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Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Welcome to the dog days of summer and hot August nights.

I recently got back home from National Convention in blazing hot Phoenix, Arizona. I had a fantastic time meeting people from all over the U.S. I even got the honor of meeting Tessa Butcher, the Veterans and Family Support National Ambassador.

Getting back to some of the specifics of our program, let's talk about sending donations. Last month we talked about the MAP grant available through the VFW. As I was "telling" you about the program, did it occur to you, "Hey, where do they get the money to be able to give the grants away?" Of course, the money comes from generous donations.

As the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we work to help the VFW and one of the ways we can do that is with donations to some of their programs.

We can make donations to the MAP grant, the Veterans Service Officer, Unmet Needs program and of course to the Sports Clips fund. (We will be talking more about these programs in the months ahead.) Doing so helps veterans and their family members.

The important thing to know now is that your Auxiliary can vote on donating to one or all of these programs and it counts for helping veterans through our Veterans and Family Support Program. So, YES, report your donations to me.

Simply vote on sending a donation to the MAP program, for example. Have your Auxiliary Treasurer send a check to the Department Treasurer, Sonya Sallee. with a note in the memo line that the check is to be a donation to a specific program. In this case, the MAP program. It could be the Unmet Needs program or the VSO (veterans service officer program) of the Sports Clips program, whichever one you agree that it is to go to. Then, write your report that you donated to whichever program and send it to me. It is easy peasy, right? When you do it this way, sending your donation through the Dept. Treasurer, it makes it easier to track and much more efficient for all of us.

If you have any problems or questions, please let me know. You can call me or better yet (and quicker) text me at 541-279-7135. You can mail your reports to me at:

9408 SW Meadow Rd. Terrebonne, OR 97760 Or lastly, you can email me at tlsteller@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at one of the upcoming Learning Academies. I will be at Pendleton on August 12th, Oregon City on August 19th, and Winston on August 26th. Come by and say hi and ask your questions in person. I would love to see you.