

## USO – The Force Behind the Forces

How many of you know what the letters U S O stand for? That's right: United Services Organization. I could stand here today and give you the history of the USO but that information is already provided in August General Orders for President's Special Project. The influences and programs of the USO will be addressed in upcoming issues of General Orders.

Who among you is a volunteer for any organization? School, Church, Hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or other organization? How about the USO? Why do you volunteer your time and resources? Because you believe in the value and impact of that organization. Because volunteering where you do, brings more satisfaction to you than the energy you put into it.

If you can't be there physically, the next best thing to offer is your financial resources. I challenge you to donate your change and have fundraisers during President Linda's term. Send your donations to Kasey and report your proceeds to me. Now, I originally thought to collect your spare change here at School of Instruction and our Conferences, but then I had an epiphany. YOU collect those coins at your auxiliary and district meetings and report the collected amounts to me. Every dollar your auxiliary raised through fundraisers will get you closer to your goal of \$3 per member in your auxiliary.

The auxiliary with the largest donation to President's Special Project will have bragging rights in your division and a little something extra.

So, let's put on our thinking caps, make those plans, and get busy putting those plans to work. Good luck!

Thank you, President Linda, for choosing me for this project. I will do my best to make you proud.

P.S. There seems to be some confusion about the raffles. The designated auxiliaries in the named districts are to pool their donation items in one container (basket, bucket, etc.) If the container is purchased, all the auxiliaries in the district should drop a dollar or two to defray the cost of it. Neither the district or Department District Chair is responsible to provide the container. The basket from each district is to be brought to the conference or convention.

This is the schedule for the Fall and Spring Conferences and the convention.

Fall Conference: Even numbered Auxiliaries in Even numbered Districts

Spring Conference: Even numbered Auxiliaries in Odd numbered Districts

Department Convention: Odd numbered Auxiliaries in Even numbered Districts

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