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Another year has passed. Did you do what you had planned, I didn't. It always surprises me when I don't get done what I need to get done.

1. Did the email go out every month
2. Did I send the reporting to the Chairmen (thankfully it is quarterly)
3. Did I remember to ask my treasure/secretary to send in the minutes/audits
4. Do I need to remind them again
5. Did I remember to attend the District meetings

All of us could go on and on about the things that we need to do. Life is a busy, messy thing. I'm grateful that I have it but sometimes I get so overwhelmed that I don't always think it is fun.

I sometimes treat the Auxiliary like my job. The reason for that is because its the job that I wish I was paid for. What is better than being able to talk to Vets about what is going on with them, help them with small errands, or maybe feed them. Taking that time to volunteer for them and with them would most definitely be the job I wish I was paid for. In the grand scheme of things, it is way less paperwork than I do at my real job.

But sometimes the Auxiliary requires things from us that make it feel much more than just simple volunteering our time. Five things are required for an Auxiliary.

1. At least 10 business meetings a year
2. ~~Dues paid on 10 members before February 1st~~
3. Quarterly audits submitted
4. ~~Officers elected, installed and reported to National~~
5. ~~President and Treasurer must be bonded.~~

Numbers 2, 5, & 6 have been completed for the 2024-2025 VFWA year. Which leaves us with making sure that we attend meetings and that audits are submitted. The best way to stay in front of all the deadlines is to put it on your calendar. Surprisingly enough I run a paper and an electronic calendar and now is the perfect time to add dates to the brand new 2025 calendar. Make a calendar note for when audits are due, for when the 990 is due, for Mid-Winter and Convention dates, for your regular monthly meeting and for District meetings. Add in your personal stuff. This way plans can be made well ahead of time. I plan to see AC/DC, Gary Allen, and Banana ball in 2025. If I don't add to the calendar then I might miss it. It's the same with those Auxiliary deadlines; if we don't make room for them in our year they don't get done. Here is an example for

January for me. Some of it is work, some is Auxiliary but I need to make sure that I plan it all.

Take the time to start your year off on a good foot. Believe me without calendar alerts I don't get anything done.

Betty Decker

