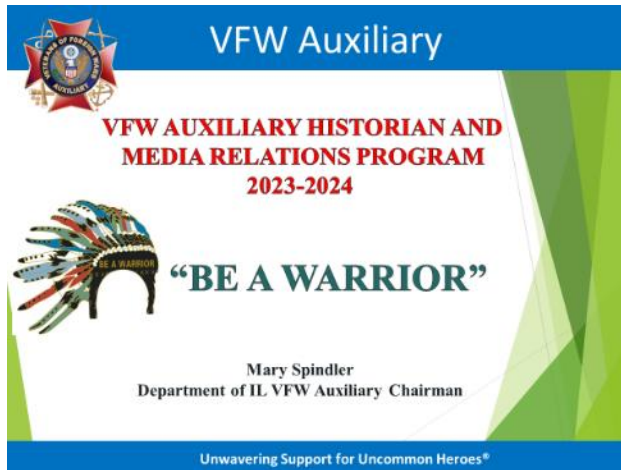


SLIDE 1



Historians at all levels serve as the keepers of the past. It is one of the most important programs of the VFW Auxiliary, as well as being enjoyable. Today I will touch on some of the highlights of the program. *(next slide)*

Slide 2



So, why is **preserving our history** so important? We learn from our past and present, and leave our footprints for the future.

By sharing, we **create awareness** of our organization.

This makes us **visible in the community** and provides the opportunity for others to become involved, and can attract membership.

We all learn by sharing. *(next slide)*

Slide 3



The duties of the Historian include collecting articles, photos and media, and ideally, putting them in some sort of scrapbook or preserving them on a flash drive or other media. The information should be given to the Auxiliary, District, and Department

President at the end of their year. It's a gift that will be appreciated for years to come.

Sharing is easy with today's technology. I encourage everyone to share, share, share! Whether you post on social media, submit photos, videos, or submit news articles for publication, you are preserving the past.

This year, a new feature is the Video Interview (*next slide*)

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The video interview is a new idea from our National Historian Diana Morris, and one that I believe will be a lot of fun! So far, I only have one interview, which was from Hometown Aux. 9773, and it was fantastic!

I shared it with National, and they were very impressed. We need lots of these interviews, so don't overlook this project. So, go out and find that "Legacy" member from your Auxiliary that you want to interview. If you don't have any in your Auxiliary, you can ask a District or Department member to do the interview with you.

You need to prepare the questions in advance, so there will be no surprises. You want it to go as smoothly as possible. It would be nice if the person being interviewed is wearing something that identifies them as an Auxiliary member.

Record your interview, which can easily be done on a phone, iPad or video recorder. Send it to me however you wish – email, sharing program, thumb drive – just get it to me!

Be sure to keep it within the time limit of 3 ½ to five minutes.

I encourage all of you to share your video on social media for others to enjoy.

One last thing is to be sure you include the National Award form that can be found on the [Department of IL Historian](#) website at the bottom of the page, as this will be sent to National. Just click it and you can print it out. [National may select your interview to share on Malta.](#)

Plus, this gives you an opportunity to be in the running for a National award! Be sure to fill it out completely and sign it. **(next slide)**

Slide 5




S.N.A.P stands for:

STOP – NOW – ASK – PERMISSION

Not everyone wants you to share their photos, especially youth. You should ask the person (or their parents if it is a minor) if they agree to have their photo shared on any type of media. It's a good idea to have a permission form for them to sign. That way, you can't be held accountable. **(next slide)**


Slide 6



VFW Auxiliary

Don't ignore it, report it

REPORT YOUR WORK!!



GOAL IS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO BE 100% REPORTED ON THE X-SHEET BY DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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REPORT!

If you don't have a specific Chairman for this program, then appoint someone to report.


It affects your Circle of Excellence as well. Remember the goal is 100% reported by December 31, 2023 – and that is the goal for all Chairmen.

Report multiple times if necessary so I have a record of all your wonderful contributions as members of the VFW Auxiliary. **(next Slide)**

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VFW Auxiliary



DO IT!

- ❖ Citation to every Auxiliary that reports
- ❖ Citation for Video Interview
- ❖ Award to the top three Aux. winners for submitting outstanding interviews
- ❖ Citation to each District President that is 100% reported by December 31, 2023.
- ❖ Award to the District Chairman with the best coverage of the program at District meetings. Due May 31st, 2024.
- ❖ **Most outstanding video interview will be entered into National judging.**

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I want to run across the awards just briefly. Why? Because if you worked hard, you deserve to be recognized.

So, here you go:

1. Citation to every Auxiliary that reports.

2. Citation for video interview.

3. Three winners will be selected from our Dept. and recognized at the Dept. Convention for the most outstanding video interview.

4. Citation to each District President that is 100% reported on the x-sheet by December 31, 2023.
5. Award to the District Chairman with the best coverage of the Program at District meetings. **YOU MUST SEND EACH REPORT TO ME.** Don't overlook this, as for some reason I never seem to get many of the District reports.
6. Most outstanding interview will be entered into the National judging. **(next Slide)**

Slide 8



Thanks for being here today to learn about this year's Historian Program.

Please share it in your Auxiliaries and District!