

Historian Mid-Year Report

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Long Beach Marriott

Hello to all the Beachcombers (AKA Historians) in the room. A Big Hound Doggie Thank you for your Mid-Year Reports. Receiving 15 Districts and 6 Unit reports was so great that I couldn't stop reading all that y'all accomplished this first part of our year. I was truly excited to see all your activities during this pesty pandemic. And to those that have been posting on your Facebook pages – thank you to you too. I have been filing away all of your post to download to President Dee Ann's Flashdrive for safe keeping.

Now for a summary of what everyone has done so far:

- Installation of Unit/District Officers
- Participating in Patriotic Holidays – Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, 4th of July and September 11th Remembrance Day
- Holding meetings both "in person" and "Zooming"
- Delivering School supplies, backpacks, and laptops to schools, military bases and to kids in Juvenal detention centers.
- You have held Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners
- Holding socials and fundraisers
- Placing flags on Veteran's Graves at cemeteries
- Held Flag retirement ceremonies
- Welcome Home Military Heroes events – honoring veterans
- Recognizing your Girls State Citizens by holding Social teas, and when the return to luncheons.
- Volunteered at Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans, and Veteran's needing help with VA services
- Supported your local Veteran's Homes and Medical Centers
- Laid wreaths – during the Wreaths Across American Day

- Visited Skid Row finding Homeless Veteran's in need – bring them with warm dinners, baked goods, coffee, clothes, and hygiene kits.
- Participated in Relay for Life for Cancer Runs – in honor of close friends and relatives – raising funds to help find cures and step up awareness for this deadly disease.
- Holding Children events for Halloween (trunk or treats) and Christmas parties.
- Packing, and shipping (twice so far) USPS Express Boxes for the Active Military in Kuwait, IRAN, Japan, and many other bases. Total boxes – 140 – 169.
- Holding and honoring WWII Veteran's by inviting them to a luncheon in their honor.
- Participating in Parades, for all Holidays,
- Honoring Teachers during Teachers Appreciation Month
- Held Blood drives for the American Red Cross at your Post Homes
- Worked along side your American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders – working as a FAMILY.

I could go on and on, there was truly so many events reported by just a few of our Districts and Units, it was just so exciting to read everything that you all have done. All of this information will be included in this years Department of California's Written History to let everyone know what you all do. Please keep up the awesome work and I can't wait to hear from everyone at the end of the year.

One last thing – I just wanted to let you all know – there isn't just one Historian in a District or Unit – Because everyone in this room is a Historian, write down what you and your unit has planned, or has accomplished. Then at the end of the year, bring it to the meeting that the End of Year reports are completed – you'll have all of your information to complete all of the reports at hand. Just remember –

Upon the records, the Unit history is written

Upon the Unit history the District history is written

Upon the District history the Department history is written

And upon the Department history the National history is written.

That concludes my Mid-Year Report Madame President. Thank you for this appointment, I truly enjoy seeing what everyone is accomplishing and how they are getting it done. Ok, Beachcombers – remember to “Hang Ten”, be safe and have fun doing it.

