



JULY 2018

Dear Deputies,

Welcome to the beginning of the year of "360 Degrees in Support of Our Veterans and Their Families"!



A Strong Foundation Builds Stronger Auxiliaries

There are some important things that need to be completed to ensure our Auxiliaries are in good working order as we begin the 2018-2019 year:

- Installation reports are completed.
- All Audits are current with a Working Relief Fund.
- All Auxiliaries are bonded by August 31st.
- Program chairmen appointed.
- Itemized Report to Post Commander of financial and membership status 30 days after President has assumed office.

Please send to me your Monthly Report Form so I can keep track of these important items.

Helpful Tools As A Deputy Chief of Staff:

- You should have a current edition of the Auxiliary Bylaws.
- Robert's Rules of Order
- National Auxiliary Web Site-Online Auxiliary Academy (Program Information, Program Resources), vfwauxiliary.org
- Facts leaflet
- Auxiliary E-Newsletter
- Action Corp Weekly
- Auxiliary Traditions Handouts
- Guides to ensure a Healthy Auxiliary

"THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX PROJECT"



Our National Chief of Staff, Carole Betro has a "Think Outside of the Box Project". She encourages us to create a new type of "Welcome Bag" for every new Auxiliary member. This bag should include educational information that tells our story. It should have a card with contact information, the National, Department, and if they have an Auxiliary-Facebook, website information.

"LET'S SEE HOW CREATIVE WE CAN GET!"

PART OF OUR JOB THIS YEAR IS TO PROMOTE THE FAMILY FREEDOM FESTIVAL



VFW Auxiliary Family Freedom Festival Steps to Participate and Event Information

Steps to Participate:

Step 1: Auxiliaries hosting a Family Freedom Festival will set a date and identify a primary point of contact and email this to Megan Zinn-Sanchez at mzinn-sanchez@vfwauxiliary.org no later than one month prior to their event.

Step 2: Plan your Auxiliary's Family Freedom Festival. Sample event ideas are listed below. Your Auxiliary is encouraged to combine two or more event ideas to increase attendance at your event.

Step 3: Prepare for and market the event by downloading and using the sample publicity tools provided behind Member Login at www.vfwauxiliary.org. • VFW Auxiliary Family Freedom Festival Logo • Sample Social Media Posts • Sample Family Freedom Festival Press Release • Fill out the Brochure Order Form and receive Membership Brochures, Facts Leaflets and Young American Creative Patriotic Art Brochures at no charge from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. o Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and other VFW brochures are available for download at www.vfw.org, or may be purchased from the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org or by calling 1.800.821.2606.

Step 4: Host your Auxiliary's Family Freedom Festival and share photos from your event on Facebook using the hashtags [#AuxiliariesinAction](#) and [#FamilyFreedomFestival](#).

REMEMBER "BELIEVE" We Can Do It! As we go "360 Degrees In Support of Our Veterans and Their Families"!!!! Thank you for all you do!!!

Sheri Carrington, Department Chief of Staff