



From the Desk of the Department Secretary

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Hello All. We are into another new year of the Auxiliary and as always there is much to be done for our veterans, our active-duty military, their families and our communities.

If you are conducting a particular event and want to let everyone in the Department know about it in case they want to participate, please feel free to forward it to me and I will be happy to send it along in a Blast email to all contacts.

If you have any questions about anything to do with the Auxiliary, please feel free to contact me and I will help you by either giving you the information, explaining where you might be able to locate your answer or to refer you to someone else who might be able to help you. Again, just let me know and I am happy to help.

Lastly, I would also ask that every member please carry a copy of the “Join Us” brochure prepared and offered by National at no cost, along with the updated “Fact Sheet”, so you can share the information when you come across someone who might want to join us in the important work we do. It is very easy to obtain copies of these two items, by going online at National and completing a copy of the request form and forwarding it to National. They can give you a small supply at absolutely no charge! So be prepared wherever you go in case you find that person who wants to join. I have also included a copy of the color and name of the ribbons earned by veterans that make them eligible for the VFW. This may also be helpful to you in determining the potential new member’s eligibility. Thank you to PDC Lew Chipola for providing this information.

IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



Korean Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Combat Action Ribbon



American Campaign Medal



Army of Occupation / Navy Occupation Service Medal



Navy Expeditionary Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Air Force Combat Action Medal



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal



Combat Infantryman Badge



Combat Medical Badge



Combat Action Badge



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia

Your veteran that earned any of these medals makes you eligible for the VFW Auxiliary.