

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
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Dear Officers, Chairman, and Members,

We have the holiday season and the mid-year DEC behind us, now we are on the downhill side of our year, preparing for all of the end of the year responsibilities. If you were able to attend the DEC, thank you, I hope you had a good time and found it well worth your while. If not, you were missed and I hope whatever circumstances that prevented you from attending are much improved.

If you don't already know, Terry Mikesell was installed as Secretary. She has volunteered to remain in the position and help us until Convention at which time we will need to elect a new Secretary. So, if you, or a member you know, are qualified and willing, please make it known to me or Vice President Joan Cannon. There is also still the position of membership clerk in the department office that is open and needs to be filled.

If you are a department chairman, I hope your yearend report forms are updated and on the web site. All chairmen please note the deadlines and adhere to them. It starts with the units so unit presidents need to see that all their chairmen get their reports in ON TIME. If not you will either hold up your district chairman's report or not get your information included and that would be a shame after you worked so hard. And if your district chairman does not get her report in on time she can expect a call from her department chairman. (Right Department Chairman?)

All units should be aware by now of the raise in National Per Capita of \$3.00 per Sr. member and \$1.25 per junior member. This means the Department will be forwarding more of what you send in on to National leaving them with a smaller portion to operate on and in the case of junior dues a negative. If units will need to be raising their dues, please check your constitution and by-laws or standing rules, (whichever you have your dues structure in) and proceed with any changes you need to make. If you have questions contact your Department Constitution and By-laws chairman, Jean Cooley-Desmules and she will be happy to help you. I know some of you have already taken care of this which is good because the time to get it done this year is running out quickly.

I hope you can attend at least one of the National President's visitations (Northern or Southern) that are planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> (South) and May 5<sup>th</sup> (North). Plans are being made by the Chairman and details will be posted very soon.

My Homecoming has gone on the calendar for April 14<sup>th</sup>. This a little earlier than I would have liked but the facility was only available on that date. It will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg. in Santa Maria. A flyer will be on the website soon. You are all invited and I would be so proud and happy to see you there.

Have a great February and I will talk to you again in March if I don't see you before that.

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