



June 29, 2025

Dear Department Officers and Chairs,

Welcome to Team California! Thank you for accepting your appointment for the 2025-26 year. I know that you will provide both leadership and motivation to members at all Department levels. Thank you for your willingness to further the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Our theme this year is **"Hats Off to Heroes"** and the tag line is "A Salute to Our Veterans". Our colors are red, black, and white. If possible, please wear a hat at all Department events, including the Clovis Workshop, Northern and Southern Workshops, DEC, and during our 2025 Convention. Dual members are encouraged to wear their Legion caps in lieu of a fancy hat. And of course, Auxiliary hats are always welcome! Be creative – you may discover a hat or cap that is in keeping with your office or program!

My Special Project will be Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. With the rising costs of food, clothing, and shelter, the number of needy and homeless veterans grows daily. The Auxiliary will need increased funding for TFA in order to meet the requests for veterans' assistance. Please make your donation check to ALA Department of California, and earmark it **Department President's Special Project**.

You are expected to attend the Department training in Clovis, August 8-9-10, 2025. Please visit the Department website at calegionaux.org for details and updates on all leadership workshops.

You are to be commended for your dedication and service to the ALA mission, and I am certain that the coming year will be filled with the fantastic work of our mission driven, family focused members on Team California.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need assistance. I am here to help!

Service, Not Self,


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