

AMERICANISM

POW/MIA DAY

September 15, 2023, POW/MIA Day

This is a great opportunity for you to bring the community together and educate the youth, having a Missing Man Ceremony.

Have a BBQ, invite the boy or girl scouts to assist, ask the post to assist in the POW/MIA Table with the different branches of the Military.



#MORETHANLETTERS

Remembering that POW/MIA/KIA are not just letters and educating those around you daily that the flag means more than just flying it,

“It means Honor, Courage, Freedom, and Respect.”

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2023-2024 Department President
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Patriot's Day



September 11th, 2023

Bringing the Community together with an “Ice Cream Social”, invite the local Fire Department and Law Enforcement, have the children talk with them and make sundaes.

“Show our First Responder's we still remember.”

“We have not Forgotten “

Gold Star



September 24th, 2023

On this day we honor the families who have lost family members. A luncheon and inviting these families and letting them talk of their experience and loss. This can bring such pleasure and hope to these families knowing their loved ones are not forgotten.

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH

"STAND UP, SPEAK OUT"
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"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS"
AUGUST 2023

"OUR LABOR OF LOVE"



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS!

**LET'S VOLUNTEER OUR TIME WITH FIRST
RESPONDERS AND LOCAL SCHOOLS:**

- BICYCLE SAFETY
- HELP WITH ID KITS
- EMT'S TO HOST CPR TRAINING

WHAT'S CONSIDERED AUXILIARY OUTREACH:

- WORKING WALKS OR RUNS THAT BENEFIT OTHER ORGANIZATION AS AN EVENT SPOTTER, WATER STATION, VOLUNTEER, TIMEKEEPER
- WORKING WITH LOCAL POLICE ON CHILD ID KITS
- WORKING WITH FIREFIGHTERS ON FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION
- WORKING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS TO PLANT TREES, ADOPT-A-PARK INITIATIVES
- HELPING WITH A SPAY AND NEUTER ANIMAL CLINIC
- SERVING FOOD AT SOUP KITCHENS
- THESE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS

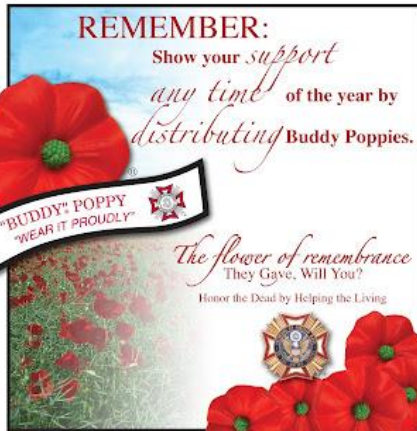
WHAT'S NOT CONSIDERED AUXILIARY OUTREACH:

- REPAIRS TO, MAINTENANCE OR BEAUTIFICATION TO POST
- COOKING AND SERVING MEALS FOR A POST OR AUXILIARY FUNDRAISING EVENT
- PROVIDING AN HONOR GUARD AT A MEMBER'S FUNERAL
- FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG
- CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR ONE SPECIFIC CONGREGATION AND NOT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY
- "BUDDY POPPY" DISTRIBUTION
- VFW OR AUXILIARY MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES, SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS OR CASH DONATIONS

**SPECIAL AWARD FOR (1) AUXILIARY IN EACH MEMBERSHIP GROUP WHO VOLUNTEERS THE
MOST AUXILIARY COMMUNITY HOURS WITH ANOTHER NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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The Buddy Poppy continues to help our disabled Veterans and Service members.

Set up a Buddy Poppy Drive, have information with you to help explain the Buddy Poppy.

#poppiescount, take pictures and hashtag them to Facebook, or any other media.

This can be done any time of year, maybe set it up with your post for quarterly times.

Remember the unofficial "Buddy Poppy" contest to be held at "Boot Camp" celebrating the 100th anniversary of the patient for the Buddy Poppy.



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Buddy Poppy Display at "Fall Round-Up"

CATEGORY 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

(a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW "Buddy" ® Poppy.

(b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets, or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

(a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the "Buddy" ® Poppy.

(b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

(a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

(b) At least one (1) of the Poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.



National Home

Donating to the National Home benefits so many families, there are so many ways you can help as an Auxiliary.

Purchasing a Membership

- *Congratulating a member for a great program idea*
- *Recognizing a job well done*
- *Honoring a Veteran*

Purchasing a brick for Tribute Park

Shop the National Homes Amazon Wishlist

You can log into Malta for many other ways to donate to the National Home



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HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS

1. The job of the Historian & Media Relations Chairman is to capture your Auxiliary's program year. We want to inform the public about our National Programs.
2. We can use photographs, videos, and newspapers.
3. Create a website, a face book page, or twitter.
4. As we capture our special memories all year, keep a written log of each event with the 5 w's, who, what, when, where, and why.
5. At the end of the year, you could present your President with a photo book or scrap book.

"Service is more than something we do, it's who we are"

- This year Connect with an Auxiliary Legacy Member.
- Record a 3-5 minute Interview video.
- Introduce the legacy member with Some details about them.
- Ask why they joined.
- Ask about their favorite memories.
- Place emphasis on bringing the past to life. Let them show a few pictures of their favorite moments or people.
- If you cannot locate a legacy member In your Auxiliary, look to your District.



Submit your video with your winning entry form by March 31, 2024, to the Department Chairman. The winning video will be shown at the NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 2024.

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HOSPITAL PROGRAM

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Now is the time to get your program plans together, start with a quick overview of the year highlighting dates which you want to follow the Hospital Programs.

Start planning two to three months out for your promotions, volunteers, supplies, needed, coordinating with Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Veterans Homes, and VA & Non-VA medical facilities

"Do you know who your VAVS representative is.....reach out and support them"

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Set Up personal meetings to show how Auxiliary wants to support and recognize Veterans

- Hospital – Meet with the Chaplain/Pastoral care Dept
- Nursing Homes – Meet with Activities Director

Volunteers-Get your team ready for special holiday visits

Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines Day
Don't forget a Veterans Birthday, or just make a special day to visit.



***We all have
Hearts
Caring for
Veterans***



Volunteers

- Who are your crafty people, share ideas on what can be made to give or raffle off to raise funds: hats, quilts, cards, lap robes.
- Meet with facilities volunteers, recruit them as members to help.
- Can your Chaplain or someone make calls to those Post/Auxiliary members in Hospital.
- Calls made to Veterans in Nursing Homes, Hospital before a holiday,
- Reach out to your community to a crafty group ask them for a special donated item..

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Legislative

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We as Auxiliary member are here to help and support plus improve our Veterans, and their families' lives.

Let's start by being informed.

- Attend town hall meetings.
- Identify who you represent.
- Ask questions for an elected candidate.
- Communicate by E-mail or phone calls.
- Auxiliary does not permit endorsements.
- We are here to support our Veterans and families.
- Resources available through **Malta Member Resources.**



**Help Honor our
Veterans through our
Legislative Program
“Working Together”**



Department Awards for Auxiliaries

Most Outstanding Video on promotion, and educational on Legislations.

- ❖ “How we help our Men/Women Veterans thought legislations”
- ❖ Special **AWARDS** to Top 3 Videos plus Citation.
- ❖ Video 3-5 Minutes long download on “YouTube” must be posted on Auxiliary Facebook page, and Community Facebook page, send to:
Department Legislative Chairman by: March 31, 2024
(Work as a team to create the VIDEO. Use your Apple or Android Phone.
Use a movie App., Download to “YouTube”, Creativity, and Imaginations.
Let's promote **OUR Legislative program.**

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MEMBERSHIP

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Why Convert to Life?

Did you know that Converting to Life means that you will never have to worry about paying membership dues again. Did you also know that there is an award for the auxiliary with the most Converted to life members at the Department level?



In First Place
we have
District 21,
Post 10167.



In Second
place we have
District 13
post 8463
District 18
Post 5277
District 21
Post 10209



In third
Place
District 9
Post 10094



Make sure on the Membership Renewal letter it tells the member how much it would cost them to go to life. Put in an extra note inviting them to a meeting or an upcoming event. Let them know that you miss them at meetings. Encourage them to participate in the auxiliary.

How to Promote Membership Thru Social Media



Make yourself open to change, invite, and encourage the younger members and allow younger members to generate new ideas for solving persistent auxiliary problems. Make sure the fresh ideas and knowledge of young and new members have a voice and space to help your auxiliary to grow.



Orient your new members by showing them the impact that you have on veterans' lives and on the community. Make sure they have the meeting dates as soon as you sign them up.



Inform and invite them to upcoming projects and activates.



Introduce the new members to other members.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“Stand Up, Speak Out”

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“Banding Together for Our Veterans”

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“GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!”

- ✓ Contest is open for youth in grades K-12 that is divided into two grade divisions: K-8 and 9-12.
- ✓ National Singing Contest; Public, Private, Homeschooled children. Youth and Church groups are areas to locate singers.
- ✓ Entries will be judged on vocal ability, mastery of lyrics, originality or interpretation and entertainment value.
- ✓ Entry forms: www.vfwauxfl.org.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

- Open to students in grade K-8.
- Artwork painted on canvas or paper and two dimensional.
- Entries judged on Patriotic theme and technique.
- Three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.
- Deadline is March 31, 2024.
- Student brochure and entry form: www.vfwauxfl.org.

UPCOMING PATRIOTIC DAYS

- Sept. 11 Patriots Day
- Sept. 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sept. 17 Constitution and Citizenship
- Sept. 25 Gold Star Mother's/Family Day

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