

# MICHIGAN OVERSEAS VETERAN

# VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

— SUMMER 22/23



Department Commander, John Griffith accepts his new 2022-2023 Department Commander hat from wife, Kris Griffith, and their children at the State Convention in Flint



Dept. Sr. Vice Commander Ray Lopez accepts new hat from wife, Natalie & son, Ben



Dept. Jr. Vice Commander Kimberly Napoleon hugs daughter, Ti'Kyra after receiving new hat.



National Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic Speaks to the membership



Butch Ogden receives plaque for 20 years in the Dept. Honor Guard



Department Honor Guard Rifle Salute



Installation of 2022-2023 Department Officers

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## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, JOHN GRIFFITH

As we start a new VFW year, I've had a few thoughts I wanted to share with my Comrades and Sisters and Brothers of the Auxiliary.

To start off with I want to emphasize that I was not around in the 1920's or 1930's so I have to rely upon my history lesson from school and the wisdom my Father passed on to me. In the 1920's and 30's American Industrialists exploited the working men, women and even children by having them work 60 and 70 hour work weeks in unsafe conditions, resulting in many accidents and untimely deaths. Then along came Henry Ford and the unions. The work week was reduced to 40 hours, Safety standards were established and benefits were initiated. What had been normal began to change, and things got better.

In the 1940's to the mid 1960's, because of Jim Crow Laws and prejudice, minority Americans were subjected to discrimination and precluded from full participation in the American experiment. Even in the mist of WWII and the Korean War, uniformed minority service men and women were treated with disrespect, discriminated against and humiliated while trying to obtain a meal or lodging. Then along came Martin Luther King Jr., John & Robert Kennedy and men like Ralph David Abernathy Sr. and civil rights laws were enacted. What had been normal began to change, and things got better.

In the mid 1970's, our military desegregated the services allowing women to take their place alongside their male counterparts, opening up many military occupations that had been denied to women. What had been normal began to change, and things got better.

In the 1960 and 70's the conflict in Viet Nam grew politically unpopular in our society. Even some returning veterans from Viet Nam were shunned by some members and Posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) because "their war" wasn't a declared or "real" war. Until finally, our fellow veterans realized that the Viet Nam veterans were treated unfairly and they began to fill the ranks of VFW Posts throughout our organization. What had been normal began to change, and things got better. Now more that 65% of VFW membership is made up of Viet Nam Veterans.

While I hate to admit it we Vietnam veterans are now getting old and our ranks are rapidly thinning. So now we look to Post 9/11 warriors to fill our ranks and increase our VFW membership. We lament "we can't recruit these younger vets" and then when we are lucky enough to bring in some young blood, we don't welcome them, but, just as our WWII and Korean War Comrades initially shunned the Vietnam vets, some of our members are shunning our Post 9/11 veterans. I am hearing rumblings from various sectors within our Department that "these kids don't know how the VFW works", or "these boys and girls want to change the way the VFW does things".



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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, JOHN GRIFFITH - CONTINUED

As your newly elected VFW Commander for Michigan, I want to remind my contemporary comrades that the youngest comrade in our ranks is not a “kid” and they are not “boys and girls”, they are fellow comrades due the respect required by the oath and obligation we have all taken. Personally, I applaud any Post 9/11 Comrade who wants to “change the way your post does things”. These younger veterans have ideas that can revitalize an aging post, listen to them and give their ideas a try. I encourage all to embrace the new ideas that can make the Michigan VFW relevant to a new and younger generation. Remember, the VFW is not your VFW and it is not my VFW, we are only stewards of this organization so that we can pass it on to the next generation, who will need it for their veterans. What has been the normal is beginning to change and with your help, understanding and cooperation, things will get better.



Congratulations to the newly elected Department Commander John Griffith and Auxiliary President Diane Ward as well as all the newly elected officers throughout our Department. The new administrative year is here!

I look forward to the opportunity to work with each and everyone to continue the momentum, moving our Department to the next level. We have great leadership

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, RAY LOPEZ

Greetings in place throughout our ranks with the Comrades, Brothers, Sisters,, Family and Friends. We can continue to build on our successes with our programs and Veteran advocacy. We must also strengthen our Posts through mentoring, and continuing to build our membership.

There are new resources for Posts available from Department in the form of monetarily grants. Contact the Department office for more information.

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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[vfwmi.org/vethelp](http://vfwmi.org/vethelp)  
[vfwmi.org/join](http://vfwmi.org/join)

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[vfwmi.org/officers](http://vfwmi.org/officers)  
[vfwmi.org/forms](http://vfwmi.org/forms)



DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, KIMBERLY NAPOLEON

Thank you for electing me to serve you as your Department of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander during the 104th Department Convention. I am deeply humbled by your support, and I want to assure you that I am going to work day and night to make sure that your concerns are heard and addressed.

I am a 1986 Graduate of Arthur Hill High School, in Saginaw, Michigan. I served this country as a member of The United States Army from 1987 until 1996. I served during Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, commonly known as “The First Gulf War or Persian Gulf War. I see as Saudi’ Arabia Southwest Asia with The 364th S&S “Super-legs Can Do!” Company, 530th Battalion 1st Coscom Fort Bragg, North Carolina

I hold a Bronze Legacy Life Membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United

States of America. My Local Post is Wallace C.Schultz/Dwight A.McKinney Jr.Post 9931, where I served as the Post Commander from 2017-2021, receiving All State honors 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. I served as District 9 Commander from 2020-2021 and received a National Appointment on the Finance and Internal Organization Committee in 2021. I am also a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans where I served as Post Commander from 2014-2016.

I am a trained peer leader with the National WoVeN network of women Veteran’s and it’s BRIDGES program, which supports Women Veterans within 1 year of transitioning from their military service.

In addition, I am also a Certified Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Specialist with QPR, (Question, Persuade, Refer) which exists to help prevent suicide.

I currently serve as a Mentor with Saginaw County Veterans Justice Treatment Court, I am also a Commissioner on The Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission in Saginaw County. I also serve on the Board

of Directors for the Child Abuse Neglect Council in Saginaw County.

I am the widow of US Army Veteran Mr. Terrill Napoleon and the proud Mother of one daughter, Ms. Ti’Kyra Napoleon of East Lansing Michigan.

Comrades, I want you to know that I am dedicated to serving you, the Veteran and our families. When we work together, not as individuals, but as members of one community, I know that we can accomplish great things. From this point forward, your struggles are my struggles, your concerns are my concerns, and your hopes are my hopes. There’s a lot of work ahead of us, but I am ready and excited to work for you alongside Commander Griffith and Sr. Vice Commander Lopez. I want to be as accessible and responsive to you as possible. Again, thank you for this tremendous honor.

I welcome your feedback on all issues, and I invite you to contact me at any time at

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or 989-482-1533



AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT - DIANA WARD

It's rather surreal that the years have come and gone and I am now the Department President for the Department of Michigan. Thank you to the membership for placing their faith in me to lead our Department this year. Convention was an emotional rollercoaster with all the endings and beginnings. Thank you to my Auxiliary 3243 and my District for their endorsement and their continued support. Thank you to Diane Morea, my President of Auxiliary 3243, for the wonderful nomination she gave me. Thank you to Past Department President Edna Kivinemi for Installing me and it was so wonderful to have Past Department President Betty Ooten there as well to support me as I begin the journey this year. I was blessed to have my sister and her family there to share in the blessing of the day. Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed officers and chairmen. I know we will have a great year!

For those of you that may not know me, my name is Diana Ward and I have the great privilege of serving as your Department President for the 2022-2023 year. I have been a member of Curtis-Wolverton Auxiliary #3243 in Fenton since 1991, but literally grew up in the VFW having parents that were active since 1972. My eligibility is through my father, James Ward, a 20-year Navy veteran who served in Korea, Viet Nam, Guam, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines – just to name a few. He also served as a United States Air Marshall. My mother, Viola Ward was also a Navy veteran. They are my “Why” along with all the other members of my family who have served. My family members have served since World War I through today and cover all the branches of the service – possibly even earlier. I have held offices on all levels and have held multiple chairmanships on all levels.

My theme this year is “Be the Anchor for

Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe”. Navy symbolism plays a large part in my them and my personal pin – an anchor with a chain holding all the emblems of the military branches, a flag to show my support and patriotism to our Nation, and my parents’ initials in the hooks of the anchor; however, veterans of every branch of the service are so important and dear to me. I am committed to all of our veterans and our active military and we will continue to work hard this year to improve their quality of life by offering care and assistance, better their benefits through legislative appeals, and continue to grow our membership as we share this great organization with other veterans’ family members.

We are a strong Department and often set the standard for Departments across the country. I know that we, as your Line Officers, are going to be working very hard with, and for, all of you to continue to strive to make the Circle of Excellence. Membership is crucial to our organization, so we need to support our members to help our Auxiliaries succeed and stay strong. This means retaining members, bringing old members back into the organization and getting the word out to eligible family members of veterans. Let’s share the good news of our organization. We are going to work with all of the Auxiliaries and the Posts to provide training and assistance where needed so everyone can strive to have a strong Auxiliary, empower the members to feel able to step up and take on chairmanships and/or officer positions. Through mentoring we will be looking to support, encourage and assist the membership to become stronger. If we don’t pass on our knowledge, we will be a dying organization without people to lead us into the future.

My program pin is a version of Casper the Friendly Ghost and all proceeds will go to VFW Camp Trotter. I was asked to explain my program pin. Many people may or may not know, but I have a lot of paranormal experiences, and am often asked to tell

may latest ghost story. During one such time, Cindy Peto actually said “you should have a ghost pin”. I thought OMG, Casper the Friendly Ghost but to incorporate the VFW Auxiliary programs.... there is a Buddy Poppy on his chest, Americanism with the flag he is holding, Youth Activities -- kids love Casper and my profits are going to Camp Trotter; the Auxiliary Emblem for everything VFW Auxiliary, thought bubble “Who ya gonna Call” - when members or veterans are in need, they come to the VFW Auxiliary - Veterans and Family Support. You can maybe get Legislative through the flag as well because it represents patriotism and support of our government, military and veterans through our Legislators and keeping Americans free. Casper can be anywhere, do anything and he might not always be seen but he is doing great things all the time!

I pledge my support and assistance to our Department VFW Comrades and hope to continue in Stephanie and Kevin’s footsteps and work to keep a joint program with them. Congratulations to John Griffith and his Department Line Officers. I hope for you a wonderful year.

Looking forward to some upcoming events that you will all be able to attend. National Convention will be in Kansas City, Missouri July 16-22, 2022. Looking forward to Stephanie and Michigan make the Circle of Excellence and that her Chairmen bring home many awards. We have Michigan Day at the VFW National Home for Children on August 7, 2022. Jane Reape, our National President will be making her official visit to Michigan August 17-19, 2022 – information will be posted on the Department website for event dates and times, and Camp Trotter Days on August 20, 2022.

As your Department President along with my Line Officers, we are here for you. Just reach out and we will give as much help as we are able. If you ever need anything, I can be reached on my cell at (810) 955-2931, at home (810) 629-3976 or by internet at legalblaze@aol.com. I’m looking forward to a great year!



AUXILIARY OUTREACH / WENDI HALL

The Auxiliary Outreach program is not only designed to recognize the work already being done by Auxiliary and post members, but it is also to help facilitate the Auxiliaries into forming better working relationships with other organizations within their communities.

By doing a little research out in the community and finding out what other organizations are doing and what they might need help with, we will help foster better relationships within organizations

as well as promote greater community awareness of our own organization.

Only number of volunteers and hours worked will be counted toward the goals of this chairmanship. By wearing Auxiliary or Post affiliated attire we will acknowledge our own group. We are there to “work/help” the other organization in their event. Not all communities are the same size so you might have to be creative and think outside the box in what you can do to help.

Monetary donations/help do not count

for this program. An Auxiliary can sponsor a youth sports team by donating use of a field for practice and count the time they are using it each week, but an Auxiliary cannot count paying for their trophies for example. This chairmanship is about getting out there and putting your hands to good use by reaching out and working hand in hand with other groups, shelters, fire/Ems units whatever you have in the community that might need a partner or helping hand.





### DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, JIM MUYS

Well, convention is over, and I hope everyone had a great time. I wish to thank all the membership for having the confidence in me for

If anyone has a question or a comment, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help or steer you to the best person to help you.

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Just a few words for thought. When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you throw it away? No, you replace the batteries

When a person messes up or finds

themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? No, you help them replace their batteries.

Some need AA... attention and affection

Some need AAA... attention, affection, and acceptance

Some need C... compassion

Some need D... direction

If they still can't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

electing me as the new State Chaplain. I will try to do my very best to continue doing the great work for this great organization.



### DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR, EDDIE DANDRIDGE

Hello Department of Michigan, my name is Eddie Dandridge.

Our VFW State Commander John Griffith appointed

me to continue on as the Department Scholarship Director of VOD/PP/TOY Programs 2022-2023.

Thank you Commander Griffith for the appointment.

I look forward to working with our VFW Auxiliary counterparts to increase Post/District students and teacher participation this year.

The Department of Michigan:

**Joint VFW/VFWA Scholarships Team**

Eddie Dandridge- Director

Rudolph Wade- Asst. Director

Evelyn Avery- VFW Auxiliary Chairman

Carol Johnson- VFW Auxiliary

Americanism/TOY Chairman

The VOD/PP/TOY are joint VFW/VFWA programs and we will be working together sharing Ideas and resources as One Team to increase our student and teacher participation in the VFW Department of Michigan Scholarships Programs..

Theme for Voice of Democracy: 2022-2023

**"Why Is The Veterans Important"**

Theme for Patriot's Pen: 2022-2023

**"My Pledge To Our Veterans"**

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award: 2022-2023 This is a separate program and not required to make All-State.

The Department of Michigan will Award three categories K-5, K 6-8 and K 9-12 Grade Teachers.

Our Teachers will be judged at the Post level, District level and Department level.

At our Mid-Winter VOD/PP/TOY Award Banquet all our Department Winners will advance to National competition.

At our VFW State Convention 02-05 June 2022 Gateway Centre Holiday Inn Flint, Rudolph Wade and myself passed out VOD/PP/TOY program packages to District Commanders also gave a power point presentation to Post, District, Commanders, Adjutant's, Quartermaster's, Chairman's and the VFW membership.

On 18 June 2022 we attended Camp Trotter VTS in Newago where Rudolph Wade and myself again passed out VOD/PP/TOY program packages and presented a power point presentation to our membership.

We believe it's better to provide all Chairman's with the information they need immediately so they can get that information into the hands of students and teachers to run a successful VOD/PP/TOY program.

If you have any additional questions please contact your Post Chairman first if they can't help then contact your District Chairmen next.



### DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, GARRETT DICKEY

Comrades, I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers and extend

a heartfelt thank you to Department Commander John Griffith for the appointment. We had a great year under the guidance Past Commander Conklin and we will have an even better year this year! The Department of Michigan is making tremendous strides toward the future of the VFW. We are reaching out into our communities and doing great things for our fellow Veterans. We are no longer hidden and are now front and center. My program focuses on Membership through Community Involvement, so put on your VFW shirt and get out there. Send me all the great ideas and success stories. Article I look forward to visiting many Posts this year and invite you to stop by my home Post in Holland. My phone is always on and I'm always checking my emails.

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### DEPARTMENT SAFETY DIRECTOR, JESSICA WRIGHT

Greetings Comrades, Sisters and Brothers. It was great to see everyone at the State Convention!

The year end

Divisional awards were presented to the District Commanders for the 2021-2022 year. Congratulations to all of the Districts and Posts for an outstanding year.

On June 3, 2022, I had the honor of presenting the 2021-2022 Public Service Officers of the Year Award. Awards were presented to: Firefighter Cpt. Michael Brandt with the Wyandotte Fire Department sponsored by Post 1136; EMT Cory Jones with Monroe Community Ambulance Service sponsored by Post 1138 and Law Enforcement Officer Chief of Police Brent Lincoln with Springport Township Police Department sponsored by Post 6056. Congratulations to these fine Officers for their continued service to our Communities!

The deadline for this year's submission for Public Service Officer of the Year is

January 1, 2023. The form is available on the Department Website under the safety program tab.

If you are looking for safety materials the Michigan State Police have FREE safety information available for you. The form to obtain the safety information can be found online at

<https://bit.ly/vfwsafety>

I am here to help you achieve your goals and assist with getting you the drug and safety points you need!

ds@vfwmi.org





## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

BOB LUTZ

Comrades, I hope that everybody is in good health and enjoying the summer. The following are the new instructions for activity reporting.

**THE ONLY ACTIVITY REPORTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED ARE THE ON-LINE REPORTING SYSTEM, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

VFW Activity Reporting Instructions

Go to VFWMI.ORG webpage.

- Click on LOGIN, then click on Report Entry

- In the USERNAME put your Post Number (NUMBER ONLY)

- In PASSWORD put Pass13 then click on Login inside the black box.

- Go down to Add Report Data and click on Program Activity, then click on the ADD box all the way to the right.

Your Community Service report will come up. Change the month to the month for which you are reporting by clicking on the arrow in the month box and then fill in the "submitted by" portion and the report will open ready to fill out.

**FLY AMERICAN FLAG** at Post put number in the member's box.

**FLY POW/MIA FLAG** at Post put number in the Member's box.

**MEMBERS THAT FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG** at home put number of member's that fly American Flag at home in member's box, if higher than 10% of your total membership, proof must be given.

**MEMBERS THAT FLY POW/MIS FLAG** at home put number of member's that fly POW/MIA Flag at home in the member's box, again if higher than 10% of total membership proof must be given

**POW/MIA TABLE** at Post put a 1 in the member's box

Send or receive letters or have had contact with **LEGISLATORS** put number of letters/contacts that Post members have had contact with in member's box along with miles, hours and money spent.

**DRUG LITERATURE** distributed and/or available at Post for **YOUTH** put 1 in the

member's box.

**SAFETY LITERATURE** distributed and/or available at Post for **YOUTH** put 1 in member's box.

**DRUG LITERATURE** distributed and/or available at Post for **ADULTS** put 1 in the member's box.

**SAFETY LITERATURE** distributed and/or available at Post for **ADULTS** put 1 in the member's box.

If the post or members do any function related to drug and/or safety, make a separate report

**ATTENDING OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATION MEETINGS** put number of Post members that attended meetings and total hour and miles traveled.

In order to **ADD MORE REPORTS**, click on the green dot on the blank line and a new line will be added. Just type in you event that you want to report. Remember to put number of members, total hours for all members and miles.

If you are **REPORTING A DONATION OF POST PROPERTY**, put in the dollar amount that you would rent your Post for a non-member.

If you are reporting **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**, put down what the activity is and then put how many members participated, total hours, miles traveled if any and report any money spent or value of hall etc. in the dollar column

- Before you hit the submit button, make sure you have everything listed. It is suggested that you **PRINT A COPY** of this report before you hit the submit button.

- Once you have entered everything, click the SUBMIT button.

This will take you back to the Member Access screen and you will be able to see the report you just entered under the Submitted Date.

Once the Activities Director approves the report it will disappear.

Don't hesitate to contact me, (586)924-4591 // activity@vfwmi.org



## DEPARTMENT ALL-STATE DIRECTOR, MIKE MARTIN

The 2022 State Convention is over, and it was a great one! It's always great to see so many

of the people that I only get to see at the conferences. Congratulations to our new Department Commander John Griffith, Senior Vice Commander Ray Lopez and to our newest Department Officer, Junior Vice Commander Kimberly Napoleon.

As you can see, I have switched hats for 2022-2023. I have moved from District 8 Commander/Buddy Poppy Director to this year's All-State Director. I want to thank Commander Griffith for the appointment. All-State has always been a passion of mine and I hope to pass that passion on to all of you.

I have a new All-State Program this year. Some elements of last year's program were kept, and some new elements were added. It is not an easy program, because I believe All-State should be earned, but it is very doable. If you would like a copy of the new program, please contact me and I will email it to you.

I will be attending District meetings to give a VTS on the All-State Program and to answer any questions. I am also willing to visit Posts that want a more in-depth discussion about the program. I always enjoy visiting District meetings as well as other Posts to meet new Comrades.

I can be contacted at

forevergrunt@gmail.com

or at 616.594.9151 to set up a date & a time to get together.

I do work in a noisy environment so if I don't answer the phone, please leave a voicemail and I will get back to you as soon as I realize you have called. I am looking forward to meeting with everyone and to having a great All-State year.



## BIG 10 DELEGATE, NORM MAULDIN

I want to thank all of you for re-electing me to the position of Big 10 Delegate and the opportunity to represent you. It has been my honor and

privilege to have served you the past year and I'm looking forward to the next 2 years.

After the Department Convention, I attended the National Convention in Kansas City where I cast my vote for Comrade Jerry Gorski for the next National Junior Vice Commander in Chief. There were four candidates running for this position. Our own National Council of Administration Representative Gerald Gorski, Carol

Whitmore from Iowa, Chris Johnston from Missouri, and Chad Solheid from Minnesota. We also voted for the National Chaplain. The only candidate that announced their candidacy was the National Chaplain Deborah Halter from the Department of Missouri. Unfortunately, since this article had to be submitted before the elections and published after the elections, I'm not able to tell you the outcome at this time but hope for the best for Jerry.

The Big 10 Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 14-16 2022. Anyone can attend the Conference. The details are available on the Department web page, under the "News" tab. I am looking forward to visiting.

2022 - 2023 CANDIDATE

## REINOLD YAHNKA

Candidate for Dept. of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander 2022-2023





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POST REPORTS

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POST 334 - LAKE ORION

27 May, hundreds of volunteers showed up at Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC) to put out the American Flag on all of the plus 54,000 graves in time for Memorial Day. VFW Post 334 goes out the 3rd Tuesday each month and performs Honor Guard duty. Also during the year VFW Post 334 members go to GLNC for: twice annual headstone cleaning, placing out the Wreaths at Christmas, and attending the Memorial Day and Veteran Day ceremonies as well as picking up the American flags after Memorial Day. VFW Post 334 members also attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at Lakeville Cemetery, GLNC May 29 and the Orion

Veterans Memorial.  
 VFW Post 334 members Randy Stetson, Senior Vice Commander and Chuck Haskin, Quartermaster/Adjutant gave out almost 240 American flags on Saturday May 28th at the ACE Hardware store in Lake Orion.  
 On Tuesday April 26, VFW Post 334 presented the Orion Veterans Memorial a check for \$1,000 towards their Perpetual Fund which helps maintain this pristine memorial.  
 We meet the second Tuesday each month at the Lakepoint Community Church @ 1550 W Drahner Rd, Oxford.



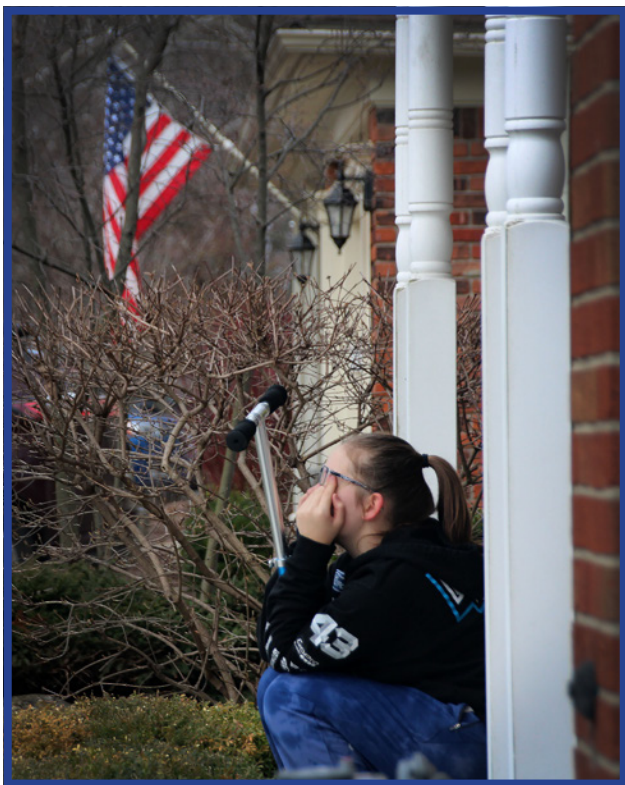
POST 582 - ORTONVILLE

Post CMDR. Dennis Hoffman and Sr. Vice Carl Jeffrey present Det. Rick Hubble with community service award. Post Korean war veterans George Morris & Don Kengerski both 91 and Post honor guard performing a rifle salute Memorial Day. Post chaplain John Wudarcki Korean war veteran getting ready for parade he's 90. The post placed 690 flags on veterans graves at the two Ortonville cemetery's.



POST 1519 - NORTHVILLE

This patriotic photo was entered into the local school contest by Paige Brown of her sister which won an award and is now hanging on the wall.



POST 3701 - LAKEVIEW

Our 2023 12 Gun Raffle is hot off the press. Contact us to reserve yours today.  
**vfwpost3701@gmail.com**  
 Or scan this code with your smart phone for even more ways to get in touch and stay up to date on raffles, events and our new building remodel project!





POST 3946 - GRAND RAPIDS

In mid-April, 89-year-old Korean War Veteran Robert Burnett (L) and Laurel and Ken Blossom, along with other members of Post 3946, collected roadside litter and trash along a stretch of Ten Mile road east of Rockford.



Several clean-up crew members, including (L to R) Chaplain Jerry Slot, Senior Vice-Commander Robert Maier, and Quartermaster and Adjutant Richard Ringersma, enjoyed lunch together following the clean-up.



POST 9931 - BRIDGEPORT

Kimberly A. Napoleon Past Commander of Bridgeport Post 9931 had the honor to serve as Saginaw County's Memorial Day Grand Marshal.

This was a privilege as not only is she the first female to do so, but she is also a widow

of an Army Veteran who paid the ultimate sacrifice of service.

Past State Commander Richard Lehner & his wife participated in the parade as her special guests along with many other local Veteran's & Veteran's Vintage Car Club.



COOTIE CORNER - ERIC BELL



Greetings, Comrades and Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers!

Our 2022-2023 M.O.C. Grand Line Officers were installed this year by Supreme Commander Olin Parks. The Grand Convention was held at VFW 3243 in Fenton, MI. Please give a Lousy BOOOO to Commander.

Nathaniel Powell, SrVice Commander Horace Frazier Jr., JrVice Commander Gary Burns, QM Shane Houghton, and Chaplain Hazel White. Congratulations and have a LOUSY year!



Cootie Shenanigans



Installation of line officers





### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, JERRY GORSKI

Congratulations to our New State Officers for 2022-2023.

Congratulations to our New District Officers, County

Council Officers and Post Officers for 2022-2023. I wish everyone the Very Best and a Successful Year! I hope to see many becoming All-American Commanders and All-State Commanders at each level this year.

The PACT ACT is stalled in the U.S. Senate. Please contact your U.S. Senators

Stabenow and Peters and ask them to Support the PACT ACT.

As of June 9, 2022, MICHIGAN is "now" in 16th Place in the Nation at 99.16%. We need 296 New, Reinstated and Continuous Members to Reach 100% by June 30, 2022. National is at 97.43%. National needs 26,541 New, Reinstated and Continuous Members to Reach 100% or 1,035,741 Members by June 30, 2022. MICHIGAN is "still" in 1st Place in the Big Ten Conference at 99.16%. That is Great! Missouri is in 2nd Place at 98.75%. Nebraska is in 3rd Place at 98.56%. Wisconsin is in 5th Place at 97.58%. WE CAN STAY IN 1ST PLACE in

the Big Ten Conference up to June 30, 2022 with everyone's help. WE CAN DO IT!

I KNOW WE CAN!

Thank you again for Electing Me as your National Council of Administration Member representing YOU and the Department of Michigan for 2019 through 2023.

Thank you again Michigan for Endorsing Me for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief 2023-2024 representing Michigan. I will never forget you!

Thank you to Every Post, Every Auxiliary and Every Individual for supporting me and contributing to my campaign.

Thank You and God Bless You.

### AUXILIARY BUDDY POPPY & NATIONAL HOME

### CHRISTINE LEBRUN

How does the "Buddy"® Poppy and the National Home for Children impact each other? The "Buddy"® Poppy was established as the VFW's Official Memorial flower in 1922. The poppy represents the blood that was shed by American service members and has now become symbolic of their sacrifice. Through their sacrifice the "Buddy"® Poppy child was "born". This

child was first referred to as the "Poppy Girl" and this child came from the VFW National Home for Children! Every year a new "Poppy Girl" was selected and the program year kicked off by her giving the first "Buddy"® Poppy to the President of the United States, until the 1970's. This "small and mighty flower" was shared from sea to shining sea along with the "Buddy"®

Poppy child connecting to the world that there is a place to go as our countries men and woman continued to pay the ultimate sacrifice. Portions of the poppy donations benefit the VFW National Home and its programs.

Through our continued efforts, the "Buddy"® Poppy and National Home will continue to prosper!



### AUXILIARY YOUTH ACTIVITY & CAMP TROTTER, MELODY SCHALK

I'm from District 11 and I'm excited to be working alongside all Auxiliary Youth Activity and Camp Trotter Chairmans for this upcoming year. The Guide Sheets and Bulletins should be in the hands of all Auxiliaries by now. Summer is here so we can start the Grave Beautifications projects. Get the youth involved.

Camp Trotter is open all summer long, so go and

enjoy a weekend there.

Camp Trotter dates for the kids are July 10-16, 17-23, 24-30 and July 31-Aug 6.

In the next article I will share fall ideas on how to promote Youth Activity and Camp Trotter in your local communities.

### AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

### EVELYN AVERY

You are all a part of promoting the Young American Patriotic Art Scholarship Program, The Continuing Education Scholarship and assisting the VFW with the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Programs. Together working as a team we can be the link that will encourage and challenge young people in our state to learn more about patriotism, while attaining an education and reaching their full potential. I am looking forward to assisting and helping in any way I can. Promoting Student Participation, Recipient Recognition, Community Awareness, and Increasing the Fund are the goals that will help achieve a successful Scholarship program.

The Voice of Democracy Contest is an audio essay contest for students in 9th-12th grades, who are asked to write an essay on the 2020 theme "Why is the Veteran Important?" Patriot's Pen is an essay contest for 6th-8th grades. The Theme is "My Pledge to our Veterans" These are VFW Programs that the Auxiliary helps support. Make sure you understand all the guidelines & forms needed – these can be found at: [vfwmi.org](http://vfwmi.org) or [vfwauxmi.org](http://vfwauxmi.org)

The deadlines are absolute & mean in the hands of the chairman NOT POSTMARKED.

Student deadline to local Post is October 31, 2022. District deadline is November 15, 2022. Deadline is FINAL. Department deadline is December 7, 2020.

Please help to make sure all VOD & PP forms are filled out legibly and contain all the information asked for. It is important that Posts and Auxiliaries adhere to deadline dates and fill their portion of forms sent on to District and Department completely. Remember, if you can't read it – the person you send it to can't read it either. It would be a shame to have the possible winner disqualified because of penmanship and incomplete forms.

The VFW Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship, deadline of February 15, 2023, is open to members, their spouses, or children over the age of 18, providing financial assistance to further their education. The application includes an essay of no more than 300 words and is sent to National Headquarters. Four \$1,000.00 scholarships are awarded each year, one in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. Get the

word out early to Post Auxiliaries, meeting locations. The Application and complete guidelines can be found at:

[vfwmi.org](http://vfwmi.org) or [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org)

The premier scholarship of the VFW Auxiliary is The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship. It is open to students in grades 9th-12th (including Home schooled network). Students must be residents of Michigan and be sponsored by a Michigan Auxiliary. There are two separate contests this year with two separate prizes. One contest is two-dimensional art (painting – artwork on canvas and paper). The other contest is three-dimensional – pottery, art with wood, papier-mâché, etc. Applications and complete rules can be found at [vfwmi.org](http://vfwmi.org) or [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) Student Deadline to the Local Auxiliary is March 31, 2023.

Promoting a donation to both Patriotic Art Escrow Funds will help these programs grow and reach more students. Encourage your Auxiliary to hold a fundraiser to increase both funds, the more youth we can recognize at the local, state, and National level, the more youth we serve.





## DISTRICT COMMANDER REPORTS



### DISTRICT 5 COMMANDER - BEN LIGHT

I would like to start by saying congratulations to Past District Commander Su-Jen Mauldin on an All-American year! Congratulations also to PSC Kevin Conklin for an exceptional year of service and leadership! To John Griffith; congratulations on attaining the high office of State Commander. I know you will keep the VFW Department of Michigan on the right track; moving forward and up! To my 5th District counter part; Ms. Jan Swik, you have been a wonderful collaborator and I have enjoyed every minute of the last 2 years working with you!

I want to say thank you to the Members of District 5 for the faith you have put in me to lead the District for the 2022-2023 year! With your support, I know we will have another fantastic year of service to our communities. As we lean forward into the 2022-2023 year, please reach out to me if you think I can be of service to you or your Post, or if there is an event that you would like me to attend.

Since the day I was born I have been part of the VFW Family. My Grand Father, Lawrence Light was active at his Post. He managed the Hall and the club room. He was Post Commander, and a Service Officer for the Department of Michigan working

out of the old Allen Park VA. As a family, the Lights would go to the Grosse Pointe war memorial on Memorial Day weekend to commemorate the memory in the history of our dead. I learned what service to others meant through him!

I have followed in my Grandfather's footsteps as best I can. Like home, I joined the Army when my country needed me. Like him, when I came home I joined the VFW. Like him, I became a Service Officer for the VFW Department of Michigan working at the VA Regional Office in Detroit. I have to say that aside from becoming a husband and a father; being a service officer brought me great joy and fulfillment. Not just because of the family legacy, but because the work allowed me to helped thousands of Veterans and their families throughout Michigan.

Before I wrap this up, there are a 3 books that I suggests everyone reads this year; "How to Win Friends and Influence People" and "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living" both by Dale Carnegie, and "The Art of Servant Leadership II" By Art Barter. All three of these books have been instrumental in my personal development and heavily influence my leadership style.

In closing, I wish monumental success for the all VFW Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the Department! And we can all be successful if we... **Serve First, Build Trust and Make Everyday a Great Day!**



### DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER - GARY BROWN

Comrade Brother & Sisters of the Great 8th District..... Let me start out by saying thank you all for electing me as your District 8

Commander again for 2022-2023 and I would also like to congratulate All the Newly Elected Department Officers. This is going to be my second time around as District Commander and I am looking forward to having a great year with all of you.

By the time you read this article our district will have already or will be having our first District meeting on August 6th at VFW Post 2144 in Holland, MI, and will have/or/will be attending Michigan Days at the VFW National Home for Children on August 7th but, if this MOV comes out before these dates....than you all will know the When and Where's ahead of time.

I would like to make all of you all aware that our District Meeting will have a VTS School before the Lunch at every meeting

and it is a Mandatory Meeting for ALL Commanders or their representatives to be at these meetings!

District Meetings will be held as follows:

#### **August 6th – Post 2144 Holland**

VTS 10:00 am -- Lunch at 11:00 am  
Meeting at 12:30 pm

#### **November 5th – Post 2406 Charlotte**

VTS 10:00 am -- Lunch at 11:00 am  
Meeting at 12:30 pm

#### **February 4th – Post 3946**

At American Legion Post #2  
401 North Park St. N.E. Grand Rapids  
VTS 10:00 am -- Lunch at 11:00 am  
Meeting at 12:30 pm (VOD-PP-TOY)

#### **May 6th – VFW Post 1527 Red Arrow**

1920 E. Kilgore Service Rd., Kalamazoo,  
VTS 10:00 am -- Lunch at 11:00 am  
Meeting at 12:30 pm

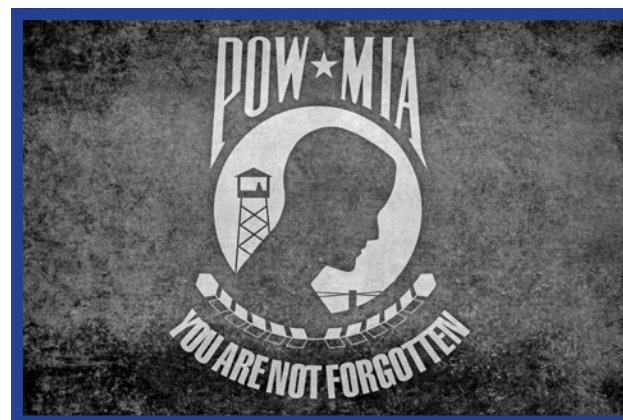
I am looking forward to meeting all of you as I canvas our district as your commander... If you have any questions you would like to have with me....my contact information is listed below!



### DISTRICT 6 COMMANDER ALVIN BOND

Greetings to Super-6th District, It is a great honor and privilege to be your District

6 Commander for the 2022-2023 year. District 6 has had an unprecedented last two years, earning All-State and All-American Honors. These accomplishments happened because membership, Post Commanders, Post Officers, District Officers as well as the leadership by two time All-State/All-American past District Commander Reinhold Yahnka. As District 6 moves forward into the current year we currently have two and possibly three posts merging with other posts in our district. Posts that have gone above and beyond earning All-State and All-American status. Currently we have some Posts that are struggling in our district. To the Posts in our district that are struggling, let's identify the issues. We as a District have a lot of experience and proven leadership to help the struggling Posts. We currently have the top 2 recruiters in the Department of Michigan in our District. So if membership is your downfall, let us work on it together. Post Commanders, if your bylaws are more than 5 years old it is time to update them in accordance with National bylaws. Post Commanders, please ensure you and your Post are obtaining and following the current editions of the VFW Podium Editions. Posts of the 6th, it is to be expected that each Post sends an officer to each planning and district meeting. I will do my best to visit each post at least twice in this next year to assist if needed. Comrades, I highly encourage you to help our younger veterans, encourage them and mentor them. In closing, I would like to thank Past State Commander Kevin Conklin for the amazing leadership he has shown this past year. With our new State Commander John Griffith coming from our district, we congratulate and wish you the best of luck.





**VETERAN CRISIS LINE****800-273-8255 PRESS 1****DISTRICT 10 COMMANDER - TOM WEBBER**

I would like to commend State Commander Kevin Conklin for a tremendous year and great leadership. I look forward to working with John Griffith, Ray Lopez, and Kimberly Napoleon this year and the new District commanders and chairman's as well.

Comrades of the 10th, thank you all for all the tremendous work that you accomplished. We are the highest percentage in the Department at 101.77%. There are still some expired members out there that we can pull back into our ranks. Continue the great work that you have been doing.

For this incoming year the main focuses will be on Recruiting and Getting as many posts to achieve All-State as possible. Together partnering with our Auxiliaries, we can increase our ranks for both organizations and help each other with all our programs for both sides. We need to fully work together as a team in District 10

and show the Department how Strong we really are.

For Recruiting we are looking at all Fairs, Festivals, and other events where we can setup a table and recruit for both the VFW and the Auxiliary. Keep in mind that when you have a couple, and one is interested in joining it's a perfect opportunity to recruit for the Auxiliary as well. Looking at what is available in the district that could be used that is now available to use to for recruiting we have 3 Canopies, 6-7 Table Covers, 3 Vertical Banners, and about 1,500 of the new recruiting flyers to use. With that said we could have up to 6 or 7 recruiting stations in the district at any given time or even at the same time.

This year's Meeting schedule is

**Planning Meeting - June 25**

Gleason Butler-Sharpe VFW Post 5585  
3128 Main St. Emmet MI 48022  
Phone (810)384-6586

**District Meeting – August 13**

Davison VFW 4087  
8031 E. Court St. Davison MI 48423  
Phone (810) 259-3859

**District Meeting – November 12th**

Yale VFW Post 8594  
4 W. Mechanic St. Yale, MI. 48097  
Phone (810)387-9923

**District Meeting – February 11th**

Lawrence W. Smith VFW Post 4139  
128 Daley Rd. Lapeer, MI. 48446  
Phone: 810-664-9222

**District Convention – May 13th**

Flint VFW Post 822  
G-5065 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI. 48507  
(Aux meeting) – Open

**Dist. VOD/PP/TOY Banquet - Jan 14**

Yale VFW Post 8594  
4 W. Mechanic St. Yale, MI. 48097  
Phone (810)387-9923

School of Instructions at 10:00 (am)  
Lunch at 11:15 (am) and Meeting starting at 12:30 (pm).

**AUXILIARY DISTRICT REPORTS****DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT - DEEANN MILLER**

My name is DeeAnn Miller. I am the District 4 President. District 4 consists of all of Wayne County (Detroit area). I served as District 4 President in 2013-2014. I joined under the eligibility of my father, Marvin Hamann. He could always be seen

registering VFW members at Convention and the Conferences. My mom is Past Department President Mariann Hamann. I want to thank my District (Fantastic 4) for electing me again. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

I look forward to working with my Commander Orville Beauchamp and all the members. Don't forget the District family picnic is August 13 at Post 6695. I am PROUD to be a member of this wonderful organization.

**DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT - PATRICK RICH**

Wow what a great year we just wrapped up! I was proud to have served as your 2021-2022 District 6 President and even prouder to have been reelected to fill the same position for the 2022-2023 year.

We were able to do great things this past year as a District. One project was to help our Department VFW with project of aiding Veterans in Kentucky after their traumatic

and devastating tornado. The VFW and Auxiliary came together across the State of Michigan for donations. Our members in District 6 were very successful in helping with that endeavor.

Serving as the 2022-2023 District 6 President allows me to continue to inspire participation in all Auxiliary programs that benefit our Veterans and their families. So

stayed tuned and be prepared to actively support projects and programs as they come up.

We will continue to work together my theme is "I have your 6". In the military, both men and women use this saying. It basically means "I have your back". I will be here for each of you, for whatever you need.

**DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT - BELINDA GRAVIT**

I have been elected to the position of District 7 President for the 2022-2023 Auxiliary year. I joined the Lt. Wm E. Lozier VFW Auxiliary in 1993, where I am also Auxiliary President in the Army, stationed in Korea from 1951-1953.

In fact, over a century ago, on January 7, 1925, the VFW National Home for Children was created. This is an amazing place! You can visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

and discover all the amazing things we as members do to support military families who may need some additional support. The VFW national Home for Children is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan and is the only one in the United States. It is in our own backyard and the Department of Michigan VFW/Auxiliary will be hosting an open house at Michigan Day on August 7, 2022. Make plans to come check out this

beautiful facility that we proudly support.

As a quick side note, for my own Auxiliary. Lt. William E. Lozier VFW Post #10704 has recently reopened the doors for Wednesday evening Bingo at 6:00 pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am we serve a breakfast. If you are in the area, please stop in.

May God Bless our Veterans and the United States of America!





## AUXILIARY DISTRICT REPORTS



### DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT - ROXANN LINDSAY

I am looking forward to a year of greatness boosting membership in our organization and reaching out to extend even more help to our Veterans and their families. I will also be encouraging our Auxiliaries to seek out more participants into our Scholarship programs.

If we work together with our Post members and show unity. Others that are not members may want to join our organization. Remember that both the Post and Auxiliary could benefit from recruiting new members!

This year I am hoping to encourage

participation in Valentine's for Vets, Christmas Card Making, Care Boxes and Thinking of You, reminder notes to members that have not attended for a while.

If you know of a Veteran or their family that needs assistance with lawn care, household repairs, or just someone to sit and talk with, please contact me. I will do my best to be of help.

My goal this year for District 10 is to help our Veterans, they gave us their service, the least we can do is give them our time, help, support, and love!

### DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT - DENISE ARNOLD

I am very excited to be serving as the District President again as well as the Department First Aid Chairman. I am eligible to be a member of this elite organization through my father George Demski an Army veteran who served in WWII. While our district may be small, we are mighty.

Here are a couple of important things happening in our district within the next few months:

Operation Help! Saturday, July 23, 2022, 5 pm - 11 pm at the Roscommon VFW Post 4159. This is a joint District VFW and Auxiliary fundraiser. Money raised at this event is placed in an account and available to posts in our district if they may require assistance with their Post building or other emergencies.

Michigan Day is August 7, 2022, at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI.

District 11 meeting will be on August 14, 2022, in Hale, MI at 10 am and there will be a School of Instruction.

On August 18, 2022, the Mt Pleasant Post 3033 will be hosting a dinner in honor of the National Presidents' visit to Michigan. Please see the information available from the Department Auxiliary office.

I am looking forward to serving our veterans and their families as well as all of our members. Helping to promote legislation with our local, state, and national representatives will be encouraged at every auxiliary.

A personal goal I have being also a teacher is to promote all of our scholarships and programs which involve our youth. Encouraging patriotism and being a good citizen from kindergarten through college levels is something I truly believe in. They are the future of our country.

### DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT - DENISE ARNOLD

I was elected to serve in the position of District 12 President once again for the 2022-2023 Auxiliary year. I love serving and mentoring from this position. There will be four District 12 meetings this year. Notices will be sent out as soon as the date and locations are locked in.

As any organization realizes, Membership is the life blood. Our eligibility

wheel spreads out three degrees from the qualified service member. Please be sure to ask individuals if they can join. If they do, welcome them and mentor them in the ways of our Auxiliary. Please invest in getting former members to rejoin, maintaining current members, and recruiting new members to serve our Veterans and their families.

### DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT - JUDY SCHAFER

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In closing, Report, Report, Report all you do.

### DIST. 13 PRESIDENT - VICKI LUCKEY

I am a member of VFW Post #2780 Auxiliary located in Traverse City, Michigan. Recently I was elected as the new incoming District 13 President for VFW Auxiliary Department of Michigan. I will strive to promote, organize, and instruct the Auxiliaries within the District when making my Official Visit or presiding at one of our District Meetings. With nine Auxiliaries within District 13, I am honored, and excited to meet all the post and auxiliary members as I serve in this position. It will be exciting for me to see the enthusiasm and growth that we make together this year as one team, one VFW/VFW Auxiliary family!

We will be hosting several upcoming events starting on August 7th with Michigan Day at the VFW National Home for Children Day in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. I am sending my deepest appreciation to each veteran and their family. God Bless.

### DIST. 13 PRESIDENT - VICKI LUCKEY

I was honored to be elected to the position of District 15, Department of Michigan VFW Auxiliary President. I joined the Auxiliary under the eligibility of my husband Tom. I have had the opportunity to serve as Conductress, Secretary, Jr. Vice President and President of VFW Auxiliary to Post #6165 in South Range, MI. Preceding being elected as the District 15 President this past April, I held the position of District 15 Sr. Vice President.

I am looking forward to promoting programs and initiatives that benefit our members, Veterans, and their families.

I reside in Trimountain. I have four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson.

### AUX. MENTORING

### DIANA HERRICK

The continued success of the VFW and its Auxiliary depends on the continued ability to build on our strong foundation. Sharing knowledge and teaching all our members the traditions of our organization should be a priority. Honoring our mission to serve Veterans, aiding, and encouraging our brothers and sisters to become more involved in our Auxiliary. We need to continue to build on our traditions that have existed, and it will enable our organization to grow for many generations to come. Regardless of the different backgrounds and cultures our members have one thing in common: VETERANS!





DESIGNER / EDITOR,  
STACEY ROBERTS

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer! The weather has been amazing. I know with this issue that the fall is quickly approaching. I am not ready! The next deadline will be immediatly following Fall Convention. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Next deadline = October 15, 2022**  
Send articles for consideration to:  
**MOV@VFWMI.VET**

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(First Name)

(Age) (Date of Death)

(Post)

**Branch of Service :**

ARMY AIR FORCE NAVY  
MARINE CORP COAST GUARD

**Served in :**

WWI WWII KOREA VIETNAM  
GULF IRAQ/ AFGHANISTAN  
OTHER OCCUPATION FORCES



ROLL CALL OF DEPARTED COMRADES

LISTED BY POST NUMBER / LAST NAME / FIRST NAME / AGE / SERVICE / WAR

671 Dewitt

Sample, Gene V. Sr. 89 Navy/Korea

1519 Northville

Moore, Jimmie 73 Air Force/Vietnam

1887 Menominee

Anderson, Michael J. 71 Army/Vietnam  
Shatusky, Richard F. 89 Army/Korea

2144 Holland

DeVree, Jerold 91 Army/Korea  
Machiele, Boyd 76 Army/Vietnam

2233 Detroit

Farris, Sidney 75 Navy/Vietnam  
Mallard, Julins W. 100 Army/WWII  
Wallace, Jesse 85 Army  
Whitley William 88 Army

3676 Sault Ste Marie

Menard, Alvin J. 98 Navy/WWII  
Menard, Philip J. 74 Navy/Vietnam

3701 Lakeview

Dunn, Michael 72 Vietnam  
Lindsey Daniel 72 Air Force/Vietnam

3925 Erie

Parker, Harvey E. 77 Army

3941 Livonia

Girolamo, Joseph 101 Army/WWII

4090 Portland

Lawless, Richard 93 Army/WWII  
Schrauben, Gerald 86 Army  
Wohlscheid, Robert C. 91 Army/Korea

4162 Hamtramck

Moynes, Omer Jr. 74 Army/Vietnam

4461 Lake Odessa

Bennett, Jerry 85 Air Force/Korea  
Cross, Robert 90 Korea  
Mc Diarmid, Gary 78 Army  
Shoemaker, Robert 92 Navy/Korea  
Sifton, Gerald 98 Army Air Corps/WWII  
Strickland, Stanton 98 Army/WWII

7542 Birch Run

Hobson, Robert K. 77 Navy/Vietnam

8236 Flint

Hatchett King 102 Army/WWII  
Miller Arnett 82 Air Force/Vietnam

8846 Muskegon

Brown, George M. 94 Army/WWII  
Carson, Charles W. Jr. 96 Navy/WWII  
Sheathelm, Glenn H. 75 Army/Vietnam  
St. Amour, James G. 94 Army/WWII

9455 Owosso

Bupp, Lyle 89 Army/Korea  
Dumond, David 72 Army/Vietnam

9809 Saginaw

Mc Clung, Donald J. 98 Air Force/WWII

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