



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The deadline for submitting our Auxiliary year-end program reports is quickly approaching. **Every Auxiliary across the state needs to ensure these reports are submitted to their respective District President by April 5, 2026.** It's critical to meet this important deadline together, as there are additional deadlines and requirements of the Program Chairmen and Department immediately following the Auxiliary submissions.

The fillable forms are available on the Department website (<https://vfwauxpa.org/> - visit Programs/Year End Reports). They can be completed, saved, and sent directly to your District President via email, including any supporting materials, to help simplify the process. If you have any questions, please don't delay and contact your District President.

The information collected in these year-end reports is crucial to several aspects of our organization, including the annual statistics compiled by the National organization. These reports not only help promote the VFW Auxiliary by showcasing its achievements, but they also provide vital data on our programs.

An example of this is the **VFW Auxiliary Fact Sheet**, a valuable resource that highlights the organization's impact across all its programs. Accurate and comprehensive reporting enables the Auxiliary to offer credible statistics that demonstrate its reach and effectiveness to the public, potential members, and community partners. Most importantly, these statistics play a pivotal role in advocacy efforts by providing legislators in Washington, DC, with concrete evidence of the Auxiliary's contributions and influence. This, in turn, strengthens the organization's voice on key issues affecting Veterans and their families.

March also holds several deadlines associated with the President's Testimonial on April 10 and 11, 2026, in York, PA. The details, including hotel, banquet, program/ad book, etc., reservations, and this information is also available on the <https://vfwauxpa.org/> website on the main page (scroll down to the announcements). The weekend will be like none other, so you won't want to miss out!

Finally, by the time you read this, I will likely have had the amazing honor and privilege to witness the VFW Commander-in-Chief, Carol Whitmore, testify on Capitol Hill before a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees on behalf of Veterans. Carol is the first female VFW Commander-in-Chief, so this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness history being made. Even if you can't be part of the action in person, you can see it unfold on social media through the VFW and VFW Auxiliary (**#VFWDC2026**).

Remember that we need to continue supporting our Veterans and ensuring that **"Every Day is Veterans Day."**

IMPORTANT DATES:27

March 4 District 7 Meeting @ Media #3460 - 7:00 P.M.
March 8 District 9 Meeting @ Phoenixville #1564 - 2:00 P.M.
March 8 District 10 Meeting @ Gino J Merli #6082 - 1:00 P.M.
March 8 District 21 Meeting @ West York #8951 - 2:00 P.M.
March 8 District 27 Meeting @ Greensburg #33 - 2:30 P.M.

March 8 District 28 Meeting @ Venago #169 - 2:00 P.M. *

March 15 District 11 Meeting @ White Haven #6615 - 2:30 P.M.

March 15 District 14 Meeting @ Montrose #5642 - 2:00 P.M.

March 15 District 15 Meeting @ Knoxville #6753 - 2:00 P.M.

March 15 District 22 Meeting @ Howard #8269 - 2:30 P.M. *

March 15 District 23 Meeting @ Windber #4795 - 2:00 P.M.

March 15 District 25 Meeting @ Aliquippa #8805 - 2:00 P.M.

Department President Kohler will visit*

With warmest regards,

Robin

Robin Kohler
Department President

Jodie

Jodie Hollinger
Department Secretary/Treasurer

**EVERY DAY IS
VETERANS DAY**

**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026
MARCH GENERAL ORDERS**

**SERVING
THOSE WHO
SERVED**



JOIN OUR RANKS

**CHAIRMAN - AMY PETERSON amyaux212@gmail.com
#EVERYDAYISVETERANS DAY #SERVINGTHOSEWHOSERVEDJOINOURRANKS
#FROMSEATOSHININGSEAHONORINGVETERANSTHATKEEPUSFREE**



**TIME TO REVISIT PROGRAM GOALS
AND FOLLOW UP ON ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS!
YEAR END REPORTS ARE COMING UP FAST!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT WE WILL ACCOMPLISH!
DON'T STOP NOW, MEMBERSHIP NEVER SLEEPS!**

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DISTRICT	AUXILIARY
8	3460
9	5956
10	531
10	7251
13	216
13	411
14	1568
14	6072
15	7810
15	8730
16	1074
17	34
17	255
18	23
18	1620
18	7415
21	7045
21	8951
22	5020
22	5644
22	5825
22	6321
23	7295
23	8861
26	1586
28	2006
28	4789
28	5958
28	6233
28	7465
30	1754
30	4440

**TOP O' THE
RANKS!
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RANKS!**

**AS OF 02-21-2026
PENNSYLVANIA
99.82% PAID!**

DISTRICTS
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26

*KISS THE BLARNEY STONE,
HUG A LEPRECHAUN,
RUB A HORSESHOE,
FOLLOW THE RAINBOW
FIND THE POT 'O' GOLD!
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES !!!!
CRANK IT UP, RANK IT UP!
GO TEAM PA!*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
DRAWING WINNERS
DURING MID-WINTER FOR THE
"SPECIALIST" AWARDS!**

DIVISION	AUXILIARY	DISTRICT
1	3	22
2	6082	10
3	3374	28
4	1964	17
5	5642	14
6	464	19
7	8317	11



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**Do YOU have THE MOST creative ideas to
RETAIN members?**

**Please SHARE your
'top secrets' with me by March 31!**

**YOU could be our next
"Chief Master Sergeant"
(Membership Award #3)**

**PROGRAM
SPOTLIGHT**
March
2026

EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY



VFW Auxiliary Department of Pennsylvania

HOSPITAL

Linda Dilling, Chairman



Awards National & Department

It's that time of year again! Don't forget to fill out your year-end reports and please take a few minutes to fill out the hospital awards as well.

There are many deserving volunteers that give their time and energy to our hospitalized veterans. Nominating them in one of our award categories will ensure they will be recognized for their efforts.

A reminder of the different award categories:

- Outstanding Hospital Volunteer award: If you know someone who consistently volunteers in hospitals or nursing homes, don't let this opportunity pass to let them know they are appreciated!
- Recruitment: Have you ever asked anyone new to give their time in a hospital or nursing home? Even just once qualifies for recruitment!
- Most Creative or Unique Activity or Event: If you know someone who has come up with an imaginative or creative event that was special and lifted our veteran's spirits (must be **in hospital** to qualify), now is the time to give them the recognition they deserve.



With this QR Code you can go directly to the VFWA Dept. of PA Hospital Program Website where you will find all the applications for the awards!

Year-end Reports are due to your District President by April 5th! Review the PA Program Book and make sure that you have completed an activity or made a relevant donation for each program. Review the national awards and apply for the awards that you qualify for!

Additional information for these programs and activities can be found at vfwauxpa.org then programs – check out each program and look for the “Information Station!”

LEGISLATIVE

Tim Altman, Chairman

Hello sister and brother Auxiliary members, can you believe it - we are nearing the end of our reporting year.

Hopefully you have all been keeping good records, but if not look back and complete your year end report. The year ends March 31st and your reports are due to your district presidents by April 5th.

If you're submitting for the national legislative award, it is due to me, your department chairman by March 31st. I will pick the best entry and submit it to our national ambassador for judging for the award.

Although our reporting year is ending, our legislative work continues. Pay attention to VFW Action Corps weekly and take action when asked to so our legislators know what we want passed for our Veterans.

“Remember Every Day Is Veterans Day”

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Marsha Fuhrman, Chairman

Illustrating America entries are due to your Auxiliary by March 31st. Please bring your winning entries to the Department President's Testimonial or mail them to me by April 15th.

Marsha Fuhrman
618 Northland Dr
Hanover, PA 17331

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Athena Theodorakos-Gjerde, Chairman

Even though the reporting year is ending, a new one is starting - please continue to support our Veterans and their families!

Every day IS Veterans Day – let's continue to show our veterans how much we care about them.

AMERICANISM

Cherie Dysard, Chairman

It is not too early to start planning for Memorial Day activities with your post!

Order your 3" x 5" American flags from Department Headquarters soon!

<https://vfwauxpa.org/uploads/Documents/Forms/2025-2026DepartmentAmericanFlagOrderForm.pdf>

AUXILIARY OUTREACH

Jency Mercado, Chairman

Quarterly Report forms and Year-end Report forms are both due soon.

Continue to work with other community organizations to the benefit of children, senior citizens, those with special needs as well as animals, the environment, and public spaces.

BUDDY POPPY/ NATIONAL HOME

Beverly Kemmerer, Chairman

It's time to start working on your Buddy Poppy display for Department Convention!

The contest rules are posted on the VFW Auxiliary PA's website:

https://vfwauxpa.org/uploads/Documents/Programs/2025-2026_BuddyPoppyDisplayContest.pdf

EXTENSION

Karen Hoover, Chief of Staff

There is no year-end report form for Extension and Revitalization. THANK YOU for everything that you continue do to mentor new auxiliary members and support your auxiliary and other auxiliaries!

Please reach out if I can provide any assistance to you!

SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Mooney, Chairman

3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest and Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

Artwork is due to the Auxiliaries by March 31, 2026. Continue to reach out to groups in your community to drum up activity for these programs!!! 30 days left to participate in this scholarship program!!!! **All first place winners at the Auxiliary level are due to Karen Mooney by April 15th.** If you happen to be attending the Department President Testimonial on the weekend of April 10th, please bring your artwork with you and it can be turned in at that point in time. Otherwise, first place pieces will need to be mailed for Department judging. Very excited to see all the talent that will be shared!!!!!!!!!!!!

Year End Report (YER) time is also upon us. Reports are due to your **District President by April 5, 2026.** Remember to receive credit for participating your auxiliary has to answer yes to just one question per program. Looking forward to having 100% participating for the YER's. All year end report forms can be found online and can be electronically filled out to save on completing them by hand. Remember that when you get ready to send your reports to your District President, keep a copy for your own records. Never can tell with mail service today.

Remember to take a look at the **National Scholarships Award** to see if your auxiliary meets the criteria to submit an entry. You never know how you make out unless you try and submit!! That information can be located in the program book as well as under the Scholarships Program at vfwauxpa.org.

Scholarships T-Shirt Fundraiser is still running. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, shirt orders will be accepted through May so that funds can be totaled and turned over the beginning of June. Shirt orders are located on the Auxiliary website: vfwauxpa.org. New shirt designs are available and now you have a choice between short sleeve, long sleeve, polos and hoodies. An updated order form is attached to the Department website under the Scholarships Program at vfwauxpa.org

Please remember that "Every Day is Veterans Day" and Uncle Sam wants to know what YOU are doing to support the VFW Auxiliary Scholarships Programs!! Fight to the finish line!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Loyally,
Karen Mooney, Scholarships Program Chair
VFWA, Dept of PA

HISTORIAN/MEDIA RELATIONS

Debra Antosh, Chairman

The VFW Auxiliary Historian and Media Relations year-end report should detail how the Auxiliary documented its history and promoted programs through media. Focus on the "5 W's" (Who, What, Where, When, Why) of events, featuring photo documentation, social media engagement, press coverage, and impact on veterans and community outreach.

Key Elements

Media Outreach Activities: List newspapers, radio, television, and community partners used to promote the VFW.

Social Media Impact: Report on your Auxiliary's social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), including, for example, 3-5 minute video interviews.

Historian Records: Describe your efforts in compiling the year's history, including scrapbooks, photo albums, and digital archives.

Data and Stats: Include quantitative data, such as the number of flyers distributed, news articles published, or event attendance.

Event Documentation: Include photos, event flyers, and thank-you notes for major projects. **Specific Highlights:** Note any high-impact events promoting suicide awareness, mental health for veterans, or support for the VFW National Home.

Awards Consideration: Ensure you have documented activities required for [Department or National awards](#).

Crucial Steps:

Use Malta Member Resources to find the correct, up-to-date reporting form. Submit to the Department Chairman by the required deadline (usually March 31).

Signatures: Ensure the report is signed by the Auxiliary President and the Chairman to be valid for National citations Ensure all photos, especially of youth, have signed [release forms](#). Retain a copy of the report for your records

1. Historian Record-Keeping Activity Chronology: A list of all meetings and events with dates, number of members attending, and total volunteer hours.

Visual Documentation: Photographs of events, including the President's visits, Auxiliary meetings, and community service projects.

Memorabilia Collection: Digital or traditional scrapbooks containing event flyers, thank-you notes, programs, and newsletters.

Detailed Descriptions: Narratives of specific projects, focusing on the motivation and the "story" behind the event (e.g., helping an injured veteran vs. just having a garage sale).

2. Media Relations & Outreach

Communications Channels: Reporting whether you use a website, Facebook page, or printed newsletters to reach members and the public. **Press Coverage:** Copies of news releases sent and any resulting print, radio, or television coverage received. **Publicity Tools:** Documentation of using the VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide or official press release templates from MALTA Member Resources. **Media Recognition:** Photos or descriptions of any **Communications Awards** or certificates of recognition presented to local media partners.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

LOYALTY DAY

Friday, May 1, 2026

PA State Capitol

501 North 3rd Street

Harrisburg, PA

Loyalty Day is a special day for the reaffirmation
Of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition
Of the heritage of American Freedom.

**Every Post, Auxiliary and District are encouraged to
participate in this reaffirmation of our loyalty.**



Friday, May 1 – 10:00 A.M.

In the Capitol Rotunda

State Commander Special Project

I chose my special project with the Pittsburgh Warriors Hockey Team for disabled Veterans to build camaraderie, seek friendships on and off the ice. The growing number of veterans dealing with substance and Alcohol abuse, depression, PTSD, and unseen scars are overwhelming, and this will give Veterans the opportunity to start their process of healing. Donations can be sent to:

Department of PA VFW Headquarters
4002 Fenton Avenue
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109
Attn: State Commander's Special Project
Allstate Requirement is: \$100.00.



PITTSBURGH WARRIORS HOCKEY MISSION STATEMENT

Pittsburgh Warriors Hockey is a 501(c)(3) organization of honorably discharged service members with a service-connected disability united around hockey and dedicated to provide a cathartic experience, promote physical and mental healing and growth as well as to enable team members to be even more productive members of society.

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