

AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

2026-2027

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2026
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:

4/01/26 – 11/30/26 This report must be received by the Department Chairmen by December 31, 2026, to be considered for the Mid-Winter Conference Contest.

12/01/26 – 3/31/2027 This report must be received by the Department Chairmen by April 15, 2027, 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 fundraiser | <u>3 Points</u> |
| | <i>8 Points</i> |

FINANCE

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| 1. Annual Auxiliary Finance Donation by November 30, 2026
(Donations received after November 30, 2026 – 2 Points) | 5 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> |
| | <i>35 Points</i> |

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 |
| 5a. Four (4) quarterly audits to Dept. Treasurer ON TIME - end of Aug., Nov.,
b. and end of Feb. and May (one point for each report) | <u>2 Points</u> |
| | 2 Points |
| 6. Purchase of State President's pins/coins | 2 Points |
| 7. Purchase of 25 or more State President's pins/coins | 5 Points |
| 8. Purchase of Treasurer's Bond paid by 7/31/26 | <u>2 Points</u> |
| | <i>23 Points</i> |

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMERICANISM

1. Promote, participate in, recognize any patriotic day or branch of service birthdays 2 Points
 2. American and/or POW/MIA flag presentation (must be at least 2" x 3") 2 Points
 3. Create a POP sign (Point-of-Purchase display) incorporating American symbols to promote Patriotism 1 Point
 4. Issue Patriotic Appreciation Citations, Certificate of Appreciation or Respect 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 instruction in your Auxiliary and/or community 1 Point
 6. Participate in a Loyalty Day program between 4/1/26 to 3/31/27 1 Point
 - 7a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 10 Points*

BUDDY POPPY

1. Hold a Buddy Poppy drive with or without your Post 2 Points
 2. Participate in the Department Program Kickoff display contest 1 Point
 3. Participate in the Mid-Winter Conference display contest 1 Point
 - (4. Participate in the State Convention Display Contest 2027 – 2 Points)*
(This will count towards the 2027-28 Aux. of the Year Contest)
 5. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 6. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 6 Points*

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION/REVITALIZATION

1. Present “Good Job” awards to mentors in your Auxiliary 2 Points
 2. Hold a special recognition for mentors in your auxiliary 2 Points
 - 3a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 6 Points*

HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS

1. Communicate quarterly to all members by email, text or phone call 2 Points
 2. Have and use a Facebook page and/or Website (alone or with Post) 1 Point
 3. Hold a “how to” training to educate members on use of media 1 Point
 - 4a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/25 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/26 1 Point
- 6 Points*

HOSPITAL

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| 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 (Hospital Pledge) | 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. Volunteer at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility | 2 Points |
| 7. Promote/recruit volunteers for VA (CDCE) or non-VA facility | 2 Point |
| 8a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 | 1 Point |
| b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 | <u>1 Point</u> |
| | 20 Points |

LEGISLATIVE

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| 1. Subscribe to VFW's <i>Action Corps Weekly</i> | 2 Points |
| 2. Promote, participate or host activities regarding VFW Priority Goals | 1 Point |
| 3. Contact legislators on veterans issues by any means
(emails, phone, letters, in person, etc.) | 2 Points |
| 4a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 | 1 Point |
| b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 | <u>1 Point</u> |
| | 7 Points |

MEMBERSHIP (recorded at National Headquarters by dates listed)

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| 1. 80% plus by September 30, 2026 | 12 Points |
| 2. 95%+ by November 30, 2026 | 12 Points |
| 3. 98%+ by February 28, 2027 | 12 Points |
| 4. 100%+ by April 30, 2027 | 7 Points |
| 5. 102%+ by May 15, 2027 | 5 Points |
| 6. Promote, participate or host activities on Auxiliary education and recruitment or
educate members on National Membership Program Awards | 1 Point |
| 7. Participate in recruiting event on any level | 1 Point |
| 8. Recruit at least one new or rejoin member | up to - 4 Points |
| (1 member = 1 point; 2 members = 2 points; 3 members = 3 points; over 3 = 4 points) | |
| 9a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 | 1 Point |
| b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 | <u>1 Point</u> |
| | 56 Points |

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Promote the National Continuing Education Scholarship Contest 1 Point
 2. Promote / Participate in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest 2 Points
 3. Promote / Participate in the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest 2 Points
 4. Assist Post by Promoting or Conducting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest 2 Points
 5. Assist Post by Promoting or Conducting the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest 2 Points
 6. Recognize contest winners by hosting an Awards Ceremony and/or presenting awards 1 Point
 7. Donate to the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund through National 1 Point
 8. Donate to the Patriotic Art Scholarship Fund (for both art contests) through National 2 Points
 9. Donate to the Bessie Hanken Youth Awards Fund (through Department office) 2 Points
- Note: This fund covers the prize money for **all youth contests**.*
10. Donation of \$50.00 or more to Bessie Hanken Youth Awards Fund 5 Points
 - 11a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 22 Points**

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

1. Promote, participate or host any VFW Program listed:
 - a. Disaster Relief
 - b. Help-a-Hero Scholarship
 - c. National Veterans Service (NVS)
 - d. Unmet Needs
 - e. Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness
 - f. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)1 Point
 2. Donate to any VFW Program listed:
 - a. Disaster Relief
 - b. Help-a-Hero Scholarship
 - c. National Veterans Service (NVS)
 - d. Unmet Needs
 - e. DPAA2 Points
 3. Participate in Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness 1 Point
 4. Provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families 2 Points
 5. Participate in Wreaths Across America project 2 Points
 6. Sponsor/donate to Veterans Voices Writing Project 1 Point
 7. Participate in annual Baby Showers held at VA Medical Centers 1 Point
 - 8a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 12 Points**

VFW NATIONAL HOME

1. Promote the VFW National Home 2 Points
 2. Promote the VFW National Home's Helpline 1 Point
 3. Purchase at least one National Home Life Membership or Tribute Brick 1 Point
 4. Donate to Health & Happiness/Christmas Cheer Fund through MALTA 2 Points
 5. Donate to Massachusetts House through Department 2 Points
 6. Donate to an additional National Home fundraiser 2 Points
 - 7a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26 1 Point
 - b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27 1 Point
- 12 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 by creating a VFW Auxiliary Lending Library	2 Points
4. Participate in Patriotism through Literacy	2 Points
5. Host an Awards Ceremony recognizing your Illustrating America contest winners	1 Point
6. Promote the Illustrating America art contest	2 Points
7a. Submit required ½ year report by 12/31/26	1 Point
b. Submit required year-end report by 4/15/27	1 Point
	<u>12 Points</u>

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 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**

BY MAY 20, 2027 DEADLINE