



## Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

### Mid-Year Report 2021-2022

WOW you've all certainly made Madam President Dee Ann proud. You have not only caught the wave you have been riding on top of the wave for the first half of the year. I received reports from 25 Districts with some fantastic stories. A lot of them were forwarded to our National Chairman and I received some great feedback. I would love to share some of them with you.

My Thank You to all of you that participated in our effort to proclaim the month of November as "Veterans and Military Family Month". I received many stories and great pictures of our members receiving their Proclamations from their Cities and Counties.

Early in our year many of our Northern California Counties were devastated from the Dixie and Caldor Wildfires. Our Legion Families went immediately to work. They worked countless hours collecting supplies and necessities and delivering truck load after truck load to those families that were left with nothing. It amazes me how fast we can all pull together and work with so much love, compassion and kindness when we feel the need to help others.

November had many of our Units working in honor "**Women Veterans Appreciation Month**". We worked together as Legion Families reaching out to local Women's Clinics, handing out goodie bags. We adopted low-income women veteran's families and provided food baskets for Thanksgiving meals to those families in need. They participated in the "**Underserved Female Veterans Project**".

Districts from all over the state sent wonderful stories and pictures of their Legion Families participating in “**Wreaths Across America**” in our beautiful California Veterans Cemeteries. Many hours were spent raising money to purchase the wreaths and cleaning the cemeteries. Then came the great honor of the placing those wreaths in December. Thank You all for a Job well done by our members.

Moving our National President’s Mission of “**Caring for those who care for others**” forward, I will share some of the work that our members selflessly do. We spend hours (too many to have an accurate count) taking care of our veterans in their homes. We drive them to their appointments and treatments. We monitor their medicines by tracking them, ordering them when needed and most importantly making sure that they are taken as prescribed. We make sure they are clean, clothed and well fed. We make a special effort to care for their children and make sure they receive the care and love that they are so deserve. Our Representatives and Deputies have reported on the work that they lovingly do so well for our Veterans that are in the hospital or homes and for the ones that visit our out-patient clinics. These Veterans and their children were shown a lot of appreciation and love during the Christmas Season with lunches, dinners, food baskets, visits when permitted and countless gifts for them and their families. Some Units held recreational activities for Veterans in the homes. One Unit provided over 150 haircuts with beard trims to our Veterans. Another Unit presented a Quilt of Valor to a 100 year old Veteran. Madam President we are definitely **Care-Givers**.

Our members have reported that they, along with their Legion Families donated thousands of dollars and worked tirelessly in Standdowns for our Veterans all over our great state. They donated warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, personal necessities, meals, snacks and lots of well deserved love and kindness to our Veterans.

Madam President this concludes my report.

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