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From Our Roots to Our Branches
EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS



**April
2025**



Well, it's officially Spring Time you know what that means... That's Right **MEMBERSHIP!**

While working towards our Department goal of being 98% Plus by March 1, 2025 although we were 199 members away from achieving this Goal, we were able to reach 96.00% in Current and 97.34% in Paid Membership. As of March 20th we have reached 96.60% in Current and 98.04% in Paid Membership.

An update from last Month's Luck of the Irish, To help Reach that Wonderful 100% Plus in Current Membership an additional \$7.00/Gold Coins have been awarded to 3 Lucky Auxiliaries 9271 Tonganoxie; 1432 Salina and 3201 Minneapolis! These Auxiliaries will receive this award in the Mail.

Auxiliary Award #3 105% in Current Membership. The First 5 Auxiliaries that reach 105% in Current Membership by March 31, 2025 will receive \$50.00 from Department. So far we have 3 Auxiliaries that have achieved this Award. Congratulations to 5531 Wathena; 1165 Ft. Scott and 7349 Kinsley!

Our next Membership Goal is to be **100% Plus by May 15, 2025**. As of Today we are only 336 Current Members away and only 194 Paid Members away from reaching 100% Plus in Paid Membership! Since last month our Department has received 61 Paid Dues. I know that we can dig real deep and achieve that Wonderful 100% Plus in Paid Membership, **and who knows come Department Convention, their might be a little Billy Goat that stops by for a Special Appearance!** I am not sure of the entire plan behind this, as Marsha is keeping this close by here. So Lets all work Hard on getting our last few Members Dues paid for and **Keep Recruiting, Retaining and Including our Members.**

Has your Auxiliary been working towards that **97% Current Membership by 5/15/25?** Remember in order to work towards the Circle of Achievement your Auxiliary must have recruited the following number of New Annual, Life or Rejoined Members based on your total Membership as of 6/30/24. **10-100=2 101-200=3 201-300=4 301 and up=5.** As of today there are still 20 Auxiliaries that are below 97% in Current Membership.

Remember whichever Auxiliary **converts the most Annual Members to Life will receive \$50** from our Department. The winner will be announced during Department Convention in June based on June 1st Membership status. Auxiliaries are to bring their **NEW Member Packet, or a Picture** of these items being presented to a **New Member** to the Department Convention in Manhattan in June. The Auxiliaries who participate will be placed into a drawing for a Special Prize. (Bring the items that you would present to your newest Auxiliary Members, and explain how you presented it to them.) Has your **VFW Post Members** been participating/helping your Auxiliary with Recruiting? If so, has that VFW Post Member sent in their **VFW Members only form** for recruiting Auxiliary Members, as it is due to our Department Treasurer Jeanette Cox by June 10, 2025.

Now is the time to Celebrate as we have **16 Auxiliaries that are over 100% Plus** in Current Membership and they were able to reach our **Goal of being 100% Plus by May 15, Congratulations!** We have a **Leadership Change, How did you do that Dist 4? I want to know your Secrets when it comes to Membership! Who will be next?**

Auxiliaries 56; 5531: **District 1** is currently in **5th Place** standing at **94.54%**

Auxiliaries 7397: **District 2** is currently in **4th Place** standing at **95.59%**

Auxiliaries 1165; 1174; 1186: **District 3** is currently in **3rd Place** standing at **96.89%**

Auxiliaries 1141; 1432; 7743; 7830; 7928: **District 4** is currently in **1st Place** standing at **99.29%**

District 5 is currently in **6th Place** standing at **88.20%**

Auxiliaries 6882: **District 6** is currently in **2nd Place** at **97.87%**

Auxiliaries 1714; 3166; 7271 & 7349: **District 7** is currently in **7th Place** standing at **78.99%**

Current Membership Standings as of 3/20/2025

LET'S GO TEAM KANSAS! 96.60% We Need 336 to Reach 100% plus

Dist 1: 94.54% You need 47 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 2: 95.59% You need 34 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 3: 96.89% You need 43 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 4: 99.29% You need 15 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 5: 88.20% You need 148 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 6: 97.87% You need 28 New/Annual/Rejoined Members
Dist 7: 78.99% You need 197 New/Annual/Rejoined Members

**Team KS To-date we have 13 New Life, 9 New Annual and
128 Continuous Annual, since last month!**

**The Race is On! Who will be the Next Auxiliary to reach
100% Plus in Current Membership?**

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April Showers Bring May Snow

Spring had time of grass and trees,
Dirt with weeds ingrained and intertwined.
April showers bring May flowers,
But those tears brought no joy.

Those April showers filled dirt with water,
Stirring completely to a muddied texture,
It's almost summer, but May could bring snow,
May could bring snow.

Maybe it could, maybe it won't,
May could bring exactly what I need,
To cover this land once more with snow.
Maybe it could, maybe it will.

The floor is slippery, it's dirty and unclear,
Falling left and right, stumbling constantly.
Yet, I'd rather slip over ice; stumble over snow,
I need a new sheet where I can't see my steps.

May could bring new beginning, May could,
Maybe it will, maybe it won't.
Maybe I want it to, maybe I don't.
Maybe I shouldn't let go.

But those April showers filled dirt with water,
Stirred them together to a muddied texture.
It's almost summer, but May could bring snow,
May could bring snow.

Casey Gochnour

What's the Value of One Member?

Author Unknown

Ten little members standing in a line
One disliked the President, and then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late
One forgot her promise, and then there were eight.

Eight creative members, had ideas good as heaven
One lost enthusiasm, and then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

One dropped out and then there were five.
Five happy members, not one a bore,
Till they fought over Bingo
And then there were four.

Four cheerful members
Who never disagree,
Till one complained of meetings
And then there were three.

Three eager members, what did they do?
One got discouraged, and then there were two.
Two tired members, our rhyme is nearly done
One joined a bridge club and then there was one.

One faithful member, feeling very blue
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.
Two earnest members each enrolled one more,
Doubling their number, and then there were four.

Four determined members, just couldn't wait
Till each won another, and then there were eight.
Eight excited members, signed up sixteen more
In another six verses there will be a thousand and twenty-four!