



Historian & Media Relations

August 2026



Preserve the Past - Celebrate the Present - Inspire the Future

**Historians are more than record keepers – we are storytellers
preserving the heart of the Auxiliary.**

This month, begin researching your auxiliary's past while documenting today's activities. Interview longtime members and ask about favorite memories, challenges, traditions and accomplishments.

Their words become priceless history.

- Use the 5 W's

Do you know when your Auxiliary was established and who were the Charter members?
Use MALTA to discover this information – talk with your more seasoned members, they are sure to have stories to tell.

Preserving Auxiliary history means protecting today's records so future generations can learn from your service and accomplishments.

A combination of digital storage and proper care of original materials provide the best long - term preservations and easy access.

A few recommended digital platforms are: Cloud Storage, Google Drive and USB flash drives.

Monthly challenge: Capture Your District & Auxiliary's Beginning-

- Take a group photo of your officers and members at your next meeting.
- Interview at least three longtime members and record one favorite memory from each.

Look in MALTA Resources for more information on Press releases, photo tips, sample speeches just to name a few. Have fun documenting your District & Auxiliary events!

YEAR END AWARD

One award in each membership class for the most unique digital record of your Auxiliary history since being established and **MUST** publish it to a digital platform for future members of their Auxiliary.

Entry form is required and available is available on the Dept. Website under Programs – Historian/Media Relations
and also in MALTA under Member Resources.

VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging

Dates to remember:

Purple Heart Day - August 7

National Navajo Code Talker Day - August 14

National Aviation Day – August 19



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