

Chief of Staff

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To all VFW Auxiliary Members – I'm just buzzing in to help start President Karen's wonderful hive full of busy bees.

Pat Cerny, Department Chief of Staff, lives in Yankton and am currently Secretary and Chaplain of VFW Post 791 Auxiliary. Married to Bill and he too is Past everything.

As a worker bee I have served as District President of two Districts (not at the same time!), Dept Pres. In 1992-93; National Council of Administration 1996-98; Natl. Publicity Director 1998 and Natl Legislative Dir. 1999, plus some Big Ten offices.

One of the questions I asked myself numerous times – where do the VFW AUX lapel pins go and what side? So here goes –

Official Look Bylaws Sec. 1001 – marine blue shirt – long or short sleeve, worn with black slacks or skirt, and black shoes. The lapel pins – I always remember “the VFW goes over my heart”, which puts that pin on the left. Pin on straight, do not slant. That leaves the AUX pine on the right. Easy. If you are placing the pins with the shirt laying down, remember how it will look when you put it on.

If you have the official emblem on your shirt, your current membership pin goes just above it. If you are sporting an American Flag pin – it ALWAYS goes above all pins and or emblem.

Name tags go on the right side. There is a good picture in the Booklet of Instructions V) Bylaw Section 1002 will explain the membership pins, what each color stone designates.

Section 2003 explains the Auxiliary Emblem and Logo.

The incoming President's pin cannot be worn until she/he is sworn in at National Convention.

We are going to BEE the most correct BEES Buzzing around the Department.