



VFW Auxiliary Department of NH



November 2023 General Information

Historian Media Relations

2023-2024

Keep up the great work and keep posting your event's pictures and upcoming events!

From my Ambassador – Diana Moore-Morris

Make this be a year of courage, kindness, service, and unlimited “mission” of possibilities!

You can ensure the future of your Auxiliary this year and make your mission matter. Get creative and inject enthusiasm. Let me hear about all your wonderful “missions”.

Let's smile at new members and make them feel welcome. Share those photos on your Auxiliary walls and memories in our hearts by using the camera lens all the while remembering to be mindful of the individuals you are photographing. Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated with love.

Drag out all those dusty old photo albums from your archives and spend a few minutes at each of your meetings looking back at the history. Not only will your older members enjoy reliving the older days of the Auxiliary, but your new members will also get a good lesson in the history of your Auxiliary.

Let's have fun! Let's make it interesting! Each one of us can only reach as far as our arms (camera lens) will go. Let us link arms. Our Historians, this program, will be a core group of Auxiliary members with extra motivation, passion and camera spirit that lifts the other members of our wonderful organization.

But most of all – “Let's Make It Happen!”

STARS

- Have you chosen your legacy member? Please email me with the legacy member's information that you have chosen to interview.
- Remember this should be fun and the legacy member is a great source of information.
- Photography opens doors to the past, but it also allows a look into the future. A camera is a SAVE button. Let your Auxiliary legacy members become STARS, for without our STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist. This Program Year, connect with a legacy member and complete a three-to-five-minute video interview:
 - Ask why they joined.
 - Please emphasis on bringing the past to life
 - Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s)
 - If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, look to your District or Department
- Submit your video interview to your Department Historian & Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2024, for judging. The Department Chairman will sign and send a copy of the completed Department winning entry along with the winning video to the National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador by April 30, 2024. The winning video may be shown at National Convention



○ **Tips & Tricks**

- *Be clear when you speak.*
- *Do not talk too fast.*
- *Pause at the end of a question so that you don't talk over the interviewee.*
- *Smile and look interested.*
- *Sit up straight and have good body language.*
- *Keep up good eye contact – look at your camera rather than at the screen.*
- *Make sure the microphone on your phone or camera is close enough to hear.*
- Test your phone or camera in advance to ensure it's working properly, and you know how to use it.

○ **Need some Help?**

- Give me a call and I will be glad to help!!

November Events to Capture in Pictures

- Marine Corps Birthday
- Thanksgiving
- Veterans Day
- Meat Raffles / Dinners / Socials

Don't forget to keep posting on your Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and all other social media sites.

- Tags me on your Facebook Post with Pictures
 - Using **#NHVFWAUXHISTORIAN** & **#VFWAUXHISTORIAN**
- Email me Photos of your Events!
- Send me your event information to be sent to WMUR / Union Leader / Patch
- Request me to attend an event.

Best regards,

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