

AUXILIARY AWARDS

Awards for the Program Year 2026-27 are Changing!

The Department of California is replacing the All-State and Circle of Excellence awards with a new award

THE GOLDEN BEAR AWARD

To qualify for this report, the Auxiliary must first be a Healthy Auxiliary

Requirement		Deadline	
GOLDEN BEAR AWARD	HEALTHY AUXILIARY	Election of Officers, Delegates and Alternatives	30-Apr
		Installation Report forwarded to Department and National HQ	30-Jun
		Bond Application submitted for offices of President and Treasurer bonded with an indemnity company authorised by National HQ or Department	31-Aug
		Last Quarterly audit and membership status of the VFW Auxiliary given to the Post Commander	Within 30 days of assuming the office of the President
		District Dues Paid - based on the June 30 membership of prior year	30-Sep
		Audit Reports completed and submitted on time	
		Period 1/1-3/31	31-May
		Period 4/1-6/30	31-Aug
		Period 7/1-9/30	30-Nov
		Period 10/1-12/31	28-Feb
		Project, program and/or donation in National Programs.	30-Dec
		Minimum of 10 members paid in order to maintain charter	1-Feb
		Hold at least 10 business meetings per year	Between July 1 and June 30
	HEALTHY AUXILIARY		
	President to communicate to members at least once a quarter	Quarterly	
	Auxiliary holds a School of Instruction for their Members	31-Dec	
	President attends a District or Department School of Instruction	31-Dec	
	Auxiliaries must have an approved report in each of the following programs: Americanism, Hospital, Veterans and Family Support, Legislative and Scholarships	30-Apr	
	Donations made to Department Programs.	31-Dec	
	Either the President, Sr Vice or Jr Vice must attend each District Meeting	31-May	
	The membership dues of all Officers must be paid	31-Dec	
	Auxiliary (paid) membership must be 100%	15-May	
	Tax Filings complete	15-Oct	
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The **Healthy Auxiliary Award** will be administered by the Chief of Staff

The **Golden Bear Award** will be administered by the Department Jr. Vice President

Any exceptions to the requirements are at the discretion of the Award Administrator and the Department President