



# VFW Auxiliary Department of NH

## March 2024 General Information



### Historian Media Relations

2023-2024



## VFW Auxiliary Legacy Member Video!!!

### STARS **Deadline is Approaching!!!!**

- 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!!



UNWAVERING SUPPORT



## VFW Auxiliary Local Talking Points

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- Established in 1914, the VFW Auxiliary is the nation's oldest veterans' service organization auxiliary.
- Members of the VFW Auxiliary are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.
- There are nearly a half million members representing all 50 states. **We have \_\_\_\_ members in (list your state or Auxiliary).**
- We serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of the sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform.
- It is our mission to assist the VFW in any way we can. We share a common goal of serving veterans, their families and our communities.
- During the last year Program Year, Auxiliaries provided a total of two million dollars in aid to veterans, military service members and their families.
- Some of the ways members offer support are:
  - By being a voice for veterans, locally and on Capitol Hill; we are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass or block legislation that impacts veterans and their families.
  - By assembling and mailing care packages to active-duty troops.
  - Holding send-off and welcome-home events for troops.
  - Spreading the word about PTS and military/veteran suicide awareness.
  - Participating in Stand-Downs and assisting homeless veterans.
  - Visiting veterans in VA hospitals, nursing homes and veterans homes.
  - Offering youth scholarships and educating youth about the American Flag.
  - Spreading patriotism and educating our communities about America's patriotic holidays.
  - **Highlight other ways your Auxiliary offers support (i.e. holiday parties for children, sponsoring a local baseball team, delivering meals to shut-ins, etc.)**

There are more than 3,600 Auxiliaries nationwide **and we are working here in (your city/town name)** to improve the lives of our nation's veterans. Learn how you can get involved at [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) and **visit our Facebook page. Search for (list your Auxiliary name here).**

# February Events to Capture in Pictures

- Navy Reserve Birthday (03/03)
- K-9 Veterans Day (03/13)
- Vietnam Veteran's Day (03/29)
- Seabee Birthday (03/04)
- St Patrick's Day (03/17)
- Easter Sunday (03/31)
- Daylight Savings Day (03/10)
- Medal of Honor Day (03/25)
- 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.

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

Best regards,

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