

The National Chief of Staff has established the following Awards for the 2025-2026 Program Year. Please keep these in mind as the year progresses and I am sure we will have some wonderful entries that we can choose from to bring home a win for Arizona!

Awards for Members

Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one member in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff in establishing a new VFW Auxiliary with the approval of the Department President.

Do you have any unaffiliated Posts (Posts without an Auxiliary), in your District or physical location? Have you reached out to them and asked if your Auxiliary members can assist them with a project, such as a Buddy Poppy or Membership Drive? The best way for an unaffiliated Post to understand the value of having an Auxiliary, is to see Auxiliary members in action.

Awards for District Presidents or Official Representatives

Citation and a \$25 VFW Store gift certificate to one District President or Official Representative in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the best assistance to the Chief of Staff with a struggling VFW Auxiliary by mentoring and maintaining a close relationship until the VFW Auxiliary becomes healthy, with the approval of the Department President. Use of MALTA Healthy Auxiliary tools and mentor training is required.

Any Auxiliary can run into issues that can affect their meeting their goals. It is essential that District Presidents, or their Official Representative, work with those Auxiliaries to get back on track for success.

If you feel you have someone to nominate for either of the Awards, the forms for each of are located under Extension & Revitalization in the Member Resources on Malta.

Please complete the form, singing the praises of your nominee and forward the form to me as Department Chief of Staff.