

## Scholarship Guide Sheet No. 5

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

November 2020

As I am writing this just before Fall Conference, I would like to thank all of the Auxiliaries that took the time to turn their reports in early. I received reports from approximately 1/3 of our auxiliaries. There were a few however that I could not count as reported as they did not fill out the report sheet. Presidents and Chairmen please answer the questions on the report form to the very best of your ability and please either put your Chairman's name or your President's if it is auxiliary shared. I have asked our Scholarship Chairmen to use the report forms provided to them in their packets and for the most part the chairmen have done this. There have been 1 or 2 that have sent me a report on letterhead. I counted them this time but I will not count them for the next reporting cycle. I need you to please use the revised report form that is included in these General Orders. Answering these questions will help me when I turn in my year end report to our National Ambassador. I hope that many of you were able to come out and see us at Fall Conference and that you won some prizes from the many raffle tables. If you were able to donate to my raffle table you have my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I was very saddened to see that not one auxiliary entered the contest challenge for the Scholarship program even with a deadline extension. The second contest is due March 1<sup>st</sup> for what you and your Post did to fund raise for the Patriotic Art Escrow fund. I may cancel it if there is no desire to do it or combine the contest that was due in October with the one due in March if there is sufficient interest. Your feedback is appreciated. I will make my final decision in time for our January General Orders. I was also saddened to learn as many of you no doubt have that the Legislative Conference and Parade of Winners for VOD and Patriot's Pen in D.C. has been cancelled. This is another casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic. National headquarters is trying to work on a virtual awards ceremony. We will look forward to hearing the details of when and where that is going to take place. I have also been told that the Veterans Day parade in Indianapolis has been cancelled and they too are working to hold a virtual parade and awards ceremony.

I hope that everyone has a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. Let's keep thinking out of the box and reaching out doing the very best we can do to meet our program goals for our veterans, their families, our youth and our communities. To the best of my knowledge there has not been an extension of deadlines for any of the contests that fall under the Scholarship program. The deadline for those auxiliaries that have not reported yet is November 15<sup>th</sup>. You may send me as many reports as you want or need to in order to send the most updated information possible but I need at least 2 reports from you by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

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