

## Extension, Revitalization & Mentoring Bulletin #2

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and is ready for fall. With fall comes cooler weather but also gives us time to regroup and revitalize our Auxiliaries.

Is your Auxiliary healthy and strong? There are many resources available from National to help all Auxiliaries maintain their healthy status and to continue to grow and do great things in your communities. You can find all these resources in Malta. Remember that **Green** is the color that you want to be. Be aware of the caution light and please reach out to me if you need anything at all or if I can help with anything.

I will be setting up a zoom meeting for District Presidents and one for Auxiliary Presidents. I think this will be a great way for you to share your ideas and learn from each other. Watch for more information on this to come out.

We need to work together to maintain our current Auxiliaries to help them be successful and viable but for us to grow and expand our roots we need to work with our unaffiliated Posts to form New Auxiliaries. An Auxiliary cannot exist without a Post. There are many resources available so please reach out to me for help and or questions.

Remember that the VFW Auxiliary has been built on traditions and the Extension and Revitalization program will benefit each member of our organization by keeping them informed and involved in our programs and traditions. Remember that the more we teach and learn together the stronger our Auxiliaries will become and as our roots run deeper our branches will continue to grow and expand.

We are all mentors to all our members at any level. I would encourage you to remember the CARE concept.

C- Catch the member when they first join. Remember your first meeting and how you felt.

A-Ask them to Participate.

R- Remember what it felt like to be new.

E- Engage them in a program that fits them.

Extending a hand and a smile to a new or longtime members can make them feel welcome and accepted. A smile and a kind word goes a long way. We want all our members to feel valued and encourage them to participate in a program that sparks their interest and something that they would enjoy. We all have great ideas, and I would encourage you to listen to them from all your members. These ideas can create fantastic results if we let them. As our National Chief of Staff Betty Arnold wrote, "Blend the past with the present to guarantee our future." These words state what we need to do to continue our great organization into the future.

Thank you for all that each of you do in your Districts and Auxiliaries. Nothing is too small to make a difference. Remember that From Our Roots to Our Branches, Extending Service to Our Veterans. And may we always remember to put "Veterans, Family First"

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