



## Chief of Staff and Extension



The main job of a Chief of Staff is to see that everything is in working order and moving in the right direction.

My priorities and goals for this year are lofty, no doubt, but reachable. In order to reach these goals, I need **you**, i.e. every Auxiliary member, every officer at all levels (Auxiliary, District and Department) and every Chairman (whether program or project) at all levels to be open-minded and accepting to receiving training, help and direction.

**Priority #1 – Training:** The entire Department of New Hampshire from the Auxiliary to the Department is very much in need of training. This will be priority #1 – to get everyone working in the right direction and *working together as a TEAM* and like a “well-oiled machine”. *Together Everyone Achieves More*. This is the most important thing we can do because a TEAM is like a linked chain. If all links are strong, it makes the chain strong and invincible, but if there is even one weak link, the chain can be broken. We need to be strong and work together to achieve success in order to *HONOR OUR MISSION TO SERVE VETERANS*.

**Priority 2 – Healthy Auxiliaries:** Priority #2 is to be sure ALL Auxiliaries in New Hampshire are HEALTHY Auxiliaries. No one is ever anxious to fail. Likewise, we have not chartered Auxiliaries to fail, but rather they were and are chartered to be healthy and successful. It is important to continue to encourage, inspire and assist Auxiliaries to be healthy. If anyone knows of any Auxiliary that is not currently in good health, please let me know immediately. It is most important that, like any “illness”, we have it checked out as quickly as possible and provide the “medicine” to bring it back to good health. The sooner we know of an “ailment”, the quicker and easier it is to “cure”.

**Priority #3 – Bachelor Posts:** Priority #3 is to meet with and explain to Bachelor Posts the benefit of welcoming an Auxiliary. Bachelor Posts are like a partial team. Working together with an Auxiliary will help them become a full, well-rounded and successful TEAM. I will be requesting to meet with the bachelor posts this year to discuss how an Auxiliary can benefit their TEAM.

**Priority #4 – Awards:** Priority #4 is that I personally don't feel that an award should be given just for doing the ordinary and expected part of a job. It is, however, nice to know that when I go above and beyond, that someone recognizes my efforts. An “award” can be anything – most important of which is a kind word of thanks. That being said, I plan to give awards in recognition of various things this year, so be on the lookout for new and different things.

The most important thing I would ask of each and every member of this wonderful Department of New Hampshire VFW Auxiliary is to be open, accepting and willing to try new and different things. The success of our New Hampshire VFW Auxiliary depends upon each and every one of us being a member of the *TEAM* and doing our part no matter how big or how small to see that we *Climb to the Highest Peaks to Serve Our Veterans* and our membership.

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