



Chief of Staff Extension- Revitalization September-October

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Extension



Our roots run deep, and our foundation is strong, now we need to continue to grow and branch out!

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. Once you have contacted those Posts, I would 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. I am also including the **Top 10 Reasons for Your Post to Have an Auxiliary** sheet that can be used when talking to those Bachelor Posts.

Revitalization

It's important that we keep our Auxiliaries healthy and strong. The National Organization has developed many resources for the Auxiliaries to use. These resources are valuable tools in helping Auxiliaries maintain their Healthy Auxiliary status and be more productive. These can be found on the National Auxiliary website.

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

If there are any concerns or questions that you might have, please do not hesitate to call or me.

REMEMBER, GREEN is the color you want to be!!

Mentoring

Have you set up your District Mentoring Teams? I want to thank Districts 3,7,8,9 for sending me their Mentoring Teams. Please get your teams together and let me know who they are. If President Amy Jo needs to send a mentor in to an Auxiliary, it would be helpful to have a team to choose from. If you need help getting started, please let me know. Don't forget to invite both your Sr. and Jr. Vice Presidents to join you when you make your official visit.

I am including a Membership Engagement form (compliments of Amy Jo Lett) that I would highly recommend your Auxiliary include in your New Member kit. It will give you good insight into where your new member's interests are and where they would be a benefit. When I was going over the form, I thought that every so often, it might be good to have all your members fill it out. Over time, our interests change, I know mine have. I might have liked working our Youth Program, but after 15 years, I might be ready to move on. LOL!! If I have any Auxiliaries that would like to share how they are incorporating mentoring into you Auxiliary, please let me know so I can share your ideas!

REMEMBER:

C - Catch the member when they first join.

A - Ask them to participate.

R - Remember what it felt like to be new.

E - Engage them in a Program that fits them.

As I was reading over our National Chief of Staff Betty Arnold's material something caught my attention, she wrote, "Blend the past with the present to guarantee our future." Great words to follow!

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns!

Respect and Love,

Janet



Helping Veterans by Bridging the Gap with Teamwork!

Member Engagement Form

Name _____

Preferred name _____

Preferred form of communication:

Phone _____ text _____ Email _____ Facebook _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____

What Auxiliary programs are you interested in?

Veterans and Family Support _____

Americanism _____ Buddy Poppy & National Home _____

Community Outreach _____ Historian _____

Hospital _____ Legislative _____

Membership _____ Mentoring _____

Scholarship _____ Youth Activities _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What Auxiliary annual events are you interested in helping with?

Buddy Poppy Drive _____ Judging Youth Art _____

Scholarship Judge _____ Monthly Kitchen _____

Recruiter _____ Other _____

What skills can you bring to our organization?

Computer _____ Kitchen _____ Sewing _____ Fundraising _____

Leadership _____ Accounting _____ Organizing _____

Other _____



Top 10 Reasons for Your Post to Have an Auxiliary

10. Offers valuable assistance with event preparation.
9. Assists with “Buddy”® Poppy drives.
8. Opens the door to potential members.
7. Assists in recruiting and retaining members to strengthen the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. Provides events and volunteer opportunities for veterans’ family members.
5. Boosts the Post’s visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.
4. Increases Program participation and helps spread the word on scholarship and youth programs.
3. Presents an opportunity to serve more veterans, active-duty military and their families.
2. Increases the number of advocates to fight for veterans’ rights and benefits.
1. Positively reinforces the values and beliefs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Does it cost the Post anything?**
The VFW Auxiliary Charter Kit fee is \$100.00. The Post and/or Department and/or the interested, eligible applicants may pay the Charter fee. The Charter fee accompanies the completed Charter application.
- **How long does it take to start?**
From the time your Post votes to have an Auxiliary, it could take from two (2) to four (4) months to get an Auxiliary up and running.

Ready to Add an Auxiliary to your Post?

- In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a notice is to be mailed or emailed to each Post member advising them that members will be voting on having an Auxiliary and that the vote will take place at a specific meeting.
- In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Post members present is required to set into action the formation of a new Auxiliary to that Post.
- Inform the Department President of the approval and the Department President will then assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.

Still have questions?

Contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816.561.8655 or info@vfwauxiliary.org.