



American Legion Auxiliary  
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## **Department Secretary Report Convention 2024**

Another year has flown by. I feel like we were just here, tolerating the valley's heat. I'd like to welcome you all to the Marriott in Visalia. Congratulations to Dee Ann and her crew for all the hard work getting this convention up and running this year. Kudos to Glenda on an amazing year. I feel like a lot has been accomplished this year as Department of California. We still have a lot to work on, but we definitely made some positive progress. I bet you're both ready for a long nap. I know I am.

The Department Office has been really quiet this year. I got some help in there for DEC, and Carolyn Glenn came down from District 2 and help scan charters and constitution and bylaws. but otherwise it's be just me, the janitors (who are sweeter than sweet), and the security officers. We are lucky to be in the War Memorial Building in San Francisco. It's a beautiful building and home to the Herbst theater.

Convention prep took place at the Veteran's hall in San Leandro this year, so we wouldn't all have to get into the city. Thank you Madeleine Reed for offering your hall. Thank you to Linda Workman, Ann and Henry Sanchez, Jennifer Turner, Diane Rapport, Doreen Long, and Susan Mar for all coming out and helping. It was a fun day of prepping book of reports, Delegate information, and membership packets.

A major focus this year was taxes. And I'm happy to report that the number of Units with revoked tax status was cut in half this year. We went from 33 down to 16. Some of those 16 have filed paperwork, but their status hasn't been updated yet. Others are still working on it. My main goal this year is to get all Units caught up and filing regularly. Filing on an annual basis is soooooo much easier than trying to get reinstated. Thank you to all the volunteers that have stepped up to help Units get on track. One thing we're told when recruiting is to find something the potential member is good at or enjoys. I'm extremely grateful to those members that like numbers like me and are willing to help with taxes. It's definitely been a team effort.

Madam President, may I contunie with my Code changes?