



**TOGETHER WE
CAN DO
ANYTHING**

VFW and VFW Auxiliary
Teamwork



*Creating
Success!*

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary continue to work together better and in more ways every year. We work together on many programs with the same purpose, and we share a common mission to care for our veterans and their families. So, how do you work together as a team to plan a successful year?

Use these valuable tools:

1. **VFW Auxiliary Bylaws and Ritual** – read cover to cover.
2. "Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation"

Find ways to have fun together.

Schedule joint social events.

Create joint newsletters and/ or FB groups or websites.

Ask and do what is best for the organization.

Use technology with limitations. Remember that there is a purpose, a time, and a place for digital tools:

AN EMAIL doesn't always share the excitement you have for a project.

A TEXT MESSAGE doesn't clearly express your love for the idea you are sharing.

A ZOOM MEETING doesn't always allow for the fair sharing of ideas.

Verbal Communication – Person-to-Person – extremely important

Communication

1. Introduce yourself to your Commander and spend some time getting to know them.
2. Reflect back to someone what they have said and ask questions to be sure that you understand what is being communicated.
3. Keep an open mind and be willing to compromise.
4. When necessary, respectfully disagree.
5. Share information generously.
6. Treat everyone with respect.
7. Look for and discuss shared goals.
 - a) Membership
 - b) Recognition of veterans
 - c) Programs – Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher Awards, Buddy Poppy, National Home, etc.
8. Consider and share all ideas – an idea that doesn't work for you may be perfect for someone else.
9. Give solid explanations for the decisions you make.
10. Avoid negative responses when discussing ideas and always be willing to learn something new.

