

“Joining Hands with Our Veterans”



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To: 2020-2021 District Presidents

Congratulations on accepting the position as District President. This is going to be a year to remember.

As you all know our immediate future is uncertain, especially with the COVID-19. The way we usually do business is changing and a new normal is happening. We know we're entering a new world, a new era. In the meantime, I just wanted to let you know some of the plans that I have in the upcoming year for Districts. And as always, as changes take place, things change. So, there is no time like the present to begin the process of “Going Green”.

1. What does that mean for us?
 - a. We are not going to print a paper copy of the President's Book this year, it will be on a CD and mailed to each Council Member, President, Program Chairman, Secretary and/or Treasurer. If you do not have a computer, you will need to get with your Secretary and/or Treasurer who will also receive a copy and they can help get the information for you.
 - b. ...or go to the lavfwtm16.com website. Information will be posted there. This includes a copy of the National President's Book as well as the Department President's Book. I will also have a web page for Districts that wish to post on the Department website. Just remember to send to me and say you want it to be posted.
 - c. There is an abundance of information on Resources in MALTA. Everyone needs to go the vfwauxiliary.org and create a profile and sign into MALTA.
 - d. We will also post information throughout the year on the [Department TN VFW Auxiliary Facebook](#) page. Please go to the Facebook and review information.
2. **School of Instructions.** We will be holding Schools of Instructions. Currently when, where and how this will happen is also an unknown. But once we decide, this information will be sent out.

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- 3. Promotions of Programs.** The promotion of programs will be promoted by the **District Presidents** at a District School of Instruction. If a Program Chairman is in that District it will be their responsibility to do the promotion on their program at this School of Instruction. I will be attending as many as I can when it becomes safe to hold these meetings. We will have to get creative and find ways to get the information out to our Auxiliaries.
- 4. Inspections of Auxiliaries.** My goal was to have all Auxiliaries in each District inspected and completed by December 31st. Inspection Reports are due to me **7 (seven) days after that inspection.** That completion date is still on the horizon, but we will adjust as needed. With all the different ways that Auxiliary meetings are taking place because of the COVID and the social distancing that is required, please try to complete these inspections when possible. Just stay safe. I have attached the Inspection checklist for Auxiliaries for your use. This information can also be found at vfwauxiliary.org. Sign into MALTA (if needed create a profile), go to resources and it is located under Chief of Staff/Extension.

A quote from Jean Berger: *It's like we're in the middle of a hurdle race. Just when you get over one hurdle, you have another one in front of you and you have to keep going over these hurdles until you get to the finish line.*

That's us! We have a lot of hurdles to get over before we reach our goals. We hope that we will get back to normal soon. In the meantime, we need to still focus on the future.

So we need to be ***“Joining Hands with our Veterans”*** and move forward.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all you have done for veterans and our organization. Stay positive, safe and God Bless.



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