

BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2023



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THANK YOU ILLINOIS. October was a busy month, with the Bench Dedication at Anna Veterans Home, the Council Meeting, President Lynn's Homecoming and the Big Ten Conference. Everything went well.

You did a great job with the Big Ten Conference Illinois was hosting. We received rave reviews on Facebook and everyone was impressed with their "ditty" bags and the 43 baskets we had to raffle. A huge shout out to Diane Ahrens who worked for hours freshening up the baskets that were a bit disheveled in transporting. She made them look beautiful, we got compliments on those also.

I'm still getting emails back for bad addresses when I send out EBLASTS. Please check your emails in MALTA and if you change them, please let me know so I can change them in my mailing lists.

Now is the time you should be working to make sure you are reported in all the programs. If you don't have an X on the X-Sheet, do a report. But please, make sure you are looking at the latest report before you start questioning. The next X-Sheet, Donation Sheet and Circle of Excellence will be published in early November, check it.

Regarding the Circle of Excellence, if your Auxiliary made a donation to National Military Services or the Veterans Service Officers, you must let me know so I can give you credit on the Circle of Excellence. The same goes for your donations to the National Home Playground Project. We want to be certain you get all the credit you deserve.

If you are not on the Department of Illinois VFW Auxiliary Facebook page, you should be. There is a lot of information from our Program Chairmen and the events, etc. our Auxiliaries are doing. Send a request to be added and we will do so.

Lastly, at our recent Council Meeting someone questioned what the Label/Calendar Fundraiser was. I did send out an EBLAST with the form but if you want to receive labels, a calendar and assorted goodies from our VFW, the Mailing Preference Request Form is at the back of this newsletter. Your participation helps our budget.

Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas or however you celebrate and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.