



# Top 10 Reasons for Your Post to Have an Auxiliary

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10. Offers valuable assistance for meal and event preparation.
9. Assists with “Buddy”® Poppy drives.
8. Opens the door to potential members.
7. Assists in recruiting and retaining members to strengthen the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
6. Provides events and volunteer opportunities for veterans’ family members.
5. Boosts the Post’s visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.
4. Increases Program participation and helps spread the word on scholarship and youth programs.
3. Presents an opportunity to serve more veterans, active-duty military and their families.
2. Increases the number of advocates to fight for veterans’ rights and benefits.
1. Positively reinforces the values and beliefs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Does it cost the Post anything?**  
The VFW Auxiliary Charter Kit fee is \$40.00, but its new members will pay for that.  
**It should not cost the Post anything to start an Auxiliary.**
- **How long does it take to start?**  
From the time your Post votes to have an Auxiliary, it could take anywhere from six (6) weeks to four (4) months to get an Auxiliary up and running.  
*Hint: It takes less time for an Auxiliary to start helping your Post if there are already interested potential members before you vote!*

## Ready to Add an Auxiliary to your Post?

- Announce to Post members that you will be voting on having an Auxiliary and that the vote will take place at a specific meeting.
- If Post members vote YES by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, let the Department President know.
- The Department President will then assign an Auxiliary Organizer who will work on obtaining the required number of charter members (15) and filling out necessary paperwork.

## Still have questions?

Contact VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at 816.561.8655 or [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org).