

Department of Maryland

# Circle of Excellence Auxiliaries

September 2024



Are you out there floating around and not knowing what to do?

Check your compass and get steered in the right direction.

Remember, you will not be competing against other auxiliaries. Every auxiliary is a winner and can achieve the Circle of Excellence award.

These points are based on your performance only. The total points available are 535 points.

On April 15, 2025, your points will be totaled and all Auxiliaries reaching 430 points will be welcomed into the Circle of Excellence and receive the plaque.

## **Growth in Membership based on the membership standings as of April 15, 2024.**

110 points	If you are over 101%. Not including deaths (current percentage)
100 points	If you are over 100%. Not including deaths (current percentage)
90 points	If you are over 100% including paid deaths (paid percentage)
80 points	If you are 97-100% including paid deaths (paid percentage)

## **Taking care of your administrative duties on time.**

15 points	If your installation report is received by the Department secretary by May 15, 2024
10 points	If your installation report is received by the Department Secretary before the convening of Department Convention.
15 points	President and Treasurers' bond is received at National by July 15, 2024
10 points	President and Treasurers' bond is received at National by July 25, 2024

**Being on time and up to date.**

40 points	10 points awarded for each audit received on time
15 points	If the dues of all auxiliary officers are paid by December 15, 2024.
15 points	IRS 990 Completed by November 15, 2024, and a copy mailed to the Department Treasurer.
10 points	Within 30 days of taking office as President you provided a financial and membership report to the Post Commander.

**School of Instruction**

10 points	Auxiliary President attends the School of Instruction
5 points	For each Member of the Auxiliary that attends the School of Instruction.

**Working toward a common goal.**

20 points	A joint project or activity with the VFW that benefits both.
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**President's Special Project**

25 points	Sponsor a special event for Patriot Point
25 points	Donating to Patriot Point by sending funds to Treasurer Jackie Kimball that will be verified

**Being a part of our organization includes attending our functions.**

10 points	President attends the National President's Visit
5 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends National President's Visit
10 points	President attends Christmas Conference
5 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends Christmas Conference
10 points	President attends the State President's Testimonial

5 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends State President's Testimonial
5 points	For each Auxiliary member that attends the State President's Homecoming
5 points	For each member of your Auxiliary attending the State President's Visit of your District.

### **Program Participation**

10 points	For promoting patriotic holidays and reporting the event to the Americanism Chairmen.
10 points	Auxiliary outreach has 1 project approved by State Chairman.
10 points	Auxiliary promoting the National Home for it's 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
15 points	In social media have a class that trains members on how to do an auxiliary function.
5 points	Donation to the Department Hospital Fund.
5 Points	Donation to the Department Hospital Treat.
10 points	Sign up a new member for the VFW Action Core Weekly.
10 points	Have an entry in the Young American Patriotic Art Contest 2 and 3 Dimensional categories 5 points for each.
5 points	Distributing at least 10 R.A.P. cards
10 points	Hosting an event where youth read patriotic books to veterans. Or Veterans read patriotic books to youth.
10 points	Promotion on Veterans Suicide Awareness
10 points	Support of Homeless Veterans

I hope you will use this as a road map as to what you need to accomplish and when you need to do it.

Steer your Ship into the Circle of Excellence

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