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Paving the way to build a stronger foundation and support for our Veterans, Military and their families!!!

I hope your start of the year was productive. I totally understand that you all have your traditions. As you trolled through your ideas, I hoped you had the chance to vision what your year might look like for the future months. You needed to reflect on the past, see what you have accomplished and aim for the stars on the layers of bricks you lay. They do not all have to be successful at least you took the unpredicted turn, and you leveled out some of the bumps in the frame or road.

- Hopefully you all have been scoping out the member of the year from the unit and jotting down the reason they should be named. I'm hopping in April that each unit will share with me that member. We all have them, they just need that recognition, they are comfortable and eager to help they just do not want to leave the unit to move up.

- All of our seasoned leaders, I hope you've been listening to all those willing to share ideas and encourage them to lead the group in their endeavors. They are comfortable with them self, but does not let their own personal compass control what is good for the group. Willing to expand with input and always learning. Do you make them feel that they can approach you with questions? Everyone wants to feel safe and acceptable and if they don't, they want be back.
- How is the GNOME – Getting New and Old Members Educated on the life of our great organization with the academic classes from the basic training from the academy. How many have viewed some and learned something new from it each time they reviewed? The reason is just like time, we change. It helps the new understand our great organization and what we are about. We all know our why and now it is WHAT are we going to do about enhancing and smoothing our programs to benefit our Veterans, National Security with the Active duty and their families, Children and Youth and put Americanism in our communities.
- We still have a few missions training for leadership available Des Moines, Iowa January 25th, Las Vegas, Nev or Boston, Mass. Both February 1st. I will be at Iowa and hope you can join me.

- Leadership can come from many parts of our Auxiliary whether it is serving on the executive board or chairmanship. It could also be in the process.
- Also looking for those to move up the chain to the next level. Then you are looking on more involvement and commitment. If you engaged in finding ways to help make better lives for our Veterans and the four pillars welcome aboard. We have many seasoned Auxiliary to help guided you and endeavors in your new ideas that enhances our program. Please share to the units your interest and we will get you started on coming to district and division meetings. Plus being at the Department Convention where the year is shared on all accomplishments.
- Please email and mail to all the leadership chairs including units. WHAT are you now doing to show leadership for our organization?
- Send pictures and blurbs to Sue Johnson americandancer13@gmail.com. I would love to share with our state and national. If you just want to talk I can do that too! One brick at a time, using skills, and proper technique we can build roads and sky scrapers that leads the way to building brighter futures for our Veterans.