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### **Guidelines for running for National Guard**

- 1.) It is important to be fair to all candidates. Therefore, do not start campaigning until the previous year's Guard is elected.

It is suggested that you get the endorsement of your Department. Campaigning can be costly and having the support of your Department is helpful. However, you do not need to be endorsed by your

- 2.) Department to run. If your Department does not endorse you, you cannot put endorsed by your Department in your brochure or in your speeches. Also, if your Department does endorse you, it does not mean they are required to pay for your campaign. They may however, choose to vote money to your campaign and support money making projects you have.

- 3.) It is important to let National Headquarters know of your intent to run by June 30th. Information will be sent to you in regard to the National Convention.

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- 4.) your brochures on the chairs in the Convention Center prior to the beginning of the meeting. (need approximately 1000)

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- 6.) Convention after nominations are made and the National Mid-Year Conference. It is up to you if you want to bring brochures and/or giveaways.

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- 8.) invited, as this can be very costly. This is a "gentleman's" agreement among candidates. The other reason is since you can't go to all 50 States, it's not fair to go to any. Picking and choosing certain states may make those that you did not attend feel bad.

- 9.) It is OK to contact your friends in another department to ask them to support you.

- 10.) Currently, we bring the candidates to HQ in April of the year you are running, to participate in a Facebook Live. We will provide some questions in advance.

## Expectations Once Elected

- 1.) Many forms must be completed
- 2.) You will receive an Auxiliary.org email address
- 3.) You will receive a badge, business cards and the Official Cap.
- 4.) You will receive a credit card for official business use only.
- 5.) Every year that you are in the line, you will have specific duties assigned to do.
- 6.) There is a Line Officer meeting immediately following the National Convention. This will get you on your way.

You are expected to attend all meetings/events that you are invited to by National VFW or VFW

- 7.) Auxiliary Headquarters. If there is an event that you are not invited to, **you may attend at your own expense.** You must let the National Secretary know that you plan to attend the event. Some examples of events that you will not be invited to are the National Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming, the Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, and the Commander-in-Chief's membership award trip.
- 8.) You may be expected to share a room with another Line Officer.
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