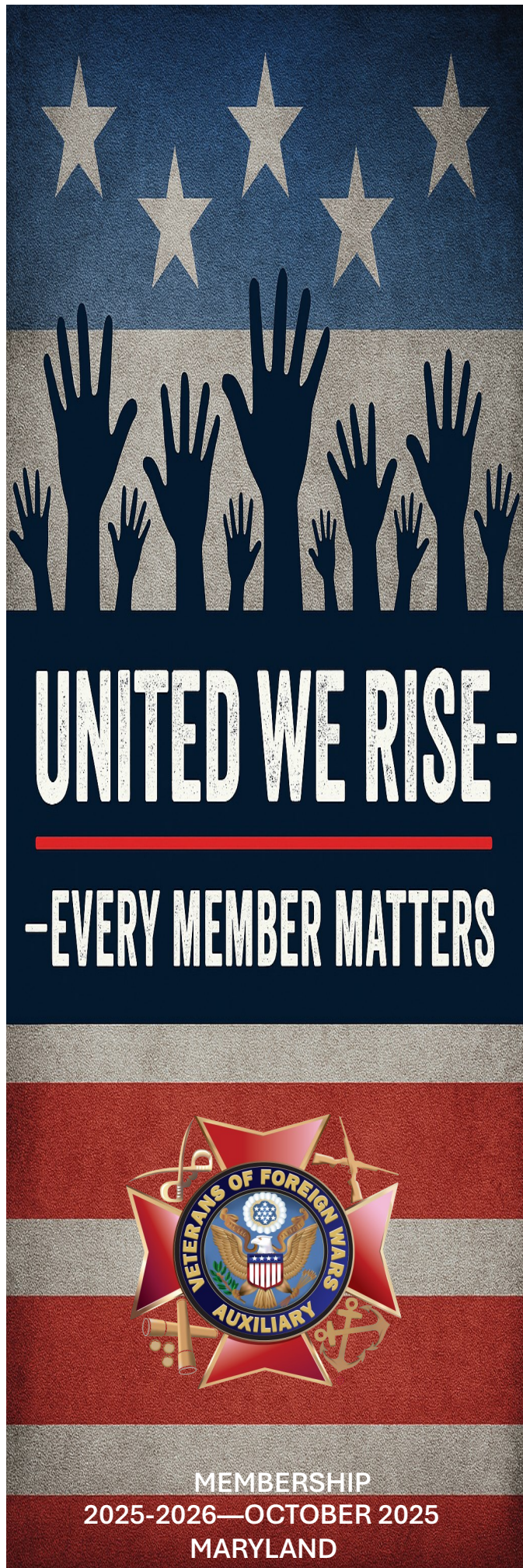




Department of Maryland— United We RISE!

We rise not alone, but shoulder to shoulder,
With hearts that serve and spirits bolder.
Each name, each face, each hand that lends—
Builds a legacy that never ends.

From quiet strength to voices loud,
We lift each other, strong and proud.
No rank too small, no task too slight—
Together we shine, together we fight.
So here's to the ones who stand and strive,
Who keep the flame of service alive.

In every count, in every quest—

EVERY MEMBER MATTERS.



As of September 21st

86.31% in Paid Membership

590

AHEAD OF LAST YEAR ON THIS DATE!

DON'T STOP NOW!

Let's Celebrate!

Membership Award

No. 8 Winners

Congratulations to:

MICHELLE GARDNER, AUX #327

NICOLINA TURNER, AUX #10078

CALEB CASEY, AUX #350

GARY RUSINOVICH, AUX #6506

PETER DAVID, AUX #7464

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
PAID THEIR DUES BY
AUGUST 31, 2025

Membership Award No. 1 Winners *Life Membership Conversion Winners*

JULY 2025—JOYCE ADAMS, AUX #2678

AUGUST 2025—SHANNON SLAYMAN, AUX #8185



Featuring Award No. 10

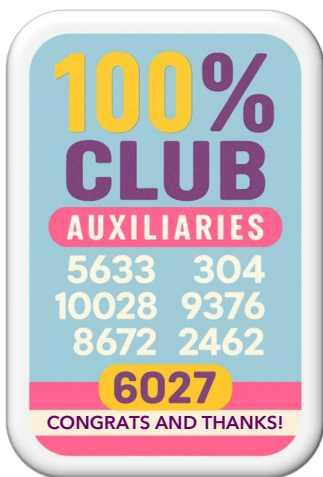
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

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Looking Ahead— Award No. 11

Month of November 2025

98%+ Award based on paid Membership as of November 30, 2025. Auxiliaries who are 98%+ in Membership, in each Membership Division will be placed in a Drawing for \$150. Two (2) \$150 Drawings per Membership Division. Percentages will be based on the December 1, 2025 National (CMR) Paid—Cancelled & Deceased Report.



“Adopt a Member—Lift One, Lift All”

When life throws a curve, we catch each other. Whether it's illness, loss, financial hardship, or unexpected change, some of our most dedicated members may find themselves unable to pay annual dues. But their service, their heart, and their commitment still matter. That's where we come in.

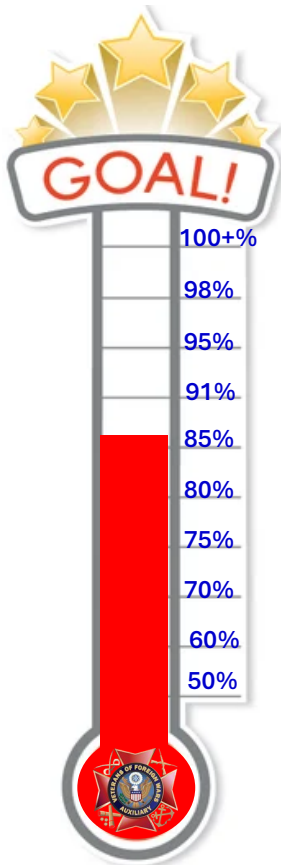
Adopting a Member means stepping in with love and support—covering dues for someone who's weathering a storm, so they can stay connected, encouraged, and uplifted.

Adopting a Member(s) can extend outside your Auxiliary. Members and Auxiliaries can extend the gift of love and camaraderie by paying dues for someone in need. **ASK ME HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

“One small gift. One big impact. When you adopt a member, you're not just paying dues—you're preserving dignity, connection, and community.” “Let's be the kind of Auxiliary that never lets a life event become a goodbye. Adopt a member today—because every heart deserves to stay.”

Award for Members (VFW and Auxiliary)—Adopt A Member

Adopt A Member: Any VFW and VFW Auxiliary Member who Adopts A Member (pays a VFW Auxiliary Member's dues) from July 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026 will be placed in a drawing for \$100. For every single VFW Auxiliary Member who has been adopted a separate Official Entry Form must be completed. The Entry Form must be completed and to the Department Membership Chairman by May 22, 2026. The Drawing will be held at the 2026 Department Convention.



Each Member... Recruit One!

Jackie Kimball

Department Membership Chairman

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Brochure Order Form

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is pleased to offer the following brochures to our members at no charge. **Please allow two weeks for delivery.**

Fillable/printable copies are also available in MALTA/Member Resources: Historian & Media Relations, Membership and Scholarships.

Membership Brochure (includes application)



Fact Sheet



Patriotic Art & 3-Dimensional Art Brochure



Please indicate the quantity requested below. Order quantity is not to exceed 50 copies of each.*

**Please contact National Headquarters should you need larger quantities for a recruiting event.*

Brochure

Auxiliary Membership Brochure (includes application)

Auxiliary Fact Sheet

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochure & 3-Dimensional (2 sided)

Quantity

MAIL BROCHURES TO:

First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Auxiliary Number _____ Member Number _____

Submit order forms to:

VFW Auxiliary, Attn: Brochure Orders, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111 or email to info@vfwauxiliary.org with "Brochure Order" in the subject line.

Note: VFW program brochures (including "Buddy® Poppy", Teacher of the Year, Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy) can be ordered from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or by calling 1.833.VFW.VETS.

Department Membership Awards & Recognition

AWARD NO.

DESCRIPTION

- 1 Drawing for Annual Members Who Convert to A Life Membership**
Current Annual Members who convert to Life Membership, from July 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2026, will be placed in a monthly drawing. If their name is drawn, the full cost of their Life Membership will be reimbursed by the Department. Names that aren't drawn in the drawing will remain for subsequent monthly drawings throughout the year.
- 2 Recruiter of the Month**
Each Month from September 2025 to March 2026, one VFW Auxiliary Member, out of the names nominated, will be chosen as Recruiter of the Month. The Recruiter can be nominated by any Auxiliary Member using the Official Entry Form. **Recruiters of the Month will be recognized in the monthly Membership Promotion and one Recruiter of the Month will be selected as Recruiter of the Year and announced at the 2026 Department Convention.**
- 3 Month of June 2025**
Award for VFW Auxiliary Members: A contest will be held for VFW Auxiliary Members who submit to the Department Membership Chairman, by June 15, 2025, a catchy/appealing one or two sentence slogan inviting someone to join the VFW Auxiliary. Entries must be submitted on the Official Entry Form. Five prizes will be awarded. The winners will be announced and the prizes awarded at the School of Instruction. Only one entry per member. **Entries that are not legible will be disqualified.**
- 4 Month of July 2025**
Award for VFW Auxiliary Members: A contest will be held for members who submit to the Department Membership Chairman by **July 31, 2025**, an Elevator Pitch to use in recruiting for Membership in the VFW Auxiliary. One entry per member. Submissions must be completed on the Official Entry Form. The Top five entries will be awarded. The top five winners will be announced and the prizes will be awarded at the Department President's Homecoming. **Entries that are not legible will be disqualified.**

AWARD NO.

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- 5 **AWARD FOR MEMBERS (VFW AND AUXILIARY)**
5 Member Recruiter Key Chain: Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five(5) new and/or rejoin members to the VFW Auxiliary, from July 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026, will receive a **5 Member Recruiter Key Chain. VFW Members must complete the Official Entry Form to qualify.**
- 6 **Drawing for Members (VFW and Auxiliary)**
\$100 Recruiter Drawing: Each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoin members to the VFW Auxiliary, from July 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026, will be entered into the five Member Recruiter Drawing to receive \$100. Drawing will be held at the 2026 Department Convention. **VFW Members must complete the Official Entry Form to qualify for the drawing.**
- 7 **Award for Members (VFW and Auxiliary)—Adopt A Member**
Adopt A Member: Any VFW and VFW Auxiliary Member who Adopts A Member (pays a VFW Auxiliary Member's dues) from July 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026 will be placed in a drawing for \$100. For every single VFW Auxiliary Member who has been adopted a separate Official Entry Form must be completed. **The Entry Form must be completed and to the Department Membership Chairman by May 22, 2026.** The Drawing will be held at the 2026 Department Convention.
- 8 **Month of August 2025—Award for Annual Members**
"Lightning Speed Early Bird Drawing": All Annual VFW Auxiliary Members who pay their dues by August 31, 2025 will be put in the "Lightning Speed Early Bird Drawing" for \$50. Five-\$50 Drawings will be held. The Drawings will be at the September 2025 Council of Administration Meeting. Dues must be transmitted in MLTA by August 31, 2025 and verified on the National (CMR) Paid—Cancelled & Deceased Report on September 1, 2025.
- 9 **MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025**
91%+ Award: Auxiliaries who reach 91% or more in Paid Membership by September 30, 2025 will be placed in a drawing to win \$75. Two (2) \$75 drawings per Membership Division. 91%+ Award based on paid Membership on the National (CMR) Paid—Cancelled & Deceased Report on October 1, 2025.

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MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

98%+ Award based on paid Membership as of November 30, 2025. Auxiliaries who are 98%+ in Membership, in each Membership Division will be placed in a Drawing for \$150. Two (2) \$150 Drawings per Membership Division. Percentages will be based on the December 1, 2025 National (CMR) Paid—Cancelled & Deceased Report.

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MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

100%+ Award based on paid Membership on December 31, 2025. Auxiliaries who are 100%+ in Membership, in each Membership Division will be placed in a Drawing for \$150. Two (2) \$150 Drawings per Membership Division. Percentages will be based on the January 1, 2026 National (CMR) Paid—Cancelled & Deceased Report.

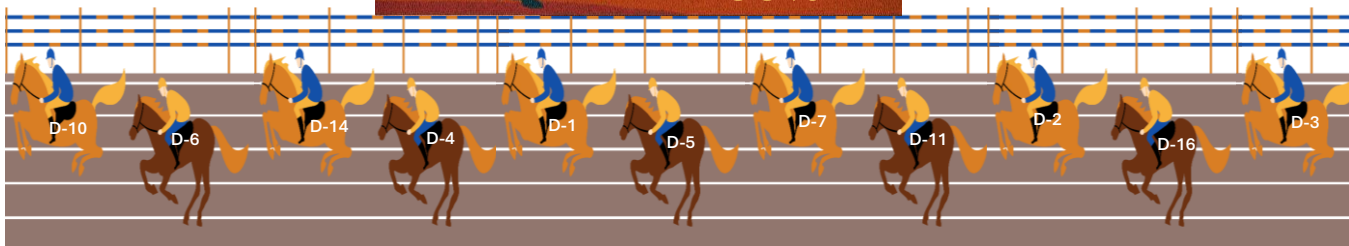
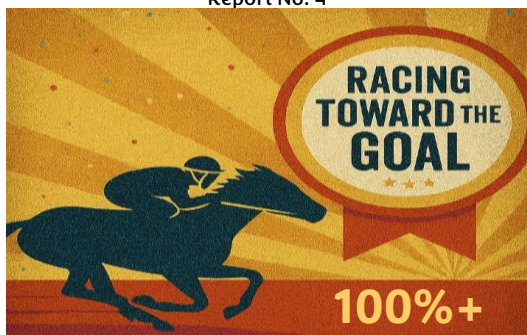
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Month of May 2026

Award for Members: Any VFW and VFW Auxiliary Member who recruits at least one new VFW Auxiliary Member age 16 to 35, from July 1, 2025 to May 15, 2026 will be placed in a drawing for \$100. Official Entry Form must be completed to enter the Drawing. For each VFW Auxiliary Member age 16 to 35 recruited a separate Official Entry Form must be completed. **The Entry Form must be completed and to the Department Membership Chairman by May 22, 2026.** The Drawing will be held at the 2026 Department Convention.



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The Force Gallops Forward...Leading the Rebel Charge...

District 10 – JoAnne Bierly is blazing through hyperspace at 95.42%, riding the Millennium Mare like a true Jedi Master. She's got the Force—and the numbers—on her side! Right on her tail...**District 6 – Melissa Tracey** at 95.08% is piloting the X-Win Racer, dodging asteroids and gaining speed. She's locked in and ready to overtake! Flying steady in third...**District 14 – Catherine Gistedt** at 93.20% is cruising in the Naboo Galloper, elegant and efficient. Her trajectory is strong—she's not backing down. Charging through the asteroid field...**District 4 – Debbie Sturgis** at 91.72% is riding the TIE Stallion, weaving through space debris with Imperial precision.

MID-PACK MOMENTUM BUILDING...

District 1 – Karen Rooker at 88.84% and **District 5 – Patricia Giensendaffer** at 86.88% are neck-and-neck in their speeder pods, engines roaring, shields up.

THE RESISTANCE IS STRONG...

District 7 – Dawn Daly at 84.46% and **District 11 – Cynthia Davis** at 80.25% are holding formation, ready to make their move in the next quadrant.

PLOTTING A COMEBACK FROM THE OUTER RIM...

District 2 – Jeanne Mansell at 74.03% and **District 16 – Sheila Justice** at 73.17% are rallying their droids and recalibrating for a late-stage surge.

AND BRINGING UP THE REAR...

District 3 – Janice Judy at 56.25% may be trailing in the shadows of Endor, but every great saga has a twist—and the comeback could be epic.

THE FINAL STRETCH APPROACHES...

The stars are aligned, the finish line glows ahead, and the Force flows through every Auxiliary. Who will reach 100% (so far we have 7) and claim the Jedi Crown of Membership Mastery? Stay tuned, heroes of Maryland—the race is far from over, and the Force is with you all.

Maryland District Standings							
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING
Bierly	D-10	76	607	5	688	95.42%	721
Tracey	D-6	54	177	1	232	95.08%	244
Gistedt	D-14	197	991	5	1193	93.20%	1280
Sturgis	D-4	1127	97	5	1229	91.72%	1340
Rooker	D-1	32	732	16	780	88.84%	878
Giensendaffer	D-5	214	561	0	775	86.88%	892
Daly	D-7	72	1818	1	1891	84.46%	2239
Davis	D-11	57	260	0	317	80.25%	395
Mansell	D-2	53	461	2	516	74.03%	697
Justice	D-16	21	418	0	439	73.17%	600
Judy	D-3	86	94	0	180	56.25%	320
Kimball	N/A	2	581	0	583	94.64%	616
DEPT		1991	6797	35	8823	86.31%	10222



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Group I (10-60 Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
★ 304	6	3	44	0	47	104.44%	45	
327	6	9	22	0	31	79.49%	39	
1936	3	3	1	0	4	26.67%	15	
★ 2462	6	25	34	0	59	101.72%	58	
2996	16	1	17	0	18	42.86%	42	
5627	2	0	9	0	9	42.86%	21	
★ 5633	2	0	25	0	25	100.00%	25	
6054	5	0	34	0	34	82.93%	41	
7757	2	0	40	0	40	78.43%	51	
8509	11	1	23	0	24	66.67%	36	

Group II (61-100 Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
160	6	17	77	0	94	92.16%	102	
350	2	34	25	2	61	98.39%	62	
652	4	1	81	0	82	86.32%	95	
1411	3	16	36	0	52	54.74%	95	
5367	11	9	43	0	52	69.33%	75	
5471	1	4	73	7	84	98.82%	85	
8950	2	0	71	0	71	88.75%	80	
10146	5	12	64	0	76	76.00%	100	
10159	16	4	56	0	60	84.51%	71	

Group III (101-140 Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
2621	14	9	96	2	107	99.07%	108	
3065	11	17	56	0	73	70.19%	104	
6775	3	66	20	0	86	81.13%	106	
8175	10	27	95	0	122	94.57%	129	
8185	10	22	104	0	126	94.03%	134	
8810	1	5	98	6	109	93.97%	116	
★ 9376	1	10	112	0	122	100.83%	121	
★ 10028	5	76	54	0	130	100.00%	130	
10077	3	1	37	0	38	36.54%	104	

Group IV (141-200 Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
194	16	11	125	0	136	70.83%	192	
2562	2	18	151	0	169	90.37%	187	
5337	5	17	109	0	126	78.26%	161	
6658	7	28	74	0	102	56.35%	181	
7460	4	31	115	0	146	73.37%	199	
7472	7	7	140	0	147	91.30%	161	
8126	5	15	96	0	111	67.27%	165	
10078	11	30	138	0	168	93.33%	180	

Group V (201-290 Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
341	2	1	140	0	141	52.03%	271	
521	7	13	194	0	207	86.25%	240	
2632	1	1	280	1	282	98.95%	285	
★ 6027	10	12	211	0	223	100.45%	222	
7464	4	57	127	1	185	84.47%	219	
7687	10	15	197	5	217	91.95%	236	
8806	7	9	180	0	189	92.20%	205	
9619	1	12	169	2	183	67.53%	271	
10067	14	1	216	1	218	83.52%	261	
10076	7	2	210	0	212	84.46%	251	

Group VI (291 & Over Members)								
AUX NO	DISTRICT	ANNUAL	LIFE	DEC	TOTAL	% PAID	6/30/2025 ENDING	
467	7	6	433	0	439	87.10%	504	
2678	14	83	289	1	373	98.16%	380	
3285	7	1	261	1	263	82.97%	317	
5118	4	4	401	4	409	99.76%	410	
5246	4	4	403	0	407	97.60%	417	
6506	14	104	390	1	495	93.22%	531	
6918	7	6	326	0	332	87.37%	380	
8276	16	5	220	0	225	76.27%	295	
★ 8672	5	94	204	0	298	101.02%	295	
MD AT LARGE		2	581	0	583	94.64%	616	

