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National Theme: Hands that Serve, Heart that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

This month I would like to take the time to focus on traditional scrapbooking to preserve your Auxiliary history. Traditional scrapbooking has similar concepts of a traditional photo book, but with a little more embellishment.

As your Auxiliary Historian, you are thinking that you may want to create a traditional scrapbook for your Auxiliary president, but do not know where to begin. Here are essential supplies and tips to get you started.

1. Get your supplies including a scrapbook, binder, or album, scissors, black pen or markers, adhesives, page protectors and refills, scrapbooking paper, cardstock, and embellishments.
2. Choose scrapbook paper or albums. Scrapbooks come in all sizes, make your scrapbook work for you.
3. Pick a topic or theme. Once you choose a theme, you will be able to pick out colors, decorations, and pictures. Do you have a theme for each event?
4. Round up your photographs. This will be the time to think about how many photos you may want on a page and how you may want to arrange the page(s).
5. Choose your layout. Scrapbooking is about layer with paper, clean grids on white cardstock or a mix. Choose what works for you and your theme. You can also add memories you want to cherish. Remember to play with the layering before you attach your photos.
6. Get creative and add embellishments. Add dimension, stickers, and funny quotes heard will only make the scrapbook that more personable.
7. Add journaling to your pages. You do not have to write every little detail, just write what you remember. You could also include inspirational quotes, poetry, or advice.
8. For additional ideas, try searching the internet or Pinterest.



Update on Historian Book Contest

- Books should be no more than twenty pages.
- Books should contain at least one page of activities/events around each of the programs that your Auxiliary has done in your communities and the remainder to be whatever else you would like to include.
 - By including the other programs this will allow you to help not only meet your programs achievement but also help the other chairperson to meet their achievements as well.

Does your Auxiliary have a Facebook page? Do you have at least two people as administrators. Are you posting regularly? If not, the audience will not come. Remember to tell them about the remarkable things we do for our veterans and our communities. Need help? Check out all the wonderful resources under Historian and Media Relations on the National Auxiliary website at www.vfwauxiliary.org. You will need to log in to Malta to access those resources. Need more help? Reach out and I will be glad to help you.

“Scrapbooking...it reminds us that life has been good.”- Anonymous

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