

Extension & Revitalization Promotion #1 | July 2023
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I am a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary to Canfield Hughes Post 9128 in Bettendorf, Iowa, joining on the eligibility of my father, a Korean War Veteran. I have served as Auxiliary, District and Department President and have held Chairmanships on the Auxiliary, District and Department levels and Big Ten Conference. I currently hold the offices of Department Treasurer and Big Ten Guard. My support system is my three children, a daughter and two sons, and six grandchildren-three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Beginning a new year, your Auxiliaries should have elected their Officers, submitted their Installation Reports, received their Auxiliary bonds and had quarterly audits completed. These are just a few things an Auxiliary can do to be healthy and not a Red Flag Auxiliary. As Department Chief of Staff, it is your duty to train your District and Auxiliary Presidents to look for red flags.

Training them on what a Red Flag Auxiliary is.

Remember these questions.

1. Conducting 10 meeting per year: Y or N
2. Good attendance at the monthly Auxiliary meetings: Y or N
3. Completing the required paperwork in a timely manner: Y or N
4. Elect new Officers or re-elect the same members: Y(new) or N(re-elect)
5. Officers, Chairmen & members work as a team: Y or N
6. Member involvement, input during meetings: Y or N
7. Participating in the National/Department Programs: Y or N
8. Membership growth: Y or N



ONE "NO" IS A RED FLAG

Red Flags can be an easy fix. You, with your Department President, should select a committee to help with these Auxiliaries. The committee can be Mentoring for Leadership Chairman, Auxiliary Outreach Chairman, Membership Chairman, Past Department President or an outstanding member. Pick the team that will fit that Auxiliary needs to assist them to be a stronger Auxiliary. Please, we do not want one Auxiliary to slip away. We can make them stronger, so our organization can be stronger.



If we are *our Veterans* start with strong.



Banding Together for
our Auxiliaries being