

# District & Auxiliary Presidents The Magic Makers

## September 2023

The District and the Auxiliary Presidents are an important and vital part of the 2023-2024 Team M&M. The magic that we as a organization make happen in a large part begins with our District and Auxiliary Presidents.

### DISTRICT & AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

First of all, I want to **thank you** for assuming this office. The National President, Department President, Chief of Staffs (National & Department), as well as the Program Chairmen, depend on you **in big way** to motivate and inspire the Auxiliaries/ Members in your respective Auxiliaries and Districts to **COMMUNICATE** all of the programs—initiatives, that target our local communities, youth and most importantly our Veterans and their families. In order to be a successful Auxiliary and District President you should:

- ◆ **Keep the lines of communication open** with the Auxiliaries and members. Learn to listen and keep an open mind. I was mentored extensively by an Auxiliary member, who has since passed on, but I can hear her voice saying to me “*Communication Is Key.*” When members feel you are easy to talk to and you are willing to help, they will talk to you...they will seek your counsel and advice.
- ◆ **Become knowledgeable regarding the National and Department Programs**, as well as the Bylaws. Our organization has excellent resources and Training on MALTA. Become familiar and if you are unsure please reach out to the Department President, Chief of Staff or Program Chairmen if your concern is Program related.. We all have direct lines available for you to use.
- ◆ **Inspire a team environment** that is inclusive of each Auxiliary. After all we are



**Team N&N.** As a true Team, every member (Auxiliary) is an important part.

- ◆ **District President's**, when making your visit it is important that the Department President and Chief of Staff receive a true assessment of the Auxiliary. That means we want to know about the Great Aspects and well as the not so great aspects. We all should be striving to be the Best We Can Be, so honesty in your assessment is the only way we can help to strengthen each link of our Team M&M.
- ◆ Promote an environment of respect to and amongst your Membership.
- ◆ **SHOW APPRECIATION** for the many different talents and contributions of your Membership. **Compliments go a long way!** **Why Not Use the Good Job Award Certificate to show appreciation.** Criticism serves no purpose for growth and will only hinder harmony and cooperation.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGE** ideals from your membership.
- ◆ **ALWAYS BE PREPARED.** Your membership will respect your leadership if they realize you are organized and self assured.
- ◆ **MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE** to the people you are leading and in many cases working beside. Become knowledgeable in the programs and Bylaws; admit when you don't know and be willing to seek the answer from a reliable source. None of us know everything. And that is okay.
- ◆ **KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU.**

### **ALSO DISTRICT & AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS**

You are truly where the rubber meets the road. Without you motivating, directing and inspiring the members of your Auxiliary and District, **NO WORK IS DONE...NO PROGRESS IS MADE...** and **NO DIFFERENCE IS REALIZED!** **District and Auxiliary Presidents** is where the Leadership begins, where the goals, dreams and aspirations of our organization start to bloom into beautiful projects that benefit our community, our youth and America's veterans and their families.



**BE A LEADER: Leaders mobilize people toward a vision or goal. Leaders create emotional bonds and harmony amongst the TEAM. Leaders build consensus through participation. Leaders expect excellence and self-direction. Leaders help develop strength amongst the TEAM for the future.**



Be a Veteran's P.A.L.

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2023 - 2024

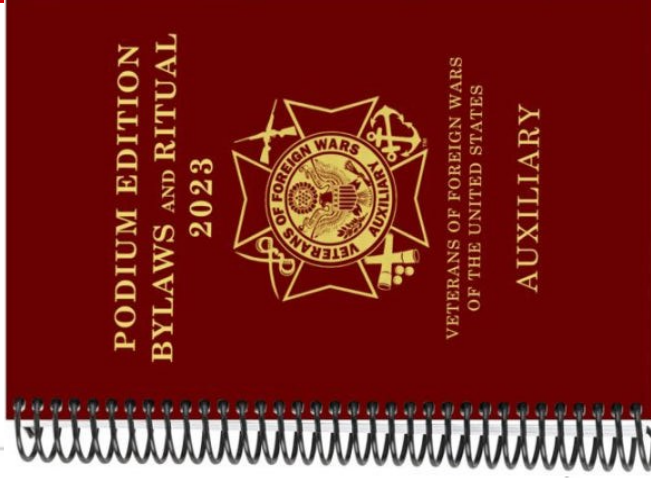
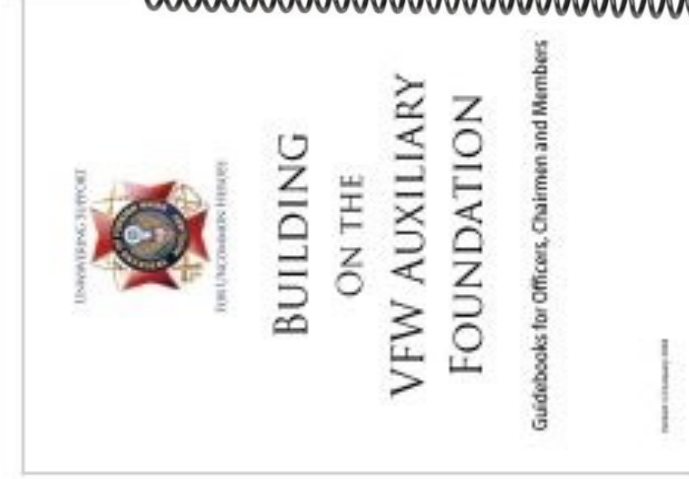


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*Department President*

*VaNette Jones*

# AUXILIARY & DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MUCH NEEDED TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

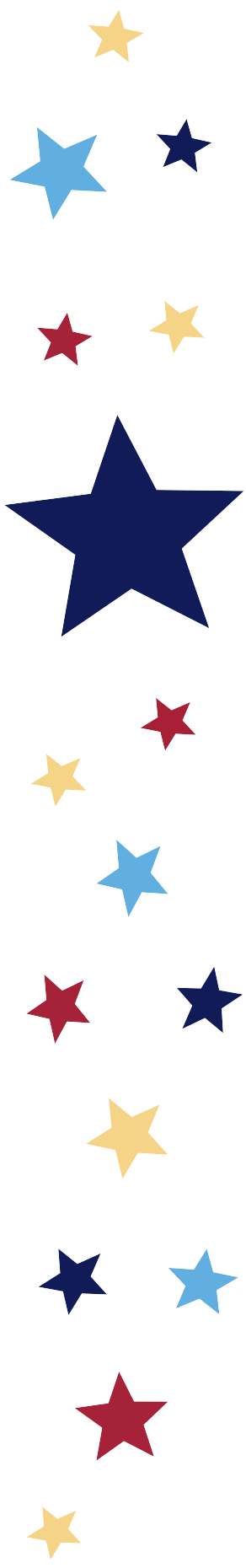


Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any concern or question you may have. Here is my contact information:

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# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## Good Job Award

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Thank you for an outstanding job in supporting  
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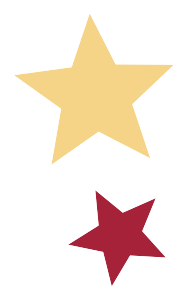
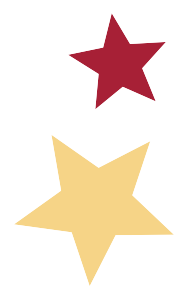
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## Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

### District Official Visit of Auxiliary Notice

Dear Madam/Mr. President \_\_\_\_\_,

I look forward to my visit with you and the members of \_\_\_\_\_.

I plan to be at your regular business meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

You will notice that I am allowing an hour prior to the scheduled meeting time to allow for proper review of necessary documents listed below. This time gives me a special opportunity to meet you, the Secretary, Treasurer and at least one Trustee – optional but strongly recommended (please ask them to be present at the time listed above).

To assist you, please refer to the attached guidelines.

Madam/Mr. President, please have current books of Secretary and Treasurer present - even if the Secretary and Treasurer are not physically present - along with the following items:

#### SECRETARY

- Minutes book or Three-ring binder
  - Treasurer's report and copies of audits. All must be incorporated into the minutes
- With copy of Bond showing President and Treasurer bonded
- Roll call book
- Folder for newsletters and/or bulletins from current District President
- List of Auxiliary Chairmen

#### TREASURER

- Treasurers workbook
- Treasurers check book
- Receipt book
- Auxiliary seal (may be a stamp)
- Members record book
- Membership Roster showing current transmitted members and Life members
- 990N Filing and when sent to the Dept. Treasurer

#### TRUSTEE

- Folder/binder of Auxiliary audits noting when sent to Dept. Treasurer

Please confirm my visit plans.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_, District President

I may be reached by phone at \_\_\_\_\_ or email at \_\_\_\_\_.