Department President's Article for October

It's October already??! Wow, this year is flying by so quickly.

October means that is the US Navy's Birthday this month. (One of my favorite days.) So, Happy Birthday to my fellow sailors. It is also Breast Cancer Awareness month; ladies, don't forget to get the girls squished. My appointment is on October 21. If I can do it, so can you. Breast cancer awareness is deeply important to me. Please, don't be another one of my friends that has to battle this disease. Just go and get checked.

This month I will be out and about visiting several of our Auxiliaries around the state. I can't wait to see you. Yes, it will be a surprise and I can't wait. These are informal visits so please, don't "freak out". I just want to say hi and make myself available to you all. Next month I will be visiting more Auxiliaries if the winter weather holds off. My goal is to come visit as many of you as I can.

How are your membership renewals and recruiting going? Remember our challenge to the Post side. We need to recruit more new members than the Post. If not, then I will have to wear a child's old-fashioned sailor suit replica to the banquet at our Convention in June. (Please don't make me wear that. It would be more fun to see our Commander have to wear it.)

Speaking of banquets…please don't forget that our Mid-Winter Conference is on January 22-24 at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend. Friday night, we are having a meet and greet for our National Reps. Saturday night is our Voice of Democracy District winners' banquet and Sunday is our Council of Administration meeting. I hope that you will join us to honor these amazing students.

The week before our Mid-Winter Conference, on Jan 11-13, our National President, Donna Mills, will be visiting us here in Redmond. We will have an aisle of honor for her at the airport in Redmond when she arrives and a dinner is being planned for us at VFW Post 4108 in Redmond on Tuesday night. Details will be available on the Department website and how to get tickets for the dinner soon.

That's all for now. Please watch out for little ghosts and goblins on Halloween and have a great month of October.

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