

Extension and Revitalization

February 2026

Revitalize Your Auxiliary!

Empowering Members & Sustaining a Healthy Organization

Valuable Resources

Find these on MALTA or at <https://vfwauxfl.org>:

- Healthy Auxiliary Toolkit
- Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation
- "Understanding Auxiliary Traditions" Video
- "Good Job" Certificates
- National Ambassador Blogs

Recognize & Respond to Challenges

- **Yellow Flag Status:** Early recognition and mentoring are crucial when standards slip.
- **Red Flag Status:** Delays may lead to suspension. Contact Department leadership immediately if you notice warning signs.

Strategies for Success

- Know and follow your Bylaws
- Use the VFW Foundation resources
- Host fellowship dinners at the Post
- Show appreciation often
- Remember: We are volunteers united by a meaningful cause
- Encourage open communication and listen to feedback
- Keep an idea board accessible to all
- Foster an inclusive, welcoming environment

Five Essentials of an Auxiliary

1. **Meetings:** Hold at least 10 business meetings/year, with 5+ members for quorum
2. **Dues:** Minimum 10 members paid by Feb 1
3. **Audits:** Submit quarterly audits by Trustees
4. **Officers:** Elect, install, and report officers by June 30; start bonding application via email
5. **Bonding:** Bond President & Treasurer by August 31

Approved by;
Dept. President
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Interested in Starting a New Auxiliary?

- Must have an existing Post and a 2/3 majority Post vote
- Secure at least 15 eligible applicants
- Department President appoints an organizer
- Post pays \$100 Charter Application fee\ Contact Department Chief of Staff to get started!

Reminders

- **Report, report, report!**
- Entry forms for Department & National Awards due to Department: **March 31, 2026**

Let's keep our Auxiliaries strong and effective—together!

National President's Theme - *"From Sea To Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free"*

Department President's Theme - *"Building Bridges for Our Veterans"*



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