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To my sisters and brothers –

It is August and schools are in session or close to starting up again throughout the State. I hope that we have started HELPING our comrades spread the word about Voice of Democracy (VOD) for 9th through 12th grade level students or equivalent. Also, Patriot's Pen (P-Pen) for 6th through 8th grade students. We are lucky that both programs have the same Theme again this year: **"What a Veteran Taught Me About America?"** Remember rules and entry forms are on the VFW.org website under youth scholarships. For those auxiliaries in the rural areas get this information to the smaller school districts around you. Travelling around New Mexico this smaller school are hungry for this information and home school programs too. Make some flyers for distribution at the after-school activities, ROTC group and 4H group. Try the school's sports games, especially football, as a flyer went, they come in the gate or at the concession stand. Under the VOD top State prize is \$1,000 and for P-Pen it is \$500 in New Mexico and more at National level. Let's also assist our comrades with School Teacher of the year. They only have until October 31st to get their entries in.

I would like to stress again that the AUXILIARIES are only supposed to help the comrades with these programs not take control of the program.

Also starting is the Young American Creative Patriotic Arts Contest (YACPAC). For those that went to the State Conference, you saw the beautiful drawing displayed in the lobby during registration. Let us support the Arts and deadline for this program is not until March, but it does not hurt to get the word out. Do not forget to give this information to our bachelor post too.

For more information go to the NM Auxiliary website (www.vfwauxnm.org) and stay tune! **To send me a request or questions text or call me at (575) 649-5735 or PO Box 545, Anthony, NM 88021. Email at: nm.vfwaux.treas@gmail.com - Preferred method is text or call.**

Loyally,
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