

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The holidays are here. I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful and full of laughter and love. Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen should all be submitted to the districts for judging and off to Department by December 5th. I hope you are able to recognize your winners with your Post to celebrate their accomplishments. Please remember to report your hours for Scholarship on any hours you spent working on the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen.

Mid-Winter will be held in Eugene at the Valley River Inn. Reservations can be made at 541-743-1000, February 4th and 5th. February 4th: business meeting 8am to 4pm, Voice of Democracy Banquet 6pm and February 5th: Council of Administration meeting 9am. I hope to see you there.

Continuing Education Scholarship are ready and waiting for applicants. If you or eligible family members are going to school, you need to apply. What do you have to lose? Nothing, to gain \$1000. The forms for both the National Scholarship and the Oregon Scholarship are available on the department website, www.vfwauxor.org.

I can't wait to see the entries for our new 3-D Patriotic Art contest. Make sure your schools know we have added a new contest for students.

Happy Holidays Everyone

Loyally,

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