

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
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I want to thank Dept. President Helen for this opportunity to serve as the Dept. Chief of Staff for the STAND TOGETHER WITH VETERANS AND FAMILY year. It is a great privilege to serve this year.

Yes, this is the year to make and keep our auxiliaries healthy. You have heard it before and you will hear it again. Is your auxiliary healthy or do you need some help in accomplishing this goal? A healthy organization requires teamwork. No one person can do this alone. If we all work together to accomplish the goal for this year, I believe we will be successful. I will be working closely with the District Presidents to address any problems you may have in your district. I will be requesting your help in identifying any areas or auxiliaries that would or could benefit from some helpful intervention. The time to address these issues is before they become full blown problems. Your line officers and I are all ready to assist in any way we can to assure you a successful year.

First, you must make us aware of the problems. Don't wait until it is too late and the auxiliary has decided they are going to close. Often times when we elect new officers, they are not made aware of their duties and don't receive the instructions and help they need to be successful. The President, Secretary and Treasurer should each have their own copy of the current Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual and each of these officers should read it, especially the section pertaining to their position. Let's make that a priority this year. Read the book and learn your part to help make your auxiliary a healthy one.

A good leader is extremely knowledgeable of the organization and veterans issues, is a visionary and one who will work beside and represent all members. This will be a year of building strong relationships with our Auxiliaries and opening the doors to occasions of instituting new auxiliaries. As we move forward as an organization we will embrace new challenges, new opportunities that are waiting around the corner to take advantage of and new ideas that will become reality. A successful year will also depend on each auxiliary's participation. Reading your General Orders and program bulletins will go a long way toward keeping your auxiliary aware of what needs to be done at any particular time. If you keep all the bulletins in a folder for the entire year, you can refer back to any of them as needed. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading all the material sent to you.

I am wishing for all of us a successful year "Standing Together With Veterans and Family" as we "Catch the Dream for our Veterans". I am only a phone call away if you need my assistance.

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