



## Department of California Leadership Bulletin – February 2018

Our DEC Mid-Year meeting was fantastic; I hope that you were able to make it. There was a lot of great information shared by all of the Chairmen.

The reports that I received for my Mid-Year report were greatly appreciated. I reported that everyone has been doing a great job. I reported that you have been adhering to the proper procedure to open your meetings, you are mentoring, attending workshops and putting on your own workshops. I would like to give a couple of “Dino Roars” for some exceptional work, Tamara Duran – District 25, with the help of her District, put together an excellent Leadership Information binder. Also, Mildred Roberts – District 22 sent me a fantastic report with newspaper clippings and pictures and District 22 Leadership Chairman Donna Smith held a joint Leadership Workshop with the Legion and the Sons of the Legion in attendance. I’d like to see us do more combined Legion Family workshops or information sharing. Way to go Ladies.

Since our first Department workshop in August 2017 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building the Leadership Team, which I have dubbed the “Three Stooges”, have held four more Department workshops and are preparing to hold one at the Marina Post 694 on January 19 – Contact Susan Baker (831) 917-7820 and then Cambria on Saturday – January 24 – you can contact me about this one and on March 11 – District 6/Unit 521 – Rio Linda – Contact Glenda Schultz (916) 335-3345. All three of these are requesting reservations. Remember EVERYONE is invited to attend so if it is close to you please try and come, I think you will find it fun and very informative. There should be flyers on the website, [www.calegionaux.org](http://www.calegionaux.org). You can see that your Leadership Team has been very busy. To date we have certified and re-certified over 130 leaders and have had 65 receiving white participation cards. I have had 4 members that have taken the National Leadership Correspondence course and exam.

Oh by the way, my team is the Three Stooges “Curly” Tracy Varnell Fercho-Unit 741, “Larry” Jeri Adams-Unit 741 and myself “Moe”. Now if this doesn’t peak your interest to see what we do and why we are called the Three Stooges I don’t know what will.

At these workshops our goal is not only to go over the required materials to be a Certified Workshop but we try to teach the members how to put on their own workshops by giving them the tools to keep their

audience participating. A few of the ideas that we have used are: To make BINGO cards containing words that I know will be used during the workshop and as the member hears the word on their card they mark it till they have a BINGO. This keeps them listening and entertained; Another tool we use is the reward system, each time they participate they received a ticket and at the end of the workshop they count their tickets and go shopping in our little store. You'd be surprised how competitive we can be but it is lots of fun. I also believe that if you touch the handouts and form your own booklet you take ownership and are more likely to remember to look at it later rather than me handing you a prepared booklet. This also saves me a lot of time.

As California has been reeling from the natural disasters that have besieged our state I want to say how proud I am of our Auxiliary members that jumped into action showing their leadership skills in helping organize fundraising, clothing drives and support for the victims of these events as well as events nationwide.

Please start right now making notes for your end of year report. A suggestion when doing your reports is to have all members of your Unit come to a casual Pizza night and bring the report forms for all the end of year reporting and go over them together. This makes is fun, not such a hard task, what one member remembers maybe another did not and best of all you can usually send them off immediately. I am in hopes that some of you might write a supplemental. I know that seems a daunting task but it's just the story of what your Unit and or District has been doing. I am here to help you if you need help to do this.

Keep up the good work.

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