



Dear Brothers and Sister

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your unwavering dedication and service to our shared mission. Your compassion, commitment, and camaraderie have strengthened our department and auxiliaries and brought immeasurable support to veterans, their families, and our community.

April is often a time of renewal and reflection, as we welcome the vibrant colors of spring and prepare for new beginnings. Let us honor the growth we've achieved this past year and look forward to the opportunities ahead to continue making a difference.

I'd like to leave you with this thought: "A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." Together, we've cultivated a forest of hope and healing, and I have faith that this spirit of kindness will continue to grow in everything we do.

Our bond as Auxiliary members extends beyond our service—it is a connection of care and compassion that uplifts us all.

Thank you for being part of my incredible journey as Department Chaplain. May your April be filled with peace, joy, and renewal.

In fellowship and gratitude,
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