President's Message

Summer is over and all of the Department School of Instructions are completed. To say I am pleased is putting it mildly. There were 82 Auxiliaries represented and over 260 members who attended at least one of the instructional sessions. Thank you all so much for making them such a success. Of course, a big thank you to the four hosting Auxiliaries, 3772-Mexico, 3976-Sugar Creek, 5993-Ava and 2210-Ste Genevieve.

School has started, so please get the information out about both the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Scholarship opportunities. The deadline to the Post/Auxiliary is October 31. That's not much time.

By this time, you should have sent out your dues notice to your annual members. Hopefully they are responding by sending in their dues for 2026. If not, you may want to break down you list of members and ask others from your Auxiliary to help by contacting them. A phone call from a member may get them back at your meeting and they may become active in your programs.

Please plan to attend the Fall Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Commander Quincy and I are planning to make it informative and most of all fun. It is a great time to get to know members from all over the state. So, mark your calendar for October 10-12. Forms are on the Department website.

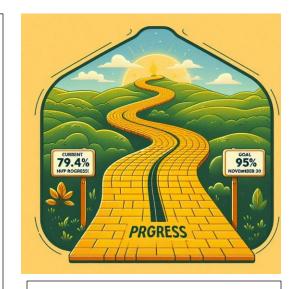
Our annual National Home Trip is October 24-26 and our Department Chairman Brandy Young along with her VFW counterpart are planning a grand time. The theme is Route 66. If you have never gone, please do so this year. It promises to be a great time for all!

Remember to make ever event you have this year, a recruiting event. Always have applications on hand to pass out to perspective members. We will not grow our organization if we do not get our there and recruit new members.

Always report your projects as you complete them. Do not wait!

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans. Sometimes it may be very difficult, but you are "THE REASON A VETERAN SMILES TODAY". We can all do this.

Patti Burge - Missouri VFW Auxiliary President



Calendar of Events

- September 15-17, 2025 –
 National President's Visit in Perryville (Information is on the website)
- October 10-12, 2025 Fall Conference (Information is on the website)
- October 17-18, 2025 Big Ten Conference (Info on website)
- October 24-26, 2025 National Home Trip (Information is on the website)
- October 31, 2025 The Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entries are due to the Post.

VFW Commander and Auxiliary President Homecoming October 11th. Make reservations for the banquet by sending the form to MO VFW Headquarters