

Chief of Staff/Extension and Revitalization

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It's APRIL, time for Auxiliary Officer Elections!! Right around the corner will be District Officer elections, Department Officer elections in June, and election of National Officers in July. We as members should consider some very important questions when nominating and electing Officers at any level of our organization.

1. Is the person I am nominating or voting for really the best person for the position? Or am I voting for them just because they are my friend? Or because I don't want to hurt their feelings?
2. Does the person I am nominating or voting for do what is in the best interest of the VFW and Auxiliary, or do I just like to hang out and drink with them at the bar?
3. Does the person have the needed skills, motivation, knowledge, and commitment needed to be President, Treasurer, Trustee, etc.?
4. What will this person bring to the table? Will they be positive and forward thinking or negative and set in their ways?
5. Is this person a good member? Is this someone who is always at the bar, or do they support and attend functions, events, and fundraisers?
6. Does the person you are nominating or voting for attend MOST monthly meetings, or do they discuss Auxiliary business at the bar or outside the meeting instead of at meetings where their voice matters?
7. Does this member attend District and Department meetings to keep up to date on Auxiliary programs? Will this person be a good representative for your Auxiliary at District and Department meetings?

Be certain those being nominated are willing to assume responsibility of the office. Consider those members who have voiced an interest in holding office. Encourage new and younger members to assume a role as an officer. Look for those who positive and forward thinking to meet the challenges that face our veterans, while advancing the objectives of the VFW Auxiliary.

Be familiar with voting procedures by reviewing:

Bylaws:

*Section 801 Eligibility*

*Section 802 Elective Officers*

*804 Election*

*Section 805 Voting*

Booklet of Instructions:

*Election of Officers*

*Election Procedure. Two or more candidates*

*Election by Acclamation. One candidate*

Ritual:

*Nominations and Election of Officers*

The future of the VFW Auxiliary at all levels is in the hands of the voting membership. Use your vote wisely. Do what is best for the organization and its members.

“Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world” Roald Dahl

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