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National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond
Department Theme: *Tell Our Story of Service*
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Special Announcement from President Stephanie Krueger

Now that we have spent quality time with family and friends throughout the holiday season, we can all focus on a bright new year with so many possibilities for our organization. First and foremost, let's try concentrating on our commitment to finishing up our program year with renewed energy and spirit! There is still plenty of time to revisit and review your Guide Sheets. Then, proceed by spiriting your Auxiliary to fulfill most of our department program requests?

*** It is with heavy heart that I share this news. Our Department Legislative Chairman, Jennifer Smith, passed away from Covid 19 in November. A sincere thank you to Tracie Lemon for creating the January – February Legislative Bulletin, Facebook weekly postings, and staying on top of your reporting for us. I have now appointed Past Department President Della Steege to fulfill the position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Auxiliary year.

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Special Order # 130 Cancellation of VFW Auxiliary #4073 Marshall, Michigan

Effective 12/21/2021 by the National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for failure to have a quorum for six meetings thus being defunct.

Sec.104 – Members in Good Standing

- “A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing.”
- “A member **ceases** to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which the dues have been paid.”
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“The membership year of the Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31. A member who has paid their dues to December 31 is in good standing. A member ceased to be a member in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which dues have been

paid. A member shall not again be in good standing until their dues have been paid for the current year.”

Any member who has not paid their dues by December 31 is **not a member in good standing**. This could affect any applications for a Cancer Grant. Please make contact with your delinquent members to encourage them to pay their dues.

If an Officer has not paid their dues by December 31, 2021 they are no longer an officer. The Auxiliary must then declare that officer position vacant and hold an election to fill the vacant officer position and/or officer positions.

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Department Mid-Winter Conference

Hopefully we will all be gathering in Kalamazoo at the Radisson Hotel at the end of January. We will celebrate the achievements of our Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen, District Essay Contest Winners. There will be many opportunities to attend Department Trainings along with all Program Chairman presentations. The Council of Administration will be held on Friday morning, January 28, 2022. Unfortunately, there will not be any opportunity to attend virtually as ZOOM will not be available.

Department ZOOM Trainings

The Department hosts ZOOM Program Training every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Valuable information is shared along with time for questions and answers. Please plan to join in. All members, all levels, are strongly encouraged to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2945999250?pwd=U1pqZXRzMW1ZcCtrUFVxanNCNDFOUT09>
Meeting ID: 294 599 9250 Passcode: Yes or 264464

End of Quarter Reporting January 31, 2022

January 31, is the end the third quarter reporting for our department. Please check to see if your Auxiliary has reported at least once in every program this year. We encourage you to report monthly or as projects and programs are completed.

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Thank you for submitting your Special Veterans to us this past November

We want to say thank you to each of you who submitted a veteran entry into our Department in November as we highlighted a Veteran a day on our Facebook page. We hope you enjoyed reading about a few of our very own special individuals who stepped up to serve the nation