

**Chief of Staff  
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The holidays are fast approaching and at this time of year we tend to reflect and think about those things for which we are grateful and thankful. I am grateful that the VFW Auxiliary exists and am thankful for all the members who do great things for our Veterans, their families, and our communities. I ask each of you to think about and reflect on your time as an Auxiliary member and consider these 2 questions:

What am I doing to help Veterans and how can I do more?

What can I do to make my membership experience and Auxiliary better?

**Some suggestions to consider:**

Sign up for MALTA, the National VFW Auxiliary website at [malta.vfwauxiliary.org](http://malta.vfwauxiliary.org).

Review and use materials available within the Program and Publicity Resources on the National website.

Visit the National Auxiliary blog frequently for ideas on how to promote the programs.

Check out the Department of Kansas website at [vfwauxks.org](http://vfwauxks.org) for the latest information.

Volunteer to be a mentor for a new member.

Step up to a chairmanship or officer position.

Become more familiar with the current Bylaws, Booklet of Instructions and Ritual.

Explore a program you have not been involved with before.

Show respect to your fellow Auxiliary members.

Attend a District or Department meeting or both!

Volunteer to represent your Auxiliary at a community event.

Seek new ways to educate youth in patriotism and scholarship opportunities available through the VFW and Auxiliary.

Attract public interest in legislative initiatives affecting our veterans.

Find new ways to support and assist the VFW in the common goal of serving Veterans, their families, and your community.

Maintain a positive attitude and open mind when engaged in Auxiliary meetings and activities.

Be kind and helpful to everyone.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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