

Greetings Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters!

December 2017

Our December Christmas potluck dinner and meeting was well attended. So many good things to eat. Thank you everyone for bringing such delicious food. I also want to thank the committee chairmen for giving thorough reports. Everyone can report what they do. If you do not have a computer a list of what you do can be given to the committee chairmen or myself and we can enter the information for you. We do a lot more than we think we do.

Both the Department www.vfwauxmi.org and the National MALTA www.vfwauxiliary.org websites are now available. Read what is posted on these two sites. Very helpful.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: You have until December 31, 2017 to pay your membership fees to stay in good standing.

- Annual Members: You now have the option of paying your dues on line via MALTA. Go to the link above. Click on Member log in. Activate account, enter required information and follow easy screen instructions. If you prefer to mail your dues, send to LuAnne DuVall PO Box 265, Erie, MI 48133. Make check payable to VFW Auxiliary #3925.
- Life Members: You should have received your new thicker card in the mail. Annual members should receive their card soon. LuAnne is checking on the delay for us.
- Legislative bills regarding veterans - Michigan: www.senate.michigan.gov. Ohio: www.ohiohouse.gov. Please join the VFW Action Corps. Go to www.vfw.org. Go to VFW in D.C. tab, click on Grass Roots Advocacy. Then click on Join Action Corps button, "Action Corps sign up now." Fill out the form on your screen, click submit, click continue. You will then be receiving VFW Action Corps weekly in your email.
- RADA Cutlery fundraiser: Sharon Grodi is collecting orders. They have good quality cutlery. We make very good profits on this fundraiser. Contact Sharon at 734-848-4893 to order.
- Voice of Democracy Essay contest winner, Michael Moss, placed in 3rd at District 6 level. And Patriot's Pen Essay contest winner, Hannah Lavanway, place 2nd at the District 6 level. Congratulations! Watch for announcements for the Recognition Dinner coming this spring.
- Patriotic Art Contest, for high school students, entries can now be submitted.
- Our Santa Comes to Erie event was fantastic. Each year more entrants participate. Santa and Mrs. Claus, Ron and Kathy Judy, do so well with the children. We have received many thanks and many compliments from the children, the parents and grandparents. Thanks to everyone who helped to make Saturday unforgettable to the children and to anyone who attended.
- Lucky 100 will begin again on February 2nd. Tickets are now available, but just a few.
- Mid-winter Conference will be at the Radisson in Kalamazoo, January 19-21. Please let me know if you are planning on attending. Again, you can attend with me.
- The American Red Cross Blood Drive dates have been scheduled for 2018. February 2, August 20 and October 15. They will continue to be held at 1:00 until 6:00 pm
- We will be discussing new fund raiser ideas for the new year. If you have any ideas, please share.

Our next meeting will be held January 10, 2018.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Shock, Past District 6 and Auxiliary President

