



EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

Chief of Staff

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Promotion #2



District Presidents, as you start your Official Visits look for “red flags” and be honest on your Official Visit Reports. None of us like to say an Auxiliary isn’t doing well but if we don’t know how they are really doing, we can’t help them. We have a staff of District Chief of Staff’s along with Line Officers and very knowledgeable members who are willing to help when asked.

Consult the ***Building on the Auxiliary Foundation*** book, on the *Official Visit Guidelines and Expectations for District and Auxiliary President Duties* on pages 11 - 13. Be sure to sign and date each set of books including the checkbook after reviewing. There are several promising ideas to help you through your year and forms you may need. Study your podium book to have the knowledge of our Auxiliary Traditions and Programs. More information can be found on our National website www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources .

Attend District and Department meetings – the more you know the better you can serve!



Let’s revitalize our Auxiliaries by having a good attitude and inspiring words when you visit them. Look for the positives in our Auxiliaries and make sure they have lifting, energized conversations with thrilling ideas to share. Remember every member needs to feel that their involvement is necessary for the success of the Auxiliary. If the members feel welcomed and needed, they will come back to the meetings and functions we have. Let’s show that we are proud of our Auxiliary and our members in our community by sharing through media, newspapers, radio stations or Facebook.

Assign a Mentor team to help work with new members to educate them on the working of this organization. We all need that special person to show us the way. That one person or persons can teach us more than we will ever know. Remember we have been in their shoes at least once in our life. Happy members make a Healthy Auxiliary.

District Presidents, in your packet you received information on how to form a New Auxiliary. Please share this information with your Presidents in your District. Any member can organize a new Auxiliary, as long as they are appointed as organizer by the Department President. Remember a VFW Post must vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority to have an Auxiliary.

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When talking to a Post about having an Auxiliary, point out reasons that will help their Post. Here are some of them: They can assist in events in community/preparation, Buddy Poppy drives, bring in potential members, increases Program participation and positively reinforces the values and beliefs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We need to ask these bachelor posts. So let's take that first step. Remember be positive, friendly, enthusiastic and have the information they need to consider having an Auxiliary.

Please have your members answer the "Healthy Check-up for your Auxiliary Questionnaire" as this can help you to get to know your members better. Remember to send me a copy with a short summary of the answers to the questions. Never ever take any member for granted. The Good Job Award Certificate is a great way to show your appreciation for what they have done in your Auxiliary.

"BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS" by "DOING FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T"



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