



Chief of Staff Extension- Revitalization July-August

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What a fantastic Convention! It was good to see so many familiar faces and reconnect with my Auxiliary family, there's no better feeling! With that being said, **NOW** the real work starts.

Extension

We have to maintain our healthy Auxiliaries; it is equally important to continue to grow by increasing our membership and instituting new Auxiliaries. District Presidents please contact the Bachelor Posts in your Districts and discuss with them the possibility of establishing a new Auxiliary and the benefits of having an Auxiliary. I would also like for you to send an email to both President Amy Jo and me after you have contacted them and let us know their response. For more information on establishing a new Auxiliary, see Article II Auxiliaries, Sec. 202- Jurisdiction by Posts, of the VFW Auxiliary Podium Edition: Bylaws and Ritual. There are resources that may be used when making a presentation to a Post on our website and the National website under Extension-Revitalization.

Revitalization

Maintaining current Auxiliaries as Healthy Auxiliaries is the focus of Revitalization. The National Organization has developed many resources for members to use. These resources are valuable tools in helping Auxiliaries maintain their Healthy Auxiliary status and be more productive. These resources are:

- 1. The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit**
- 2. *Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation***
- 3. 5 Essentials of an Auxiliary**

Starting now, all our Auxiliaries are healthy, and the Department is on the green level! I know that we can maintain the green level **all** year. I bought a stoplight for our Department Meetings, and I expect that light to be shining green at each one!! You might even see the stoplight pop up at District meeting and I know you want it to be green there also!

Mentoring

Mentoring helps broaden leadership skills and leadership provides guidance for mentoring members; they work hand in hand.

Through the mentoring process, offering the hand of friendship to a new member or even an older member who has been inactive for a while, can create a strong and vibrant organization. Providing a positive and organized meeting experience will leave members wanting to come back, especially when good communication and respect for each other are demonstrated.

I have asked each District President to establish a Mentoring program in their District and a Mentoring Team. I hope they will pass this information on at your District meetings.

My goal for this year is that every Auxiliary will have a Mentoring Program established within their Auxiliary and a Mentoring team. If anyone needs help with this, please let me know.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please email or call! I am excited to work with you and know this will be a successful year for our Auxiliaries.



Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap with Teamwork!