

Mid-year review – as the historian, now is the perfect time to do a mid-year review. What events did your auxiliary have during the year so far; what pictures do you or others have to capture the stories; or are there any articles you should have written for your auxiliary’s newsletter, annual report, or for social media to share with others?

Training – There were 3 virtual training courses held in the fall. We will hold some training sessions at Mid-Winter (schedule still to be determined) and will follow up with some spring virtual trainings. Topics currently include MALTA, social media, department website, and the Legacy Auxiliary Member Video. If there is a topic related to historian and media relations you would like to see, please send your ideas over for consideration.

Legacy Auxiliary Member Video – NEW Call to Action - Time to work on your Legacy Auxiliary Member Videos. National is asking that we start capturing the stories of our own legacy auxiliary members with video interviews. There will be a **National citation** for every auxiliary who submits a 3–5-minute video interview with a legacy Auxiliary member. You will complete an entry form to send along with your video(s) to me (Dept Chairman) by March 31, 2024. Multiple videos can be sent. One of the best ways to send the videos is by putting them on a thumb drive. Feel free to reach out if you need assistance.

Interview question options:

Each person’s story will be unique to the individual. The questions below are suggestions and can be altered to capture the best story possible. Review the questions with the person being interviewed in advance, determine which questions they will answer, and how the interviewer will guide the conversation. You do not have to use all the questions but remember the goal is to capture a story about your legacy Auxiliary member.

- Share your name, auxiliary, and when you joined the VFW Auxiliary.
- How did you get involved with the VFW Auxiliary?
- Share about the auxiliary you currently belong to.
- Share a story about a project or program you have been involved with.
- Share about your favorite way(s) to engage with veterans, their families, or the community.
- How has the VFW Auxiliary impacted your life?
- What message would you share with others who might consider joining the VFW Auxiliary?
- What would you define as your VFW Auxiliary legacy?
- What would you like people to know or remember from your story?
- Is there anything else we should talk about that we haven’t covered?

National President’s Visit – We hope you will join us for the National President’s Visit. It is scheduled for 27-29 March 2024. Activities will be based in the Bremerton / Port Orchard area.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.