

Chief of Staff/ Extension
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Happy New Year to All!

Now that all Official Visits have been completed, it is time to set our focus on a few other items.

Year-end reports: Please look over all of the year-end reports for all of our programs. Make sure that your auxiliary has completed at least one item per program. If any programs are incomplete at this time, you still have time until the March 31st deadline to complete before your report is due to your respective District President. Please look over your checkbook for donations to specific projects that may have been forgotten about!

Have you used publicity to revitalize or to form a new auxiliary? This is vitally important for finding new prospective members. You love what you do for our Veterans and their families and for your own community, and there are many people out there who feel the same way. You must however, introduce them to the fine workings of our Organization and invite them to join you.

I have heard from many members on their achievements with letters to our Department Members at Large. Thank you so much for your hard work on reaching out to these members who do not have an auxiliary to call home! I know that some received their letters back in the mail with addresses that are no longer valid, and unfortunately for all of us, some of these members are deceased. For every member who passes away, we must reach out and find new members to keep our numbers up. It is all hard work but I know that you are up for the challenge. Keep up the good work.

Bachelor Posts- This was another item on the scope for this year. At least one Deputy Chief of Staff has met with a Post for potentially beginning a new Auxiliary. I hope that we have many more that will realize what an asset having an auxiliary of their own can be.

Earlier this year, I was given two lists of bachelor Posts in our Department. They didn't quite match up! One list had nearly 40 Posts on it that the other did not. Further checking into this, it was found that our Department lost these 40 some Posts in just the last few years. It makes me wonder if they had an auxiliary if they would still be taking care of our Veterans. Anytime that a Post is lost, it effects our communities. Students do not get to participate in our Voice of Democracy, donations to Veterans Homes and Hospitals dwindle, opportunities for Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Bus Drivers, and EMT's are no longer part of the curriculum of that Community, along with many, many other opportunities that we as an Organization provide for the betterment of our world. These things also happen when we lose an Auxiliary, and all of the other Auxiliary only programs. We need to work hard to get new members to help us revitalize ourselves and assist with our programs, and step up and take offices needed to function well.

Congratulations to all of the auxiliaries who received a "Good Job Award" at the time of your official visits. You will be receiving a "Healthy Auxiliary Award" from me at our Mid-Winter conference.

Again if there is anything that I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always best by e-mail, but I really do answer my phone too.

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