

Department President's Message

March 2024



Happy March Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary,

I hope this mailing finds you and your loved ones happy and healthy.



I want you to know how happy I am that we have reached 99.1% in membership. I know that we can reach 100% plus by March 31, 2024. *I cannot be the only one who wants to see Department Membership Chair Betty Ann Johnson waving her Mickey hands around!* Don't forget to check with members of other organizations that you belong to, or within your local communities, local restaurants, and places you may frequent or visit. **We WILL achieve our goal!**

The month of March is full of opportunities to show our veterans they matter! March is known as Women's Military Service Month. March 3rd is the Navy Reserve's birthday. Hug-A-GI-Day. Who doesn't love a hug? We build, we fight! Who says that? Those Navy Seebees who celebrate their birthday on March 5th. March 13th is the Army's K-9 Veteran's Day. It was founded in 1942 during World War II to train dogs to help the troops. Also, during World War II, many women took on new roles and began working in factories and other places to assist in supporting American War efforts. We celebrate their hard work and sacrifices on March 21st known to many as Rosie the Riveter Day. March 25th is known as Medal of Honor Day. This day has also been called the Congressional Medal of Honor as it is only awarded to military members by Congress. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed on March 29th. These are just a



few of the military highlights for the month of March. Remember, we are not limited to celebrating veterans just on specific holidays. Each day we should recognize, respect, and thank our veterans. Remember to always Be A Veteran's P.A.L.



I am looking forward to seeing those of you who will be attending the Joint Testimonial on March 2, 2024. The Council meeting is Sunday, March 3, 2024 – make sure you or another member of your auxiliary is represented. I cannot wait to attend the Legislation Conference in Washington D.C from, March 3 – March 7, 2024, where State Commander Holland and I will be escorting the Department’s Scholarships winner. March 13th.



It is hard to believe that almost three-fourths of the year is gone already. Wow, time does fly! With that being said, it is time to start looking at candidates to be officers and chairpersons in your auxiliaries for the 2024/2025 program year. Don't forget to send your installation report forms to Department Secretary Libby as soon as possible after your respective Districts and local Auxiliaries have been installed (even if you enter the information into Malta).

Be kind to our Department Chairpersons. Please do your best not to wait until the end of the program year (April 15, 2024) to do ALL of your reporting. The Department Chairpersons have deadlines for awards and end-of-the-year reports that they need to complete. Make sure your District/Auxiliary Commander gets a copy of your monthly reportable VFW programs. District Presidents, a few of you still need to send me your reports from your auxiliary visits.



Thank you so very much for everything that each of you has done so far. Keep up the good work. Reach out to the Department Chairpersons if you need to know your auxiliary or district reporting status or if you have any questions. If you or your auxiliary is having an issue reach out to a member of the assist. Looking forward to seeing Team M & M line to you soon.

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