

Extension & Revitalization
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FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES

It is up to all of us to carry on the traditions handed down from generations. Quoted from Betty Arnold, "Our roots are strong, but I worry about the branches."

You might be a strong Auxiliary, but are you seeing any "red" lights? We must work together to keep our Auxiliaries strong.

If there are a couple of small Auxiliaries, maybe consider bringing two together to form one stronger and better one?? If any Auxiliary is in need of help and thinking about this process, please feel free to reach out to me.

Some yellow caution Lights to help identify an unhealthy Auxiliary...

- * Audits not done timely
- * No representation on District Level meetings
- * No change in Officers
- * No new members
- * No program reports

Remember, suspensions can be a good thing. It can give your Auxiliary a chance to step back and reevaluate the problems and come back even stronger. It doesn't always mean the closing of your Auxiliary.

I handed out to all the Auxiliaries a NEW Healthy Auxiliary form, remember to fill them out and hand them back to me by April 30th. And remember to fill them out HONESTLY, without your feed back we are not able to at least try to fix some of the problems you might be having. (if you haven't received one, please call me)

Don't forget a simple Thank You and can I help goes a long way.

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Mentoring

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Mentoring is a very important part of the Auxiliary. Without this we would not be able to expand and grow. Extending your hand of friendship and kindness is always appreciated. And can go a long way!!

What qualifies someone as a mentor you might ask?

Willingness to devote time and energy to advisees above and beyond normal faculty responsibilities. To be approachable and accessible.

- * Supportive
- * Knowledgeable
- * Good listener
- * Good at giving feedback
- * Flexible
- * Humble
- * Approachable

Mentors can be any age or in any field. You can consider yourself a mentor if you value and admire their work, and you think they could be good at one of the Auxiliary programs.

Don't forget about the mentoring program for your auxiliary. There are lots of ideas to have a promotion for mentoring your new members!!

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Historian & Media Relations National Program Awards 2024-2025 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman
by March 31, 2025 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the training/education of promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through media sources. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Tela Harbold by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

Vineland Veterans Memorial Home

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First, I wanted to THANK everyone who donated Teddy Bears to the National Teddy Bear Event in September. It was a huge success, and all the residents received their own bear. All had a fabulous time!!

The next holiday event will be November 22, for Turkey Bowling and Pie. And yes, we will be bowling with a frozen turkey. There will also be pie and apple cider for everyone. With prizes for the best Bowlers. All are welcome to join in on this fun day. It starts at 2pm.

December 15th is our Annual State Christmas Holiday Party. The theme this year is, Fun with Frosty. Food, fun and laughter will be served that day.

Also, for Bingo, the amount of money must be called in a few days ahead of time. When you arrive you will be given vouchers for that amount and this will be what is given to the residents. They will be able to go to the bank in the home and receive cash. A count will be kept by an employee on what exactly is won by the individual resident, so no one will be shorted any winnings. Any questions, please feel free to call me.

Again, I can't thank you all enough for the monetary donations to Vineland, because without your help we would not be able to have these fantastic parties for all the residents.

Keep an eye out for more fun activities in the new year.

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VINELANDS ANNUAL STATE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

FUN WITH FROSTY

Sunday December 15, 11 am till...

524 NW Blvd, Vineland NJ

Special guest appearances and lot of surprises!!!!

Pizza, Subs and Desserts

Also... gifts for all the residents

Dancing, singing and lots of memories

to be made!!!

All invited!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

Any questions, please call Barbara Wiener, Vineland Rep. 609-464-1791

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