

## **Outstanding Awards**

### **One Department Outstanding Award will be awarded in each of the following categories!**

Note: Nominations may be made by **any** Auxiliary Member. No one knows better what you have done this year than you yourself. If you feel you have done an outstanding job, please submit your own letter. Let me know the outstanding job you have done this year! Members making a nomination must submit a clear, concise, letter of nomination to the President or appropriate officer as noted on each award. Our members are doing the work. Let's see that they are recognized. **Now is the time to show that "Gnome Veterans Forgotten!"** All nominations must be sent to the Department President or appropriate officer no later than **May 1, 2026**.

#### **Outstanding Auxiliary Chairman**

One auxiliary chairman will receive recognition for outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 year. A summary report of why this chairman deserves to be recognized as outstanding chairman should be submitted. Criteria to be considered include planning, promotion, and achievement. The nomination may be prepared by the auxiliary president or any other officer or member of an auxiliary. These nomination letters need to be sent to the Department Program Coordinator – Sandi White (email: [sandijays@yahoo.com](mailto:sandijays@yahoo.com))

#### **Outstanding Auxiliary Member**

Does your Auxiliary have one member who simply exemplifies the meaning and purpose of the VFW Auxiliary? An award will be presented to one auxiliary member based on his/her participation and initiative in auxiliary activities, membership recruitment, and his/her cooperation in dealing with Post and Auxiliary members, as well as members of the community. This nomination may be prepared by any officer or member of an auxiliary and sent to the Department President – Marietta Hill (email: [margiebanana9@gmail.com](mailto:margiebanana9@gmail.com)) and Chief of Staff - Donna Marie King (email: [donnamarieking1959@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarieking1959@gmail.com))

### **Outstanding Auxiliary Secretary**

The Outstanding Auxiliary Secretary award will be awarded based upon recommendations of Auxiliary President or any Auxiliary member. Secretaries may submit their own letter of achievement. A written recommendation on an Auxiliary Secretary that has gone above and beyond in their duties as an auxiliary secretary should be submitted. This includes ensuring that Secretary records are kept according to the Podium Manual and precise reports are given at each meeting. Must include helping to ensure that Auxiliary audits are reported on time and reports kept as a record in their minutes. Ensuring that all motions that are made and carried are written in the minutes with special attention to expenditures. This information can be reviewed on reports made at individual meetings. These nominations need to be sent to the Department Secretary – Lisa Levangie-Colon (email: [llevangiecolon@gmail.com](mailto:llevangiecolon@gmail.com))

### **Outstanding Auxiliary Treasurer**

The Outstanding Auxiliary Treasurer award will be awarded based upon recommendations of Auxiliary President or any auxiliary member. Requires a written recommendation for an Auxiliary Treasurer that has gone above and beyond in their duties as an auxiliary treasurer. This includes ensuring that the Treasurer's records are kept according to the Auxiliary Podium Manual and precise reports are given at each meeting. Should also assist in helping to ensure that Auxiliary audits are reported on time. Treasurers may submit their own letter of their achievements. These nominations need to be sent to the Department Treasurer – Sharen Peterson (email: [treasvfwauxsc@gmail.com](mailto:treasvfwauxsc@gmail.com)).

### **Outstanding Auxiliary President**

An award will be presented to the Outstanding Auxiliary President, based on the following criteria:

\* Auxiliary must be 100% in membership by May 1, 2026.

\* Auxiliary President or his/her designee (Sr. Vice President or Jr. Vice President) must have attended all Council of Administration meetings, District meetings and other designated Department functions. This nomination requires a written report with recognition of outstanding performance as an Auxiliary President. Brag on the many things your Auxiliary President has been involved with during the year.

Although not required, documentation is suggested. Award will be presented to one auxiliary president based on his/her participation and initiative in auxiliary activities, membership recruitment, and his/her cooperation in dealing with Post and Auxiliary members, as well as members of the community. The nomination may be prepared

by any officer or member of the auxiliary. These nominations need to be sent to the Department President – Marietta Hill (email: [margiebanana9@gmail.com](mailto:margiebanana9@gmail.com)) and Chief of Staff - Donna Marie King (email: [donnamarieking1959@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarieking1959@gmail.com))

### **Outstanding District President**

An award will be presented to the Outstanding District President, based on the following criteria:

- \* District must be 100% in membership by May 1, 2026.
- \* District President must have completed all auxiliary Official Visits.
- \* District President or his/her designee (Sr. Vice President or Jr. Vice President) must have attended all Council of Administration meetings, District meetings and other designated Department functions.
- \* District President or designee (Sr. Vice President or Jr. Vice President) must make a brief report at each Council of Administration Meeting with report provided to Dept. Secretary.
- \* Must complete all requirements, information and reports pertaining to the Chief of Staff (Extension and Revitalization).
- \* Must complete all requirements pertaining to the Jr. Vice President – Liaison.

This award will be judged by a team of officers. The team consists of the Dept. Jr. Vice President – Patrice Lamb and the Chief of Staff – Donna Marie King.

Nominations for this award **are not required**.

### **Outstanding Department Program Chairman**

An award will be presented to a Department Program Chairman who has promoted his/her program in such a manner that outstanding performance has been achieved. Chairman or their designee must have promoted their program at each Council of Administration meeting and a report when required at the meeting to the Department President, Secretary and Department Program Coordinator. Nominees must have submitted to their National Ambassador a letter of introduction in August 2025 and at least four (4) bulletins throughout the year. This determination will be made by the Department President and Department Program Coordinator so be sure to include them in any correspondence you make with your National Ambassador or promotions you make to department auxiliaries. (copies of everything must be forwarded to the President and Department Program Coordinator.

A detailed end-of-year report must be submitted to the President no later than April 30, 2026. All entries/nominations must be submitted to the Department President –

Marietta Hill (email: [margiebanana9@gmail.com](mailto:margiebanana9@gmail.com)), and Department Program Coordinator – Sandi White - (email: [sandijays@yahoo.com](mailto:sandijays@yahoo.com))

### **Outstanding Hospital Volunteer**

This award is based on documentation and recommendation by the Auxiliary Hospital Department Program Chairman and documentation provided by the hospital or clinic. Nominations and required paperwork need to be sent to the Department Hospital Program Chairman – Sandy Rowland (email: [sandyrowl@gmail.com](mailto:sandyrowl@gmail.com)).

### **Outstanding Auxiliary Program Awards:**

One award will be presented for each program to an auxiliary in each membership group that has shown achievement in a category of program reporting and has shown exemplary work in their program. All program reports are due to the Department Program Chairman no later than April 15, 2026. Programs will be judged by the Program Chairman along with the Department President on May 1, 2026.