

# *District & Auxiliary Presidents Auxiliary & District Chairman*

## *October 2023*



District & Auxiliary President and Auxiliary & District Chairman,

Are you keeping your Membership up to date on what is happening in our Department and what we need to do to support the various activities that are going on? Are you staying connected with the Department Chairmen? Keeping up with the information in the Department Mailings is one important way to understand what is needed to further our National and Department Programs. Let's not leave any one behind.

I spoke at the Council Meeting regarding how important it is to not only reach out to our members when it is time to collect dues. *Shout Out to District 10 President, JoAnne Bierly who took it further. She reached out to their Auxiliary's (8185) Life Members, and she was surprised at the feedback that she received.* Regardless of if our Membership come to our meeting or not, we need to recognize that they are an important part of our Membership. Keep in mind that just their support of paying their Membership year after year is **IMPORTANT** because our numbers count. When we can say that we have hundreds of thousands of members that feel that it is important to be a member of the VFW and Auxiliary that has a tremendous impact on how we are seen in the eyes of the Nation's Representatives and Senators. We need to reach out to our membership that does not



come to the meetings with a “Thinking of You Card” or some other greeting that let’s them know that we are thankful for their Membership. If you know the date of their Birthday a Birthday Card would be a wonderful gesture. We all want to feel needed and thought about. Our larger Auxiliaries could divide their members up so that it is not a burden on any one person. Whatever you do to reach out to your members that don’t come to meeting, please be consistent. You may want to let them know about your activities, through a newsletter. Who knows they may feel the need to support a project or fund raiser that you are sponsoring.

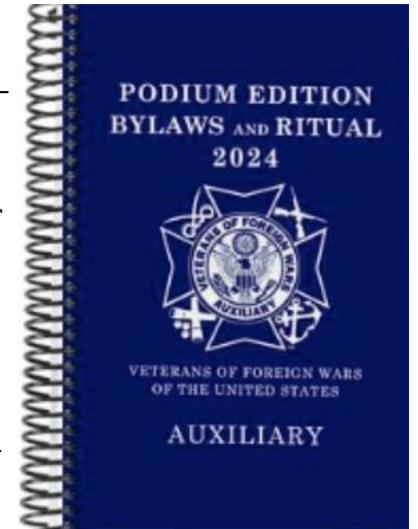
## 2024 Bylaws & Ritual

**Good news!!** The 2024 Podium Book: Bylaws and Ritual is available NOW in MALTA under Member Resources!

The Bylaws underwent a number of changes this year, perhaps the biggest of which is the change of the bullet system. The large /small bullets have been changed to an alphanumeric system. This was suggested and voted on by delegates at the 2023 National Convention during the discussion of Bylaws and Resolutions.

Other voted-upon changes include “Conductress” becoming “Conductor” and the removal of County Councils (decided by the VFW in 2022).

I will be ordering the 2024 New Bylaws & Ritual. Your Auxiliary can get them from me, if you chose to. Send me an email and let me know how many your Auxiliary would like to receive. **The cost if you get them from me will be \$7.50 each.** I should have them by the Christmas Conference. I will let you know when they come in so that those of you that want them earlier can get them. You just will have to pay the expense for shipping them to you.



**Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any concern or question you may have. Here is my contact information:**



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