

President's Message

October 2023



Happy Fall Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary,

The “dog” days of Summer are over, and Fall is upon us. My Official visits to the districts will be in full swing this month. I cannot wait to visit each of you and to hear about all of the wonderful things that you are doing to support our Veterans and their families.



Department of Maryland, you totally rocked when it came to supporting the first ever Department Family Freedom Festival. You embraced the idea and provided an overflowing cup of donations and support. VFW Auxiliary National President Carla Martinez totally loved seeing the VFW & Auxiliary working together to make it happen.

THANK YOU! Thank you! THANK YOU!!

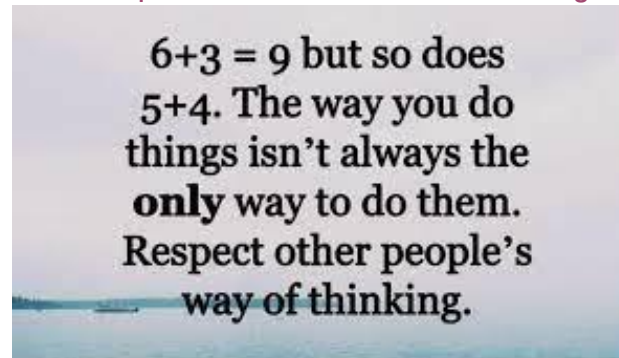
Please remember to SHARE the information that you receive via email or snail mail. We want each and every member to be aware of the information that is being sent out. The Department Chairman work very hard when putting this information together for you. If you have any questions about any of the information, please reach out to them. All members of Team M & M will be more than happy to hear from you. You can also reference our Department's Facebook page www.vfwauxmd.org. It has all of the School of Instruction materials, monthly promotions and other valuable resources for you and your auxiliary use. All Auxiliary events are now located on our website under the “News” tab and then click on “Auxiliary Events.”

Have you been reading and sharing the Mid-Month M and M Membership Moments which focus on increasing and retaining membership? Annual dues will be going up next year, encourage your annual members to obtain a life membership. If your auxiliary is able, consider a monthly or quarterly drawing for all annual members. Find creative and unique ways to sign-up new members. If for some reason, your auxiliary has not sent out your dues renewal letters, please contact Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball or myself and we would be happy to assist you.



The Winter Holiday season is approaching fast – consider ways in which you can assist another organization to not only get credit for Auxiliary Outreach but also to potentially gain new members and spread the word about what our organization stands for.

Read the phrase below and then read it again.



Just because “we have always done it this way” does not mean that is the only way in which to do something. Remember to consider other suggestions when working together on projects and/or events. We are all volunteers and have something to offer. We want everyone to be included and to feel as valuable as they are to this great organization. In the words of National President Carla Martinez, Be Humble and Kind.

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