

HISTORIAN / MEDIA RELATIONS



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Remember to search for STARS!

I was super excited this last week to receive my very first legacy video interview! I can't wait to see more.

Let your Auxiliary legacy members become STARS, for without our STARS, our Auxiliary would not exist. Connect with a legacy member in your Auxiliary and complete a three-to five-minute video interview: Ask why they joined. Ask about their favorite memorable moment(s). Place emphasis on bringing the past to life. If your Auxiliary has no legacy members, look to your District or Department. Submit your video interview and entre form to me by March 31, 2024, for judging.

Where can you find the National Historian Award form?

<https://vfwauxwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=130627>

Where do you send photos from your Auxiliary events?

Email: nikdmetalsmith@gmail.com



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Hello Brothers and Sisters, fall is here!! I have to admit this is my favorite time of year. Keep sending in those photos of events and Official visits.

Are you going to the VFW National Home's Fall Festival Party? Remember to take lots of pictures and then send them to me. I can't wait to see everyone in their Harry Potter Costumes!

I saw this posted on the National Facebook page and thought it was good info to pass on. Earlier this year, VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters made the decision to no longer use last names for students in grades K-8, which includes contest winners, featured Scouts, youth volunteers and scholarship recipients. Instead, we will use first names only and/or first names with last initials. This is an attempt to reduce the children's digital footprint.

This does not apply to scholarship recipients, featured Scouts, members, members' relatives, or winners in grades 9-12. Unless specifically requested by the parent/person submitting the information, photos and photo releases.

While the last name redaction policy is not mandated for individual Auxiliaries and Departments, we encourage you to consider doing the same.

National Historian and Media Relations Ambassador Diana Morris encourages all members to "SNAP" as they take and post pictures this year. That stands for, "Stop Now, Ask Permission."

- Print those photo releases from the MALTA Resource page (protect yourself & the person you are photographing, especially children).
- Be aware of what you are photographing (remember what kindness looks like).
- When taking photographs, connect with the subject and the emotion (don't be a paparazzi).