

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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Greetings to all American Legion Auxiliary sisters. We just returned from the National convention in Reno, Nv, where your delegates and alternates represented you proudly. It was a very tiring week but it is always exciting and interesting to represent the Department of California with all its wonderful District delegates. What a great Department of Super Heroes we have.

Probably the item from convention of most interest to the general membership of the Department of California is that the national organization proposed an increase of \$3.00 in the national per capita and it was voted in by the delegation. It will not affect your dues collected for this year but units may want to prepare the proper documents to raise their dues for 2019. Unfortunately, this becomes necessary as our economy progresses and costs go up. Also, greatly affecting the budgets of all phases of the Auxiliary, is the noticeable drop in membership. This is one motivation, besides our love of and belief in our organization, to go after those available members out there. I know this is distressing news to many, but we will survive. Our organization is still the greatest (and the most reasonable dues) to be a part of. "Let us rejoice and be glad in it".

Also, dear members, as you know our Secretary, Ruby Kapsalis, has had to retire because of health issues. Anyone interested or willing to take on the esteemed position of Secretary of the greatest organization ever, please let myself (President Loretta Marsh, marshlh@att.net, 805-929-3811) or Secretary Pro-tem (Terry Mikesell stevebow@c-zone.net, 530-221-6248) know. We would LOVE to hear from you.

Also, our special to our hearts membership clerk in the Department office, Julie, has resigned to move on to another position. We will miss her tremendously, but having said that we have to acknowledge we need to replace her. If anyone has a desire to serve in this capacity or knows someone that would be, please contact the department office for an application. We are asking for all your help. Your input matters.

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