



Department of California
District 28

District President's Report
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Hello everyone,

I hope you had a lovely holiday season, and your New Year is off to a great start. It's hard to believe that this Auxiliary year is over halfway done. Your midyear reports showcased your hard work on the programs. It is truly inspiring to know that each unit is having a positive impact on their community and the lives of veterans and their families in their own unique ways. Robin just shared with us a quick sampling.

I wholeheartedly believe that District officers are putting in the extra time and effort needed to help mentor and guide our Units. I am very proud of their hard work and dedication to the Auxiliary mission and their willingness to share their knowledge.

I had the opportunity to meet with Madame President Glenda and 1st Vice President Linda Hayes via Zoom for our pre-DEC District President meeting last week. We had a great meeting and I loved being able to share your successes. But I also had to share some of our challenges. One of which is our Units struggle with completing all portions of the tax and financial reporting. Sadly, out of 9 Units, we only have 2 units who have completed all required portions. This 2nd part of the year, Sherryl and I agree that we need to do some more work to help as many of you as we can to become fully compliant. Taxes are a necessary evil but one that is important because they demonstrate to the public that we are legitimate, ethical, and transparent with how we spend our money in support of our missions.

Also in the next upcoming months, Robin will be scheduling a required training for all chairmen on the topic of end-of-year reports and report writing. District 28 Units do many great things, and I want us to share it with Department which then can also be forwarded on to National. So, I am challenging each Unit to have 100%

on-time reporting for their end-of-year reports and supplementals. I haven't figured out exactly yet what the prize will be for Units that meet this challenge, but I'll be sure to announce full details at our next meeting. Unit Presidents, be on the lookout for more information to come and start planning now for ways your unit can accomplish this challenge.

In the meantime, several District 28 members and I will be attending DEC in Sacramento later this week. I'm sure we will come back with nuggets of information to share. I also have two more official visits scheduled. Seaside Unit 591 has invited me to their February 1st meeting, but I am trying to see if we can push it to March or April once they are in their newly opened building. On March 14th, I will have my official visit with Salinas Unit 31. Thank you to Gonzales Unit 81, Carmel Unit 512, Cecil M Anderson Unit 589, and Monterey Cypress Unit 694 for hosting wonderful official visits, I greatly value the time I was able to spend with your members. Lastly, I hope schedules can be coordinated so that by May I may visit Monterey, Hollister and Prunedale.

Please continue to keep the mission of the Auxiliary in mind as you go about your daily tasks. Also, please keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. And thank you for everything you do.

This concludes my report.