

# Need Help?

#### Why having an Auxiliary can boost your Post.



#### **Does your Post...**

- Want to increase membership and participation?
- Want to win more Department and National awards?
- Want to involve your community in more of your events?
- Want to offer more meals to the public?
- Want to serve more veterans, active-duty service members and their families?



### A VFW Auxiliary can help!





#### What an Auxiliary can do for YOU...

- Open the doors to new members.
- Help with family-oriented events.
- Help spread the word on scholarship programs.
- Offer valuable assistance for event preparation.
- Assist with "Buddy"® Poppy Drives.
- Boost the Post's visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.



#### By the Numbers... What the Auxiliary did collectively in 2017-2018:

- \$5.1 million in total monetary aid to support veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- 841,000 volunteer hours in VA and non-VA medical facilities.
- Made 122,260 legislative contacts made to help pass or block important bills.
- Worked with more than 280,000 youth.
- Conducted 3,001 Patriotic Programs.
- Presented 8,908 Flag-flying certificates. Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes tm



#### How does a Post start an Auxiliary?

- Announce to all of your Post members in writing at least 20 days prior to the meeting where and when the vote to form an Auxiliary will occur.
- In accordance with the VFW Bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Post members present is required to set into action the formation of a new Auxiliary to that Post.
  - If the vote it YES, then contact the Department President.
- The Department President will assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.



#### Does it cost the Post anything?

- The VFW Auxiliary Charter Kit fee is \$100.00.
- The Post and/or Department and/or the interested, eligible applicants may pay the Charter fee.
- The Charter fee accompanies the completed Charter application.



#### How long does it take to start?

- From the time your Post votes to have an Auxiliary, it could take anywhere from two (2) to four (4) months to get an Auxiliary up and running.
- Hint: It takes less time for an Auxiliary to start helping your Post if there are already interested potential members before you vote!



#### What else do we need to know?

- A VFW Auxiliary can be the best asset a Post has ever had.
- Many hands make light work.
- VFW Auxiliary members are extremely passionate about helping veterans, active-duty service members and their families.
- We WANT to help the Post and its members!!!



#### **Contact us to get started!**





