

BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2023



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PRESIDENT**

Happy November

We are off to a great start. Everyone should be well into their programs and reporting what you are doing. Remember to get your donations into Department or National.

We are having some problems with the chain of command. If your Auxiliary is having a problem BE SURE to notify your District President. DO NOT try to bypass them, they are there to help. If you notify me, I will only call your District President.

To the Upstate District Presidents and Auxiliary members thanks for a wonderful luncheon and love gift. District Presidents thank you for the love gift. Everything was perfect. I was glad to see old friends and meet new ones. Thank you for the special donation to Project Diehard.

To Downstate District Presidents and Auxiliary members thanks for the wonderful "bruncheon". It was perfect. Thanks to Brian CooperHawk for the Indian Blessing. Jennifer Hunter thank you for the tomahawk; I promise not to use it on anyone. District Presidents, the picture of *Destiny* was beyond my dreams, she is so beautiful. The skit of the 6 Little Indians was perfect.

My Homecoming, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you, to the Marion VFW for the use of the hall. To the Marion Auxiliary what can I say, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, you went above and beyond. My dreamcatcher is beautiful, the food was delicious. I believe everyone had a great time. Thank you also to the VFW Department Officers and staff, I was so happy you were able to join us.

I had the honor to represent the Department at the CAFE in Salt Lake City, Utah. What a great time.

Big Ten - THANK YOU – you made Illinois Shine. Thanks to my Chairman Cheryl Michel who did an outstanding job. To all the volunteers (too many to name), without you this could not have happened. To the VFW, you did an outstanding job. The baskets were beautiful and all the donations for the swag bags. Again, Thank you. I am so proud that I get to represent Illinois.

I know that sometimes we have an off day, and we might get a little snippy with our members but remember that we are all volunteers. If this is happening all the time it MUST STOP. We should be kind and if you can't, maybe you should step aside.