

EXTENSION & REVITALIZATION

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Source: Latin – auxilium, meaning help

As I write this October message, our VFW Auxiliary is celebrating its 112th birthday. Here's to another century + of serving our Veterans, Military, families and communities!

When was the last time you reviewed the **OBJECTS** of our organization, found on page two of the **PODIUM EDITION BYLAWS AND RITUAL**? (Side note: hopefully you are in possession of the **2026** edition...regardless what year you are using now, watch for the **2027** edition coming soon to the VFW Store. There are changes every year – this should be an annual order for **EVERY** Auxiliary!)

Okay, back to the topic at hand: why we exist. *“The objects of this organization shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to assist the Posts and members thereof of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States, and its own members whenever possible...”*. The list goes on, but let's consider that second section. While our Bylaws specifically name us a “subordinate organization”, I believe we are BLESSED to be part of a TEAM: **Together We Achieve More**. We ARE better together!

Going one step further, let's pause and **remember our “WHY”** – the comrade or family member you honor with your membership and your service to Veterans. Ask yourself: “Does **MY** service pay tribute to **THEIRS**? Are/were they proud of my participation?”

Why does any of this matter? These concepts all lead to a **HEALTHY AUXILIARY** – because **YOU** are committed to **honorable** work to assist and support our program goals. **Together We Achieve More**. Let's make them proud of us!

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen!