Department President's November Newsletter Article

Hello Brothers, Sisters and Comrades.
November is upon us and thus, the chaos of the holidays is right around the corner. As we enter this festive and often stressful season, I have a few reminders to share.

Please take a moment on November 11th to honor our veterans. I know that many Posts and their Auxiliaries are hosting special events for Veterans Day. Please don't forget to report your events and send us pictures. We love to see what you all are doing, and we would love to post your pictures on our website.

As long as the winter weather holds off, I will be surprising more of our Auxiliaries with a visit. I had so much fun visiting Molalla, Sandy, Sellwood-Breakthrough, Lake Oswego and Pendleton a couple of weeks ago in a whirlwind, epic adventure. Thanks to you all. I had a great time with you. I wasn't quite done yet. The next week I surprised Siletz Auxiliary as well. I had a wonderful time meeting all the lovely ladies that work so hard there.

VERY STRONG REMINDER

Please get your annual dues paid **NOW.** If we want to earn an extra $400 from National, we need to be at least 95% on December 31st. Let's get this done. I know that we can do it. President's, please call your annual members and ask them to please remit their dues. If they don't want to renew, please ask why. The why matters. It is up to us to know what we can improve to keep our members. You won't know if you don't ask. Don't forget we have a friendly competition with the Post side. My husband, the Department Commander, is going to look so adorable in that replica child's sailor suit.

If you are an Auxiliary officer and an annual member, please pay your dues **NOW**, if you haven't already done so. If they are not paid by December 31st, you are no longer a member in good standing and will be removed from your officer position. Please don't let this happen, pay your dues immediately.

We keep updating and improving our Department website. We have the members only section up and running now. If you want information on your user name and password, please email me and I will be happy to provide you with that. (The web address for the website is, www.vfwauxor.org) If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see or what you need on our website, let me know. We can make it happen.

Don't forget, our National President, Donna Mills, will be here visiting us in Redmond, January 11th-13th. Details and tickets for the dinner Tuesday night will be on the website soon.

Our Mid-Winter Conference is coming up on January 22nd-24th in Bend at the River House Convention Center. I know I have said this before, but details are coming to the website ASAP. Hang in there and keep checking back.

I am wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, full of gratitude and great food. Happy Holidays, whichever ones that you and your families observe. I hope that they are filled with love and lots of joy. Stay warm and healthy until next time.

Loyally,

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