

March 2021 – Historian
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Can you believe it? Our year is almost coming to a close. I am looking forward to receiving all of your End of Year SUMMARIES of what your Unit and District has accomplished during this very unusual year. Because I truly believe that the American Legion Auxiliary can overcome ANYTHING that comes our way. Especially during this past year and half with this COVID19 pandemic. For what I have seen on your Facebook postings, your Units and Districts haven't stopped serving our Veteran's, their Families, and our Communities. Please, when completing your End of Year Reports, PLEASE don't just write "N/A" or "NOTHING DONE". Just take a moment and remember all of the Breakfast, lunch, or dinners that you service through "take-out", "curbside" or even "delivery". Those are items that can be reported in your yearly summary. And what about those collections for school supplies, diapers, clothes, food banks, blankets, troop boxes, and a whole lot more. I want to hear about EVERYTHING you have done so I can proudly report it in my End of Year Report and the Department Written History. Let's show the rest of the world what CALIFORNIA has done, even through a pandemic.

As I requested in my last bulletin, I really do need a summary for 2019-2020 activities too. The Department written history will take in two years of History – YOUR history!! That's why I need YOUR help to write an accurate accounting of all of YOUR accomplishments. So, here's your assignment – please send me your 2019-2020 summary by March 31st so I can get ahead start on that year. Then when you turn in your 2020-2021 EOY & Summary by April 9th to your District Historian/President please "cc" me a copy of your summary so I can get started on our 2019-2021 Written History of California.

Also, if you have taken any pictures during 2019-2021 (President Kathie's Year's) please send those to me too. One small request, if sending me printed 4 x 6 color pictures, please attach a post-a-note on the back to let me know Who, What, When and Where it was taken. You can also send them via email if that would be easier (jeancooley45@gmail.com) but once again, I will need to know Who, What, When and Where it was taken so I can label them correctly.

As I said before – these past years have been very unusual, but I know that the members of ALL of the California American Legion Auxiliary Units and Districts didn't let a little thing like a Pandemic stop you from serving our Veteran's, their Families, or YOUR communities. The Auxiliary always finds a way to get things done. And as your Department Historian – I AM SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!!!

I look forward to getting your summaries and your pictures. Let's go out with a HUGE BANG and give President Kathie something to remember after she leaves office in June.