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Happy October, everyone! I hope the month of ghouls and goblins finds you all well and ramping up for lots of work to benefit veterans, their families and our communities over the holiday season. Your Local Auxiliary President will be instrumental in providing guidance and advice to ensure projects meet the needs of those we serve.

The President has many duties. Aside from presiding over meetings, she needs to ensure all members have an equal voice on issues of concern in your auxiliary. She focuses on member inclusion, meaning reaching out to those who do not necessarily come forward on their own, asking about special talents and abilities to find out how those can be best utilized in our mission to help veterans.

A President works to ensure all officers are knowledgeable about their positions and are fulfilling their related duties. She aids with completing service reporting forms, as needed, and makes certain they are sent to the appropriate Department Officer in a timely manner. Service reports provide proof of the good work done by the volunteers at the local auxiliary in helping veterans, military families, children, and the community.

Most importantly, at least in my mind, is the President must use positive leadership skills to promote the highest level of enthusiastic participation by our members. At all times, the President represents the AMVETS organization as well as the Auxiliary and must remember to do so in a respectful, dignified manner. These behaviors are the hallmark of a woman with positive leadership skills.

As President, you have shown commitment and passion for the work we do to help our veterans. Using those behaviors to maintain a positive working relationship with your Auxiliary and your AMVETS ensures you will inspire your members to stay focused on our mutual goal of improving the lives of veterans.

Your Auxiliary members expect you to lead with honesty and integrity which means the President is correctly held to a very high standard of conduct. She represents our organization no matter where she goes. She is accountable for her own actions, as well as those of her local auxiliary members. If she exhibits respectful, dignified, positive behaviors in everything she does on behalf of Auxiliary, the membership will, as well.

Yours in service to Veterans and their Families,

Bert

If you have a topic you would like me to discuss in a future bulletin, pass it along! I can be reached by email at lema81@wowway.com or by phone at 586.214.1019.