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### Helpful Tips When Using a Smartphone to Take Great Pictures

Smartphones have changed a lot in the last 20 years. Some are very simple and others are more advanced. Our phones are always with us so it's often much easier to capture life's important memories on your phone than to bring along a big, fancy camera. However, the camera on our smartphone is only as good as we know how to use it. For that reason, it is essential we know how to use the camera to take good pictures.

# Here are a couple links to help you take great pictures. Just follow the link for the phone you have. iPhone

Ten Tips for Taking Great Photos with Your iPhone: <a href="https://www.imore.com/ten-tips-taking-great-iphone-photos">https://www.imore.com/ten-tips-taking-great-iphone-photos</a>

<u>Android</u> (brands include LG, Samsung, Motorola, Nokia, Sony, Google Pixel and more)

• 10 Android Photography Tips for Beginners: <a href="https://www.androidcentral.com/10-android-photography-tips-beginners">https://www.androidcentral.com/10-android-photography-tips-beginners</a>

## **Capturing the Best Picture**

When capturing your picture, it's important to keep a few details in mind:

- Think about the format the picture is intended for (e.g.: Facebook, website, newspaper, etc.).
- Hold your hands steady; this will help keep your subject in focus.
- Never be afraid to take lots of pictures, as you never know what memories you'll most want to remember, or which picture will come out the best.

Once you have taken pictures of your event share them! Submit them, with a write up about your event, to the WI VFW NEWS. This is a great way to showcase your Auxiliary or Dist. to the whole state and maybe inspire others to put together a similar event. Post them to your Auxiliary's Facebook page if you have one or to your personal page AND as always send them to me. I have loved seeing the pictures I have received so far and have been cutting out and saving great articles from the WI VFW NEWS to put in Linda's Presidential year scrapbook.

With the holiday season upon us I would love to end this bulletin with putting out a couple requests. **Christmas** – I would love to get a picture of every Auxiliaries Christmas tree or outdoor Christmas display, if you put one up. I think it would make for an amazing entry in Linda's scrapbook and in my PowerPoint presentation to National. Show me how you spread love and holiday cheer!

New Years — I also thought it would be amazing for either every Auxiliary and/or Dist. to create a New Years Resolution. The resolution can be anything your group agrees on working towards in the coming year. Make a Resolution to get more new members, to donate to a certain project or charity, to do more community outreach, anything you choose, big or small. Once you have yours email it or send it in a letter to me, along of course with your Auxiliaries or Districts info.

Thank you all and have a wonderful and safe Holiday season!! "Soar Like an Eagle for Veterans"

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