



General Orders for November 2015

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Time flies, just like the butterflies, and already we are moving into the sixth month of the 2015-2016 membership year. We now have to put forth the extra effort it takes to reach our goal of 100%+ in membership. Treasurers, you must send transmittals as soon as you receive them and begin calling those unpaid members now. Consider replacing some the Auxiliary members you lost by asking male family members to join your Auxiliary.

Fall District meetings are behind us and how nice it was to travel around the state meeting with members. You should be very proud of all we are doing for our Veterans!

Mark your calendars now for the Mid-Winter Conference which will be held at the Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot February 19 & 20th. . Details will be forthcoming in next month's mailings.

As of the writing of this article, all but one VA facility has been visited. Many improvements are in the works for our Veterans. Hospital Chairman Inez has included some of the hospital wish lists in the past month's General Orders. With Veterans Day & Thanksgiving, November is a great time for your Auxiliary to donate some of the items on the wish lists to the hospitals & veterans' homes. Encourage your members to make items requested for the different facilities – members can get hospital hours without even leaving their homes.

Unfortunately, Wisconsin had 9 Auxiliaries put on suspension this year for reasons like not electing & installing officers, bonding Presidents and Treasurers, etc. Some issues have been corrected, some are being worked on, but I am sad to say, some of these Auxiliaries will be lost. Please remember we are here to help you, but can only help if you make us aware that there are problems in your Auxiliary. Don't wait until you are beyond help to ask for assistance!

I, along with Karen Johnson, Linda Moran & Rita Byers, traveled to Alaska for National President Francisca's homecoming in September. We were able to work in some wonderful tours of the Anchorage area while there. Following several weeks of rain, we had beautiful sunny days in the 50s and even a snowball fight on top of the Chugach Mountains. Thank you all for the wonderful experience! Commander Mike & I also traveled back to Pittsburgh for Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki's homecoming. Pittsburgh was cold and rainy, but we enjoyed the festivities and socializing with our State Commanders & Presidents in attendance.

Has your Auxiliary made your donations to Hospital Projects, VFW News, National Home Health & Happiness, Department & National Scholarship Programs and the Cancer Grant program? If not, your checks need to be mailed to Dept. Treasurer Lenore now. Consider also sponsoring or assisting a youth group in your area this year so Wisconsin can be 100% in reporting Youth Activities. There is no excuse for leaving a year-end report blank; every Auxiliary does something that qualifies reporting in every program.

Please drape charters for Past National President Juanita Crowe-Durbino from Maryville, TN who served during the 1993-1994 year.

May your Thanksgiving holiday be a time to share with family, friends & "OUR VETERANS – NOW & FOREVER" as we continue "FLYING HIGH FOR VETERANS!"

Judy