

American Legion Auxiliary
Western Division
Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation

Newsletter



National President
Kathy Daudistel
*"Caring For Those Who
Care For Others"*

*American Legion
Auxiliary
Certificate of
Appreciation for
Caregivers located at:
ALAFORVeterans.org*

Happy Holidays Western Division VA&R Team,

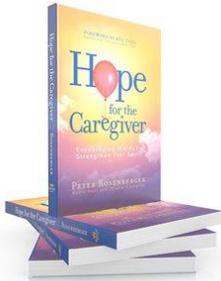
Historically the month of December has been a time for receiving our Mid-Year reports, hence no more mid-year reporting – let us reach out to units the importance of still sending in their events as they happen along with photos and a snippet tell-tale of the event while it is still fresh. Encourage each of you to visit and share stories at the American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Facebook page.

As we parachute into the holiday season, I continue to emphasize the focus for our National President – Kathy Daudistel, 'Caring for Those who Care For Others'. As you prepare for your Department Conferences/Conventions – should the National President Kathy Daudistel be visiting your departments she would like to recognize caregivers. In your shared planning with department leadership begin thinking of Caregivers to present and recognized by President Daudistel during her visit.



Also recognizing our National Commanders focuses for 2021-2022 and National President Daudistel.

- The American Legion- National Commander Paul E. Dillard
"No Veteran Left Behind"
- Sons of American Legion – Commander Michael Fox
"Flying Flags for Heroes"
- American Legion Auxiliary - Kathy Daudistel
"Caring For Those Who Care For Others"



Hope for the Caregiver:
Encouraging Words to
Strengthen Your Spirit
written by Peter
Rosenberger shares
relatable experiences
from his 30-plus years as
a caregiver.

*For more Info Visit:
[ALAFORVeterans.org/blog/
book-provides-hope-for-
caregivers](http://ALAFORVeterans.org/blog/book-provides-hope-for-caregivers)*

The Center for Women Veterans has developed a survey designed to help us understand why women Veterans are not accessing their benefits and services. The survey is completely **anonymous**, takes less than **five minutes** and in January we will release a Spanish and Tagalog version. The CWV goal is to get at least 20,000 women Veterans to respond to the survey. The most important message to remember is this: **this survey is for women Veterans who do NOT use their VA benefits and services**. Please share the multiple flyers with UR-Codes for easy accessibility to the survey.



Adopt-a-Veteran or Family

AARP has created a Caregiver Guide, it is a great resource, I personally like how throughout the guide you will find snippets at the bottom of pages of where to find help information listed, this is an awesome ideal and great resource. Please disseminate.

VAVS being a subcommittee of the VA&R program is just as important to monitor and stay abreast with your VAVS representatives in the same manner as with your VA&R chairs. Please encourage the VAVS representatives to keep you abreast of VAVS meetings as well as to share minutes of meetings they have attended.

VAVS team is gathering data as it relates to the American Legion Auxiliary goals and the impact numbers. Please review the VAVS Department Goal document attached, this form to be completed after March 31, 2022.

May this holiday season be filled with joy, prosperity and love. Wishing each of you warm greetings. Each of you are Shining Stars!

Happy Holidays.

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