

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN AUXILIARY VFW
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Each District President is to have a caucus, preferably after nominations. Caucuses are held for the purpose of evaluating the qualifications of each candidate, thereby giving each delegate an opportunity to decide how he/she wants to vote. Each delegate has his/her own vote, which gives him/her the privilege of voting for whom he/she wishes.

The Credentials Chairman will have your District strength Friday and on Saturday morning you will have the final voting strength. It is the responsibility of each District President, at the time of the caucus on Saturday, to verify each Auxiliary's voting strength. If there are errors, it is the responsibility of the District President to check with the Credentials Chairman and correct the errors.

On Saturday morning each District President is to give a written notice to the Department Secretary stating the time and place of her District's caucus.

The District President casts the votes of the District and **will** include his/her own vote as District President in that vote.

The District President is to poll each Auxiliary in his/her District. Each Auxiliary has until the time of the election to give their District President their votes.

Delegate Strength:

- Each Auxiliary President has his/her own vote and each delegate has a vote.
- a.) Each Auxiliary is entitled to its full voting strength if at least one delegate is present. For example; if an Auxiliary has ten (10) delegates and one (1) delegate and the President are present, that Auxiliary is entitled to vote their full strength of ten (10) delegates plus one (1), that being the President's vote, making a total of eleven (11).
 - b.) In the **ABSENCE** of the Auxiliary President, the Sr. Vice President, or in his/her absence, the Jr. Vice President may cast the vote of the President, providing he/she has registered as such. If the President of an Auxiliary holds a Department Office, such as District President, he/she must make the choice. He/She cannot register as both, to vote. If he/she takes the District President's vote, his/ her Auxiliary Sr. Vice President **CANNOT TAKE THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S VOTE**, as he/she is not ABSENT from the meeting, but, is in fact, voting as the Department Officer. Please make sure your members know that they can only register to vote under one title, whether it be Delegate, President, District President or Department Officer.
 - c.) If no Delegates are present, but an Alternate is, he/she may vote, providing he/she is registered as such.
 - d.) If just the President is present, he/she may cast just his/her own vote. However, if he/she is elected as a Delegate, he/she should register as a Delegate and cast the total Delegate strength. He/She cannot, however, cast the President's vote because he/she is acting as a Delegate.
 - e.) If an Auxiliary has two (2) Delegates registered and the Auxiliary has a voting strength of 11 Delegate votes, the votes are divided between the two Delegates. The one (1) remaining vote must be decided between the two (2) Delegates and

be cast jointly. The President cannot take any of the Delegate votes if he/she is registered as President. He/She can only cast his/her one (1) vote as President.
Delegates cast Delegate votes

In the event of a second election for the same office, the District President shall poll his/her District again unless he/she has requested a second and/or third choice of that position at the time. Please poll your Auxiliaries as to how they wish to vote on more than one ballot.

Please use this form to notify the Department Secretary of your Caucus Room and time.

Announcement of location will be made
Saturday morning, June 8, 2019.

District # _____ will caucus:

_____ Room # _____, Time _____

OR

_____ At District Banner on the Convention floor
following this session.

District President: _____