

CHIEF OF STAFF / REVITALIZATION



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Once again, we start another auxiliary year with the encouragement of working together as a team. However, unless we actually practice teamwork, we get nowhere.

This year, one of our top goals is that all auxiliaries focus on teamwork to revitalize those auxiliaries that need help the most. Struggling auxiliaries need to be encouraged, taught, and mentored. They need follow up to ensure they understand what is expected of them and how to accomplish their goals. It is of utmost importance that we save all the auxiliaries we can to prevent us from becoming a dying organization.

Our next goal, will be to turn our focus on NEW auxiliaries. Most members are not interested in working on getting NEW auxiliaries started. But, in a nutshell, if we do not work on gathering new members to existing auxiliaries and establishing new auxiliaries to our bachelor posts, we will die as an organization. This in turn ultimately prevents us from doing the work for our active military, and our veterans. District Presidents, it is my job to provide you with the resources and tools to accomplish our goals. The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit includes (7) resources to assist auxiliaries in identifying and solving issues within an auxiliary. These tools are available to you on our National website under Malta in the member resources. vfwaux.org

1. Healthy Auxiliary Checklist
2. Healthy Auxiliary Questionnaire
3. Auxiliary Meeting Clinic
4. Communication Phone /Text Tree
5. Good Job Certificate
6. Healthy Auxiliary Certificate
7. VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide

The “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” Guide is an excellent tool for educating members on all officer duties, chairmen’s duties, reporting etc.

These tools encourage all auxiliary members to come forward and take on a position of leadership, mentoring, and being a member who advocates for our auxiliaries and our veterans.

The (5) Essentials of an Auxiliary required by the National Organization are

1. Auxiliaries should have at least 10 business meetings per year (sec 210) (5) members in good standing (of that auxiliary) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (Sec 212)
2. Dues should be paid by at least (10) members on or before February 1 of the current year (Sec 207)
3. Quarterly audits by trustees must be submitted (Sec 814)
4. Officers elected, installed, and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30, but to Depart by May 15th. This generates the bond application via email (Sec 804A and 806A)
5. The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31

Statewide Project:

1. Contact your district's bachelor posts with the information and encouragement needed to start an auxiliary and show that you followed up with these posts after initial contact. Work very closely with your district membership chairman.
2. Utilize the Healthy Auxiliary tool kit in your districts and auxiliaries and let me know what you are doing to revitalize auxiliaries in your district.

Awards:

1. Plaque to the one Outstanding Deputy Chief of Staff in each Division that follows the guidelines of this program and reports it to me.

“Wind Beneath Our Veterans Wings”

“Banding Together for Our Veterans”