

Auxiliary of the Year



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The Department President has asked me to chair the Auxiliary of the year program this year. After talking with him about his vision I have spoken with many of you in developing this program. The Goal of “Auxiliary of the Year” is to motivate all of our members to get involved and stay involved in supporting and promoting our programs that support our veterans. I would like to reward the auxiliaries that are involved and the report form will show that. The more involved your Auxiliary is the Larger the difference is made and the more our Veterans benefit.

The objective isn't How Many Reports/ Projects the Auxiliary Produces but how the Veterans in our Communities will benefit from what we do. We want to encourage all Auxiliary Members to participate in Department School of Instruction, Membership Mentoring, and all other Auxiliary, District and Department sponsored events. For example, if you order Buddy Poppies, we want to make sure they are being distributed. So we want to know how many you gave out.

We are hoping to create a change within each Auxiliary. Your Auxiliary may only have a few active members currently but the more we encourage other Auxiliary members to attend and get excited for the VFW Auxiliary programs and our Veterans we serve, the more they will learn and share with other members. If you plan to attend functions, encourage a group of members to carpool. We want to encourage attendance. The more the merrier. We want to focus on doing more. One of the best part about attending the Auxiliary, District and Department functions is the opportunity to network. We all have the same set of challenges. By networking we can find out how other people are overcoming the challenges that we have in our local auxiliaries.

I know that we are all doing great things for our veterans. Reporting is a way you can brag about how much you are doing for the veterans and the communities we live in. We are looking for completed reports with quality content. Feedback is a gift. If you have ideas that you think may benefit other let me know. I will be available to address any questions or comments you have though out the year. Please do not hesitate to reach out. If I don't know the answer I will find out and get you the correct answer to your question.

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