

Happy Holidays

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Dear Deputies,

As we enter this Holiday Season please be sure and check in with your Auxiliaries and their members.

This has been a very sad and devastating time with the fires in our State. We need to keep communication going and make sure we are doing everything possible for our Members. Remember we do have a Disaster Relief Fund available at the Department. If you need any help with any of your duties, please do not hesitate to contact me....



I WILL BE PRESENTING HEALTHY AUXILIARY CERTIFICATES AT THE JANUARY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION TO THOSE AUXILIARIES THAT QUALIFY. I KNOW WE CAN ALL BE "HEALTHY"!!!! PLEASE GO OVER THE REQUIREMENTS WITH YOUR AUXILIARIES AND OFFER YOUR HELP....

What Your Auxiliary Needs to Do:

Election of Officers, and Delegates and Alternates chosen.

Installation Report forwarded to Department and National Headquarters.

Bond Application submitted for offices of President and Treasurer bonded with an indemnity company authorized by National Headquarters.

Itemized report of the financial and membership status of the VFW Auxiliary.

District Dues - Based on June 30 membership of prior year.

Audit Reports Period 10/1-12/31 due by 1/31 Period 1/1 – 3/30 due by 4/30 Period 4/1 – 6/30 due by 7/31 Period 7/1 – 9/30 due by 10/31

Project, promotion and/or donation to each National Program. See the National Program Book for Key Goals, awards and more information.



“Mentoring”

ENCOURAGE MENTORING—IT IS THE KEY TO BUILDING A STRONG AUXILIARY

Every Auxiliary should have some sort of Mentor Program. This can be done formally or informally. The more members an Auxiliary has and the more quickly they are growing may indicate that they need to have a process in place to get those new members involved and included as soon as possible.

Three members could take this on, perhaps those who remember well what it felt like to be new and who know enough about the organization to be helpful. As soon as a new member is voted on and accepted, their name and contact information should get to this

team. Based on what they know about this new member, someone should be assigned to that member for at least the first year. It doesn't have to be a member of this team, but a member who would be willing to reach out to someone new and show them the ropes.

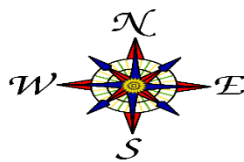
Studies on new members of any organization show that the first three months are critical to engaging that member, and therefore keeping that member.



Have your Auxiliaries planned their events???????



Thank you for the awesome reports I have received!!!



"BELIEVE" We Can Do It! As we go "360 Degrees In Support of Our Veterans and Their Families"!!!!

Thank You For All You Do!!!

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