

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
HISTORIAN**

Bulletin #9 - October

For those of you still holding "Trucks or Treat" events, please remember to take pictures and send them to me. We all know that it's not going to be the "Normal" Halloween events/parties this year, but what ever you do hold for the neighborhood children, remember to wear your mask and please be safe.

Also, we all know that most Post/Legions have been closed due to the COVID19 Pandemic, and there hasn't been many activities being held. This Archiver has noticed on Facebook that there have been many "pick up and go" breakfasts, lunches and dinners being held. Has there been any pictures taken showing the great support the Auxiliary is giving to their Post? Would love to receive some of them so they can be put into President Kathie's Memory Book. Please forward any that you might have, and if there was a flyer for advertising the event, please include that too. Let's give her a "fat" book for her to look through after her two long year's are over.

There is no reason why you shouldn't be able to take that important, impromptu, or crazy picture. We all have phones that have cameras and we usually are never without them. Be sure to remember to get your Junior Historians involved too. This year there will be simpler instructions for everyone to be able to make up a Picture History Book and Written History too. They are on the Website now so you all can take a look and start those Written/Picture Books. Just remember --- your year is from 07/2019 to 06/2021, UNLESS you changed your President in 2020, then you will be writing and taking pictures for TWO separate years. IF you did change Presidents for 2020-2021 then you will be making TWO different books. Please be sure to bring both if this was the case to the Convention in June 2021. They both will be judged.

This year, there will NOT be a category for CD/Flash drive Histories. After much discussion with the National Historian and our Department President, it was decided since this was ONLY a California contest, we will not be having it this year.

A couple of projects that the National Historian has asked for the participation in:

"Member Remember" History Project, and the "Veterans History Project". This will require a Senior/Junior TEAM because this is a TWO-person project.

For the "Member Remember", seek out a long-time member, so you can highlight their years in the Auxiliary. Ask them to share their stories of being an Auxiliary member, find out what was the if there are one of the original charter members of that Unit. If they are, ask about their experience in starting up their unit. Ask about their "eligibility" person, find out how many

generations of their family have been members of the American Legion Family. Make a Video of the interview and also take plenty of pictures while interviewing.

The second project is the Veterans History Project. I have attached one of the flyers for this project for your convenience. For the complete Kit that is required to complete this project is on their website – <http://www.loc.gov/vets/kit.html> to download and save. All forms are “fillable” so all you will need to do is type in your report, save a copy and then print it out. It’s a great time for a Junior to interview a Veteran and have them share their stories about their service. All of this information will be collected and mailed to Veterans History Project in the Library of Congress, Washington DC.

Keep your Camera’s/Phones handy at all time you never know when you might just get that perfect picture. And also have a small note pad to write down – Who was in the pictures, what were they doing, where was it taken and the event it was at.

Please remember – No Alcohol in any pictures.

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