



American Legion Auxiliary
District 28

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Floor Report
November 16, 2025

Madame President Linda, Officers, Chairmen, and Guests:

There are several important military dates that we acknowledge during December: December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 13th is the National Guard Birthday and National Wreaths Across America Day; and on December 20th we celebrate the Space Force Birthday!

This year the National Auxiliary added two components to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program. The **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors**, or TAPS, enables us to work together to honor and assist military families through coordinated outreach, advocacy, and community-based initiatives, and enables unit members to speak from an informed place on service and support that may be found for survivors in their local area.

The second component is **Quilts of Valor Foundation**, which since their inception in 2003, have donated more than 400,000 handmade quilts to US service members. The quilts provide comfort, and in some cases healing to a lonely soldier.

Please refer to the November VAR Bulletin which is in your Unit packet for the website addresses for both of these organizations.

It was brought to my attention that members and units are donating items to the Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Marina VA facilities without donation sheets. The Auxiliary cannot receive proper credit for those donations unless a donation sheet is completed by the donor and signed by a VA official. Please see VAVS Representative Connie Raya if you need donation sheets.

And as if you haven't heard it enough times today...Unit VAR mid-year reports are due to this Chair by December 1st. Reporting forms are in your Unit packets. Please note that this chairman will NOT accept "no activity" reports for VAR. Donations, volunteer hours and dollars spent for veterans are all reportable. The Unit President will be contacted if a no activity report is submitted by a Unit for VAR.

Susan Baker, District 28 Chairman
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation