



Circle of Excellence



VFW Auxiliary Department of Maryland

The VFW Auxiliary Circle of Excellence is an award program to recognize the achievement of Auxiliaries across the Department. To qualify, each Auxiliary is evaluated on points earned throughout the year by meeting criteria within given deadlines.



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Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary

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2025 – 2026

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National Theme: "From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free"

Department Theme: "A Force for Veterans"

Congratulations on your election as President of your Auxiliary and District. The success of your Auxiliary depends on your leadership. As President, your officers and chairman will look to you for guidance throughout the year. Being a President is a position of accountability, responsibility, and integrity. Every Auxiliary can earn the Circle of Excellence, but it will take teamwork to accomplish the goals.

COMPLETED ENTRY MUST BE POST MARKED BY APRIL 15, 2026.

Circle of Excellence will be selected on a point basis. **350 points is required to get in the Circle of Excellence.** You will be required to sign in with me at different events. Winning Auxiliaries will receive a Circle of Excellence Medallion. If the District President has their **Official Visit Report** turned in and **ALL** Auxiliaries in the District are in the Circle, then the District President will be in the circle as well.

Announcement and Presentation of the Auxiliary & District Circle of Excellence will be held at the 2026 Department Convention during the Joint Session.

Work as a TEAM toward the goals for each section. Complete as many of the listed tasks as possible and make the necessary donations.

Good Luck to ALL Auxiliary Presidents!

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2025 – 2026 Circle of Excellence Chairman

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ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	Available Points	Earned Points
Installation report entered into Malta by Auxiliary Secretary May 15, 2025 and copy mailed to Dept. Secretary.	25	
Installation report entered into Malta by Auxiliary Secretary by the convening of Dept Convention	15	
President & Treasurer's bond is received at National by July 15, 2025	25	
President & Treasurer's bond is received at National by July 25, 2025	15	
POSSIBLE POINTS	50	
GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP		
If your auxiliary is over 101%; not including deaths (current percentage) by April 30, 2026	110	
If your auxiliary is over 100%; not including deaths (current percentage) by April 30, 2026	100	
If your auxiliary is over 100%; including deaths (paid percentage) by April 30, 2026	80	
If your auxiliary is over 95 - 99%; including deaths (paid percentage) by April 30, 2026	70	
POSSIBLE POINTS	110	
PUNCTUALITY		
10 Points awarded for each audit received to Dept Treasurer on time. (all 4 quarters)	40	
All Auxiliary Officers dues paid by December 15, 2025	15	
IRS 990 report must be completed and filed by November 15, 2025 and sent to the IRS	10	
Within 30 days of taking office as President, you must provide a financial report (last audit) and membership report to the Post Commander as required by Section 810 of National Bylaws	10	
POSSIBLE POINTS	75	
SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION		
Auxiliary President attends SOI - Sign in is REQUIRED	25	
For each member of the Auxiliary that attends the SOI. 10 pts each. Extra Points Sign in is REQUIRED	10 pts each	
POSSIBLE POINTS	25 +	

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WORKING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL	Available Points	Earned Points
A joint project or activity with the VFW that benefits both. Ex. Buddy Poppy Drive, Fund Raisers, etc.	25	
POSSIBLE POINTS	25	
PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT		
Sponsor fund raiser for the Special Project. "National Home Maryland House Kitchen Fund"	25	
Donate to the National Home Maryland House Kitchen Fund. Send all funds to Dept Treasurer	25	
POSSIBLE POINTS	50	
ATTENDING FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT		
Auxiliary President attends the National Presidents Visit . Sign in is REQUIRED	25	
For each member of the Auxiliary that attends the National Presidents visit. When President signs in, they must tell me how many are with them. (Extra Points)	5 pts each	
President attends the Christmas Conference - Sign in is REQUIRED	5	
For each member that attends the Christmas Conference. (Extra Points) Sign in is REQUIRED	5 pts each	
President attends the State President & Commanders Testimonial. Sign in is REQUIRED	10	
For each member that attends the State Testimonial - 5 points each. (Extra Points) Sign in is REQUIRED	5 pts each	
For each President that attends the Dept. President's Homecoming Sign in is REQUIRED	10	
President attends the Departments Official Visits to your District. Sign in is REQUIRED	10	
For each member that attends the Dept. President's visit to your District. 5 pts ea. (Extra Points) Sign in Required	5 pts each	
President attends the Departments Official Visits to your District.	10	
POSSIBLE POINTS	65+	

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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	Available Points	Earned Points
Promoting Patriotic Holidays & reporting event to the Americanism Chairman	5	
Auxiliary Outreach - 1 project approved by the State Outreach Chairman	5	
Donation to the Dept. Hospital Fund - \$100 or more	10	
Donation to the Dept. Hospital Fund - Less than \$100	5	
Donation to the Dept. Hospital Treat - \$100 or more	10	
Donation to the Dept. Hospital Treat - Less than \$100	5	
Sign up a new member for the VFW Action Corp weekly	5	
Promoting the Veterans Suicide Awareness Program	5	
Support of Homeless Veterans	5	
Donation to Health & Happiness	5	
Purchase Buddy Poppies	5	
Extension & Revitalization	5	
Historian & Media Relations	5	
Legislative	5	
Mentoring for Leadership	5	
Scholarship	5	
Youth	5	
Veterans Family & Support	5	
POSSIBLE POINTS	100	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (Not including extra points)	500	