

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

**I'M LATE, I'M LATE, I'M LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE!**

Where does that come from!? It's just a way to apologize for letting the first of the month slip by. By now most of you have had your February meeting. I hope plans are underway for a very active spring. I've heard of a few Spring Flings being planned, Schnitzel Dinners, BBQ cookoffs and even some Line-Dancing Lessons! What about celebrating our SWEETHEART VETERANS???? Sounds exciting and awesome! Let's get those announcements shared!!! **GET THOSE VALENTINES DELIVERED TO THE VETERANS EVERYWHERE!**

**\*NEW MEMBERS!** Most EVERY Auxiliary pulled in new members during the Membership Drive, but did you know the drive is NOT over? That's right! Three out of eight D14 Auxiliaries made 100%+ and the other five are at 90% or better!! What will it take to get one to three more new members in? HOW about **a)** a review of your Members at Large or as of now, Not Good Standing list, and give them a call? **(b)** Offer a discount or offer an incentive of some kind. **(c)** Have a tea, or wine party and invite relatives, friends, and neighbors! You just never know who will want to **become a member of an organization that works to support our veterans!!**

**(d)** NEVER Stop Trying!

**\*Speaking of partying, PRESIDENTS...** have you done your FUN IN THE PROCESS treat for your Auxiliary? As described by Candice Baines on page 71 in the program book.... Take a day with no "work" involved and get to know each other! We are in the Hill Country! There are thousands of things a group can do! Let's hear some ideas and get those NEW MEMBERS INVOLVED!

**\*ELECTIONS IN APRIL...** Now also is the time we begin discussing next year's slate of officers, as in April we will nominate and elect (page 62, Sec 804A)! Inform by highlighting responsibilities of each office and relaying how every office is important. Job descriptions can be found on the MALTA website in the **Building on the Foundations** book. Encourage a nomination committee (p. 62 in Podium) with all members invited and then list the positions on a tablet or whiteboard and have them sign up. Like all slates, experience is needed for the upper leadership roles, so selecting new people to lead is a problem fixing to happen. INFORM, INFORM AND THEN set up training! As ALWAYS, I am happy to help any Auxiliary with training! It just takes a call!

**\*YOUTH ART CONTESTS** should be well underway! CALL those teachers! CALL the media personnel and push these contests! Your Auxiliary will get a deep sense of satisfaction in knowing you have provided an opportunity for students to express themselves through art. REMEMBER there are THREE contests! Get all the data from the Program book and MALTA! I will absolutely miss seeing all of your entries since we will not do District judging but take pictures and share them through the FB page! If I can be of any service, it just takes a call!

**\*Our next District 14 meeting** will be the BIG ONE as Madam Jeanenne Lumpkin will make her official visit at our YEARLY DISTRICT CONVENTION on April 14 and 15. Mark your calendars NOW and plan on your Auxiliary making a great appearance! We will have our nominations and elections at that meeting, as well! If your Auxiliary made a T.E.A.M. board with the letters I provided at our first District meeting, please plan on bringing it! Poppy display for this meeting will be ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE (P. 21 in Buddy Poppy Program). AND WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL CAKE AUCTION RIGHT AFTER LUNCH!!! We made OVER \$1800 LAST YEAR, SO LET'S TOP THAT!!!

**\*The traditional District 14 Picnic** has been set for **SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**. Location is at the Highland Lakes VFW 6974 in Burnet. Watch for announcements!!!

TRAINING IS STILL BEING OFFERED!!!! DOESN'T MATTER THE TOPIC, IT JUST TAKES A CALL! 317-654-9910

*Education and Communication go hand in hand!*

*Kat Carter, VFW Auxiliary District 14 President 22-23*