

DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY 990-SERIES FILINGS
AND REINSTATEMENT OF FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS
UPDATE 08/05/2024

RECAP: The Department VFW Auxiliary's' federal tax-exempt status was automatically revoked on October 15, 2023, for failure to file a Form 990-series return for the following three (3) consecutive years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The last filing was May 31, 2020, for tax year 2019. As a result of the Department VFW Auxiliary losing their federal tax exemption status, those auxiliaries who fell under the Group Exemption also lost their federal exempt status. The Department was not made aware of any issues with the IRS until after our tax exemption was revoked.

In early April 2024, the Department Council of Administration voted to hire a Tax Accountant to help resolve these deficiencies. Interim Department Treasurer, Cindy Estell has signed an agreement with a local Tax Accountant who specializes in non-profit organizations 990-series returns and the reinstatement process and applying for a group exemption as a 501(c)19.

UPDATE:

The 990's for 2020 (tax year 06/01/2020 to 05/31/2021); 2021 (tax year 06/20/21 to 05/31/2022); and 2022 (tax year 06/01/2022 to 05/31/2023) are now complete. The Tax Accountant is finalizing all documents for submission to the IRS along with required forms requesting the reinstatement of the Department Auxiliary tax-exempt status, a change in our status from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)19 Veterans non-profit organization and to restore the Group Exemption. Another update will be provided by mid-September.