



Americanism 2022-2023

#AuxiliaryPatriotism

Can you believe it's already February? I'm so excited to see Spring approaching and being able to get out and about more without facing the cold. We've already enjoyed several days of some Spring "teaser" weather and it's been wonderful.

Last month I spoke about the care packages that we're sending to our Army National Guard soldiers so I thought I'd give everyone an update. I received \$1425.98 in monetary donations and approximately \$418 in goods donated. So far I have mailed a total of 20 packages with more to go as I still have \$388 to spend of the money that was donated. These numbers don't include packages that Auxiliaries sent directly. I'm so proud of the Auxiliaries in the Department of Kansas for their generosity in supporting our Kansas soldiers!

With only two months left for this program year I'd love for us to have a strong finish. We are behind in the number of hours that were reported for last year. Twelve Auxiliaries haven't reported at all, and District 2 is the only district with 100% of its Auxiliaries reporting. With this in mind, one area I would love for us to focus on these next two months is Patriotic/Flag education. Did you know that a recent poll showed that only 16% of Gen Z adults (ages 18-24) said they are proud to live in America? Only 36% of Millennials (ages 25-40) are proud to be Americans and Generation Xers (41-56yo) and Baby Boomers (57-75yo) are the most patriotic at 54% and 73% respectively. It's sad that so many of our young people don't appreciate our Country. WE need to be setting the example!

I greatly appreciate all the work you've done so far! Please continue to show YOUR pride and teach others what it means to love our Country.

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*Tell me the complete portion in our opening ceremony that mentions "teaching the people" and which officer performs that part of the ceremony? Correct answers will be entered in this month's prize drawing.