

# AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

**HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2024**  
**Monetary Donations to any project must be a minimum of \$10.00 to earn credit.**

**NOTE: Two reports (one per period) shall be required covering the following periods:**

**4/01/24 – 11/30/24 This report must be *received* by the Department Chairmen by December 31, 2024, to be considered for the Mid-Winter Conference Contest.**

**12/01/24 – 3/31/2025 This report must be *received* by the Department Chairmen by April 15, 2025, to be considered for the Convention contests.**

***BLANK REPORTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED POINTS***

## OPERATIONS / ADMINISTRATION

### CONVENTION FUND

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| 1. Donation of prize to the Pre-Convention Jamboree                | 2 Points        |
| 2. Purchase of Pre-Convention Jamboree raffle tickets              | 3 Points        |
| 3. Participation in additional Convention Fund special fund raiser | <u>3 Points</u> |
|  | 8 Points        |

### FINANCE

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Annual Auxiliary Finance Donation by November 30, 2024                           | 5 Points         |
| (Donations received after November 30, 2024 – 2 Points)                             |                  |
| 2. Annual Auxiliary Finance Donation of \$50.00 or more                             | 5 Points         |
| 3. Financial participation in finance projects throughout the year (to be prorated) | <u>25 Points</u> |
|   | 35 Points        |

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Member(s) attendance at the Program Kickoff  | 3 Points        |
| 2. Member(s) attendance at majority of District meetings                                  | 2 Points        |
| 3. Member(s) attendance at Department Mid-Winter Conference                               | 2 Points        |
| 4. Donation to State President's Special Project  | 3 Points        |
| 5. Four (4) quarterly audits to Dept. Treasurer ON TIME (end of Aug., Nov., Feb. and May) | 2 Points        |
| 6. Purchase of State President's pins   | 2 Points        |
| 7. Purchase of 25 or more State President's pins  | <u>5 Points</u> |
|   | 21 Points       |

## NATIONAL PROGRAMS

### AMERICANISM

1. Utilize Americanism material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
2. Promote, participate in, recognize any patriotic day or branch of service birthdays 2 Points
3. American and/or POW/MIA flag presentation (must be at least 2" x 3") 2 Points
4. Issue Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificate of Appreciation or Respect for for the Flag Citations to businesses/citizens displaying U.S. or POW/MIA flag or other displays of American pride 1 Point
5. Conduct patriotic education in your Auxiliary and/or community 1 Point
6. Participate in a Loyalty Day program 1 Point
7. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
10 Points

### AUXILIARY OUTREACH

1. Utilize Auxiliary Outreach material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
2. Participate as a group to volunteer/partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary 2 Points
3. Create and submit to Dept. Chairman a photo collage of your Outreach program 2 Points
4. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
7 Points

### BUDDY POPPY / VFW NATIONAL HOME

#### **Buddy Poppy:**

1. Utilize the Buddy Poppy material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
2. Hold a Buddy Poppy drive with or without your Post 2 Points
3. Participate in the Department Program Kickoff display contest 1 Point
4. Participate in the Mid-Winter Conference display contest 1 Point

#### **VFW National Home:**

5. Utilize the National Home material/resources from MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
6. Promote the VFW National Home 1 Point
7. Promote the VFW National Home's Helpline 1 Point
8. Purchase at least one National Home Life Membership 1 Point
9. Donate to Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund through National 2 Points
10. Donate to Massachusetts House through Department 2 Points
11. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
15 Points

### CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION/REVITALIZATION

1. Utilize the Extension/Revitalization/Mentoring materials in MALTA Resources 1 Point
2. Present "Good Job" awards to mentors in your Auxiliary 2 Points
3. Member(s) fulfilling the role of Mentor 2 Point
4. Hold a special recognition for mentors in your auxiliary 2 Point
5. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
9 Points

## **HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS**

1. Utilize Historian material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
  2. Utilize Media Relations material/resources from MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
  3. Send monthly or quarterly newsletters to all members 2 Points
  4. Have and use a Facebook page and/or Website (alone or with Post) 1 Point
  5. Hold a "how to" training to educate members on use of media 1 Point
  6. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (1 point each report period) 2 Points
- 8 Points**

## **HOSPITAL**

1. **Member(s) attendance at the Hospital Workshop** **3 Points**
  2. Donation to Department Hospital Fund (Hospital Pledge) 2 Points
  3. Donation of \$50.00 or more to Department Hospital Fund 5 Points
  4. Sponsor a party/function for any facility, both VA and non-VA 2 Points
  5. Donate items to a medical center/soldiers home/community hospital or nursing home 2 Points
  6. Promote, participate or host any activity listed (alone or with Post):  
Honors Escort / National Salute to Veterans Patients-Valentines for Veterans  
Veterans Health Care (VHA) / Women Veterans Health Care Program 2 Points
  7. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points
- 18 Points**

## **LEGISLATIVE**

1. Utilize the Legislative material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
  2. Subscribe to VFW's *Action Corps Weekly* 1 Point
  3. Promote, participate or host activities regarding VFW Priority Goals 1 Point
  4. Contact legislators on veterans issues by any means (emails, phone, letters, etc.) 1 Point
  5. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points
- 6 Points**

## **MEMBERSHIP (recorded at National Headquarters by dates listed)**

1. **80% plus by September 30, 2024** **12 Points**
  2. **95%+ by November 30, 2024** **12 Points**
  3. 98%+ by December 31, 2024 12 Points
  4. 100%+ by January 31, 2025 7 Points
  5. 101%+ by April 15, 2025 5 Points
  6. Utilize Membership material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
  7. Promote, participate or host activities on Auxiliary education and recruitment or educate members on National Membership Program Awards 1 Point
  8. Participate in recruiting event on any level 1 Point
  10. Recruit at least one new member 3 Points
  11. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points
- 56 Points**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Promote the National Continuing Education Scholarship Contest 1 Point
  2. Donate to the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund through National 1 Point
  3. Promote / Participate in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest 2 Points
  4. Promote / Participate in the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest 2 Points
  5. Donate to the Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund (for both art contests) through National 2 Points
  6. Assist Post by Promoting or Conducting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest 2 Points
  7. Assist Post by Promoting or Conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest 2 Points
  8. Donate to the Bessie Hanken Youth Awards Fund (through Department office) 2 Points
- Note: This fund covers the prize money for **all youth contests***
9. Donation of \$50.00 or more to Bessie Hanken Youth Awards Fund 5 Points
  10. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
21 Points

## **VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

1. Utilize Veterans & Family Support material/resources in MALTA Member Resources 1 Point
2. Promote, participate or host any VFW Program listed:
  - a. Disaster Relief
  - b. Military Assistance (MAP)
  - c. National Veterans Service (NVS)
  - d. Unmet Needs
  - e. Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness 2 Points
3. Provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families 2 Points
4. Participate in Wreaths Across America project 2 Points
5. Sponsor/donate to Veterans Voices Writing Project 1 Point
6. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
10 Points

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

1. Work with youth/youth groups during program year 1 Point
2. Award Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations 2 Points
3. Participate in Patriotism through Literacy 2 Points
4. Host an Awards Ceremony recognizing your Illustrating America contest winners 2 Points
5. Promote the Illustrating America art contest 2 Points
6. Submit required two (2) reports by deadline dates (one [1] point each report period) 2 Points  
11 Points

**TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

**235 POINTS**

**EXTRA CREDIT:** *Each VFW Auxiliary shall earn 15 additional points in the Awards Program by submitting the Auxiliary of the Year Report Form outlining only **ONE PROJECT (big or small) ASSISTING VETERAN(S), THEIR FAMILIES OR YOUR YOUR COMMUNITY** during this Administration. All your projects are worthwhile, but please just choose ONE to report here.*

**15 POINTS**

**TOTAL AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR AWARDS POINTS AVAILABLE 250 POINTS**

**NOTE:** As you have the potential of 250 points, you will need at least 150 points to qualify for the \$10.00 awards and 175 points to qualify for the Auxiliary of the Year awards.

**In addition for all awards (individual programs or Auxiliary of the Year), the Auxiliary must:**

- have held at least 10 meetings this year**
- not be on suspension**
- not be in arrears with National or Department**
- be up to date with audit reports**
- have officers elected, installed and recorded in MALTA  
for the coming year**
- have Department Convention registration fees paid in full**