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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Members,

As we head into the National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida I would like to convey my sincere appreciation for allowing me to serve once again as the National President of the Auxiliary.

My experience this past year has been one that will always be special to me being able to serve with FRA NP Virgil. We traveled many miles over the past year and it was an added benefit for me cost wise. I am thankful for the support and guidance that we shared over the past year. We had to share our home which at times was not large enough...for two National Presidents. Overall we have enjoyed our time as National Presidents and thank all the Membership FRA/LA FRA for all the support over the year.

I would not advise it to happen in the future for National Presidents; but it is always a plus for Regional Presidents to be able to travel together. My experiences this past year there has been bumps in the road but we had been able to resolve many problems that needed our attention. It is always a pleasure seeing and meeting old friends and making new friends during the year.

We are on the path now to setting in motion once again our VAVS program with the support of many Units who are signing up to become active Units. I can't say enough to thank the Units that are in the process of getting involved in the program. Please note that the program now has it where you can volunteer at the medical clinics and the VA Medical Centers. Our Chairman is Rozena McVey so if you're interested please contact her.

The ECR technology team has been working over the past few months working on how to improve our membership program and their ideas may in the future work for the Auxiliary. They will be reporting at the National Convention and give everyone their findings.

We have in place our contract for the next two years for Pilgrimage and I made contact with Vickie Corder in Cheyenne, Wyoming and we will be keeping our friendship with her and she will be more than happy to continue to assist the Auxiliary in the future for hotel contracts.

My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all the donations for my National Project "Warriors to Soulmate" while traveling many members have expressed

that it is an awesome project because many warriors need the help with the "PTSD" mental illness and with these donations the Chaplains will be able to assist those in need of counseling to have joyful living in their lives and marriages. Thank You! Thank You! So Much.

While traveling my experiences are quite concerning as to the Auxiliary's future. Some of our Regions are in trouble with their membership in the Units and Regions not being able to elect officers in the unit or regions. This will be a matter that will need to be reviewed and where we need to concentrate for the future of the Auxiliary on guiding our members by providing workshops in all positions of the Auxiliary.



We should all be aware of the situation with the EIN's and the 990N this has been six years in the process and to come full circle we have not meet our commitment to the Auxiliary and the IRS procedures. It is a simple form to fill out with the IRS and I know that it takes a few minutes to complete.

We are actively looking into how to improve our Units with the IRS EIN numbers. I have been speaking about how we are mandated by the IRS but some Units are not in compliance so we need to continue working with those Units who will lose their status for not filing for three years in a row.

I am now at the point where measures to ensure that all Units are in compliance as it is pivotal to the Auxiliary's non-profit status. It's not like we have not been asking for the last six years for all Units to send the required information and paperwork to the National Treasurer. In reviewing all the EIN Numbers I have found that many have not filed the 990 N for several years and if not completed you will have your EIN number revoked by the IRS. It is timing consuming to have your EIN number reinstated and could be costly. I am appealing to all Units to do this ASAP has time has ran out and we have to be in compliance.

As I traveled to the Regional Conventions I took notes on how many Units did not follow up on the Chaplains report that was to be sent to the Regional Chaplain. This report has many different services on the form such as funerals, cards, etc. and after convention the combined report from the Regions need to be mailed to the National Chaplain so that she may complete a combined report from all the regions. Auxiliary members we need to do more to keep up the traditions of the Auxiliary. It behooves the Auxiliary to work with the members serving as Chaplains to keep an account of activities that members participate and that all reports are sent to the Regional Chaplain.

So, in closing I wish nothing but the best for the Auxiliary in the future and to All Members of the National Board of Directors 2015-2016 please know that you have my appreciation and respect for committing to the Auxiliary. Working with each of Regional Presidents shows that they have the dedication to serve and be willing to guide the newly elected RP's as Jr. Past.

For would those you who will attending the National Convention I will be having an "Americana" Raffle Donation my project. So bring your purse, wallet to convention as we will have raffles throughout the day during convention.

Our condolence's to our members in the loss of their loved ones. May you find peace. If you or a family member has been ill or lost a loved one, please accept our best wishes and condolences. Celebrating a Birthday – Happy Birthday! Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations! To All "Best Wishes" for continued good health.

I remain in,
Loyalty, Protection, and Service,
Helen A Courneya, National President

Travel Schedule – October 9-17, 2016 National Convention – Jacksonville, Florida (WhoWho)

In Loving Memory
We Pay Tribute to Our Departed Members

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| Betty N Bashara Unit 60 Member since 1991 | Emma L. Ralph Unit 60 Member since 2010 | Cidney Rodrigues Unit 60 Member since 1988 | Frances L Lembeck Unit 53 Member since 1974 |
| Lorena J. Price Unit 53 Member since 1982 | Harriet G. Eriks Unit 161 Member since 1996 | Dorothy Ginda PNC Unit 42 Member since 1969 | Lois Anderson PRP Unit 156 Member since 1972 |
| Agnes M. White Unit 175 Member since 2002 | Kevin A. Gregory Unit 289 Member since | Martha J. Farrar Unit 261 Member since | |

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| July 1 Mbrs | <u>REI</u> | <u>New</u> | <u>TI</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>Resigned</u> | <u>NonPmt</u> | <u>Deceased</u> | <u>Ineligible</u> | <u>Other</u> | Active Mbrs |
| 6621 | 86 | 293 | 61 | 61 | 07 | 397 | 57 | 05 | 0 | 6534 |

Carry LAFRA & FRA Applications with you at ALL times, we need to RECRUIT & RETAIN!!

Dates to Remember in October

October 10 Columbus Day
 October 16 World Food Day
 October 24 United Nations Day
 October 31.....Halloween

October Birthdays

October Birthstone: Opal
 October Flower: Calendula



OCTOBER IS:



AUGUST DONATIONS

2015-2016 NP Project:

Loraine Maese memory PNP Carolyn Combs
SWPRP Club
Unit 194
Unit 183
Unit 47
Various shipmates

Welfare:

Cynthia Rodham Tuck memory of PRP NE/NENG Peg McPherson

NP Scholarship

Unit 94
SW PRP Club memory of PRP SW Darlene Slaughter and PRPSW Flo Poling
PNP Club memory of PNP Jim Eblen
PNP Club memory of PNP Carolyn Combs
PNP Club

Bake Sale

Virginia Stokes

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

2015-2016 NP Project

Unit 59
Unit 54
Dora Ford
Bonanza Branch 90
Bobbie & Jerry Pugh
Ernestine and Norman Combs

Pilgrimage:

Unit 54

NP Scholarship

Karen Brobst in memory of PNP Carolyn Combs and PRPEC Cecil Butler
Marilyn Hughes in memory of PNP Carolyn Combs and PRPEC Cecil Butler

Safe Travels to National Convention! See You There!

Jacksonville, Florida

October 11-16, 2016

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