



2025 - 2026 Year End Reports



VFW AUXILIARY Department of South Dakota

G e n e r a l O r d e r s



Americanism

National Program Award

2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event displaying or educating others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Americanism Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that displayed or educated others about proper ways to display and respect the American Flag. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Americanism Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Americanism Ambassador Diana Russell-Milton by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Americanism Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



Auxiliary Outreach

National Program Award 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding Auxiliary Outreach activity and/or event that is shared on social media using #AuxiliaryOutreach.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that shares the most outstanding Activity and/or event using #AuxiliaryOutreach during the current Program Year.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activities and/or events that were shared on social media using #AuxiliaryOutreach. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos etc.)

The Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the National Auxiliary Outreach Ambassador Sara Manke by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Auxiliary Outreach Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

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“Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No.1 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Sandra Jeffries by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



“Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No.2 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

2. Most outstanding activity and/or event that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman
by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that created awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department “Buddy” ® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy” ® Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Sandra Jeffries by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department “Buddy”® Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

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Extension & Revitalization

National Program Award

2025-2026 Nomination Form

Awards for District Presidents or Official Representatives

1. Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one District President or Official Representative in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the Department President. **Use of MALTA Healthy Auxiliary tools and mentor training is required.**

The completed nomination form must be sent to the
National Chief of Staff Karlene Beams by April 30, 2026 for judging.

District President or Official Representative: _____

Membership No.: _____ Aux. No.: _____

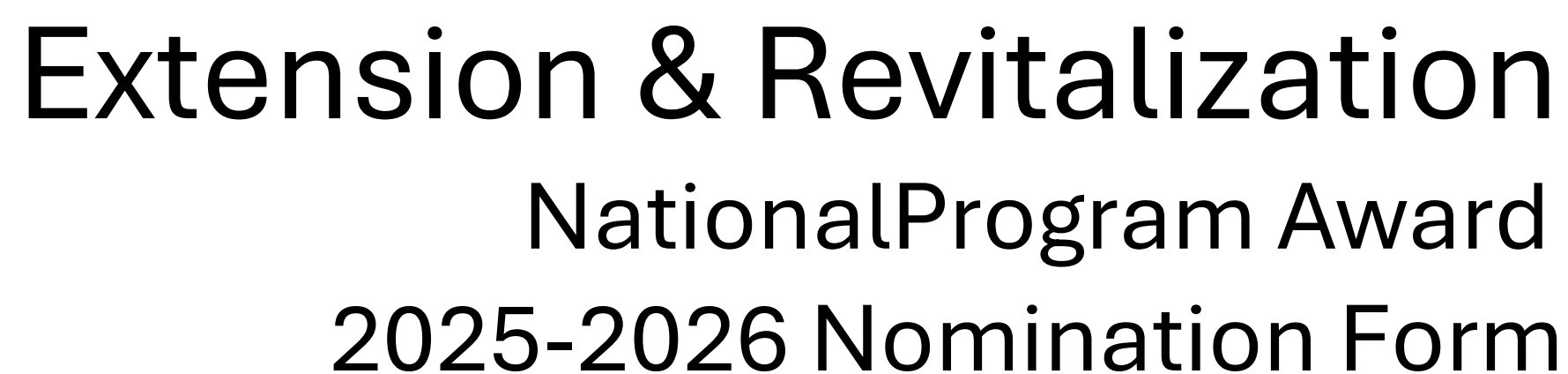
Department of: _____ Program Division: _____

Describe the assistance to the Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the Department President. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e- newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

Department President or Department Chief of Staff: _____

Date: _____

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1. Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff in establishing a new VFW Auxiliary with the approval of the Department President.

Describe the assistance to the Chief of Staff in establishing a new VFW Auxiliary with the approval of the Department President. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e- newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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Historian & Media Relations

National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding social media reel highlighting the VFW Auxiliary in action.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding social media reel highlighting their VFW Auxiliary in action.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form and the social media reel to the Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

Instructions on how to make a social media reel is in MALTA Member

Resources under Historian & Media Relations, Websites & Social Media- Websites, How to Create a Facebook Reel.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the social media reel highlighting the VFW Auxiliary in action.

The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form along with the Department-winning social media reel to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Kristin DiGiacomo by April 30, 2026 for judging. **Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman:**

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



Hospital

National Program Awards

2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative/unique activity and/or event to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities).

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates ways to interact with and to provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities).

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Hospital Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the creative/unique activities and or events to interact with and provide happiness to veterans in hospitals (VA and non-VA facilities). (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Hospital Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Hospital Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



VFW Auxiliary National Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year Award No. 3 2025-2026

No. 3 "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year" Citation to the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year in each of the 10 Program Divisions. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Eligibility:

- Volunteer may be any VFW Auxiliary member who serves as a VFW Auxiliary Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic).
- Volunteer must have served from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.
- Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.
- VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

Hospital Volunteer Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ Program Division Number: _____

Number of hours served from July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. _____

What are the volunteer assignments? _____

Please attach a separate sheet with detailed information on why this VFW Auxiliary member is an Outstanding Hospital Volunteer.

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year form to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2026**.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will select **ONE** Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year and will forward the completed form to National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson by **April 30, 2026**.*

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson will select ONE Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the year in each of the 10 Program Divisions to be announced at the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



VFW Auxiliary National Hospital Volunteer Recruiter Award No. 1 & No. 2 2025-2026

No. 1 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter" Citation to one VFW Auxiliary member in each of the 10 Program Divisions who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Citations to be mailed directly to winners from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

No. 2 "Hospital Volunteer Recruiter of the Year" Plaque awarded to one VFW Auxiliary member in the nation who recruits the most Hospital volunteers (VA and non-VA facilities) from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Plaque to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's Membership No.: _____

Hospital Volunteer Recruiter's VFW Auxiliary No.: _____ Department of _____

Total number of volunteers recruited: _____ **Program Division Number:** _____

In case of a tie, please consider the below information.

Number of hours served from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. _____

Total lifetime hours served as a hospital volunteer: _____

Number of VA and non-VA facilities where the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter volunteers. _____

Number of other Hospital Programs has the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter participated in. _____

What are the volunteer assignments? _____

Auxiliary Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*Auxiliary Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the Department Hospital Chairman by **March 31, 2026**.*

Department Hospital Chairman signature: _____ Date: _____

*The Department Hospital Chairman will forward the completed Hospital Volunteer Recruiter form with the most total volunteers recruited to the National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson by **April 30, 2026**.*

Forms sent to National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

National Hospital Ambassador Kim Copson will select the Hospital Volunteer Recruiter with the most total volunteers recruited in each of the 10 Program Divisions and one Hospital Volunteer Recruiter in the nation with the most volunteers recruited to be announced at the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



Legislative

National Program Awards

2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or VFW Priority Goals.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or VFW Priority Goals.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Legislative Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event to create thank-you notes and cards to veterans that include links to VFW Action Corps Weekly and/or VFW Priority Goals. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Legislative Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Legislative Amy Jo Lett by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Legislative Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



Scholarships

National Program Awards

2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative/unique activity and/or event educating their community about the scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.
- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative/unique activity and/or event educating their community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department Scholarships Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the creative/unique activity and/or event that educated the community about scholarship opportunities in the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Scholarships Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Scholarships Ambassador Philip Reinbold by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Scholarships Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

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Veterans & Family Support

National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or veterans in the community. To include veterans job fairs, unit homecomings, mental health-related stand downs, etc.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to celebrate/assist service members and/or veterans in the community.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by
March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that celebrated/assisted service members and/or veterans in the community. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador Annie O'Connor by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

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Youth Activities

National Program Awards 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the creative and/or unique activity and/or event of the VFW Auxiliary working with a youth group. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Youth Activities Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Youth Activities Ambassador Shannon Stanley by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department Youth Activities Chairman: _____

Signature

Date: _____

Form sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

