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It was great to see so many of you at the Fall Conference of Administration and President Patti's Homecoming! The Chairman put tremendous effort into their presentations—and I certainly did too! I worked so hard, I had to ask President Patti for a new broom to keep up the pace! 😊

All jokes aside, I hope you walked away with fresh insights and practical tools to bring back to your Auxiliaries. If there's anything I can do to support you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Extension

I'm excited to announce the formation of a brand-new Auxiliary: **Russell M. Makowski VFW Post Auxiliary #12243**. Welcome to the Department! I have no doubt you'll be a very successful addition to our Auxiliary Family.

Meanwhile, my "Broom Squad" has been flying across the state, meeting with VFW Posts to share the benefits of establishing an Auxiliary. Two "Bachelor" Posts have already invited us to present at their meetings!

I encourage all District Presidents to connect with Posts in their area that don't yet have an Auxiliary. Ask their Commanders if they'd be open to a presentation on the top ten reasons to charter an Auxiliary—and don't forget to highlight our incredible programs. If you need help organizing or presenting, I'm more than happy to assist.

Revitalization

District Presidents, during your official visits, if you encounter an Auxiliary facing challenges—but not to the point of suspension—please notify President Patti. This is the perfect opportunity to implement a **Performance Improvement Plan (PIP)**.

As Frankie Bill, Chief of Staff from Minnesota, wisely said:

“A PIP is not a sign of failure; it is a sign of resilience and a commitment to excellence.”

Let's grab our brooms and help guide these Auxiliaries back onto the **Yellow Brick Road to Success!**



As we enter the holiday season, I want each of you to know that I am **thankful, grateful, blessed**, with a wonderful VFW Auxiliary family! Enjoy the holidays with family and friends and please keep our Veterans in your thoughts and prayers.

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