

EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
2023-2024

As Chief of Staff, it will be my responsibility to work with District Presidents and the Department President to maintain current auxiliaries and establish new auxiliaries.

The resources for members to use to maintain their Auxiliary is available on the Online Auxiliary Academy and in MALTA member resources. The tools include, The Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit and Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation.

Our National Organization requires only five (5) things of an Auxiliary:

- 1) Auxiliaries should have at least ten (10) business meetings per year. (Sec. 210) Five (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 ten (10) members on or before February 1, of the current year. (Sec. 207)
- 3) Quarterly Audits by Trustees must be submitted. (Sec. 207)
- 4) Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30. This generates the bond application via email. (Sec. 804A and 806A)
- 5) The officers of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31.

An Auxiliary is in danger of losing its Charter when they are unable to meet the 5 Essentials of an Auxiliary. Suspensions are used in certain cases to give Auxiliary members a chance to fulfill their duties. PLEASE know that being placed on suspension is NOT negative. A team appointed by the Department President to mentor, educate and listen will help bring your Auxiliary back to health.

The steps for creating an Auxiliary are:

- 1) A VFW Post must vote by 2/3 majority to have an Auxiliary.
- 2) The Department President appoints, the official organizer of that Auxiliary and he/she must be a member of the Auxiliary.
- 3) A minimum of 15 eligible applicants must be on the Charter application. Transfers are accepted at the close of the institution and just prior to the installation of the newly-formed Auxiliary.

National Award for Members:

-\$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one member in each of the four conferences who assisted the Department Chief of Staff in nurturing/strengthening a struggling Auxiliary and utilized Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation in their efforts.

Department Award for Members:

-Certificates of Recognition to the Auxiliary member who is outstanding in keeping their Auxiliary healthy.

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