As the month of gratitude and thankfulness closes and the end of year is upon us, it's time to reflect on life's blessings while planning for a new year of volunteering and service. May the magic of the holidays fill your heart with warmth, peace, love, joy, & happiness! Take time to recognize, appreciate and give space for religious differences, and as an opportunity to be open and try to learn more about the way other people experience and celebrate this time of year.

Thank you, Kansas Auxiliaries, for your dedication to promoting patriotism through education and activities. You never know when the seed planted will grow and blossom! Your reports are enlightening and inspiring, and please let me know if I didn't forward pictures for attachment. November's time change, elections, birthdays, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving prompted many celebrations. Keep reporting. You can do it!! Remember a prize for most flags distributed in Nov.

December features a season of giving: Advent (3); Hanukkah (7); Pearl Harbor Day (7); UNICEF (11); National Guard (13) & Space Force (20) Birthdays; Bill of Rights Day (15); National Wreaths Across America Day (16); Festivus (23); Christmas (25); Kwanzaa (26); Pledge of Allegiance Day (28); New Year's Eve (31); and New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2026!!

January New Year ~ New Energy: Epiphany (6); Orthodox Christmas (7); Law Enforcement Appreciation (9); Korean-American Day (13); Orthodox New Year (14); Martin Luther King Jr Birthday (15) honored (19); Desert Storm/Persian Gulf began 1991 (16); Benjamin Franklin Day (17); Vietnam War Cease Fire 1973 (27); Kansas Day (29); and Panama Campaign Ends 1990 (31).

REPORTING - BREAKING IT DOWN TO DATE:

District 1 – 4 Auxiliaries reported 16 projects (56, 3084, 7285, 12003)

District 2 – 4 Auxiliaries reported 31 projects (846, 5901, 6397, 7397)

District 3 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 43 projects (704, 1022, 1165, 1174, 1254, 3544, 6324)

District 4 – 6 Auxiliaries reported 39 projects (1141, 1281, 1786, 7515, 7743, 7830)

District 5 – 4 Auxiliaries reported 9 projects (2715, 3111, 5982, 6957)

District 6 – 7 Auxiliaries reported 84 projects (1133, 2981, 3449, 7521, 8873, 9076, 9139)

District 7 – 3 Auxiliaries reported 19 projects (1714, 7349, 7972)

***Totals as of this report: 35 of 60 Auxiliaries reported 241 Projects!! AWESOME!!

***KUDOS to Oakley #2981 with 31 Projects to date!!

*May the light of Christ shine brightly in your heart and home and guide you through the season and into the New Year. Blessings to you and your family. Don't forget our soldiers who won't be home. God Bless America!! I pray this season brings you love, joy, peace, and lots of great memories. No matter what your faith, may this holiday be all you want it to be! And don't forget – SMILE!