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- Welcome to fall. As the leaves turn color, and the crops are harvested we have a lot to be thankful for. This past weekend a very successful Fall Conference was held at Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma S.D. Friday evening started the weekend with Budget and Audit Meetings as well as setting up tables for program training on Saturday afternoon. Saturday morning started with a Council meeting at which Kim Vennard was elected as Department Guard to fill the vacancy left by Paul Steele. Kim has been in the position before and will do an excellent job. Kim was installed in the office along with Dave and Pam Gillespe as Flag and Banner bearers who had not been installed at the Department meeting in June. Saturday afternoon started with a Representative from TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) presentation followed by Karen Sharp presenting Auxiliary Revitalization and Mentoring. Nancy Chester presented Malta training and how to locate various programs in it. (Ask someone who was there about the lights.) Before programs training began all the Program Chairmen presented a fun and informative candy bar skit about the program, they are Chairman of. It was a fun way to learn a basic lesson on the importance of each program. The afternoon continued with Programs Training, Website training, Treasurer and Audit training and a TAPS information table. The attendees received a lot of information to take home to their auxiliaries for training.

The Ways and Means table consisted of items for sale as well as a silent auction in which the baskets and items were donated by Auxiliaries across the state and raised funds for the Hospital program. Thank you to all the auxiliaries who donated items and all attendees who bid on the items. A total of \$670.00.

Important Dates: 10/07 Global War on Terrorism and Desert Storm Veteran Day; 10/21 National Pets for Veterans Day; 10/26 Day of the Deployed

10/31 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN entries due to post and auxiliary chairmen.

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