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As I write this ebulletin for February I am sitting quietly on a cold and snowy day very grateful for just having arrived home from a very warm and restoring midwinter conference in Cancun Mexico. It was very well attended by around 300 members and guests from across the entire US. A lot of meaningful and creative conversations went on and some amazing ideas on how to serve veterans, families and communities exchanged. It was a great place to interact with people such as national officers and employees to get to know them better. All the Big 10 Presidents were in attendance, and we had some meaningful conversations among us and exchanged information on Big 10 conference in the fall in Iowa.

I look at February as the month to show our veterans, families and communities some extra love and appreciation as we celebrate St. Valentines Day. There are many of them that live alone or in senior living centers and nursing homes. I appreciate all the auxiliaries that are planning to make or have youth make valentine cards, small gifts and special treats to deliver to those that live in our communities. I know that they are greatly appreciated, and many look forward to the cards, visits and treats. Please take pictures and share them on the Historian/Media Relations Facebook page or send to Kim and she will post them on the Department page so other auxiliaries can see what you are doing. I wish all of you a month filled with love as you are greatly appreciated by me for all your service to others. Many of you are very busy working, taking care of family members and the elderly in your communities and need to take care of yourself also. I am available for a phone call, email or visit and would love to hear from you just to chat or discuss problems or concerns you or your auxiliary are encountering. If your auxiliary is planning any special event and you let me know when and where it is I would love to attend it and assist with it in any way needed. I have been able to participate in several events this year and really enjoy seeing auxiliaries in action.

Happy Valentines Month!

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