



President's Message December 2023

Brothers and Sisters,

Where does time go? It is hard to believe that 6 months have passed since we started this journey together, and I am forever thankful for those of you who continue to do so much for our veterans. I have seen your struggles, but you continue to remain strong and continue your mission of serving our veterans.

We are, once again, asking for your assistance. Our chairmen write to their ambassador almost every month, but struggle to find information to give to their ambassadors. They report what they are doing to promote their program, but they also write about what you the members are doing for their program, so far, they haven't received many reports, so please look at what you are doing, and share what you are doing with our Department Chairmen. You can follow this link to the Department website and our programs to find out who the chairmen are and their contact information, so you can report to them. <https://vfwauxwa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>

Please consider inviting the Department Program Chairman to your events, so they can see firsthand what you are doing for the programs. I know many of them love to travel. If you are unsure what program to report to, then report to all of them. They can pick out information that pertains to their program.

I want to tell all of you that I am very proud of all our Department Chairmen. They have met deadline after deadline. I feel like a proud mom when they share comments that they are getting from their ambassadors. Our chairmen continue to do the best they can for all of you.

The CHALLENGE is out. Please read Annie Sullivan's Veterans and Family report. I would like the auxiliary to have the opportunity to dress the Commander as a Superhero. This would mean that we the auxiliary donated more to VMS than the post. If you plan on donating to VMS bring your donations to Mid-Winter and get into the drawing.

If you are hosting an event and have a flyer, please send the flyer to Robbin Seeberger our Historian. The website calendar has 4 categories. They are Department Event, Officer Assignments, District Event and, Auxiliary Event. Some events can also be reported to the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs for consideration. Follow this link to their calendar and look for submit an event for consideration. <https://www.dva.wa.gov/calendar>

As of December 11, 2023, we are 92.46 % in membership. Way to go Washington. Keep up the good work.

Please keep a look out for Lifetime payouts from National. Your auxiliaries should receive them in January.

Robbin Seeberger will be doing some Legacy Videos at Mid- Winter. If you would like to have an interview, please see her. There are very limited spaces, as each interview takes about 30 minutes.

Friday will be a training day for auxiliary members. These training courses are for all auxiliary members. We hope you will join us. See agenda for location and time.

My journey has taken me to District #9, District # 11, District #5, District #14, and District #4. Thank you to the District Presidents, and Auxiliary Presidents for such warm welcomes when I have visited you. This journey also took several of us to the Western Conference in Utah. There we the Department of Washington and the Department of Wyoming did a skit called Red Flag Warnings. We had fun and the members had a good laugh. Thank you to all for their input into the skit to make our skit successful.

The VAV's Representatives and Deputies have been extremely busy seeing to our veterans' needs in the hospitals. They have stepped it up and met many of our veterans' special requests, especially at this time of year. They are using your hospital donations wisely. If you see them remember to thank them for the awesome job they are doing with your donations.

I look forward to seeing you at Mid- Winter. Safe travels to those of you that are traveling.

I am proud to serve as your Department President for WE ARE "Doing it for those who can't" and "Banding together for Our Veterans "We have accomplished so much this far and will continue to meet our veterans needs.

Loyally,

Rose Green, President