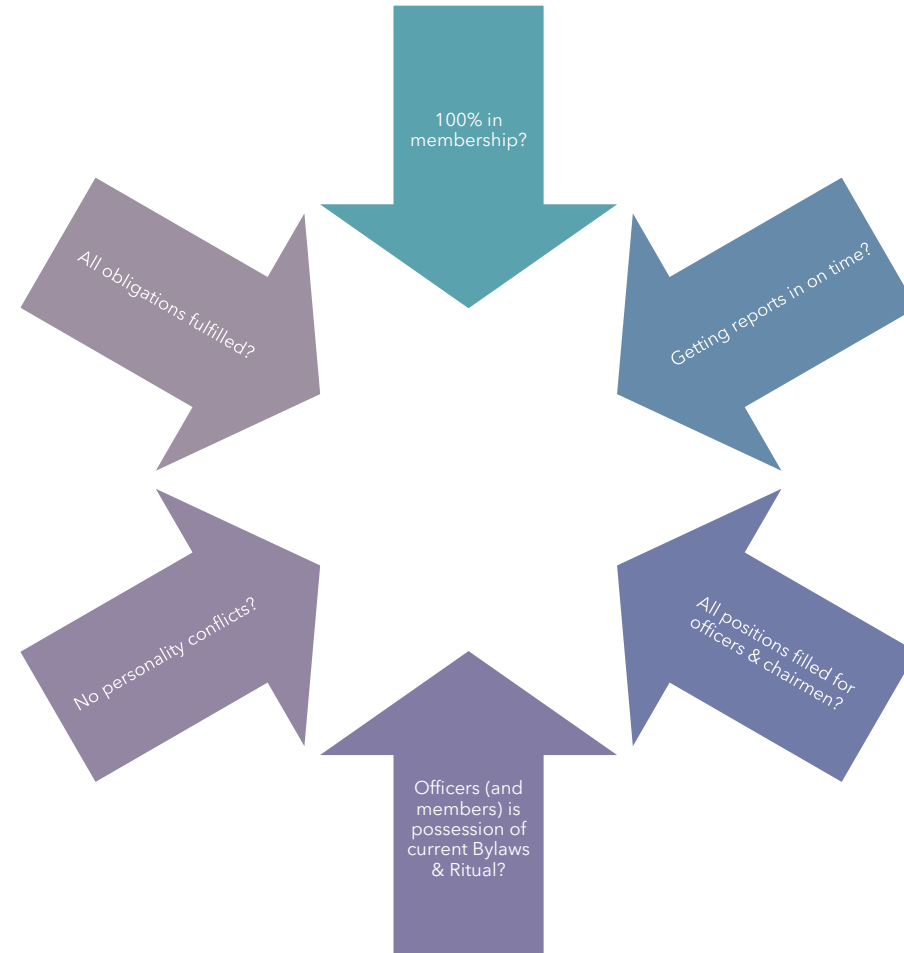




How to identify an unhealthy Auxiliary....

July School of Instruction
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
July 11, 2025
Sherrie Rosenau, Chief of Staff

What constitutes an unhealthy Auxiliary?



*A healthy attitude is contagious
but don't wait to catch it from
others....be a carrier!*



Underline signs of concern?



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Aging members

Constraints of attending meetings

Lack of participation

Repeat officers' year-after-year

Ways to detect an unhealthy Auxiliary

- Annual Visit

AUXILIARY OFFICIAL VISITATION FORM
2024-2025

DATE OF VISIT: _____ AUX # _____ DISTRICT # _____
AUXILIARY NAME: _____
LOCATION: _____
(ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP)

Meeting Date: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Last (select date)
Meeting Day: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun (Circle day) Meeting Time: _____

ATTENDANCE: _____
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE LAST 3 MONTHS

Are those serving in the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees the same as those submitted on the original Installation Report to the Department? YES NO
IF NO, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION (MEMBER IDS, NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE#, AND EMAIL ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH TO FORM)

IS BUSINESS MEETING SET UP AS TRADITIONAL, CONTEMPORARY, ROUNDTABLE? CIRCLE ONE

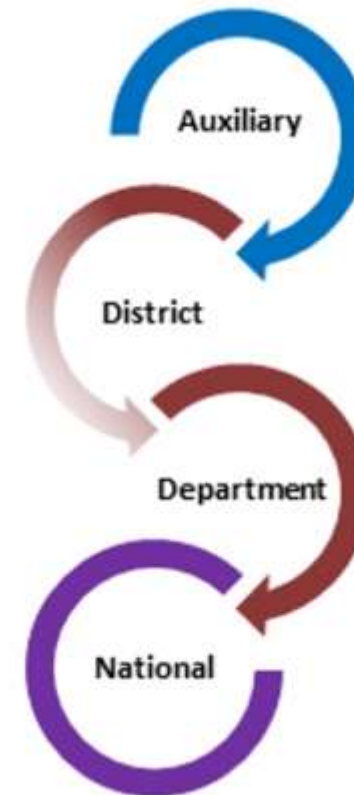
1. How many regular business meetings are held in a _____ year? If less than 12, what are the blackout months: _____

2. Are CURRENT Bylaws & Membership pin given to new members when they are obligated?
Yes No

3. Are General Communications read when issued? _____ Yes No
If you answered 'NO' on any of the above, did you instruct on proper procedure?
(explain) _____

PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT: _____

- Auxiliary Membership Communication



What are signs that an
Auxiliary may be
entering an unhealthy
state of mind?



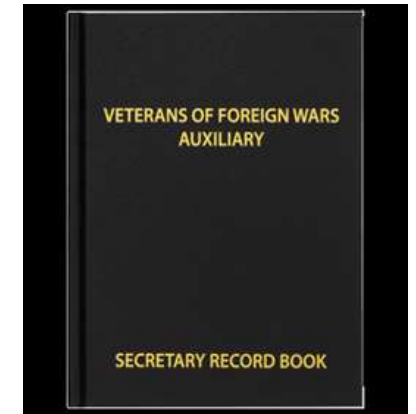
Lack of ability to elect officers

- Is there a lack of understanding of responsibilities?
- Are members getting tired of holding office?
- Not enough participation to fulfill positions?



Quarterly audit reports not completed and submitted by due date...

- Books of Secretary and Treasurer not being available
- Treasurer does audit
- Trustees sign report without reviewing books



Unable to
obtain a
quorum for
business
meeting

- It only takes FIVE members
- Must hold at least TEN business meetings per year



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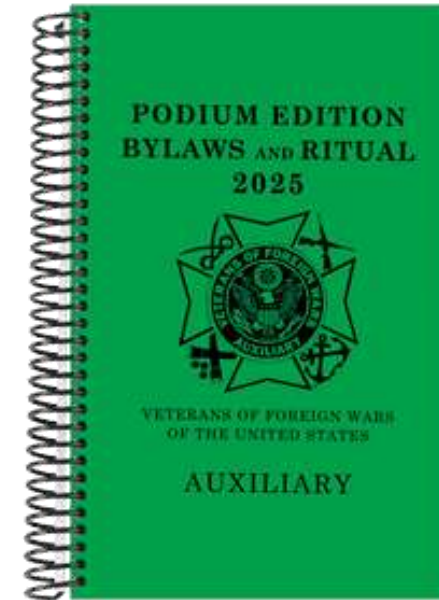
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Outdated Bylaws and Ritual and/or Standing Rules

- Each year an updated National Bylaws, Booklet of Instructions, and Ritual Book is produced.
- Standing Rules not being reviewed and updated yearly may become outdated with invalid information.



Referencing Outdated Materials

- General orders, chairmen bulletins, etc.
- Destroy old forms

 **WI VFW AUXILIARY**
2024-25 GENERAL ORDERS
"HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER"

May/June 2025 SUPPLEMENT MUST BE READ AT MEETING Volume 3 - Issue 10

Here is a supplement of new items updates that can be read at your May or June meeting.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

By: Gloria L. Lantry, Chairman
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We accomplished a lot over the year. Go online to navigate the numerous programs for Veterans and Family Support presented throughout the year for all VFWs, VFW Auxiliary Headquarters, VSO, Tri Care, VA, etc.

May is Mental Health Awareness month - Navigate the system to find speakers for Veterans and their families, help find support for mental health care, PTSD, and suicide prevention and awareness and how to help families understand the signs and symptoms. Request resources for Power Point Presentation from Department Chairman Kelli L. Mottly for all women for child support or for Veterans receiving therapy, say mental health or cope for Veterans. Offer support to therapy sessions.

Remember The Crisis Line Number: <https://www.crisisline.com/en-us> Also carry the Veterans Resource Book cards which are available on National Auxiliary also. This is crucial for the struggling veterans. Adopt one or more 2025 VFW Priority goals, also check out the following site for mental health resources: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.com/en-us> and check out their needs with your local CVSO who also have a fund that help support those needs.

National PTSD Awareness Day - June 27, 2025 which brings awareness about issues related to PTSD. Find resources for PTSD <https://www.veteranscrisisline.com/en-us> and check out their needs with your local CVSO who also have a fund that help support those needs.

Check out the following:

- The Center for Women's Veterans at the following site <https://www.cwvcenter.org/> for a plethora of programs, support, improved outcomes, and access to VA benefits, services, and opportunities for women Veterans.
- If your county has a County Human Services Department which support mental health for veterans. Donations are needed.
- Operation Sooty.
- If the National Guard in your area has family days and find out their needs and donate for assistance with child care, home care, etc., if approved.

From our Roots to our Branches Extending Service to our Veterans as we are "Honoring Veterans Together"

WI VFW Auxiliary Year-End Report Worksheet
2024-2025 Veterans & Family Support Report

REPORT YOUR RESPONSE AS INDICATED ON THE INSTRUCTION SHEET, IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM.

Auxiliary #: _____ District #: _____

Auxiliary Name: _____

City: _____

Chairman's Email Address: _____

Did your Auxiliary:

1. promote, participate, host or co-host with the VFW fundraising activities for any programs? (Examples: Disaster Relief, Military Assistance Program (MAP), National Veterans Service (NVS), Unmet Needs, Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health awareness.) Yes or No _____
2. provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families (Examples: meals, transportation, cards, postage, donations, etc.) Yes or No _____
3. Approximate number of veterans, service members and/or their families assisted. # _____
4. Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to veterans, service members and/or their families. \$ _____
5. Did your Auxiliary use media to promote programs or increase the support of Veterans, active-duty service members, and their families in the community? Yes or No _____
6. What media was used? TV, Radio, Newspaper, Facebook/Webs, or Films - Please list below. _____

V & PS Chair Signature: _____

EXTENSION AND REVITALIZATION

By Linda Starn, Department Chairman
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Brothers and Sisters, as a Auxiliary year of "Honoring Veterans Together" will be coming to an end, now is the time to reflect, celebrate and prepare to transition to a new program year! What your expectations to meet? It's not too late to set up and prepare for next year. As you reflect on last year, are there things you did well on? What you did well on? Celebrate the successes, projects your Auxiliary did for the Veterans and their families. Celebrate the support you received from projects provided to our youth. Celebrate you, for if not for you, there wouldn't be this Auxiliary.

Now we will set our vision, our goals, that we will have work to do for 2025-2026 program year. This meeting continues to read our minutes and we will not stop now. Many Auxiliaries are so close to reaching their 100th or better mark. Don't forget you still have a phone, USA 1, get those numbers. Copy the numbers in that will assure you are in 2025 2026. I hope you will have an amazing year and accomplish great things. We are, please offer guidance, assistance and support to those new officers.

There is a lot to be done in your Chair of Staff. I hope that have experienced your Department and provide a Chair of Staff. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, money and dedication to your Auxiliary and all that this great organization represents.

God BLESS, hope to see you at Convention.

2024-2025 WI VFW AUXILIARY

 *thank you!*  *See All You Do For Our Veterans!*

"HONORING VETERANS TOGETHER"

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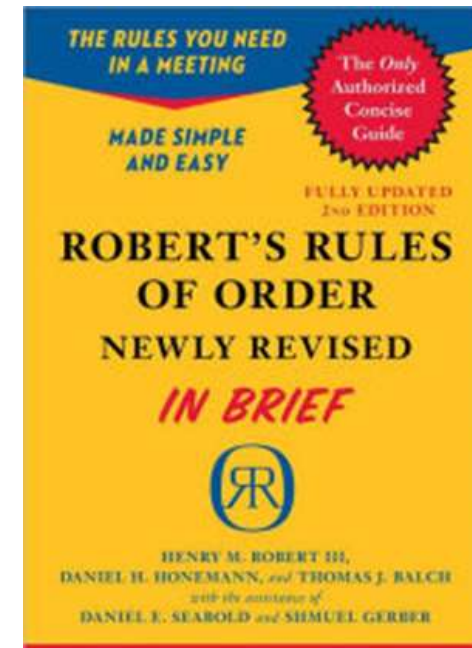
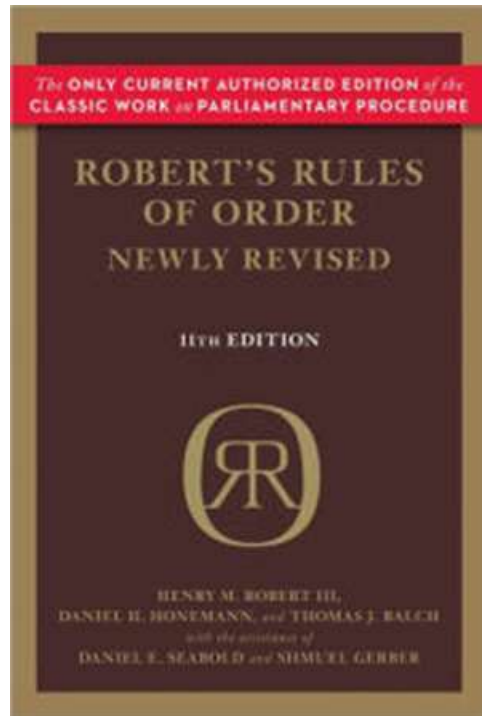
Personal Conflict

- Disregard for another person's opinion
- Bullying
- Closed minds



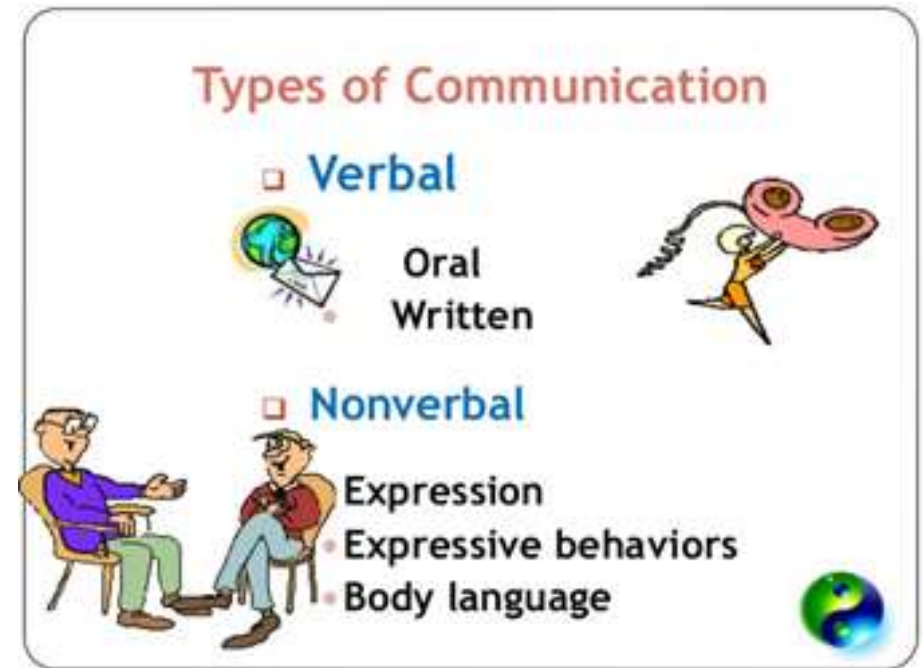
Usage of Demeter's Manual of Procedures

- Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised replaced Demeter's.



Lack of Communication

- Select few are privileged to information
- Leave no member behind
- Every member has a right to learn, participate, be respected and rewarded



Dissention between Auxiliary and Post



Is it because of
lack of
communication

Lack of respect

Personality
conflict

Non-Compliant

- Not meeting IRS filing requirements
- Not meeting District and Department Obligations
- Reminder....these tasks happen every year!



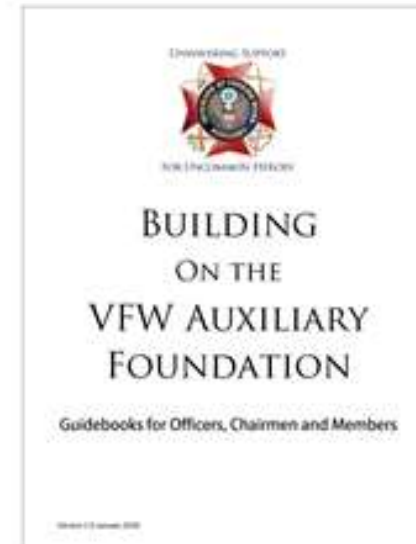
Misuse of funds

- Expending money without having passed a motion
- Unaccounted cash receipts and disbursements
- Funds belong to Auxiliary - not an individual



Performance of duties

- Officers and Chairmen are not performing duties as required



Declining Membership

- No interest to increase or maintain membership
- Reduction in membership with no attempt to recruit and reinstate members
- Timely dues remittance
- Not contacting members
- Members not valued, thanked or praised for the work they do
- Members feel useless or frustrated
- Members feel they are getting nothing out of belonging



Meetings are a waste of time

- Long and boring
- No discussion
- No action
- Lack of participation



In order for a meeting to be productive it has to have a purpose – a valid reason for everyone to give up their time to attend.

Lack of interest in Programs

- Chairmen not appointed
- Bulletins not shared
- Thoughts that there are no projects members can be involved in
- Year-end reports



*Don't think inside or
outside the box.....*

ELIMINATE THE BOX!



FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!

- Auxiliary Healthy Toolkit
- Online Academy
- MALTA – Resource Page
- National Programs BLOG
- Facebook
- Department Website



*Can my Auxiliary be
healthy?*





Positive questions are more likely to generate...

Positive energy that leads to...

People achieving positive results!

Thank you

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