

BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2023



Lynn Smith Department President

Congratulations to Junior Past Department President Marvie and her 2022-2023 Chairmen for a great year. You did Illinois proud at the National Convention.

The year is in full swing. All members should be looking at the program book and asking themselves, "What can I do?". Remember, this is a team effort. No one person can do this alone.

We have something new from National. The VFW has a Member of the Year program and some of the states already have the Auxiliary Member of the Year. This year National President Carla Martinez wants all the states to participate with a Member of the Year and the respective winners will be announced at the Joint Meeting of the 2023-2024 National Convention in Louisville.

The form is on the Department website and your District President will also have the form. The Chairman is Barb Howard with Maureen Hayden on the Committee. **The criteria:** Must be a member in good standing and NOT have a lapsed membership in the 2023-2024 year. They MUST NOT be Auxiliary, District or Department President. The member must go above and beyond with the work done from July 1, 2023 to April 10, 2024. The nominations do not have to go through District. I know we have some great members so let's have the winner!

District Presidents have you started your Official Visit? Please remember to send your reports to me.

I look forward to my Official Visits and meeting as members as possible.