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Thank you to those who have forwarded me your newspaper articles from your activities this last month. Keep Them Coming!!!

As I was reflecting on my past - I was the reporter for my local 4-H club when I was much, much younger. Just like our National Historian and Media Relations Ambassador, Kristin DiGiacomo reflects, that as the Historian and Media Relation memory keepers and collectors we need to state the who-what-when-where and why of our auxiliaries.

I, like others my age and older, are not "tech savvy". I can do FaceBook somewhat, once I decide on whether it needs posted as a Story or on my Feed. So we'll depend on the younger members or members that are "tech savvy" to be involved with us and keep us involved. Social Media is the best tool our auxiliary can use for news, events and projects and for keeping our members up-dated about what we do and how we help our veterans, their families, our youth and our communities. The instructions on how to make a social media reel is in MALTA Member Resources under Historian & Media Relations, Websites and Social Media - Websites, How to Create a FaceBook Reel.

Photography has changed from the old cameras that we had to take pictures with the whole roll (either 12-36 pictures), then take it to your local drug store, then they would mail it in to be developed, and then you would get your pictures back in 2 weeks. Or you could get with your local photographer who had a dark room in their basement and they could develop the roll for you when they had time. Now our cameras on our phones are our SAVE buttons opening pathways into our future while allowing us to keep a glimpse into the past.

As Department President David's mother, we have been to the Department Auxiliary President and Department Commander Picnic in Ark City on July 12th. Here are some of the pictures that were taken on that day. And thank you to the Ark City post and auxiliary for hosting.

Also, we have just received information that our National President Lois Callahan is planning on being in Kansas Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21. She will be arriving at Eisenhower Airport (Wichita) on Friday, September 19 at approximately 12:15 pm ct. We'll go down to the Memorials in Wichita/Keeper of the Plains area, and we have a 4 pm tour planned with the Great Plains Transportation (the train museum) for \$7.00/person. Then we'll have a taco bar supper at Wichita Post # 3115. Saturday morning (Sept. 20th) we'll head to McPherson Post # 2715 for breakfast, then head back to Hutchinson to go to the Stratata (salt mine) museum. The price will be \$25.00/person. After we get back to the Wichita area, supper (steaks) at Haysville Post #6957. Her plane will be leaving early Sunday morning (Sept. 21st) at 7:30 am ct.

Let's have a great year of making memories and we need to "work with the water (not against it) and Embrace the Waves of Change" during this program year.

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