



# Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

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1. Most outstanding video interview with a VFW Auxiliary legacy (longtime active) member.

- **Citation** to every Auxiliary that submits a 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Auxiliaries must send the entry form and the 3-5 minute video interview to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024 for judging. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
- **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding 3-5 minute video interview with a legacy VFW Auxiliary member. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form and video to their Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the VFW Auxiliary legacy member interviewed.

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Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form and video to National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Diana Morris for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form and video. (National does not need video's)

Forms sent directly to National Headquarters will not be processed.



# Hospital Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

## Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

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1. Most outstanding activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays.
  - **Citation** to every to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that recognizes veterans on non-traditional holidays. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event recognizing veterans on non-traditional holidays. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the outstanding activity and/or event recognizing veterans on non-traditional holidays. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Hospital Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Hospital Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning entry form to National Hospital Ambassador Della Steege for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Hospital Chairman is to **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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# VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & No. 2 2023-2024

## Hospital Award No. 1 & No. 2 for VFW Auxiliary Members

No. 1 "**Hospital Volunteer Recruiter**" Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the ten (10) Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2023 to March 31 2024. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

No. 2 "**Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year**" Plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 Winner will be announced and plaque presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of volunteers recruited:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Program Division Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of a tie, please consider the below information.**

How long has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter been a hospital volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours served from July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. \_\_\_\_\_

VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the volunteer assignments? \_\_\_\_\_

What other Hospital programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the Department Hospital Chairman by Friday April 5, 2024.**

Department Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Department Hospital Chairman will forward the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the National Hospital Ambassador Della Steege by Tuesday April 30, 2024.**

The National Hospital Ambassador Della Steege will select the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter with the most total volunteers recruited in each of the **ten (10) Program Divisions** to be recognized and **one** Hospital Volunteer Recruiter **in the nation** with the most volunteers recruited.



# VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year nomination form 2023-2024

## Hospital Award No. 3 for VFW Auxiliary Members

No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year" Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the ten (10) Program Divisions. Winners will be announced and citations presented at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

### Eligibility:

- Volunteer may be any VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic).
- Volunteer must serve from July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.
- Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.
- VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of volunteers recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Division Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter been a hospital volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours served from July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. \_\_\_\_\_

VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the volunteer assignments? \_\_\_\_\_

What other Hospital programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in? \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on why this VFW Auxiliary Member is an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.**

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Forward nomination forms to your Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Department Hospital Chairman signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Department Hospital Chairman will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer and forward it to the National Hospital Ambassador Mary Spindler by April 30, 2023.**

The National Hospital Ambassador Della Steege will select **ONE** Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year for each of the ten (10) Program Divisions to be recognized.





# HOSPITAL PLEDGE

## Department of Kansas VFW Auxiliary

Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_ located in \_\_\_\_\_, Kansas

**PLEDGES to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the**

**Department of Kansas Hospital General Fund by March 31, 2024.**

Donations will be credited on a cumulative basis.

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

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Citation to each Auxiliary for their Hospital Pledge with donation(s) to the Department Hospital General Fund.

Monies must be received by Department Treasurer no later than March 31, 2024.

*\* per member (based on June 30, 2023 membership total)*

Distinction - \$4.00+    Merit - \$2.00-\$3.99    Recognition - \$1.00-\$1.99    Participation- \$ .25-\$ .99

# THANK YOU

**for your donation to  
& support of the  
Kansas VFW Auxiliary  
Hospital Program.**



# Legislative Award for Auxiliaries No. 1

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1. Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on veteran Legislative issues.
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates their community on veteran Legislative issues. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community on Legislative issues. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that educated their community on veteran Legislative issues. Please attach any additional information. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Legislative Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Legislative Ambassador Sherry Howland for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must email VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined list of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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### Support Today's Veterans and Military

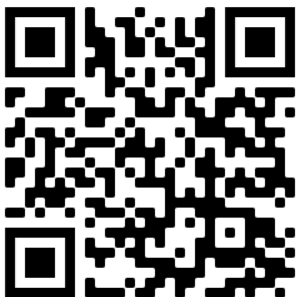
Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 118th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit [vfw.org/ActionCorps](https://vfw.org/ActionCorps).

### Play a Role in the Process

Engage and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](https://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)
- Text "VFW" to 50457\*
- Scan QR Code below

\*Messaging and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP and STOP to unsubscribe.



View the VFW's [privacy policy](#) and [terms of use](#).

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**



*Delivering the promise to our veterans, service members, and their families.*



**2023  
PRIORITY  
GOALS**

VFW  
Washington Office  
200 Maryland Ave., N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
Tel: 202.543.2239

VFW  
National Headquarters  
406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Tel: 816.756.3390

[www.vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org)





## Budget

To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

- Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

## Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- Properly implement comprehensive toxic exposure legislation.
- Review and assess military toxic exposures, and ensure health care and benefits are provided to all toxic-exposed veterans.
- Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- Reinstate pre-decisional review authority for claims representatives prior to final rating decisions.
- Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- Crack down on predatory claims providers.
- Increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation.

## Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance

To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, Congress, VA, DOD, and DOL must:

- Require oversight of transition assistance program pathways, timely attendance, and connections to community transition resources.
- Ensure equal access to pre-discharge claims assistance across the services.
- Mandate the inclusion of accredited representatives in transition assistance briefings.
- Expand transition services for spouses.
- Ensure parity of VA and DOD education programs with other federal programs.
- Improve education benefits through increased online student housing allowances, child care stipends, parity for Guard and Reserve members, and elimination of delimiting dates.
- Enhance outreach and counseling to veterans eligible for the Veteran Readiness and Employment program.
- Expand small business and entrepreneurship resources for veterans and military spouses.
- Expand preferences and tax incentives for hiring veterans and military spouses.
- Fund and track outcomes for career-focused training programs.
- Increase funding for HUD-VASH vouchers, grant and per diem payments, and pilot programs to combat veteran homelessness.

## Health Care

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide to zero.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Expand geriatric extended care services, nursing home eligibility, and long-term care options.
- Improve VA's prescribing and deprescribing practices.
- Improve programs and services for women and minority veterans.

- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care, including medications.
- Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- Ensure Affordable Care Act parity and access for VA and TRICARE users.

## Military Quality of Life

To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- Eliminate sexual assault and harassment from the military.
- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life and support programs.
- Eliminate forced arbitration clauses in contracts for service members.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Ensure military family members are gainfully employed.
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.
- Establish the Armed Forces University.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.

## National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA

To fully support service members, and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission.

# 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  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

**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

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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*

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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.



# VFW Auxiliary Member Change/ Update Form

Rev. 8-18

**REQUIRED FIELDS:**

**Member's Current Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership ID No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number ( )** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Auxiliary #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME CHANGE** Former Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

**CONTINUOUS ANNUAL DUES (We recommend using the Membership Summary Form for multiple dues payments.)**

**CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER**

Life Membership Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a gift. It will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.

**Payment Methods:**

**Check:** Make check payable to: **VFW Auxiliary**

**Credit Card**  VISA  MasterCard  Discover  AMEX

Name as it appears on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address associated with the card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit code shown on back of credit card) Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month / Year

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ACH (Bank withdrawal)** Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached voided check HERE (required)** Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**REPLACE MY MEMBER CARD**

\$5 Annual   \$10 Life

**NAME CHANGES OR LOST CARD REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK** made payable to VFW Auxiliary or complete the payment information above if using a credit card or ACH. Please send directly to National Headquarters at 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111. You can also order a replacement card online in MALTA by visiting [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) and selecting "Member Login."

**DEATH REPORT** Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES</b>	
Effective 1/1/2017	
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
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71-75	\$132
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81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

**Lights! Camera!**  
**ACTION**

## MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE



**Mike's' Harley Miles**  
**VS**



**The Department of Ks VF Aux. Members**  
**Who can accumulate the most miles by June 1,**  
**2024....will it be Mike on his Harley....or...the**  
**Department of Ks members with their "ACTION"**

**(Exercise) miles?? The LOSER will perform an exercise routine at the Dept. Of Ks Convention in an AWESOME Workout outfit (to be determined by the members)!  
Membership Challenge rules**



**President Mike..... will document the number of miles he travels on his Harley from now till June 1, 2024**

**Department of Ks VFW Auxiliary members will document their "ACTION" miles by.....**



- 1. You can count your actual miles you run or walk**
- 2. You can count every 15 minutes of exercise or strenuous work you do for 1 mile**
- 3. For those of you with limited activity...grocery shopping...every 15 minutes will equal 1 mile**
- 4. Every member you recruit or re-instate will equal 10 miles**
- 5. Reaching out to members via phone (recruiting, wellness check, new member F/U, collecting dues, official Aux. business) every 15 min. equals 1 mile.**
- 6. Visiting shut in's ( Aux. member or caregivers) 1**
- 7. Membership Recruiting miles/Auxiliary.**
- 8. Auxiliaries making 100% miles.**



**Member, VFW mile per visit.  
Event equals 20  
Plus equals 50**

**Who is ready for some as we all**

**work together to make 2023/24 a memorable  
year as we all band together for our Veterans by  
making our 100% Plus membership and..... beat  
President Mike with our "ACTION" miles!!      **GO**  
**TEAM KANSAS.....and SMILE for the camera!!!****

“ACTION” miles/month \_\_\_\_\_ Aux.# \_\_\_\_\_ or Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity	Days 1-7	Days 8-14	Days 15-21	Days 22-31	Monthly total
Exercise-15 min= 1 mi.					
Running/walking = ?mi.					
Cycling=?mi.					
Recruited/ Re-instated member=10 mi.					
Reaching out to members-15 min.=1mi.					
Visiting shut-in's=1mi/visit					
Membership recruiting event=20mi.					

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# Mentoring for Leadership

## Auxiliary Award No. 1 Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

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1. Most unique activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees while using and promoting VFW Auxiliary resources and learning material
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that has an activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that has the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Mentoring for Leadership Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their Auxiliary members about how to find and train mentees. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Mentoring for Leadership Chairman is to **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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# Scholarships

## Auxiliary Award No. 1

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- Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary.
  - Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
  - Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities through the Auxiliary. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their community about scholarship opportunities through the VFW Auxiliary. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Scholarships Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

April 30, 2024 - The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Scholarships Ambassador Tina Hicks for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Scholarships Chairman must **email** VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

Forms sent directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed.



# Veterans & Family Support Auxiliary Award No. 1

*Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year*

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1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health.
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of military suicide and mental health. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Auxiliary activity and/or event that increased awareness of military suicide and mental health. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

April 30, 2024 - The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador Tessa Butcher for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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# Veterans & Family Support Auxiliary Award No. 2

Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase the support of veterans, service members and their families.
  - **Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that increases the support of veterans, service members and their families. Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters.
  - **Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event the support of veterans, service members and their families. Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department  
Veterans & Family Support Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Auxiliary hosted activity and/or event that increases the support of veterans, service members and their families. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

April 30, 2024 - The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department-winning Auxiliary entry form to National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador Tessa Butcher for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must **email** National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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# Youth Activities

## Auxiliary Award No. 1

### Entry Form • 2023-2024 Program Year

- Most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism Through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.).
  - Citation** to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). Citations will be mailed directly to the participating Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.
  - Citation and \$25** to one Auxiliary in each of the four (4) Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event educating their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). Winners will be announced at the 2024 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Citations will be mailed directly to winning Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into Auxiliary account after VFW Auxiliary National Convention

**Auxiliaries are to send this completed form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2024.**

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the activity and/or event that educated their community about Patriotism through Literacy **and** utilizing the Random Acts of Patriotism card (R.A.P.). (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Department Youth Activities Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

April 30, 2024 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman is to sign and send the completed Department winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Joyce Caldwell for judging.

**AND**

April 30, 2024 - The Department Youth Activities Chairman must **email** VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) a total combined **list** of every Auxiliary in their Department that completed and submitted an entry form.

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# Patriotism Through Literacy

## Book Suggestions

Note: grade/age levels are suggested based on publisher's guidelines, school curriculums and reading/comprehension levels, not rules. Interest levels & ability vary by student. Updated: 2022

### Pre-K-Kindergarten

*John, Paul, George, and Ben* by Lane Smith  
*I Am* series (*I Am Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, etc.*) by Brad Metzger  
*The White House: A Pop-Up Book of Our Nation's Home* by Robert Sabuda  
*Red, White, and BOOM!* by Lee Wardlaw  
*America the Beautiful* by Katharine Lee Bates  
*God Bless America* by Irving Berlin, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger  
*The Scrambled States of America* by Laurie Keller  
*This Land is Your Land* by Woodie Guthrie & Kathy Jacobsen  
*Wow, America!* by Robert Neubecker  
*My Little Golden Book about Kamala Harris* by Rajani LaRocca  
*My Little Golden Book about The White House* by Jen Arena  
*Sesame Street: Elmo Doodle Dandy (A Little Golden Book)* by Naomi Kleinberg  
*Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops* by Jill Biden  
*My Red Balloon & Dandelions* by Eve Bunting  
*Blue Sky, White Stars* by Sarvinder Naberhaus & Kadir Nelson  
*A is for America: A Patriotic Alphabet Book* by Tanya Lee Stone

### Grades 1-2

#### Creative Non-Fiction:

*Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine  
*The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles  
*Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag* by Sarah L. Thomson  
*What the Big Deal About First Ladies?* by Ruby Shamir  
*Harriet's Ruffled Feathers* by Joy McCullough  
*Turning Pages: My Life Story* by Sonia Sotomayor  
*Rescue & Jessica* by Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes  
*I Could Do That: How Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote* by Linda White  
*Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Tuesday Tucks Me In* by Luis Carlos Montalvan  
*They Called Her Molly Pitcher* by Anne Rockwell  
*Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki  
*Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport  
*Ben Franklin: Wit & Wisdom from A-Z* by Alan Schroeder

#### Educational/Americana & Historical Fiction:

*Happy Birthday, America* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Apple Pie 4<sup>th</sup> of July* by Janet S. Wong  
*If I Were President* by Catherine Stier  
*Tricking the Tallyman* by Jacqueline Davis  
*Ellie May on President's Day* by Hillary Homzie  
*This is a Rope: A Story from the Great Migration* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*The Flag We Love* by Pam Munoz Ryan

## Grades 3-4

### Historical Fiction:

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*I Survived* series (*Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, D-Day, 9/11, etc.*) by Lauren Tarshis  
*American Girl* original series & *American Girl History's Mysteries* by various authors  
*If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution* by Will Mara  
*The Captive* by Joyce Hansen  
*Magic Treehouse Mysteries* series by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh* by Uma Krishnaswami  
*Capital Mysteries* series by Ron Roy

### Creative Non-Fiction:

*Magic Treehouse Fact Trackers* series by Mary Pope Osborne  
*A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women* by Lynne Cheney  
*Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz  
*Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the Fastest Woman...* by Kathleen Krull  
*She Persisted* series (*Maya Lin, Maria Tallchief, Patsy Mink, etc.*) by various authors  
*A Splash of Red: The Life & Art of Horace Pippin* by Jen Bryant  
*Who Was/What Was* series, (*George Washington, the White House, Sacagawea, etc.*)  
*Little Legends* series by Vashti Harrison  
*The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and her Tribute to Veterans* by Barbara E. Walsh

### Educational Americana:

*America's White Table* by Margot Theis Raven  
*Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America* by Lynne Cheney  
*We the Kids* by David Catrow  
*I Have a Dream* by Martin Luther King, Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson  
*We Are America: A Tribute from the Heart* by Walter Dean Myers

## Grades 5-6

### Historical Fiction:

*Towers Falling* and *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*Keeping Score* by Linda Sue Park  
*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper  
*Show Me a Sign* by Ann-Clare LeZotte  
*Red, White & Whole* by Rajani LaRocca  
*My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich* by Ibi Zoboi  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor  
*Worth* by Alexandria LaFaye  
*The Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord  
*One Crazy Summer* trilogy by Rita Williams Garcia  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Nine, Ten, a September 11<sup>th</sup> Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
*Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos  
*The True History of Lyndie B. Hawkins* by Gail Shephard  
*Bud, Not Buddy* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

### Creative Non-Fiction:

*Stamped (for Kids)* by Sonja Cherry Paul, Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi  
*Rocket to the Moon* by Don Brown  
*History Smashers* series by Kate Messner  
*It's Up to You, Abe Lincoln* by Leila and Tom Hirschfeld



## Grades 7-8

### Historical Fiction:

*Dear America* series by various authors  
*Home is With Our Family* by Joyce Hansen  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata  
*Fever 1793* and *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar  
*Five Children on the Western Front* by Kate Saunders  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*We Dream of Space* by Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson  
*Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz  
*The Notorious Benedict Arnold...* by Steve Sheinkin  
*All the Stars Denied* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

### Non-Fiction & Memoir:

*Amelia Lost: The Life & Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming  
*Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math* by Jeannine Atkins  
*Lifting As We Climb* by Evette Dionne  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings* by Margarita Engel  
*Hidden Figures: The American Dream & the Untold Story...* by Margot Lee Shetterly  
*What Was the Continental Congress?* and *Clara Barton* by Candice Ransom

## Grades 9-12

### Historical Fiction:

*Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution* by Avi  
*Butterfly Yellow* by Thanhha Lai  
*Girls Like Us* by Randi Pink  
*So Many Beginnings* by Bethany Morrow  
*The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee  
*We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee  
*The Memory of Things* by Gae Polisner  
*Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malindo Lo  
*A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tehera Mafi  
*Fly Girl* by Sherri L. Smith

### Non-Fiction & Memoir:

*Pure Grit: How American WWII Nurses Survived Battle...* by Mary Cronk Farrell  
*Chester Nez: A Navajo Codetalker's Story* by Joseph Bruchac  
*Code Talker Stories* by Lauren Tohe  
*Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom...* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery  
*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose  
*Loving Vs. Virginia* by Patricia Hruby Powell  
*Stamped* by Jason Reynolds  
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson  
*Fly Girls: Forgotten Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII* by P. O'Connell Pearson  
*Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space* by Lynn Sherr  
*Black Birds in the Sky* by Brandy Colbert  
*They Call Us Enemy* by George Takei  
*Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

















**MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023-2024**

YOUR AUXILIARY IS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT MONTHLY.  
ONE REPORT IS DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 AND  
ONE REPORT IS DUE MARCH 31, 2024.

**Use this column to describe a project your Auxiliary completed that best describes how you participated in this program. Please include photos of your project.**

**District#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auxiliary #** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Members** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/email:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Membership materials/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? Yes      No

2. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in, host or co-host with your Post, activities regarding VFW and/or VFW Auxiliary education and Membership Recruitment? Yes      No

3. Did your Auxiliary regularly educate members on the benefits of their membership (For example: insurance plans, travel benefits, cancer grants, hearing plans, etc.)? Yes      No

4. Did your Auxiliary educate their members on the National Membership Program Awards? Yes      No

5. How many of your members participated in any recruiting event on any level? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Did your Auxiliary recruit at least one new member? Yes      No

7. Number of "ACTION" miles recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do NOT calculate monies for hours volunteered or mileage.**

**Total Hours Worked:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Dollars Spent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Value of Goods/Services Donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO:** Marsha LaRosh, 2097 W 100<sup>th</sup> Dr, Osborne, KS 67473, or [marsha\\_larosh@hotmail.com](mailto:marsha_larosh@hotmail.com). Send one copy to your District Chairman. Keep one copy for your Auxiliary files.

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