

Hello Members,

It has been a great year so far and we are off to a pretty good start. I want to thank everyone for their attendance and enthusiasm at our SOI this month. It was great to look out and see standing room only and need to have more chairs brought in to accommodate all the folks there. I feel that this is a great time to send a message to every member and officer out there. One of the biggest issues that we all seem to have is communication. So, to each of you I want to say this, Your District Presidents are there for you to use for advice, training and they are your representatives on the Department Floor. They work very hard for you. Please, if at any time you do not feel comfortable going to them with anything that involves your Auxiliary, please contact us. We are all here for you. Remember as leaders and future leaders of this Auxiliary, the job we do is not about us. It is not about power. It is about this organization and the job that we are supposed to be here to do. Our job is to move this organization forward so that we can better take care of our Veterans and their families.

Never at any time should we be asking or wondering about what is in it for us. We should be asking instead, what can we do for you, Our Veterans? What are your concerns big or small? Where and how can we best show our support for you. You fought for us it is now time for us to fight for you.

So, remember to communicate with us and each other. We are 1 Team and that is Team Florida. If we do not know about a problem: Mole hills become mountains that become active volcanos, and with no idea that things are going on we cannot help guide you on your way to a better and more successful future.

***Our Motto is “Unity” and;***

***Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration,  
wonderful things can be achieved.’ – Mattie Stepanek***

***We are 1 Family***

***1 Voice***

***1 Team,***

***which equals Teamwork at its finest.***

***It’s not just about winning or losing, but to learn about teamwork,  
learn about sportsmanship, learn about discipline. The value of  
working together for a common goal. Have the emphasis on  
fundamentals, not just games.’ – Erik Spoelstra***