

MEMBERSHIP



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We are coming off the longest war in American History, so why are we not bursting at the seams with members? We can be! We just have to get out there and invite them to join our mission! Help the Department of Texas be the strongest and largest membership in the organization!

Keep Your “Why” Close By

It has been said that in order to know where you are going you must know where you have been. When thinking about membership, it is helpful to revisit **why** you are a member, **who** you are, and **what** you stand for.

From Our Roots

Our VFW Auxiliary Charter closely mirrors that of the Congressional Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Have you read it? It is a good reminder of our “roots”, who we came from and who we are.

Invite New Members ☯ Include Current Members ☯ Invest in the Future

There is only one way to add members; ask someone to join. And once they join, ask them to participate. Your approach will look different depending on who your audience is. In all cases, you should share your knowledge of what the Auxiliary is and what we do with the potential member before they are ever given an application. Use these **important tools**:

- Fact Sheet, available for free from National Headquarters
- Business Card with your contact information (Order from VFW Store)
- MALTA Member Resources

Follow Up! The first time you talk to someone new about the organization that person may not be ready to commit. It’s important to ask for their contact information and then follow up within a week.

Ask them to Participate. The key to keeping member is to keep them involved. Call or email a new member within a week with the next meeting date and time, or the next possible event or project. Put a team of members in charge of contacting new members or members who have not been to a recent meeting or event.

Ways to Encourage Participation

- Monthly sign-up sheet for regular events.
- Emails and phone calls for special events.
- Spotlight current member involvement.
- Be specific about the time and duties.
- Find they best communicate: phone, email, messenger, or text.
- Have another member stay with new members for the entire event.
- If they say “no” the first time, be sure to ask again.
- Plan family-friendly events so they have opportunities to do things with their family

Have a Plan

- Contact current members
- Reach out to former members
- Hold recruiting events for new members (just Auxiliary or with your Post)
- Pick a mentor for a new member
- Encourage members to renew their dues on MALTA

Just1One

Each member who recruits one new member will receive a pin. Be sure to keep track of who recruited the new member and turn the recruiter member’s name and the new member’s name in to us.

AUXILIARY AWARDS

1. One Auxiliary in each Membership Division who secures the largest number of new members from July 1, 2024 until March 31, 2025 will receive a \$75.00 award at the Department Convention.
2. One established Auxiliary in each Membership Division that reaches 100% plus 2 (Two) by December 31, 2024 will receive a \$25.00 cash award if in the Department office by December 31, 2024 deadline.
3. A Special invitation to the ***“It Just Takes One Membership Celebration”*** at Mid-Winter will be extended to each Auxiliary President and Membership Chairman when the Auxiliary reaches 100% by December 31, 2024. If Auxiliary President or Membership Chairman do not attend, Two (2) Auxiliary Representatives will be allowed to attend.

DISTRICT AWARDS

1. \$50.00 cash award to the District who brings in the most new members between July 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024.
2. Special invitation to the ***"It Just Takes One Membership Celebration"*** at Mid-Winter will be extended to the District President and District Membership Chairman when the District reaches 95% by December 31, 2024. If the District President or Membership Chairman do not attend, one (1) District Representative will be allowed.

NATIONAL AWARDS

(These awards are calculated through MALTA.)

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. \$50 to each Auxiliary that reaches 100% plus in Membership by June 30 2025.
2. VFW Auxiliary Drawing. Each VFW Auxiliary that reaches 101% plus by June 30, 2025 will be entered into a one-time drawing to receive \$500.

Awards for Members

1. Recruiter pin to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. Recruiter pin will be mailed directly to the member from National Headquarters.
2. National Membership Achievement Award to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits 20 new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Department Treasurer must enter membership in MALTA with credit given to the recruiter by June 10, 2025. **VFW Auxiliary treasurers on all levels are NOT eligible for this award.** Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.
3. Top recruiter award to the one recruiter in each of the 4 conferences who recruited the most new and/or rejoined members in their conference. **VFW Recruiters and VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are NOT eligible for this award.** Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award will be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National convention.
4. VFW Auxiliary Recruiter Drawing for each VFW Auxiliary National Membership Achievement Award winner. Winners will be entered into a drawing to receive one \$500 Visa Gift card. **VFW Recruiters and VFW Auxiliary Treasurers on all levels are not eligible for this award.** Winner will be announced and award presented at the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Columbus Ohio. If winner is not in attendance, award to be mailed directly to winner from National Headquarters after National Convention.

VFW MEMBERS who recruit New and/or rejoined VFW Auxiliary members will need to fill out the required VFW members only form that is available in MALTA Member Resources. Completed form must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and Department Treasurer must enter Membership in MALTA by June 10, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR-END REPORT

Year-End Report – Must be received by District President by April 10, 2025.
District President will forward to Department Chairman by April 20, 2025.

Auxiliary No. _____ District No. _____ Division No. _____

1. How many Auxiliary members participated in recruiting? _____
2. How many Auxiliary members recruited at least one (1) member? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary utilize any of the Membership materials/resources available in MALTA Member Resources? _____YES _____NO
4. Did your Auxiliary promote/participate/host or co-host with your Post activities regarding VFW and/or Auxiliary education and Membership Recruitment? (Please provide a copy of any promotional material as an attachment.)
_____YES _____NO
5. Did your Auxiliary regularly educate your members on the benefits of membership (Example: insurance plans, travel benefits, cancer grants, hearing plans, etc.)? If so, please attach a narrative and/or examples of how you did so.
_____YES _____NO
6. Did your Auxiliary educate your members on the National Membership Program Awards?
_____YES _____NO
7. Did your Auxiliary educate your members on the Department Membership Program Awards?
_____YES _____NO
8. Did your Auxiliary hold a recruiting event? _____YES _____NO
If so, how many events? _____
If so, how many members participated? _____

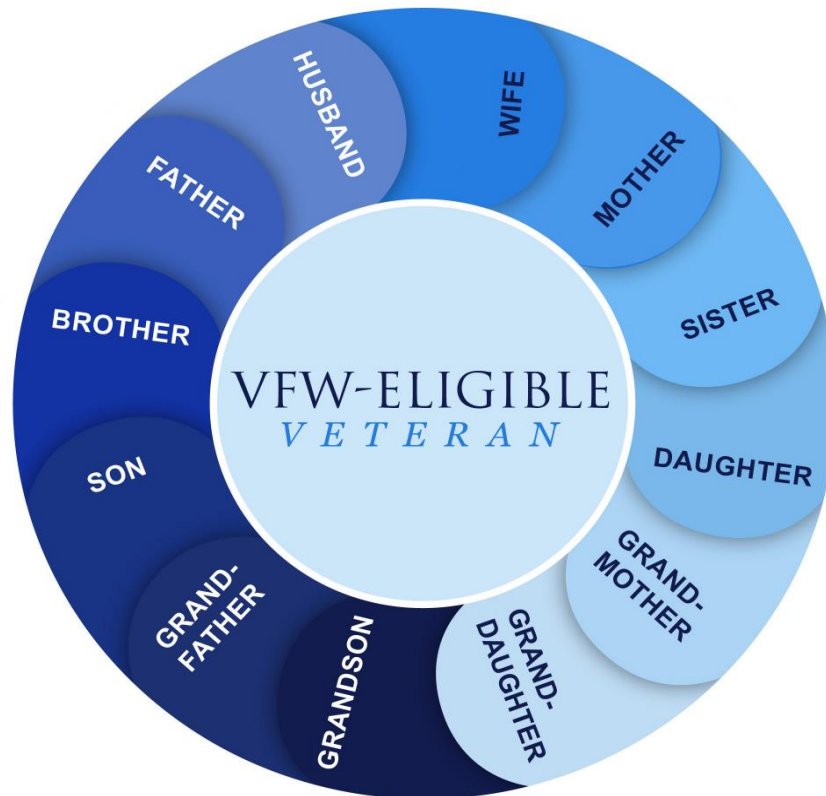
Auxiliary Chairman _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

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“From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans”**

VFW Auxiliary Eligibility Wheel



**Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.*

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VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A

Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____
 Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____
 Annual Membership Rejoin
 Life Membership Transfer
 Member at Large in Department of _____ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
 (If not a transfer, skip to B.)
 LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____
 ANNUAL TRANSFER Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying Nonpaying
 ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

B

THESE FIELDS REQUIRED

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ Female Male
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

C

POST-AFFILIATED (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

D

NON-AFFILIATED (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (If applicable) _____
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
 Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

E

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

F

OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature _____ Date _____
 (Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY Check here if this is a gift.

Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover AMEX _____ Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Credit Card No. _____ CVV Code _____

Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature _____

By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.