

# Extension & Revitalization Program



A good day from the desk of  
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 For the Department of Florida



I am here to assist our president, Teresa, and hopefully be of assistance to all our VFW Auxiliary members. This year our President wants all of us to know we all need to "Stand Up and Speak Out" for our Veterans and Members.

## We "Speak Out" when we know, Maintain and Strengthen Current Auxiliaries:

- Know what makes a healthy Auxiliary.
- Know what the 5 essentials of an Auxiliary are to:
  1. Have at least ten (10) business meetings per year with at least five (5) members in good standing (which constitutes a quorum) for the transaction of business.
  2. Have department and National dues paid for at least ten (10) members on or before February 1 of the current year.
  3. Submit quarterly audits by trustees in accordance with the National Bylaws.
  4. Elect, install and report to National no later than June 30.
  5. Have the offices of President and Treasurer bonded by August 31.

## We "Stand Up" when we know:

- The ABCs of the resources available and how to use them:
  1. Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit which includes:
    - A. Healthy Auxiliary Checklist
    - B. Healthy Auxiliary Membership Questionnaire
    - C. Auxiliary Meeting Clinic
    - D. Communications Phone/Text Tree
    - E. Good Job Certificate
    - F. VFW Auxiliary Mentoring Guide
  2. Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation

## Our Program Goals:

- Maintain and Strengthen Current Auxiliaries
- Present to Unaffiliated Posts (the idea of an Auxiliary and its benefits)
- Establish New Auxiliaries
- Recognize Red Flags (knowing how to recognize the dangers in our own Auxiliary)

**These will be the strengths we will continue to work on to build a stronger organization.**

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