

## TREASURERS NOTES

Well another month has gone by, we just got over our Mid-Winter Conference and Council meeting and watching those kids were so great, they are our the future and we need to continue to support them as much as we can. If you have some extra funds in your relief fund to send to the scholarships that we have still coming to us in the next couple of months. We need money for the Patriotic Art, 3D Art program and the Oregon Scholarship. We are okay for the Youth programs but if you want to send some extra money for that we will be able to use it next year. The speeches this year were amazing and I hope that the winner from Oregon does a good job. I know that I will be watching the parade of winners at home.

Membership is a very important part of our programs and if you have some members that haven't been paid for, please consider a phone call to the member or if they are older maybe consider paying their membership. We are losing members constantly to death and our numbers are shrinking. If you have 2 or 3 members that your missing please consider paying the per-caps for them to make you 100%. Also when you have your meeting, be very careful when you check the cards that the annual members have this years card on their person. Any member that haven't paid their membership are now not members in good standing and they can't stay at the meeting unless they pay their dues.

It is getting close to having elections for the next year. Many auxiliaries are having difficulty getting people to take positions in the auxiliary. We need people to step up and help our floundering auxiliaries. So many of the auxiliaries are talking about closing and that makes me so sad. I realize that some people have been working for years for the VFWA but we are here for our veterans and we need to keep up our job. They didn't stop when they were tired. Please consider helping your auxiliary, district and department and take a position to help.

There will be District meetings coming up next month, please consider going and find out what's happening in your area. You can learn a lot when you attend these meetings and get to know the members from other auxiliaries. I love going to our District meetings and find out what I can do to help the other auxiliaries. Hope to see you around the state somewhere.