



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VFW AUXILIARY 8846

October 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Can you believe fall is here? Summer flew by! The Tigers Bus Trip was a success again this year, raising over \$1,300 for the Post. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun, shared the announcements, helped sell tickets, and supported the trip. A good time was had by all!

As we head into fall, we have some exciting events coming up at our Post - beginning with a very special milestone: the 75th Anniversary of Don Rea VFW Post 8846, our Diamond Jubilee!

VFW Post 8846 is Celebrating its DIAMOND JUBILEE - NOVEMBER 7, 2026 - 75 YEARS OF SERVICE, SACRIFICE & COMMUNITY

We are planning a special celebration that marks seven and a half decades of unbroken dedication to veterans, community, and country. It will feature special guests, sharing of the history of our Post, a pig roast dinner, filling a Time Capsule to be opened at the 100th anniversary, and live music by the Medicine Men from 6:00-9:00 PM. There is no cost to attend; donations are welcome and encouraged. The celebration is open to the public, so please mark your calendar and come help us celebrate!

MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership dues notices have been sent. Please send in your payment or consider converting to Lifetime Membership.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP CARD UPDATE: National will **no longer mail membership cards to annual members**. Your card is available through MALTA and can be added to your digital wallet or printed.

- 1 Log into MALTA and follow the instructions to activate your account.

2 Select View Card.

3 Add the card to Apple Wallet or Google Wallet - or print a paper copy.

MALTA: malta.vfwauxiliary.org or <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org/account/NewLogin>

If you have trouble accessing your card, let me or another Auxiliary officer know. We can help you print a paper copy or add it to your digital wallet.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 11	Boy Scouts Breakfast 9:00 AM - Noon
October 13	Burger Night and Bake Sale 4:30 PM-7:00 PM
October 16	Burrito Dinner and Bake Sale 4:30 PM- 7:00 PM
October 24	Kids Halloween Party
November 7	VFW Post 8846 75th Anniversary - “Diamond Jubilee” 4:00PM- 9:00PM
November 8	Veterans Dinner :Time to be announced and sign up sheet will be posted
November 20	Fish Dinner & Bake Sale 4:30 PM- 7:00 PM
December 12	Kids Christmas Party

WE NEED YOU!

All of these events depend on volunteers to be successful. You don't have to commit to every event - or even an entire evening. An hour or two helping with setup, serving, baking, selling tickets, cleanup, or another task can make a big difference.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AT LEAST ONE ACTIVITY THIS FALL. MANY HANDS REALLY DO MAKE LIGHT WORK!

VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

School Supply Drive - Thank You! Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies. We filled that bucket! The donations will be distributed to area elementary schools.

October Coat Drive. Winter is around the corner, so it's time to rummage through our coat closets. Please donate gently used **coats, hats, gloves and mittens** that we can gather and distribute in our community to those in need.

Halloween Candy Donations. We will be accepting candy donations for the Kids Halloween Party from October 12-23. A collection bin will be available inside the Canteen.

October Dinners and Bake Sale- Please bring donations to the post by 4:00 PM. We love to have a variety of cakes, cookies and other delicious sweets. If you bring a cake, please slice it and cover it with wrap. “Thinking, They probably already have enough baked goods? Nope, we don’t! :) Keep those goodies coming!” There are never “too many” donations so please consider helping us by making something and dropping it off.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

The November election is right around the corner. Early voting begins October 24. As the election approaches, Michigan voters can use the Michigan Voter Information Center to view ballot information. The VFW Auxiliary remains proudly nonpartisan and encourages members to participate in the democratic process without endorsing candidates or political parties.

Michigan Voter Information Center: [View your ballot information](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index) or <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

VFW Action Corps Legislative Action Center: [View current VFW legislative actions](https://votervoice.net/vfw/bills) or <https://votervoice.net/vfw/bills>

STAY CONNECTED ON FACEBOOK!

Want to keep up with what's happening at VFW Post 8846 and the Auxiliary? Our Facebook groups are a great way to see upcoming events, announcements, photos, volunteer opportunities, donation requests and reminders.

VFW Post 8846 - look for the group with a photo of the outdoor patio. [Join the Post Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/482775195098295) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/482775195098295>

Don Rea VFW Auxiliary - look for the group with a profile photo of Auxiliary members. [Join the Auxiliary Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1653398488237077) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1653398488237077>

FOLLOW ALONG - JOIN THE FUN - VOLUNTEER - STAY CONNECTED!

VFW RESOURCE CENTER

Connecting Veterans & Families with Resources

The VFW Resource Center helps Veterans, service members and their families connect with trusted programs, benefits, services and opportunities. Whether you're looking for assistance, information or resources, this is a great place to start.

[Visit the VFW Resource Center](https://heroes.vfw.org/page/196676/action/1?ea.url.id=9846478) or <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/196676/action/1?ea.url.id=9846478>

Know a Veteran or military family who could use some help? Please share this resource with them. Sometimes simply knowing where to start can make a difference.

LOOKING FOR A PAST NEWSLETTER?

Would you like to look back at a previous newsletter - or do you know someone who would like to stay connected with Post and Auxiliary news but doesn't receive email?

Visit vfw8846.org and select **NEWS**. You will find recent editions of both the Post and Auxiliary newsletters available to read anytime.

Only the most recent newsletters are kept on the website. If you're looking for an older edition or have questions, please reach out and we'll be happy to help.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD AND KEEP OUR VFW FAMILY CONNECTED!

JOIN US AT AN AUXILIARY MEETING!

Our Auxiliary meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 - 7:00 PM

You don't have to hold an office or serve as a Committee Chairman to make a difference. Come to a meeting, learn more about what we're doing, bring an idea, volunteer for a project - or simply come see what the Auxiliary is all about.

This month we will be talking about the Diamond Jubilee and ways that we as an Auxiliary can support this very special event. Your ideas and participation are always welcome!

A BUSY FALL AHEAD

As we move into a busy fall, I am grateful for everything our members are already doing and excited about what we can accomplish together.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans, service members, their families, our Post, and our community.

See you at the Post!

Dawn Bishop

President

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