

CHIEF OF STAFF

MONTHLY BULLETIN



Peace, Love and Patriotism



*From Sea to Shining Sea, Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us
Free*

WELCOME AUTUMN!!



OCTOBER BULLETIN

Deputies.....



Extension

“An enlargement in scope or operation”

We want to grow our Auxiliaries, our membership and the scope of our Programs. Let's concentrate on growing our Auxiliaries!

"UNAFFILIATED POSTS"

This is the correct verbiage because we are no longer using the "Bachelor Posts." The reason it changed is that there are many Women in the VFW (including Our Commander In Chief)! Thus "bachelor" is no longer a good description of a post without an Auxiliary.

Please continue to contact those Unaffiliated Posts and request time to share the benefits of having an Auxiliary. If you need further assistance there are many tools to use in MALTA.

REMEMBER THESE: EXTENSION STEPS

- Identify Unaffiliated Posts.
- Contact Department President or Chief of Staff to discuss possibility of a New Auxiliary.
 - Review MALTA for presentation tools.
 - Ask the Post Commander for permission to make a presentation.
- Invite the President and/or Chief of Staff to attend meeting with the Post.
 - Gain a 2/3 approval vote from Post membership.
- Department President will appoint an organizer to work with the Post.
- Mentor the new Auxiliary and members until healthy!

Revitalization

"To give new life or vigor to"



What can we do to give “new life” to our Auxiliaries?

- The resources in MALTA have been created to build healthy Auxiliaries and maintain them. Read MALTA and use the ideas as your next meeting.
- Performance Improvement Plan “PIP” – this is a valuable tool in adding new life. The form is available on MALTA.
- Ask each Auxiliary member to bring a new idea to the next meeting to share and a way to implement the idea. Write them down and put the papers in a container. Then have a member pull one out and try it out!
- Don’t be shy, ask your Comrades and see what they come up with and make it a joint adventure.....have some fun with it.

Healthy Auxiliaries



I am so very proud to serve as your Chief of Staff this year. It is my honor to ensure that all of our Auxiliaries are “Healthy.”

CONGRATULATIONS OUR DEPARTMENT IS 100% BONDED!!!!

***By now Auxiliaries should have:**

- **Minimum of (10) business meetings per year (Sec. 210 A).**
- **Dues paid for (10) members by February 1 (Sec. 207 C).**
- **Up-to-date quarterly audits by Trustees (Sec. 814).***
- **Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters (Sec. 804, 806).***
- **The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded (Sec. 806 A).***

"CHIEF'S MONTHLY QUIZ CORNER"

Every month I will be giving you a fun quiz to learn about our organization....answers at the end of the bulletin....

"How Well Do You Know Your Bylaws?"



1. Can a President also hold the office of a Trustee?
2. Can an Auxiliary have clothing or any other products made for their Auxiliary with the VFW logo on it?
3. How many members are required for a quorum?

Mentoring



"Kindness is free, yet it is the most valuable gift you can give to someone"

"KINDNESS CLUB"

Let's jump into Autumn with some Random Acts of Kindness and promise to do one a day.....

- Offer to help a neighbor with yard work
- Write encouraging notes and leave them in random places saying "You're Doing Great!"
- Write a thank you note to someone who has made a difference in your life
- Donate to your local food bank
- Leave a surprise treat bag on a neighbor's doorstep with a note that says "You've been booed!"
- Make some Halloween cards for nursing homes and VA Hospital patients and deliver them in costume to surprise them to put a smile on their faces!
- At your Auxiliary meeting have everyone write down something nice about the person sitting next to you and put it in a jar to be read.

"Adopt A Member"

Once a month have your members "adopt a new member" and explain our organization, ask them to help and invite their family to come and join us in Post and Auxiliary activities.

Answers to the quiz:

1. Bylaws, page 59, Sec.801 A. 2. – the exception to this rule being that a Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary or Treasurer.
2. Bylaws, page 100, Sec1003 – Auxiliary Emblem and Logo, D. Auxiliaries or individual members shall not manufacture or have manufactured or reproduce any article or jewelry, pins, or badges containing this emblem or logo without prior written consent of the VFW Quartermaster General.
3. Bylaws, page 32, Sec. 212 A. – Quorum – Five (5) members in good standing of that Auxiliary shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of that Auxiliary.

MONTHLY REPORT FORM

- Name and Post Number of Auxiliary:
- Name of President:
- Number of members attending meeting:
- Have all officers been elected, installed and reported to National headquarters?
- Have the President and Treasurer been bonded?
- Do they have any questions or concerns

Deputies please remember to send in your Monthly Report Form so we can ensure our Auxiliaries are doing what they need to be “Healthy.”

“ REMEMBER”NEW THIS YEAR!

Awards for District Presidents:

Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one District President or Official Representative in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the Department President. Use of MALTA Healthy Auxiliary tools and mentor training is required.

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