



## General Orders #3 November 2022

Hello again! I hope you are all doing well.

First of all, I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season!

- 1) Please remember to report, report, report!
- 2) Share your Auxiliary Outreach and community service hours with your Posts.
- 3) Please make sure you have the current membership application (very important) and do your best to replace them in the Post home ASAP as well! Also please make certain they are legible and completely filled out so that poor Cindy can read them and won't have to send them back to you.
- 4) Please, please, please ... let us know if your Auxiliary is struggling so that we can help! Our goal is to see happy, healthy Auxiliaries!
- 5) We were just advised at Western Conference the VFW National Auxiliary will no longer be mailing out paper magazines, they will now be sent out via email only. Please share with your members who may not have email. National was spending in excess of \$900,000 on this (wow) and what a great way to save almost \$1,000,000 a year! Also, Western Conference will no longer be printing their Roster, but they will email them out.
- 6) More and more, we are leaning on technology so let's help our more seasoned members learn how to use these marvelous tools. Let's educate and empower each other. Thank you in advance for sharing your knowledge!
- 7) In order to qualify for the Circle of Excellence, one requirement is to hold a joint Department level project with the VFW. And, this project must be completed by April 30, 2023. Our Commander has invited the Auxiliary to participate in a dinner being held on November 19<sup>th</sup> in McCleary where we will be honoring our Vietnam Veterans. I know that our Dept. Secretary has sent out the flyer and I encourage you to come and participate if you are able!
- 8) As a reminder, Auxiliary Officers who do not have their current dues paid by December 31, 2022 will be removed from office, per the National Bylaws. I encourage you to get on this ASAP.
- 9) I trust everyone is working hard on membership. We currently sit at 87.11% in the Department and December 31 is coming very soon. So, I ask you to stay focused on reaching 100% PLUS!

I have really been enjoying my year and spending time with all of you. My goal is to attend as many of your events as possible. It has been so fun to travel around our beautiful state, meet our members, and learn new things. I am truly blessed to be a part of our wonderful organization!



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