

# BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2023



## HISTORIAN

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I am really excited to have received the first video interview of a Legacy Life Member from Hometown 9773—it was great! I am hoping every Auxiliary will participate in this new assignment.

Since the interview is a new concept, I have had lots of questions about it. I think it would be beneficial to all if I went over some of the guidelines for the video.



### ***Why are our members being asked to make a video interview?***

Members of the VFW Auxiliary are made up of a diverse group that spans many generations. Whether you are a member of the Silent Generation (1928 – 1945) or the latest tech savvy Gen Alpha Generation (2013-to present), we all have something to contribute. Recording the interview helps us preserve our past and leaves a footprint for the future.



### ***How Do I record and submit the video?***

There are multiple ways to send your videos to me. An easy way to do this is with your phone or iPad, because it can be easily shared by email. I encourage you to post these interviews on social media as well, so everyone can see and learn from them. You can also send them to me by using one drop or other sharing programs. Another option is to put them on a thumb drive and mail them to me.



### ***What do I need to include with the video when sending to the Dept. Historian?***

***This is very important!*** I am asking every person who sends a recording to also send the **National Historian Award #1 Form along with it.** This is necessary because at the end of the year, every Auxiliary will receive a **National** citation for carrying out this project. This gives me the opportunity to keep track as to who sent them to me and report the numbers to National at the end of the year.

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The entry form can be found on the **Department of IL website**, under the **Historian Program**—it's the last award called:

**Historian & Media Relations Award for Auxiliaries No. 1 Entry Form • 2023-2024.** Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see it.

If you can't find it, here is the Malta link: <https://vfwauxiliaryil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-2024-Historian-Media-Relations-Award-No.-1.pdf>

**Don't forget to sign the form!**

**There are three Department of IL awards up for grabs** this year for the video project. *Will your Auxiliary be one of them?*



**One winner from IL will be selected to move on to the National competition at the end of the year.** The deadline for entries is April 31<sup>st</sup> and are to be sent **directly to me—not to National!**



**Please don't overlook this step!**

As always, please continue to send in your x-sheet reports as you complete your projects—ideally, as soon as they have been carried out. If you have questions about the program, please call or email me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for all you do to make the Department of IL shine!!!