

Extension/Revitalization and Mentoring for Leadership

(District Presidents Program)

District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents will be working together to form mentoring and revitalization programs in each Auxiliary. This is part of having a "healthy Auxiliary".

Revitalization:

- Discussion with the auxiliaries should consist of possible events that can be done to bring back some of the long-time members that are not coming around any longer. **Example:** Auxiliary 4262 had a Tea on a Sunday afternoon and when they invited these ladies they checked out if they needed to be picked up or not. This was very successful and created contact between the long-time members and the active members now. Some even arranged to pick up the members that wanted to come to meetings. This not only benefits the members that have been missing out on the comradery but it strengthens the active Auxiliary now. Think of all the mentoring that can be done with the long-time members and the current active members.
 - At the end of the 25-26 program year, you will need to pick out from your District who did the best Revitalization event/program. Best doesn't necessarily mean the best numbers. What we need to determine is which auxiliary had the most positive result that lasted far after the event. This information needs to be sent to the Chief of Staff, Donna Marie King, by May 1st. email: donnamarieking1959@gmail.com
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Mentoring:

- We train and educate members to be future leaders, that is why we mentor. We must ensure that the legacy of the VFW Auxiliary continues through strong and healthy Auxiliaries comprising members who are prepared to take on leadership roles to continue to move th VFW Auxiliary forward. DO NOT ALLOW AUXILIARIES TO STAY "ANCHORED TO THE PAST" – technology6 is a wonderful tool that gives us the ability to reach so many members, which then allows us to continue the tradition and promise to take care of our veterans and their families. Blend the past with the present to guarantee our future. Mentors are counselors and cheerleaders. Focus on positive attributes and encourage those while offering guidance and training.
 - Working with the Auxiliary President try to find members in each auxiliary that would be good mentors and mentor that mentor so she/he can really be a good mentor.
 - At the end of the 25-26 program year you will need to determine who is the best mentor in your district. This information needs to be sent to the Chief of Staff Donna Marie King by May 1st. email: donnamarieking1959@gmail.com

Extension:

- Growing our department is what Extension is all about. Each District President will contact all the unaffiliated Posts in their district. This contact would be positive, friendly and full of information on how an auxiliary would help in the productivity of their Post. Let's see how many auxiliaries we can create this year. For information on how to start up an auxiliary or ideas on how you would create a letter or presenting at their meeting, just get in contact with me and I will provide you information you need. Email: donnamarieking1959@gmail.com.
 - Identify "green light" auxiliaries in the District, promotes growth, mentoring and development within the Auxiliary.
 - Promote the initiation of a new Auxiliary in their District. ***Each District President instituting one or more new Auxiliaries will receive \$50.00 to compensate for the added travel to unaffiliated Posts.***
 - Identify "red light" and "yellow light" Auxiliaries in the District and most importantly take steps to observe and mentor the Auxiliary back to "healthy status".
 - Complete 2 - Inspections of each auxiliary (this is a good opportunity for your Sr. Vice to get some experience doing Inspections) and complete 4 of the program form attached with this program information.

1. With this packet you will receive the form that you need to complete four times this year. C of A's October/April, Mid-year conference and one more. This could be done at any time of the year but all four need to be received by May 1, 2025.
2. Auxiliary of Excellence application/form
3. Mentoring form going to all Auxiliary Presidents.

I am very excited for this new role and most importantly working with all of you. I have said this for many years "District Presidents have the hardest job but also get to see the results of their work". Continue your hard work and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the information below.

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Report from District Presidents due 4 times a year (each C of A and Mid-year Conference and before May 1st).

1. In August and September how many unaffiliated Posts did you mail a letter inquiring about establishing a new Auxiliary? _____
2. How many follow-up phone calls did you make? _____
On the back, list the yeas and nays and give the reason why the Post was interested or not interested in establishing a new Auxiliary (this information will help us in the future).
3. What steps have you taken to begin the initiation of a New Auxiliary?

4. Were you able to discuss with your auxiliaries ways to revitalize their membership? Which Auxiliaries?

5. How many Auxiliaries have been inspected at least once? _____ Inspected twice or more? _____

6. How have you been communicating with your District Auxiliaries? (Phone Calls, emails, newsletters) please explain. _____

7. Have you or any of the Auxiliaries in your District promoted, established and implemented a mentoring program? Please elaborate _____

8. Do you feel through your involvement with the Auxiliaries in your District do you feel they have become stronger, more interesting and fun to attend? Please elaborate. _____

9. Were you able to recommend ways that an Auxiliary would be able to revitalize their Auxiliary?
_____ Did you use any of the resources from Malta?

- Auxiliary President Checklist __
- Member Questionnaire for a Healthy Auxiliary __
- Meeting Auxiliary Challenges and Solutions __
- Healthy Auxiliary Checklist __

Did you find any of the documents from Malta helpful? Please elaborate. _____

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District: _____

Phone Number: _____

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