

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



## Membership Chair Bulletin # 3



As the Membership Chair for the State of Washington 2024 -2025 calendar year, I hope to inspire and motivate all the VFW Auxiliaries in Washington State. To provide membership outreach, enthusiasm and incentives by working growing succeeding together!

Together is Better! Well, you have all heard me say this time and time again. Now let me share with you what it means to work together. I have been visiting several POSTs and Auxiliaries with both the Post Commander Perry Taylor and Auxiliary President Sue Gregg. Trust me I talk membership every time I'm asked a question and even when I'm not. I want you to know that Chuck Bond has done exactly the same thing with his visitations. I continue to promote first hand information and knowledge about how the membership numbers help the overall voice of the VFW. Your membership counts! Every membership counts! I will continue to visit POSTs and Auxiliaries throughout the 2024-2025 year.

I'm challenging our beautiful state of Washington to obtain 102% membership this year! I think we can do it working together! Please help me spread the word your membership matters! We are doing great Washington at 91.29% membership thus far, we are so close to our goal of 102%. Without a doubt, you are absolutely just plain amazing!

Okay now, here are just a few tips for increasing your memberships quickly. (If you need more ideas, just ask me. I'm here to help you succeed!)

- Look up in Malta past memberships? Are there members not yet contacted for renewals?
- Get a calling committee together! This is a great time for your positive phone people to help your Auxiliaries!
- Review your members at large list, calling committee's call those individuals up.
- Check to make sure all annual membership dues are paid by December 31, 2024!
- When you get a new member always ask, "Do you have another family member who would like to be a part of the VFW Auxiliary?" or "Would you like to gift a VFW Auxiliary membership to a family member?"

I want to point out, for many, this time of year can be especially hard. Some of our Veterans and families face special challenges during the holidays. This is a time to call up those past members and let them know they are thought of and missed. Let them know they are not alone and you and their VFW POST are thinking of them.

I think you are all just so amazing! Thank you so much, for all that you do! I keep hearing so many amazing stories of selfless service to and for our veterans and their families. Keep Rocking it Washington!

I would also like to remind, this being our Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> year in Washington State, we still have three incentive round up drawings to go;

- \$100.00 at Mid-Winter
- \$100.00 at our National President Visit
- \$100.00 at National Convention

Don't forget to bring in those membership forms!

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns you may have, I'm here to help.

Yours in Service,

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