



🦈 Grateful Hearts, Strong Auxiliaries 🍁

As we gather around tables this season, it's the perfect time to pause and remember what we're truly thankful for—**our members**. Every single one of you is a vital part of our Auxiliary family, and your presence makes our mission possible.

We're thankful for the ones who show up at every meeting, always ready with a helping hand. We're thankful for the Life Members whose commitment keeps our foundation steady, year after year. We're thankful for the "canteen crowd," the ones who may stop by for a drink or a meal but whose membership still strengthens our numbers and keeps the doors open. We're thankful for the volunteers who put in hours behind the scenes—whether it's cooking, cleaning, decorating, or just showing up with a smile. Lastly, we're thankful for our Auxiliary officers who guide, organize, and keep us moving forward together.

Just like a Thanksgiving feast, every dish on the table has its place—and every member brings something valuable to our Auxiliary. From the turkey to the cranberry sauce, from the mashed potatoes to the pumpkin pie, it all comes together to make something memorable.

🍁 Small, Simple Ways to Say "Thank You"

- **Handwritten notes** tucked into meeting agendas or left at the canteen.
 - **Candy treats with little tags** ("You're sweet to our Auxiliary!").
- **Shout-outs on social media** or in the newsletter to highlight contributions.
- **Small tokens** like a Buddy Poppy pin, a magnet, or even a sticker of appreciation.
- **Verbal thanks** at meetings—calling someone out for their efforts goes a long way.
- **Special recognition tables** (for officers, Life Members, or frequent volunteers) with a little sign that says "Reserved for Our VIPs."

🦈 Thanking Our Veterans and Community

We would be remiss if we didn't extend our deepest gratitude to the veterans we serve and the community that supports us. Veterans are the reason we exist—the true centerpiece of our table of service. To them, we say: *thank you for your sacrifice, your courage, and your example.*

And to our community partners, friends, and neighbors who stand beside us—whether through donations, volunteer hours, or showing up at our events—we are so very grateful. Your support keeps our mission alive and helps us continue to serve in meaningful ways.

This Thanksgiving season, let's remember: **together, we are stronger, together, we are family, and together, we can serve with grateful hearts.** Don't forget to show off your "thankful for..." membership activities.

🍁 **A Personal Note:** As we celebrate this season of gratitude, **I want to thank each of you** across the Department of Arizona for the heart, time, and energy you pour into keeping our membership strong and growing. I'm truly thankful for all you do. 🦈