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November is upon us, and it is chilly and windy. When you walk into any retail store, you are instantly reminded that Christmas is right around the corner.

Let's not get so swept away in holiday madness that we forget that there are other important days in November besides Thanksgiving. On November 10, make a Marine's day and wish them a happy birthday as the Marine Corps celebrates 248 years of service to the United States.

Following the Marine Corps birthday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Is your Post and/or Auxiliary doing something special to honor and celebrate our veterans that day? If you do, don't forget to write a report, and send it to me. Our Auxiliary has a float in the local parade. Afterwards, everyone rushes back to the Post to enjoy the Annual Chili Feed. It is such a wonderful way to spend the day. Our local veterans really appreciate it.

There is another important day in November that you shouldn't forget, Wednesday, November 15th. Why is that date so important? That is the last day the Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship applications are due. They will be awarding the scholarships in January. The application is available on the VFW website at, www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support.

Of course, we are all aware that Thanksgiving is towards the end of the month. Again, is your Post and/or Auxiliary doing something special for veterans and their families? Don't forget to write that report and send it to me. I really do enjoy seeing all of the amazing things my Sisters and Brothers are doing around our state to help and honor our veterans and their families.

Please take care of each other during the holidays and love one another. Check in with your Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters that may be having a difficult time. A simple phone call or a "thinking of you" card in the mail could make their day. As always...report, **REPORT, REPORT!**