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Hello, My Pretties!

It was great to see so many of you at the Department Schools of Instruction! I hope you left feeling inspired, energized, and ready to take on a brand-new year. I know I did! I can feel it in my bones—this is going to be an exciting and successful year for all of us.

I've been flying all over the state, and I must say... my broom is officially worn out! Time for an upgrade, President Patti—hint, hint! 😊

Extension

Let's raise a bubbling glass of Witch's Brew to Brandy Young! In July, the VFW instituted a new Post in Union, Missouri—Post #12243. Brandy worked hand-in-hand with both the Post Commander and District Commander to lay the groundwork for a new Auxiliary. Thanks to her determination and leadership, she signed up 15 new members to launch the Auxiliary at Post #12243.

We hope to officially institute this Auxiliary within the next two months, and Brandy herself will be a proud member. With her guidance and mentoring, I have no doubt this Auxiliary will thrive!

I challenge each of you to reach out to Posts in your Districts that don't yet have an Auxiliary. Offer to present the "Top 10 Reasons to Start One." If you'd like support—or a broom-flying buddy—I'm happy to join you or send someone from the Department. Just say the word!

Revitalization

I am pleased to announce that **ALL** our Auxiliaries are healthy and **green!** After the National Convention I will be in contact with the Auxiliaries that President Patti and I have chosen to be my Performance Improvement Plan Team, better known as the

“Broom Squad”. If an Auxiliary needs a little TLC, the Broom Squad will swoop in with guidance, mentoring, and a Performance Improvement Plan. (P. I. P.) District Presidents, it’s up to you to let Patti and me know if you spot a struggling Auxiliary. The earlier we intervene, the better the outcome. Preventing suspension is a job well done and worth celebrating!

Mentoring

District Presidents and Auxiliary Officers, are you mentoring those officers following behind you? I can’t tell you how **important** this is. I asked the District Presidents to invite their Senior and Junior Vice Presidents to join them on their Auxiliary visits. It’s important that they know how to conduct those visits and are prepared when they take the office of District President. I will be checking to see if this is being done.

One of the key messages I shared at the Schools of Instruction was this: we must treat one another with kindness and respect. Last year brought its share of drama, and honestly, we don’t have time for it. Drama keeps us from our mission, supporting our Veterans

Let’s stay focused, united, and positive. I can’t wait to see you at our first Department meeting in October. We’ve got some magical surprises planned! Just follow the yellow brick road to the Lake of the Ozarks!

With broomstick-powered respect,

Janet

Department Chief of Staff

Be the reason a Veteran smiles today!