

AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: MARSHA FUHRMAN

Hello my fellow Auxiliary sisters and brothers,

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool. The summer is going by very fast and before we know it, school will be starting again. The Auxiliary new year is gearing up as well.

We have the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy programs that are for students from 6th to 12th grades and we work side by side with our VFW comrades on promoting these programs. The information will be in the Bermudian and New Oxford schools for the students to participate in. Home school students are eligible to participate in these programs as well.

We honor our veterans in November, as we sponsor a bus trip to the DC area as part of the Annual All Vets bus trip. There will be more information coming on the trip as the time draws closer.

If you are not a meeting person but want to get involved in what we do, get in touch with me @ 717-578-2953 or fuhrman1970@comcast.net. We can always use extra hands or desserts made for our functions. I invite you to come to our meeting and help us support our veterans, youth and community. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 24th @ 7:00

REPORT FROM DEPT OF PA AUXILIARY/VFW CONVENTION

The State convention was held mid June and our Auxiliary received many awards recognizing our work promoting patriotism and helping veterans over the past year. Certificates of Recognition were received for Veterans and Family Support, Scholarships (Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen), our participation in Flag Ceremonies, and the monthly e-newsletter. President Bill and Treasurer Janey received the ALL-STATE pin for following all required rules and appropriate filings. The highest awards were reserved for our membership achievement this past year. The RICHARD J. GROSS VFW AUXILIARY PLACED FIRST IN THE STATE FOR NEW MEMBERS! We received \$150 in gift certificates for the VFW store. A HUGE congratulations goes to all the new members who feel that our family friendly Post is the BEST POST to belong to!

A milestone was reached when the incoming State VFW Commander, Barbara Loncar, and the State Auxiliary President, Andrea Meintel, were sworn in at the joint VFW/Auxiliary session and both are from our District and Post/Auxiliary. Post 5265 Pvt Allen J. Beck in Spring Grove. Additionally, two of our members will be the State Soloist, Kathe Decarlo, and assistant State soloist, Linda Hermansen. We are proud of our District 21 and it's state level participation in the VFW Auxiliary.

NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 AT 7pm.