

January 2024

Another holiday season is almost over, it is almost ready to start 2024 what a great year we have had so far but we have programs that so need our help. If you have money in your accounts that hasn't been spent, please write some checks and get them to the department as soon as possible, right now we are over \$1,000.00 behind for the Voice of Democracy program for the Mid-Winter conference in February. Last year we had enough money to give nice awards to the students, but I am not sure how we are going to do that this year. This is our future that we are talking about here and they need our help. We have only had 14 auxiliaries that have sent money in for Voice of Democracy, and we have 36 auxiliaries in the department. Less than half have sent in a donation for the scholarship programs. Please, at your next meeting send some money into the scholarship programs, our future needs it. Remember we need to spend the money that is sitting in our relief and general funds. The IRS doesn't want to see us sitting with lots of extra money in our auxiliary funds.

We also need more money for the special projects for our Commander and President. We have only sent \$1,200.00 to the VFW for the Ball that is Allen and Cookie's project. That's not a lot of money at all. If you send me some money this month, I can get it into Department in time before the Ball so at your next meeting, please send in some money for this worthy cause.

Remember at your January meeting, it will be time for your next audit for the period that ends December 31, 2023. Please remember to send the December 31, 2023, bank statement to me so I can make sure the funds are the same. I only ask for one bank statement and that is this one yearly so please remember to send them together.

Treasurers and the investigating committees of auxiliaries, please look over the applications that you are sending in for your new members. I have had to back track on many of the applications that I have gotten in recently and call to get extra information for the application to be processed. One of the last ones that I got in didn't have the Auxiliary number that the member was going into, it didn't have where the veteran had served, and the wrong person had signed for the credit card. This puts our application back and takes longer for them to get processed. So please check the applications thoroughly before you send them to me for processing.

After the end of this month, all your members that have not paid their dues will be considered a member not in good standing. Until the dues are paid, they are not able to go to a meeting so please let your members know that.

Hope to see many of you at the Mid-Winter conference in Portland. Love being able to see the members and to hear the winners of our Voice of Democracy contest. It is such a wonderful program, and I am proud to help. Here is to a great start to 2024.