



Extension and Revitalization

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A VFW Auxiliary is important because it serves as a crucial **"force multiplier"** for the VFW, strengthening its ability to support and advocate for veterans and their families.

Some reasons for the importance include:

Direct Support to Veterans & Families: Auxiliary members provide direct aid through volunteer hours in VA medical centers, hospitals, and nursing homes. They also assist with essential programs that provides financial grants to service members in crisis, and raise awareness for veteran suicide prevention.

Legislative Advocacy: The Auxiliary is a powerful voice on Capitol Hill, instrumental in assisting the VFW to pass or block legislation that impacts veterans' rights and benefits. Members make thousands of contacts with legislators each year to ensure veterans receive their earned entitlements.

Community Engagement and Patriotism: Auxiliaries boost the VFW's visibility by being involved in local events and programs that promote patriotism and Americanism. They

conduct patriotic programs with students, distribute flags, and promote national anthem singing and art contests.

Youth Education: They provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for the nation's youth through programs like the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests, fostering a sense of patriotism in younger generations.

Post-Level Assistance: At the local level, the Auxiliary offers valuable assistance with event preparation, helps with "Buddy" Poppy drives, and provides a social network and volunteer opportunities for veterans' family members, which helps in recruiting and retaining VFW members.

Shared Mission: Both the VFW and its Auxiliary share a common mission, vision, and goal, working together to ensure veterans and their families are never forgotten. The Auxiliary offers an avenue for relatives of overseas combat veterans to honor their family member's service and continue a legacy of service.

It is important that we consistently communicate with our Unaffiliated Posts to share the reasons why it is important to have an Auxiliary. To institute a new VFW Auxiliary, a sponsoring VFW Post must first approve the formation of an Auxiliary by a 2/3 majority vote. Once this has been done, please reach out to Department Chief of Staff or myself.

Do you know of a Post that would like to have an Auxiliary?
Make sure to let Department Chief of Staff or myself know.



If you have any questions, you may also reach out to Department Chief of Staff or myself.

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