reaches 95% Plus in Membership by November 30, 2024\*.
- 2. Silver Department Award #2: \$250 to each Department that reaches 98% Plus in Membership by March 31, 2025\*.
- 3. Gold Department Award #3: \$300 to each Department that reaches 100% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2025\*.
- 4. Platinum Department Award #4: \$400 to each Department that reaches 101% Plus in Membership by June 30, 2025\*.

Departments that receive the Platinum Department Award #4: \$400 ACH will still receive Gold Department Award #3: \$300 for a combined total of \$700.

#### 5. Conference vs. Conference

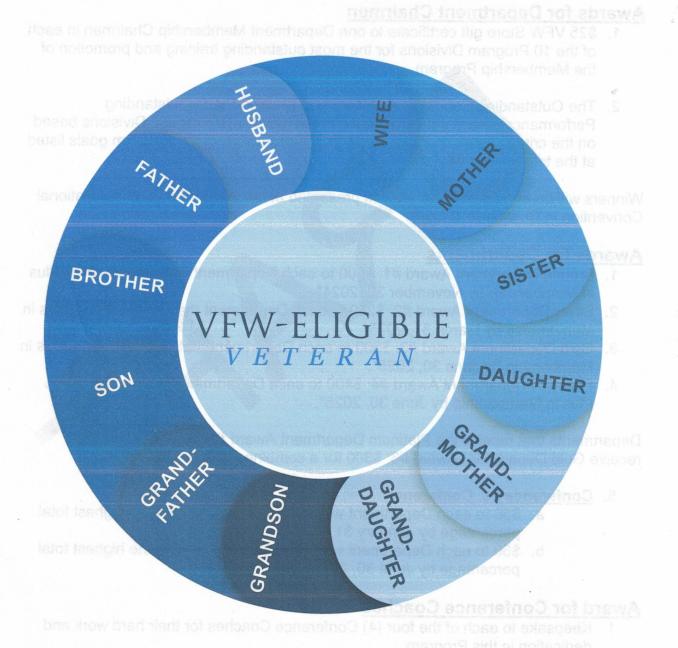
- a. \$50 to each Department within the Conference with the highest total percentage by January 31, 2025\*.
- b. \$50 to each Department within the Conference with the highest total percentage by June 30, 2025\*.

**Award for Conference Coaches** 

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

\*Based on the June 30, 2024 year end membership numbers.

#### VFW AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY WHEEL



\*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.

