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Hello everyone,

I am writing February's blog today, January 15, 2025! Which means tomorrow morning we are leaving to go to Albuquerque for our Mid-Winter Conference!! I hope I will get to see many of you there, as we celebrate and recognize our Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen students. What an exciting thing to see and hear our students as they showcase their patriotism through their essays!

Have you ever stopped and thought about this: How many young people's lives have been touched by our membership over the last 100 plus years? Because of the members before us, and those of us that are members now, and those to come, our youth have been and will be taught patriotism, flag education, legislative issues, appreciation to our veterans and families-this list goes on and on. Our membership isn't about us winning awards, or recognition. It is about ensuring the legacy of our organization will continue; therefore, our great works continue! Membership is the backbone of every program, every facet of our organizations, and the support system for each other and our veterans.

With all that said, we do and should celebrate when membership goals are reached! Yes, we do give awards to celebrate, and it is fun!!! This Saturday I am thrilled to say we have 11 Auxiliaries that are at or above 100% and one District!! We have 11 more Auxiliaries, and 4 more Districts - that are at or above 90%!

Drum rolllllll: Department is at 95.63%!!!! Sisters and Brothers, that is only 166 members away from 100% - talk about dedication to keeping the legacy alive and thriving!! AWESOMESAUCE!!!!! I know we will be over 100% soon, thanks to everyone's commitment to the organization and the great work that we accomplish.

100% Auxiliaries:

3370 Moriarity, (Estancia Valley), at 120.93%; 8703 Carlsbad at 110.39%; 9515 Portales at 106.82%; 1131 Mora at 106.67%; 1389 Elephant Butte at 102.52%; 3280 Clovis at 102.38%; 614 Aztec at 101.61%; District 4 at 101.27%; 10124 Las Cruces at 100.81%; 7686 Alamogordo at 100.19%; 4384 Las Cruces at 100.00%, 3317 Williamsburg at 100.00% EEEEKKK will you look at those numbers!!!! Growth is GREAT in your branches!!!!!!!

90% Auxiliaries:

District 3 at 98.91%; NEW MEXICO at 95.63%; 7688 Questa at 94.74%; 6917 Las Cruces at 93.95%; 1793 Raton at 93.83%; District 7 at 93.75%; District 2 at 93.02%; 2528 Tucumcari at

92.05%; District 1 at 91.62%; 401 Albuquerque at 91.27% - Keep up the great work everyone! Your leaves are blooming and I cannot wait to put your Auxiliary on the 100% list!!!

85% Auxiliaries:

5890 Rio Rancho at 89.75%; District 5 at 89.36%; District 6 at 86.24%; 2951 Santa Fe at 85.66%; District 8 at 84.40%; 3274 Hobbs at 82.61% - Y'all got this, I can see the buds on your branches swelling-it won't be long and you will be blooming!

We have a couple more Auxiliaries that are growing a little slower than the rest; however, some of the strongest trees take the longest to take root. I have full faith they will break ground, and pop up on the above list soon! Don't forget to use the QR Code-you can set it up at your laundry mats, churches, synagogues, community centers, hardware store, etc., with your contact info so people you may not know can reach out and join our amazing organization. If you need help, please reach out to me, President Renee, or anyone in the organization that you are comfortable with. We are here for you!!!!!

We are the membership, we are here to support each other and our local veterans; as well as, work the programs that help veterans and families all across our world! We are mighty, loyal and persistent; and we are awesomesauce when we work together to accomplish a common cause!

Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is yet to come. Learn from yesterday, plan for tomorrow and live each day, each moment in joy and gratitude, even if some moments it is harder to find/feel it than others.

May God Bless each of you and your loved ones,

Kelly Fouse, Membership Chairman VFWA NM 2024-2025