



Greetings as we enter the autumn season. I hope you enjoyed a productive and rewarding summer. While I will miss the extended daylight hours, fall offers an opportunity to appreciate the vibrant foliage, experience cooler temperatures, and begin our annual visits to each VFW Auxiliary District. I look forward to attending your next district meeting and connecting with all of you.

2025 – 2026 SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT VISITS TO DISTRICTS*			
Date	Event	Location	Time
Sept 27	District 3 Visitation	Queens Point VFW Post 6775 21406 Queens Point Road McCoole, MD 21562	1 pm
Sept 28	District 4 Visitation	Federalsburg VFW Post 5246 2630 Veterans Drive Federalsburg, MD 21632	Breakfast items @ 9 am Meeting 10 am
October 4	District 11 Visitation	Tyson-Wilbert-Walker VFW Post 8509 335 East North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21202	Lunch 11 am Meeting 12 Noon
October 12	District 6 Visitation	Col. Harry L Cooper VFW Post 160 2597 Dorsey Road Glen Burnie, MD	2 pm
Oct 18	District 1 Visitation	John Trotter-Rbt. Stetham Post 8810 2310 Old Washington Rd Waldorf, MD	Lunch 12 Noon Meeting@1pm
Oct 19	District 5 Visitation	Aberdeen VFW Post 10028 821 Old Philadelphia Road Aberdeen, MD 21001	TBD
Nov 15	District 2 Visitation	Brig. Gen'l. McGee VFW Post 341 1601 Kenilworth Ave NE Washington, DC 20019	11 am
Nov 16	District 7 Visitation	John R. Webb VFW Post 3285 Frederick, MD	11 am
Jan 4	District 16 Visitation	Meuse VFW Post 194 821 East William Street Salisbury, MD 21904	12 Noon

February 1	District 10 Visitation	North East VFW Post 6027 813 Turkey Point Road North East, MD 21901	1 pm
February 7	District 14	Wells-McComas VFW Post 2678 6521 North Point Road Baltimore, MD 21219	TBA
Uniform of the Day: District Visits – President's shirt			

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To view the event flyer, go to: www.vfwauxmd.org →NEWS→AUXILIARY EVENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY Please notify me of any changes in officers, contact information or auxiliary meeting information. Use the form available at www.vfwauxmd.org Resources→Officer Change Form.

Address Change -

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2025-2026 October Program Promotion Preview

Patriotic Instructor and Americanism Chairman Cheri Brown, PDP presents key topics including "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions," the Order of Precedence for Military Flags, and Engaging the Community in Respect for the Flag. Her materials also provide historical insights on the U.S. Navy as the organization celebrates its 250th birthday. It is worth noting that the U.S. Navy is among Cheri's preferred branches of the military.



Auxiliary Outreach Chairman Kathy Williams provides additional examples of activities that qualify as "What Counts?" and those considered "What Doesn't Count?". Kathy also outlines several upcoming events scheduled in Cecil, Charles, and Dorchester Counties. Please refer to Kathy's list of "Special days in October" dedicated to recognizing volunteer service.



"Buddy® Poppy" & National Home Chairman PDP Karen Rooker would like to remind everyone to make their Health and Happiness donation. Additionally, she notes that the cost of a National Home Life Membership will increase to \$100 at the end of the year; currently, the membership fee remains \$50.00.

Chief of Staff Cathy Gistedt provides numerous recommendations in her October **Extension and Revitalization** materials to support the ongoing success of your auxiliary. Please review her guidance carefully. The material covers a range of topics for programs and duties of officers. Be sure to check out Cathy's "Strengthening Your Auxiliary" calendar.

The October communication from **Historian/Media Relations Chairman Dorothy Swigon** provides detailed insights into the process of "Creating Reels." Additionally, she offers an explanation on the effective use of hashtags, highlighting their simplicity and their value as a significant tool for media relations.



Hospital Chairman Cynthia Davis announces President Siperek's upcoming official visits to the VA hospitals. Please send your Hospital Fund donations so we can present a generous check to each of the six VA hospitals. Cynthia also shares a few key reminders and two notable congratulations in her mailing.

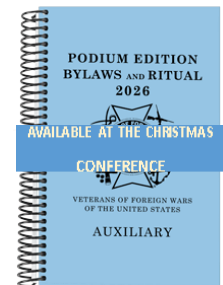
Legislative Chairman Linda Eberhart outlines the main objectives of the Legislative program. Linda presents six areas of concern, with this month's focus on **Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs**. Readers are directed to her topic "Immediate Action Needed" and the QR Code to sign up for the Action Corp Weekly.

Jackie Kimball, Membership Chairman would like to emphasize that **EVERY MEMBER COUNTS**. Please review the membership celebrations and take note of Jackie's reminders, as her Award No. 10 and 11 will be concluding soon. Jackie has allocated significant funds for Membership Awards; ensure your entries are submitted promptly to be considered for these opportunities.

President's Special Project Chairman Mary Cardinal-Vogt's latest mailing spotlights the Maryland House Kitchen Remodel. In it, Mary outlines the full renovation journey, highlights the most impactful upgrades, and explains how the finished project will enhance functionality and service for all who use the space.

Scholarships Chairman Nancy Shenk highlights the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contests. Please take note of the upcoming submission deadlines. Both contests share the theme this year: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for our Country." Additionally, Nancy is conducting a raffle for auxiliaries contributing \$100 or more to the National President's Special Project, which will help increase awards for the Continuing Education Scholarship.

Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball, PDP, will be providing the Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual at the Christmas Conference, available at the bulk rate. Additionally, Lottery Calendars will be offered for sale at \$25.00 each, providing opportunities to win every day of the year. Please refer to Jackie's information regarding "Where to Send Donations" for further details.



Veterans & Family Support Chairman VaNette Jones, PDP, provides essential information to all Auxiliary members AND the veterans in their lives, with a focus on VFW-based Veterans Assistance Programs. She highlights three key resources: Veteran Service Officers, National Veterans Service, and Military Assistance Programs. Detailed flyers are available to further inform members about these important initiatives.

Youth Activities – Please note, the Department is looking for a chairman to promote this program.

Nancy August, Liaison to Department VFW, provides details about the VFW Program that acknowledges public servants.

Joint Project Chairman Crystal Windsor would like to recommend planning a fundraiser to donate to the Joint Project with the VFW – the shuttle bus needed to transport the veterans at MCVET.

Always faithful!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Libby".

Libby DallaTezza, Secretary & Programs Coordinator
VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

