

July 2023

Well, here we are, getting ready to start another new year. We are going to make this one a great year and Oregon will shine again. I think that the line officers and chairman have some great ideas to make this a very successful year. You will find out about the changes that we are making through this website and when you go to the Academies and learn about all things VFW. The Academies are not just for the officers in your auxiliary, they are for any member that would like to come and learn about the organization.

I am going to try to have more Zoom meetings this year than I did last year. We will be talking about Treasurer stuff and Membership issues. Both are very important to this organization and I think that if I put them together more people can get on line and learn how to work the program and help the treasurer of your auxiliary. Being the treasurer is a very hard job and if other people are willing to help them out, it will make things a lot easier for all the members.

Please remember to get your Bonds paid as soon as possible. You need to have them in your Standing Rules so that you can pay them in July without voting at your meeting. Your treasurer should just be able to get in MALTA and pay for their bond. The same thing with all the district bonds, all districts should have it set up that the bond can be paid before your fall meeting, that makes it too late to pay the bond. They are due before the end of August but it would be so much better to have them in earlier.

Please get your dues notices out early in July, I try to have my auxiliary notices out before the 10th of July. As soon as MALTA comes back up around the 8th of July, get the paperwork together to get your notices out and you will notice a better response, so please let's get those dues in. Remember the first auxiliary in each membership group to reach 100%+ will receive \$50.00 from the department, plus money from National.

Please remember we have increased the amount of money that we are giving to the hospital this year. So according to your membership count as of June 30, 2023 you need to pay \$2.00 for each member. We are sending more money to each hospital so hopefully they will be able to buy a few more things that they need this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email or phone and I will try to answer your questions. Thank you for another year to work with you and help our veterans.