#### Extension, Revitalization & Mentoring

#### **Bulletin 1**

# "From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free" "Keep the Home Fires Burning"

These are not just words---they are the guiding spirit behind everything we do. Whether we're building new Auxiliaries or revitalizing existing ones, we do it to honor and support those who've served, and to strengthen the communities they call home.

#### **Connecting with Unaffiliated Posts:**

There are 34 unaffiliated posts in our Department, and each one represents an opportunity to expand our reach and impact.

Reminder: We no longer refer to these as "Bachelor Posts," as many now include female members.

If you hear of a post interested in forming an Auxiliary, please contact our Department President or me, your Chief of Staff. You can then ask the Post Commander for an invitation to attend a meeting and share the benefits of having an Auxiliary.

If the Post agrees, they will need to hold a vote with 2/3 member approval. Once approved, the Department President will appoint an Organizer to work directly with the Post.

Next steps include hosting an informational meeting with prospective members to introduce what we do. To officially start a new Auxiliary, you will need 15 eligible applicants.

Resources Available: Malta and our web site provide everything you need, including the (10) compelling reasons why a Post should have an Auxiliary.

## **REVITALIZATION: Building a Strong Auxiliary**

To maintain a vibrant and compliant Auxiliary, make sure you meet these 5 Essentials:

- 1. Hold at least 10 business meetings per year
- 2. Pay dues for 10 members by February 1st
- 3. Stay current on all audits
- 4. Elect, install, and report officers to National
- 5. Ensure the President and Treasurer are bonded

Audit Period Completion Deadline Submit to Department

Jan-MarchApril 30May 31Apr-JuneJuly 31August 31Jul-Sept.October 31November 30Oct-Dec.January 31February 28

### **LEADERSHIP RESOURCES:**

All materials to help you lead effectively are available on our website or through Malta – Member Resources – Extension/Revitalization.

Let's continue to grow, serve, and honor because our mission is more than a motto. It's a PROMISE!

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