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Please report monthly what you did to promote your Legislative Program

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TO: AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMEN:

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

If you haven't done early voting, don't forget to vote on November 7, 2016!

This has been an unusual Presidential Election, to say the least! YOUR veteran that you signed up under fought in a foreign war to give you the right to vote, please use it; and consider your veterans and active duty when you vote. Without the veterans and our active duty we would not be a free country.

I received the November Bulletin from our National Legislative Ambassador, Bette Jean Biedrzycki. She stated that, "Now is the time to take stock of the new Congressmen and Senators at your state level and the national level". She also stated, "You should be prepared to start making your appointments to see these new legislators at the annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC from February 26 to March 2, 2017". President Mann and myself will be going to the Legislative Conference directly from Florida as we return from the VFWA Mid-Winter Conference on February 25, 2017.

National Ambassador Biedrzycki also made the following points:

- "Our Priority Goals remain the same with emphasis on the Veterans Administration and Sequestration".
- "Your reports indicate that you are actively engaged in the process that ensures our active duty military as well as our veterans receive the benefits they have earned and so rightly deserve". I want to thank those that are reporting. I have attached an excel spreadsheet so everyone knows where we stand now in our reporting.
- "It is time to put party politics aside and focus on the party of the veteran. Give notice to the newly elected that we will be watching the outcome of voting on issues that affect our Priority Goals".
- Mrs. Biedrzycki quoted Mr. Ray Kelley, "We are not AstroTurf, we are Grass Roots activists". Mrs. Biedrzycki then stated, "**In other words, we are the real thing and it is up to us to get the job done**". Emphasis of bolding is mine.
- "Our enthusiasm and dedication to the program certainly reflects *Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes*".

I know we have Auxiliary members that are contacting our State and Country's representatives, please get this information reported-it is important!!

May God Bless you and yours,

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