

Greeting Auxiliary family,

This year are theme is ***"America the Beautiful...Crown Thy Good with Brotherhood"***

My name is Diana Livas, from 19th District, Unit 411 Rivera. First, I would like to take a moment and thank Madam President Linday Hayes for appointing me as this year's Leadership Chairman for the Department of California and for having faith in me, by giving me the ability to put my best foot forward. Like all great leaders before me, I will do my best to bring fun while shaping our leadership skills.

I joined this great organization in 2006. And I like many were eager to learn our programs while helping our Veterans. I was introduced to some great leaders, some who have crossed over and I am sure they are still leading. These great ladies were seasoned in all the programs of the Auxiliary. Their energy and passion was addictive, as I listened to them with great hope that one day I too would be willing to lead and help mentor our new members.

As you are all aware we all have different thoughts and sometimes we veer off track. Thank goodness my auxiliary family has always been a phone call away to lead me back to the fundamentals of this great organization.

As I returned home from our Convention, the realization that I would be mentoring my auxiliary family got me to thinking, how many Auxiliary members might feel the same. I started reading the bylaws, the missions' statement, and the program from National, plus much, much more. Rest assured, I will be reaching out to you as I have in the past so that this year, we will be able to give a strong message and encourage everyone to attend our leadership class. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

I do not want to reinvent the wheel; therefore, I am asking each of you for your support, and your leadership skills. I will be contacting various chairman to help me by presenting your program at our leadership fun shop this October.

For those attending Clovis, please pick up your leadership packet, inside you will find the department code along with other useful information.

If anyone is interested in hosting a leadership class, please reach out to me. I am asking everyone to please go on line [Online Training \(legion-aux.org\)](http://legion-aux.org) take the ALA Academy course.

In Service not Self,
Diana Livas
Department of CA Leadership Chairmen