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* Auxillary of the John Murphy Legion Post 303 *

By definition, the word " Auxillary " stands for " Helper," it also stands for an Auxillary Motor in case the one in use should conk out; but we are only interested in human motors right now, and for that we'll have to look up to the ladies,who happen to be mostly Legionnaires wives who help their husbands and their husbands Posts. Like most married people, the ladies work is taken for granted by their husbands,but this does not mean that most husbands don't appreciate their wife's efforts,(when they happen to think about it) let the wife be absent for just one day, and there's Murder around the house, likewise, let the Auxillary be absent for just one important event like a Bar-B-Q or you name it, and there is plenty of trouble in the Kitchen or out, so," Helper " is the word to remember and never minimize. Help from the Auxillary of Post 303 goes back to almost the inception in 1956-1957, and when the pioneer Legionnaires started with the first Covered Dish, Cake Sales and Auctions Projects to get money for the Post, the Auxillary was there doing most of the work (Pages 15,17,30, 35,38,40,41, and more,) when the construction of the Post Bldg. started in 1960 (Page 41) the Auxillary was there also,double time, with Coffee and Sandwiches for the Free working Legionnaires, the construction of the Building took two years, and the Auxillary engineered all kind of projects to get money for the Building Fund, all Auxillary projects continue to the present day. We help Boys Staters, but the Auxillary helps Girls Staters,we give Christmas Baskets and Gifts, but the Aux. does the hard wrapping of the packages; the yearly Memorial Ceremonies would not be complete without the Auxillary placing the Wreath over the Veteran's Grave; Most of our functions with many out of town distinguished guests

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are made possible because of the help from the Auxillary, the yearly sales of Poppy for the needy disabled Service men and women all help a worthy cause, the yearly 4th of July Parade is given added impact with the Auxillary Beauty Contest show, (see Parade Pictures).

The Auxillary have their Colors and Sgt,at Arms, and in some of the functions will march with the men Color Guards, (see also the Golden 50th Legion Anniversary Celebration, Page I2I)

The History of the Auxillary could go on and on, but the Historian thinks that by this time, the reader has grasped the message about the Auxillary and that further words would only repeat the fact that we " just can't do without the Ladies, period."