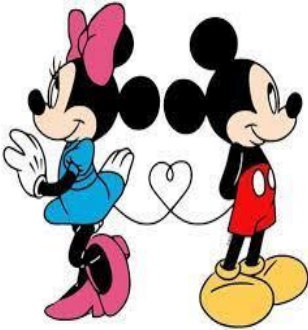


Department President's Message

February 2024



Hello Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary!!!,



I hope that you each had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends and family and of course good food and lots of memories to share for years to come. We are off to a pretty good start to 2024. Although we did not meet our membership goal for 12/31/2023 there is still time to meet the next membership goal. Remember we are striving for our Lights, Camera, Action Movie Award! Our Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball and Department Membership Chairman Betty Ann Johnson are still working hard at membership. New members bring new ideas. Give tired hands a break and offer new perspectives – so recruit, recruit, recruit. Please remember that if your dues were not paid by December 31, 2023, you are no longer a member in good standing and no longer able to fulfill your duties as an officer. Please reach out to Jackie and Betty Ann with any questions that you may have regarding membership.

Pause for a moment on 2/3 Four Chaplains Day and 2/19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday. Four Chaplain's Day is a day to remember the four U.S. Army Chaplains who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.

Don't forget Valentine's Day – does your auxiliary host an event for your Post members or local Veterans? Do not forget to send pictures to our Department Historian Dorthy Swigon and Department Secretary Libby DallaTezza for our webpage and PDP Betty Stahm for Facebook. Remember Facebook is not a means of communication for me.



THANK YOU to the Auxiliaries and Districts that sponsored contestants for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Loyalty Day, Buddy Poppy and Teacher of the Year contests. A special thank you to our Department Conductress Melissa Tracey for a wonderful job as the Department Auxiliary Scholarships chairman. Teamwork makes the

dream work!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Department Testimonial on March 2nd and the Council Meeting on March 3rd. Please contact Testimonial Chair Cynthia Davis for questions. If you have not received a flyer, go to March 3 on our website calendar to view.

Be A Veteran's P. A.L.

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In conclusion, I cannot THANK YOU all enough for the wonderful Christmas Conference. I loved every moment of it. I think some of Santas Elves got the bags and cards mixed up so please know that each item is valued and appreciated for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I was able to decorate my classroom for Christmas with some special gifts (see below for pictures). My students absolutely loved the theme. Thank you! Thank You!! Thank YOU!!!



We have fun.

We are helpful & positive.

We are respectful.

We do great things.

We love what we do.

We work hard & smart.

We communicate & listen.

We strive for the Circle of Excellence.

WE ARE A TEAM!!

