

BULLETIN – JANUARY 2024



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I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now that the holidays have passed, it's time to buckle down and get things done!

I want to thank all who helped with getting reported on the x-sheet for the Historian Program. ***I asked, and you delivered!*** As of December 10th, Districts **3, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 19** are 100%! Way to go! If your Auxiliary hasn't filed a report, please take a few minutes to do this! Illinois, ***we are a team...and the success of our programs is essentially up to our members.***

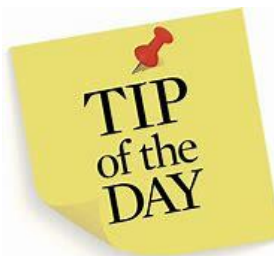
District Presidents, I am also asking for your assistance. Please give unreported Auxiliaries a call to remind them to get reported, and offer your assistance if needed. ***The goal is 100%--and together, we can do this!***



Thank you again to the Auxiliaries who have sent a video interview to me. Each one has touched my heart in some way; and as a member that has been around for a while, the memories just come flooding back. I've laughed, cried, and learned through these recordings. I hope **everyone** will take the time to complete this project, as it captures the spirit, passion, and dedication of our organization. By creating these oral histories, we have left something behind that may inspire future generations. The project also serves to strengthen our organization and preserve its history for others to enjoy. We learn from our Past!



Another reminder: When submitting the videos, don't forget to include the National Award #1 form and the adult publicity release form, both of which are on the Historian page on the Dept. website.



If you have a local source of publicity in your area that has done a great job in reporting your events, I encourage you to acknowledge them for doing so. On Malta, under the Historian Program, there are several award templates that can be filled and signed, which lets them know that you appreciate the publicity in getting the word out about your VFW and Auxiliary events.

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Did you know that the term “volunteer” dates to the 1600’s? Originally, it was described as “a person who offered to serve in the military.” However, by 1775, the word expanded to mean “individuals who willingly contribute their time and efforts for various causes.” How wonderful it is that in today’s world, through our VFW Auxiliary, Historians are still making a positive impact through their actions!

- ✚ There is 5,000 years’ worth of recorded history.
- ✚ History is generally divided into 4 time periods: Prehistory, Ancient History, Post-Ancient History, and Modern History.
- ✚ There are about 3,000 people in the U.S. are official historians. ***Are you one of them?***

Keep up the good work, report it, and thanks for all you do!