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FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

Welcome to fall, apples and cider, football, and crisp autumn nights. I am so proud of how many Auxiliaries reported last Report Period. Thank you so much for all your help getting the Honor the Pact vote passed. I was so happy that you all reported you contacted our leaders and passed this bill which was near and dear to my heart.

I do want to ask those who didn't report to please report at least once this reporting period. We need to show everyone how we do it here in The Great State of Michigan. (Plus, I don't mind bragging about my chairman a little.) You can do more than one report and now that you have all discussed all our goals, we can take the next step and have some fun with them.

We have so many great goals it will be wonderful to read your reports. Allow me to give some suggestions. This time of the year is a great time to host a town hall with candidates in your area. This is a big election and hearing the facts not the commercials is important, Don't forget your best resources are the congressional and White House Web sites. These are factual votes by your candidates so you can read them and Judge for yourselves.

Remember, something very important this year is to involve yourselves with young people, either young military groups or the young Democrats or Young Republicans groups and explain to them why our Legislation is so very important and why we need to encourage them to pay attention to our bills.

VFW Priority Goals for 2022

This year our goals are grouped under six areas of importance.

1. Budget
2. Health Care
3. Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
4. Education and Employment and Transition Assistance
5. Military Quality of life
6. National Security, Foreign Affairs and POW/MIA

VFW Action Corps Weekly

This is free and full of news about what's going on in Washington DC and the bills we are trying to pass on the floor. Visit <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly> to read and sign up to receive.

Contact your congressional leaders! Remember we have a voice in Washington for our Veterans and families.

Communication with legislators, through social media, town halls, phone calls and newspapers. Knowledge of our government and how it works is an effective way of advocating for VFW supported objectives.

Reach your legislators at the websites below:

State of Michigan legislators – www.michiganlegislator.org

U.S Senators - www.senate.gov

U.S Representatives - www.house.gov

Please Report each Quarter

Organizations like the VFW Auxiliary exist out of necessity. We need to let our elected leaders that are taking care of our Veterans know it is our honor but their RESPONSIBILITY.

WE CAN DO THIS BY FOCUSING ON THREE THINGS

1. Building relationships with political and civic organizations geared towards young adults
2. Ensuring that legislative activities are non-partisan.
3. Being creative.

Loyally Submitted,

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