



**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
District 28
Unit 694 President Report**

March 2022

Madame President, Officers, and Members of the Auxiliary,

Unit 694 has been busy over the past two months. We have been working hard on membership and are happy to announce that we now have just collected the dues to push us over goal. This puts our membership numbers at 14 juniors and 154 seniors, for a total of 168 members. That's 2 more than our goal of 166.

While we are renewing and adding new members, we also lost 2 members. In February we draped the Charter for Dolores Foster who passed in August. Dolores was a member of the Auxiliary for 51 years. Then just this past weekend, Ethel (Thelma) Milburn passed away. Ethel was a member for over 40 years. Our thoughts and condolences go out to their families, and we will miss their years of service.

This President also wanted to take time to share more upbeat news. On February 24th, we had 56 painters come and create unique and beautiful sunset paintings. The post was hopping with people, the kitchen was super busy, and the hall was filled with people reconnecting and having a great time. Our very first Paint (& Sip) Fundraiser to support our Scholarship fund was a huge success and we raised \$675! So we are excited to announce that we will be doing another to kick off Poppy Month. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30th. Our SALs will be cooking up Tacos for lunch beginning at 12 noon and we will begin the painting at 1pm. Jessica, our painting instructor, has created a custom red poppy painting just for our event. The cost will again be \$35 per painter and tacos from the SALs will be 2 for \$6. More details and a flyer will be forthcoming.

Lastly, Unit 694 exemplified the Auxiliary's "In Service, Not Self" vision. Members present at our Unit meeting last week approved numerous donations above and beyond those we had budgeted and already made this year. Funds were donated to Post 694, the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, the California Disaster Fund, the Thomas Carmen Food Pantry, Children's Miracle Network, G.I. Josie, Wish List items for the VTC, the United Veterans Council of Monterey County and Hope for Ukraine. One member personally donated \$50 to increase an approved donation to provide more to a cause they felt deeply about. And \$100 was received from an auxiliary member who was asked to present \$100 from their local Moose Riders for the VTC wish lists. It was an exciting meeting and the grand total for donations to be distributed was \$4,836.67.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
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