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Greetings, I look forward to the upcoming year as being the Legislative Chairman again. I want to say thank you to President Sherri Rosenau for asking me to stay on as the chairman. There will be only one award this year. There will be a \$20 award to the Auxiliary that explains on their year-end report in the spring how they educated our youth on Legislation and how it affects issues for veterans. Every auxiliary that sends this in to me will be put into a drawing. Please make sure to include details as well as to include if it was a specific youth group or school, etc.

I believe we often forget that we have multiple resources to obtain our information on veteran issues outside of our monthly newsletter. Please remember that Matla has a resource page and you can go to the Legislative section to get an abundance of information. There are sub titles to give you the information you are looking for. Such as; Acton Corps Weekly, Ambassador Presentations, Auxiliary Legislative Tools & Resources, Award form, Important Legislative websites, and VFW Legislative Resources.

We are going to continue to work on getting everyone signed up for the Action Corps. Yes, everyone. The VFW and VFW Auxiliary are not the only ones that may sign up. So get together with your auxiliaries and see how you can get the community to sign up as well. Your brothers, sisters, neighbors, etc. Be creative. Maybe make a card to hand out to people with the link to sign up. I know there are many of you that are very creative. I want to hear at the end of the year, what you did, not just how many your auxiliary signed up. So, the challenge is on.

Don't forget to review the VFW Priority Goals found in Malta as well. I want to remind you that the VFW is our nation's oldest veteran's organization and a long-standing record of fighting for our veterans. We need you to help them promote their goals to continue to give the best care in which we all know they deserve.

I encourage anyone to reach out with any questions, ideas, or concerns throughout the year. You do not have to wait until the end of the year. I look forward to hearing about what your auxiliary have done.