

Department of Texas, District 14 VFW Auxiliary President's JANUARY 2023 Comments

NEW YEAR GREETINGS!!!

If you are reading this, you have entered a new and exciting year with the Texas VFW Auxiliary. I hope your holidays were happy and full of excitement and love. This weather is atypical for Texas (springtime), so I hope you are enjoying that!

Although it seems we are in a limbo situation, we are anything but! This is a month when we reenergize and renew our commitment to our purpose of serving our Veterans. In less than two weeks, on January 14, we will come together as a District in the Texas VFW Auxiliary, at the Harker Heights VFW Post 3892 (201 VFW Drive) for the January 14 District 14 meeting. The doors open at 9:00 am with registration and then the joint meetings will begin at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served for \$8.00 each, payable at registration. After lunch we will move into our meeting room for our Auxiliary meeting. A couple of reminders: The position of Junior Vice is open, and nominations and an election will be conducted. Buddy Poppy projects are due when you arrive and will be judged prior to the meeting. The winning entry will be transported to the Mid-Winter meeting for judging at a department level! "The entry will not exceed 20" x 24" on a framed canvas using poppies and decorations. REMEMBER, one poppy must be kept in original form with the stem, flower and label attached." No exceptions! It'll be interesting to see the creativity of our group! So far, many of you have been working and preparing for this meeting and Mid-Winter!

Also remember our obligation for the District 14 Lotto Board Raffle! Please send your local donations to Robin Ledbetter, D14 Treasurer (14004 Woodland Loop Pt, Belton TX 76513, 254-541-5819) as soon as possible! We must know our donation by our District meeting so a check can be written prior to the Mid-Winter meeting. Don't forget the 5 Grab Bags, with a \$5 value of each and the Quarter Auction item with a \$20 value. This game is sooooo much fun and rewarding!

A BIG thank you to all our Auxiliaries for promptly sending in Mid-Year Reports to me ahead of time. I was able to send in to all the Department Chairs without any problems! Remember to include December's activity reports in with your second half of reports (Year End Reports). Those will be due to me, the first week in April.

Congratulations to Lampasas Auxiliary 8539 and Marble Falls Auxiliary 10376 for reaching the 100%+ goal of membership! Not sure if Auxiliary 10376 made the deadline, but in my book, they did it! Remember if any officers have not paid their dues, they cannot hold an office position as they are "not in good standing", which violates our ByLaws. Keep working on those who have not paid for 2022-2023. We have taken quite a hit with the closing of one, and possibly a second Auxiliary, this year. Membership is a constant, as without it, we don't exist! Here's the thing...I know we all had struggles to get members to pay on time, and the District 14 final PAID PERCENT IS 86.43%. As far as I know, Lampasas is the only D14 Auxiliary invited to the Celebrate with the Stars banquet, but we can still celebrate our accomplishments! So, with that being said, I hope we can all get together on Thursday night, if you have arrived by then, with a gathering for a group dinner. Please let me know who all is going to the Mid-Winter convention so we can celebrate our efforts! The Auxiliaries I know of to date is 10376 (4?), 6974 (maybe), 8539 (3?), 8577 (5), 4008 (1) and 3393 (1).

Thank you all again for your consistency and contact! See you soon!

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