

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
November, 2017**

Dear members,

Can you believe we are going into the Holiday Season already? I know everyone will be extremely busy the next couple of months making sure our Veterans are well taken care of for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all other special days in their lives. We have three department workshops and thanks to leadership chairman, Linda, several district workshops behind us. So everyone is in full gear and working hard on their programs. Unfortunately, I do not have as many official visits done as I would like but I will be working double time soon to catch up.

In between all the festivities don't forget to get your reservations in for DEC hotel and banquet. And I am looking forward to seeing a good showing of Reps or Deps at the luncheon on Friday morning.

And a SPECIAL ATTENTION NOTE TO ALL DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN: please plan to participate in our Friday afternoon Super Hero's Arcade by planning a game for everyone to participate in and provide information of interest for your program. That is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday afternoon. All members and guests are encouraged to attend this event then top off your evening at the membership payoff party. You are encouraged to wear your capes or masks. Most of all learn and HAVE FUN!

Other important dates to mark your calendar for is the National Mission Training Session in Las Vegas on February 3, 2018. And our National President's visit is scheduled for May 4th and 5th. The agenda to be announced later. We sometimes get questions as to why the National President activities take place in the same places every year. Districts or units wishing to play hostess are welcome to make their desires known. Contact myself or the Distinguished Guest Chairman to see what is expected. We have had wonderful cooperation and accommodations in past.

I want to remind you of my special project and ask for your full support for such a worthwhile project. As I am sure you know by now, I am raising funds to purchase a very special service dog for very special Heroes, those suffering from extreme trauma. The project is "Paws for Purple Hearts". And as the name implies these dogs are specially trained for those that have given the extra measure. Please consider supporting this project.

If you still have President's pins you haven't sold I ask you to bring this up to your members to purchase them and return any sales moneys you have collected to the department office as soon as possible. If you need more pins, I have them available. Remember, this revenue is important.

Until my December letter, dear auxiliary sisters, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember our veterans on November 11th.

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