# SD VFW AUXILIARY

# UNITED IN SERVICE FOR VETERANS – 2024-2025

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Now that it is officially Spring and we are in the last quarter of our Auxiliary year, it is time to prepare for elections on all levels; review the five essentials of an Auxiliary; and check membership numbers.

Election of Auxiliary and District Officers will be in April. Hopefully, by now you should have your slate of officers for a smooth nomination and election. The way to truly learn the responsibility of an elected office is to serve. Once officers are elected, remember to support and mentor. Officers elected are to be installed and reported to National no later than June 30. Serving as an officer on all levels is not only a learning experience but a rewarding experience.

At this time, Presidents and Treasurers are bonded, quarterly audits are up to date and Auxiliaries should all be able to have at least ten (10) meetings by the end of April. GREAT JOB!!!

Membership is always something to be worked on, but it is now crunch time for the Department to have 100% membership by June 30 to meet the requirements of the Circle of Excellence. This is not only a great honor for the President and Department the monetary award is very beneficial. Please review and contact your unpaid members. Can your Auxiliary or individuals be an Angel and help those struggling to pay their dues?

It has been an interesting, challenging and rewarding year to serve as the Department Chief of Staff and Jr. Vice President, and I want to thank all of your for allowing me to do so.

I hope that many of you are not only considering but ready and preparing with great enthusiasm to start your journey as an elected or appointed officer on any and all levels for the Department of South Dakota.

I THANK you and our VETERANS THANK YOU.

Karen Sharp Jr. Vice President Chief of Staff