

## Historian and Media Relations September-October 2023

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"Today's events are Tomorrow's History"

Have you been to our Department of Missouri website: <a href="www.vfwauxmo.org">www.vfwauxmo.org</a> You can sign-in and access the online reporting for programs. We encourage each program chairman to report quarterly. Don't wait until year's end to do all of your reporting at once. Use the Activity reporting questions as a guide for completing program goals. Are you able to report something for each question? If you need help, let me know.

## A REMINDER to all: NATIONAL CITATION FOR AUXILIARIES

- 1. "Most Outstanding Auxiliary Video Interview with a VFW Auxiliary Legacy (longtime active) Member"
  - Citation from National to every Auxiliary that submits a 3-5 minute video with a legacy Auxiliary
    member. An Entry Form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources or on the Historian
    & Media Relations page on our Department of Missouri website. Auxiliaries must send the entry form
    and video interview to me, Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024 for
    judging.

Look for - National Awards - Award Forms 2023-2024 Historian & Media Relations Award No. 1

The form <u>must be signed by me</u> and I'll send a copy of all entry forms to National Headquarters by April 30, 2024. Citations will be mailed directly to participating Auxiliaries from National Headquarters. The form explains what you need to submit. When completed, send the form to me. Starter Questions available are on our Historians Group Facebook page. You are welcome to become a group member.

## **Photo Pointers --**

- Have fun with your photos a unique vantage point can be a wonderful surprise.
- S.N.A.P. Stop Now Ask Permission ... Use Photo Release Form Important for non-VFW member photos. File & keep. Only use first names of K-8 grade students, student safety in mind.
- Learn how to make a video of your events to share, use iMovie or "Stories" in android Gallery; add music.

## **Event Opportunities -**

- Has President Judi visited your District meeting or attended a special event at your Auxiliary? Share your photos on your fb page and use #vfwauxmohistorians
- Halloween Party for Auxiliary & Post members or for children in your community.
- Veterans Day remembrance ceremony.
- Serving or Delivering Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinner to veterans.
- A Food Drive to benefit the Military Family Food Pantry or your local Food Pantry.
- Singing Christmas Carols at your area VA Hospital / Home or a local hospital.
- Have a Veterans 'Angel Tree' for gifts to be given to local rest home veteran residents.



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\* Banding Together for Our Veterans \*