

EXTENSION

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**“YOU”
THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN THE AUXILIARY
ARE CAPABLE OF SAVING OUR FUTURE AND PROVING
THAT WE ARE UNITED BY LOVE FOR OUR VETERANS AND COUNTRY**

I'm going to talk about “YOU” – because “YOU” are the most important ingredient in the Auxiliary. In the past months you have heard about our rules and regulations and this is fine since we all need to know the Bylaws which govern our organization. However, all the laws and rules ever written do not make an Auxiliary.

An Auxiliary is made up of people, women of all ages, sizes, and from all walks of life with varied shadings of temperament and talent. It's made up of the “you(s)” and “me(s).” We are the Auxiliary. “YOU,” translated into the first person singular, are the most important member of your Auxiliary. “YOU” provide the propellant that moves the Auxiliary. The world's finest engineers could build the most expensive car, hire the greatest driver, but that car cannot move an inch unless gas is in the tank. “YOU” are to the Auxiliary what gas is to a car. “YOU” make it go.

Do “YOU” ever say to yourself, “Me, I'm just a member. There are a lot of other members more important. If I don't show up, I won't be missed. There are others who can take my place.” Not true. They can't. “YOU” are not just another name on the rolls. “YOU” are not just another tree in the forest. No one can take “your” place; no one can do the things “YOU” can do. No one can give what “YOU” have to give to your Auxiliary.

“YOU” chose to become a member. “YOU” signed that application. “YOU” took the obligation that made “YOU” a sister. No other person could take it for “YOU.” “YOU” must attend meetings. No one can attend for “YOU.” Only “YOU” can cast your ballot, and only “YOU” can discharge the duties of the office to which “YOU” have been elected or appointed.

“YOU” not the person seated next to “YOU” or the one in front or back of “YOU” but “YOU” are the most important ingredient in your Auxiliary.

There isn't any Auxiliary that cannot be improved or anything else in the world that cannot be made right by the application of one simple formula expressed so well by the following:

***I asked the Lord what I might do
To make this world a better place while I was passing through
And the Lord answered and said:
“Just build a better “YOU.”***

If you agree, please make a copy of this page and share with your members.

Deputy Chiefs - Have you:

1. Called the Auxiliary Presidents in your District to see how things are going?
2. Checked to see if Auxiliary reports are being submitted to the Department Chairmen?
3. Offered suggestions for various projects to help an Auxiliary be 100% reported?
4. Reviewed the membership report and checked with the Auxiliary Treasurers in your District to determine why dues have not been submitted recently?
5. Checked to see if all Banner Requirements have been paid by the Auxiliary Treasurer?
6. Approached the Bachelor Post Commanders in your District about forming an Auxiliary?
7. Visited the Mayor's office and invited him/her to participate in one of your events? Many employees who work in public offices may be eligible for membership.
8. Visited an American Legion to find out if there are potential members?
9. Do you know the composition of your community to find potential members?
10. Checked with the Department Quartermaster to find out when the next VFW recruitment team will be in your area?

No doubt, we have worked hard these past few months to save several Auxiliaries in this Department. Letters were written, phone calls were made, and a plan of action was discussed to save our struggling Auxiliaries. In the months to come, if we are not successful in saving these Auxiliaries, we must work to transfer the members to a nearby Auxiliary or help them become Members-at-Large. I am so pleased that several Past Department Presidents have called and offered their help to transfer members should the Auxiliaries fold. This is the team spirit that is needed to let members know we do care and we need them to keep our organization strong.

With the **2011 NEW YEAR** approaching, we now must focus on "Building and Saving the Future" of this organization by forming new Auxiliaries. I am delighted to report that we currently have the required number of potential members to form the Warrenton Auxiliary. I have also heard from three Bachelor Post Commanders that, at this time, the Post is not interested in forming an Auxiliary...but they sent a positive message that they hope the interest in establishing an Auxiliary will change in the future.



Remember, we are a mighty organization of devoted sisters with one common bond - **Respecting, Loving and Honoring** our veterans as they guard our Liberty and strive for peace around the world.

Auxiliary Presidents, District Presidents, and Deputy Chiefs of Staff, I'm available to help you with any problems you may encounter.

*May your families surround you
and bring you warmth during these holidays
and may joy fill your heart*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

