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Hello Americans, brothers, and sisters.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and we could think about all the things we can be thankful for. We have our health, our willingness to serve others and we have family and friends who love us and whom we love.

I want to thank all of you who are working on helping veterans and their families and who are following the guidelines given to us through the websites, By-Laws and Ritual book, Building on the Auxiliary Foundation and through our interactions with Past National and Department Presidents and other members of the VFW Auxiliary organization.

I appreciate all District Presidents who are completing their inspections of their Auxiliaries and for those Past District Officers who are doing their jobs as asked.

I also want to thank the Department Officers who have stepped up and gone over and above their tasks fulfilling obligations when needed. You are all an excellent group of diligent workers and I send my hugs.

Christmas and New Year celebrations will be happening also during these coming months. Remember to enjoy your family times and the events that you are providing for Veterans and Their Families. This is a busy time of year; however, I know you are all working hard to make others' lives more enjoyable.

Again, I thank all of you for reaching out and helping where needed in the correct spirit of giving and serving.

I want to remind all treasurers that you must provide a copy of your monthly treasurer's report and the quarterly audit to your secretary. If the secretary and treasurer is the same person, you still need to make sure a copy of each are incorporated in the secretary minutes. Read the yellow pages of your By-Laws and Ritual Book on pages 12 and 20. There are still a few who have not been doing this and it needs to be corrected. If your President would like a copy of each, make sure you furnish a copy for them.

All Officers and other members should have a current copy of the By-Laws and Ritual Book and if it does not state in the standing rules that the Secretary, Treasurer and President is provided a copy, please do so. All other members can pay for one so they are up-to-date and can fill in whenever necessary.

After looking at some of the reports I have received when the auxiliaries are being "inspected," some people are still confused when listing membership fee and annual dues. I will give you an example as to what is being asked for on these report forms. My Auxiliary has a \$5.00 fee which is paid when a new member submits their membership application as well as the annual dues, which is \$25.00. So, the total amount paid by that new member is \$30.00.

Thanks for looking into this the next time you have the privilege of visiting an Auxiliary.

God Bless America and may America continue to thrive.

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Debby Fawver, Presidents

Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary