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Greetings from the Department of Health and Human Services – or VA & R Program, as assigned by Madame President Glenda for the 2023-24 Auxiliary year.

A quick look at the State of California website revealed that Health and Human Services (HHS) provides oversight to departments and state entities that support our most vulnerable citizens. The HHS mission is to work together with counties and cities to make the State a healthy place to live, play, work and learn. Likewise, the ALA Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program oversees the work done by our Districts and Units to improve the quality of life for all California veterans. The head of California's HHS is the Secretary, so this VA & R Chairman will also be known as the Secretary; District chairmen will be Administrative Assistants and Unit chairmen will be Administrative Aides.

Throughout the year I will be sharing with you information received from the National and Western Division VA&R chairmen. Program details for 2023-24 will be forthcoming after National Convention concludes on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, my plan is to produce monthly bulletins which will be emailed to District chairmen and posted on the Department website. District chairmen are asked to share these bulletins with their Unit counterparts as soon as possible. At this time all District VA&R chairmen should be obtaining contact information for each of their Unit chairmen. Please remember, any chairman who doesn't have an email address will need to receive their copies via US mail.

The Clovis Workshop VA&R packets contain valuable information on this program. It is hoped that District VA&R chairmen will review the documents provided and share them with their Unit counterparts as soon as possible. Good communication is one of the major keys for success, so let's all make the effort to provide our chairmen with the tools and know-how that will make California's VA & R program a united and successful endeavor this year!

California – United as One,

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