

***Happy New Year to My Favorite Servant Leaders!***

Here's hoping you amassed a bundle of love over the holidays to fill your cup. Getting back into the groove is the real challenge. My to-do list this week had 14, count em, 14 items on them. Now it is Saturday and I have 8 checked and three started. Where does the time go?

***MidYear*** – Yikes, six days till I leave for Norfolk. Please let me know if you need me to grab poppies for you from Fran in Chadron I strongly encourage you to make a day trip to Norfolk, at the very least. The first session of the Auxiliary starts at 1 p.m CT Friday Jan 16. There is a joint session at 8 a.m. Saturday with the rest of the Legion family, and then TRAINING AND FUN at 1 p.m. Saturday. **This is the best place to make friends and ask questions.** The oratorical contest is at 6 p.m. Saturday. THANK YOU to those who gave me information for my report. Special kudos to Chadron's Fran Dolezal who wrote a full report. We are so bad at tooting our own horns, but I am continually stalking your local papers and social media and I KNOW how hard you all work for our Veterans. I am so proud of all of you!

***Scholarships- Essay Contest- Poppy Posters- Girls State*** - These are all important programs, and I certainly hope you are keeping them on your Unit to-do list. If you have questions about these, hey, come to MidYear and ask!!

***MEMBERSHIP*** – The only way I found the time to work on my list was because I managed to send my final memberships in on Dec 30 to hit Cody's 100%. I know what a "monkey on the back" the membership job is, and I appreciate you all. We are at 81% as a district right now, and I know we can get to 100% by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>! Now is the time to send a postcard, text or phone call to your unpaid members to let them know their membership has expired. I am printing off your lists of unpaid members that you can share with your members to jar them into renewing. A number of my members had been paid for as juniors by their grandmother, who obviously should not be required to pay their senior dues! These are the most challenging! Remind them of the Veteran they honor through their membership, and how honored that Veteran is (or, would be) with their membership.

Keep up the good work! Please contact me with any questions/complaints/concerns and I'll do my very best to help you. [vackiner@yahoo.com](mailto:vackiner@yahoo.com) 402-376-4648.\

Sincerely, For God and Country,

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