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**TO: AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT CHAPLAINS:**

I hope this finds everyone, healthy and happy! If not please reach out to someone in our organization-THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE, to serve, protect and love each other! We all need a helping hand sometime in our life. Chaplains, please keep your ears and eyes open, if you know of someone in distress and are not sure how to help, ask someone that you trust in your Auxiliary that has been in the organization for a while. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call and/or a card saying we are thinking of you. If you see or know of a veteran struggling with issues and it is not someone you know or comfortable talking with, please, please get with your Post Chaplain, Commander or Service Officer, it might save someone's life, and at the very least help the quality of their life. If you are not comfortable with any of the above, please call me. I may not can help; however, I will find out who can assist the VFW or VFWA member.

I would love to hear how your Auxiliary reaches out to our homebound veterans and auxiliary members! Do you have a regular meal your Auxiliary takes, or a route of visits your make? Do you send out birthday cards or just a happy/funny card to them? Let me know, just put it on the back of your report sheet and I will share your hard work. Maybe your ideas will inspire other Auxiliaries to do the same! What a great movement it would make if every Auxiliary in our State reached out to those that haven't been to meetings. Just to see if they need anything, just to say hi, or we miss you. Wow, that could really make someone's day that may think their Auxiliary has forgotten them. I know our lives are crazy busy with commitments, maybe you can get with your Auxiliary and get a few to volunteer to work on it with you? Maybe even some of your homebound members can make some of the phone calls, it is something they can do to still help, without having to leave home. We all need to feel wanted and needed, just some food for thought.

I hope to hear from each of your soon!! May God bless you and yours, and may he continue to bless the United States!

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