

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year, I cannot believe that my year as your Department President is half over. What a whirlwind it has been so far. Now that the holidays are over, I will be resuming my visits to each Auxiliary. I will email your President when I will be making my “unofficial” visit.

Well, we did not make 100% in membership by December 31<sup>st</sup>, but we didn't finish shabby either. We are currently at 96.73%. That only leaves 3.27% to be 100%, I know that is attainable. In numbers last year we had 4,524 members, as of today 1/1/24 we have 4,376 members. That leaves only 148 new or rejoin members left. Remember, every member that did not pay their annual dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> are no longer members in good standing. It is our responsibility to reach out to those members and offer to help with dues. Georgia has edged Oregon out at #1 in Division 5, let's move back to the top spot. The Western Conference is still #1 but the Southern Conference is catching up.

There are 19 Auxiliaries at 100% or more, 13 Auxiliaries at 92% or better, 3 Auxiliaries at 85% or better and 1 Auxiliary at 77%. Oregon is so close. Please do not quit recruiting when your Auxiliary reaches 100%, new members are the lifeblood of any organization. Let's introduce more people to what a great organization we are.

Mid-Winter Conference is coming up and will be held in Portland at the Sheraton Hotel Airport. Don't miss this opportunity to hear our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners read their essays. I hope to see you there.

Look at our website for updates on what is happening around the state.  
[www.vfwauxor.org](http://www.vfwauxor.org)

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