



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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I would like to express my appreciation to the Lady Liberties who sent in a Mid-Year Report. I was happy to brag about the many ways in which you carried out the goals of the Americanism Program. Many of you organized drive by celebrations for Patriotic Holidays as well as participating in Get Out the Vote by transporting citizens to their polling places. Flags were donated to businesses in your communities and you encouraged new members to fly their flags daily.

In January Department DEC met by Zoom. Many officers, chairman and District Presidents were present to give reports and share information. Essay Titles for the 2021-22 school year were approved and will be put on the Department Website in April. A special thank you to Susie Tozier and Lorinda Dowden for submitting titles for consideration.

There is still time to plan some Patriotic Events in your communities. Whether or not we are able to share in Memorial Day Ceremonies please consider placing flags on the graves of veterans to honor our fallen. This is something we can do while maintaining social distancing and wearing our masks.

Consider distributing Certificates of Appreciation to homes in your neighborhoods for displaying their flags. Along with the certificate, provide information about the Legion Family and be sure to enclose membership applications. If you need help with certificates, let me know so that I can email a sample to you.

This year has been extremely difficult with the COVID however, I am hoping you were able to continue with the Essay Contest. It is important for us to be flexible to enable us the continuation of this program when schools re-open for in person attendance. First Place Essays only, in each category are due to the District Chairman by April 16th. District Chairmen will forward First Place Essays in each category to me by April 16. *The Essay Title on the National Level remains the same as last year. If a student wrote an essay last year and wishes to participate this year, they must submit an original essay. Essays from last year have been kept and any duplicates will be disqualified.*

Now is the time to start gathering information for the end of year reports which are due to your District Chairman by April 9th. District Chairmen your report is due to me by May 1st. I look forward to receiving your reports and hearing of your many accomplishments.

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

~Abraham Lincoln

In Service Not Self!
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