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As you are preparing for the busy holiday season where memories are created, relived and “celebrated” - I hope you take a moment to remember “why” you joined the VFWA. We become so complacent with our everyday routines, we do not take the time to “celebrate” our membership in this elite organization. I hope that each of you, along with your auxiliary members, will celebrate and share what it means to you to be a member, and remember “how” we earned the right to join, and “who” our special hero is/was.

National Chief of Staff/Extension: Mentoring

Our National Chief of Staff, Carole Betro, reminds us of the importance of being healthy – not only as a member but also as an auxiliary. I would love to hear about some of your discussions as your auxiliary members shared their answers on the “Health Checkup for your Auxiliary – Member Questionnaire.” **This questionnaire was given to each of the auxiliary and district presidents in their Tool Box/Foundation Builder folder at the fall workshop.** This communication in an auxiliary is a healthy dose of medicine to help cure the most common ailments....the lack of interest and participation; and, the lack of commitment and support for our Veterans, their families, and, each other! Let’s remember to welcome our sisters and brothers to meetings, be willing to address and recognize valuable suggestions/change, and, take the time to **Mentor** our newest members. Studies on new members of any organization show that the first three months are critical to engaging that member, and, keeping that member. Every auxiliary should have a **Mentor Program**. You CAN do it!



Is the Online Auxiliary Academy on your “To Do” List?

Have you watched and discussed the webinars that are available “online” on various topics? This is another example of a good dose of medicine! It’s easy - you CAN be healthy!

FYI

I recently mailed a letter and information to each of the commanders of our bachelor VFW Posts in ND. You may be contacted by some of these commanders, asking YOU questions about the importance of an auxiliary. Please share your knowledge, and encourage them to contact our Department President Wendy or myself.

■ Mid-Winter Conference Contest

■ **Reminder - New Member Welcome Bag/Tool Box** - Entries will be judged at our Mid-Winter Conference. Each auxiliary president can submit their “Welcome Bag/New Member Tool Box” entry by bringing it to our Mid-Winter Conference, or, if you are unable to attend you can send your entry with someone that is attending and it will be judged with the others. No limitations on what you can do or what it will look like – other than to be informative and creative – something you believe a new auxiliary member would appreciate receiving. The **Welcome Bag/New Member Tool Box** does not have to be created by the auxiliary president alone – she is the responsible person on behalf of her auxiliary. *This is on your year end report.*

Updated National Bylaws & Ritual
Good Job Award Certificates
New Member Welcome Bag
Year End Report

Reminders -



May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through! And now we welcome the New Year - full of things that have never been..... Happy New Year!

Change YOUR World – Include the Veterans! Believe! You CAN do it!