



# VFW AUXILIARY

## **Need Help?**

***Why having an Auxiliary can boost your Post.***



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## **Does your Post...**

- Want to increase membership and participation?
- Want to win more Department and National awards?
- Want to involve your community in more of your events?
- Want to offer more meals to the public?
- Want to serve more veterans, active-duty military and their families?



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***A VFW Auxiliary can help!***



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## **What an Auxiliary can do for YOU...**

- Open the doors to new members.
- Help with family-oriented events.
- Help spread the word on scholarship programs.
- Offer valuable assistance for meal and event preparation.
- Assist with “Buddy”<sup>®</sup> Poppy Drives.
- Boost the Post’s visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.



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## **By the Numbers...**

### ***What the Auxiliary did collectively in 2016-2017:***

- \$4.6 million in total monetary aid to support veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- 816,000 volunteer hours in VA and non-VA medical facilities.
- Made 134,228 legislative contacts made to help pass or block important bills.
- Worked with more than 262,000 youth.
- Conducted 3,327 Patriotic Programs.
- Presented 8,503 Flag-flying certificates.



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## How do we get an Auxiliary?

- Announce to your members that you will be voting on it and that the vote will take place at a specific meeting.
- If the members vote YES, then let the Department President know.
- The Department President will assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.



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## **Does it cost the Post anything?**

- The VFW Auxiliary Charter Kit fee is \$40.00, but its new members will pay for that.
- **It should not cost the Post anything to start an Auxiliary.**



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## How long does it take to start?

- From the time your Post votes to have an Auxiliary, it could take anywhere from 6 weeks to 4 months to get an Auxiliary up and running.
- Hint: It takes less time for an Auxiliary to start helping your Post if there are already interested potential members before you vote!





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## What else do we need to know?

- A VFW Auxiliary can be the best asset a Post has ever had.
- Many hands make light work.
- VFW Auxiliary members are extremely passionate about helping veterans, active-duty military and their families.
- **We WANT to help the Post and its members!!!**



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**Contact us to get started!**



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