

Membership & Recruitment October Promotional Bulletin

ACTION REQUIRED:

We are fast approaching the October 31st deadline to reach our first national quarterly goal. We needed to get 380 NEW or REJOIN members before the 31st. We are almost there. We only need **104 more members**. This is attainable if EVERYONE does their part. If you are a treasurer we ask that you process any membership you have right away so our Department can get them into the system so they can be counted. Thank you treasures for your support on this. You are all doing an amazing job this year and I look forward to our Department receiving \$100 for reaching our first goal.

I hope everyone is enjoying out and about enjoying beautiful fall weather. This is a great time to be out in the community enjoying lots of harvest events, meeting new people, and just enjoying the spirit of the season. It is also a time that many VFW and Auxiliaries are having their own events for the holidays. These are great opportunities to invite your family, friends, and new people to come out to your VFW and Auxiliary's special events. It is a great way to introduce to the many wonderful programs we offer and to ask them to be a part of our organization.

I often hear how people want to join but have difficulty in obtaining the necessary proof of eligibility information. So below is some information from our National Ambassador that I think you will find very helpful and hope that you will share it with others.

How and Where to Find Eligibility Documents

Eligibility Requirements for the VFW Auxiliary Membership: Members must be citizens of the United States or a United States National, and at least 16 years old. Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife
- Widower/Widow
- Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers
- Sons/Daughters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters
- Brothers/Sisters

Step- and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren, may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran.

Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received

hostile fire or imminent danger pay. Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant.

Information on a Veteran's Service Record can be obtained by contacting:

National Archives and Records Administration:

- Phone: [1-866-272-6272](tel:1-866-272-6272)
- Online:
 - [Veterans Service Records](#)
 - [eVetRecs](#) (24 hour Service)
 - [Military Records Request Using Standard Form 180 \(SF180\)](#)
- Recently separated veterans may be able to find their records through the Joint Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense eBenefits Portal
- National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) (Military Personal Records)
 - Customer Service Line: 1-314-801-0800
 - Fax Line: 1-314-801-9049
 - Mailing address: 1 Archives Drive, St Louis, MO 63138
- County Clerk's Office
- State or County Veterans Agencies
- National Cemetery locations

Once you gather all the proper paperwork, please make sure you have the most recent membership application, fill it out entirely and make sure it's legible. We would hate for someone to get their membership card and for their name be spelled wrong. It is also important that you make sure the birthdate is on the application as it will not be processed without it.

Congratulations to the following Auxiliaries who have reached 100% or more.

District #1: 1924 - 100%, 2275 - 102.50%, 3787 - 100%
District #2: 6024 - 109.39%
District #3: 233 - 100%, 2987 - 108.47%
District #5: 2143 - 100%
District #6: 7216 - 100%, 10859 - 103.08%, 11012 - 108%
District #7: 2323 - 100%, 3935% - 102.78%
District # 9: 5057 - 101.41%
District #10: 6435 - 110.43%
District #11: 7734 - 100%
District #13: 2600 - 114.77%
District #14: 6353 - 102.27
District #15: 5731 - 102.17%

I hope this information was helpful. Keep up the great work. You are all doing amazing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding eligibility or membership.

Loyally,
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