



## October Greetings from the President

Have you decided to step out yet? The weather is wonderful. Get out and take it some fresh air and sunshine. We can't help our veterans if we are all shut in and not doing anything. Let's step out and step up and get this year moving.

Yes, we are still working to protect ourselves and our family from the virus, but find a way to connect with your Units, Districts, and those in need during this time. I was so thankful for the visits that everyone had planned for our District meetings this month. So many of you finally decided to get out and enjoy each other's company. We hope to continue with our precautions and keep everyone safe so we can continue with these meetings.

I realize some of you are just now starting to hold Unit meetings not attended since last year. My Unit finally met last month for the first time this year. We are hoping that everyone can stay well and virus free the rest of this Auxiliary year. We have Department Awards and Certificates from 2019-2020 that our Department Officers and Chairman want to give out. I am so excited to continue with my Award of Excellence winner announcements. I'm not giving them away until we hold our District meetings unless we are shut down again and then I'll give out the rest of the winner names. Announced winners so far are: 8<sup>th</sup> District Marme Potts (Poppy), and 5<sup>th</sup> District Sue Comerford (Creative Arts and VA&R) and Thelma Butler (Education and Leadership).

My new IVH project is for communication devices for each patient. This will help the nurses as well as the patients for quicker, easier help with what they need. There will be no need to first go to the room to find out what they want first. This new project has been designed and developed by Purdue University especially for IVH. They are currently working out the bugs and we are working on the financing of the tablets. More information will be coming as to the particulars as we work it out. Thanks to your generosity last year and so far this year, we are well on our way to pay for them. This took the place of the chairs they wanted but decided they needed these devices much more.

Our program Action Plans are the same as last year. We did not reprint all the paperwork for them. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact your District or Department Chairman as to anything you want to know about them. However, every Plan is on the ALA website for explanations. Any changes would have been up to them for any awards or certificates they wanted to add. If you think you are missing something in your packet, please contact Anna at headquarters and she can send you your information. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We have a new face in our Headquarters office. Jessie Manning is our new Membership Assistant and is doing an excellent job. That is the new voice you might hear when calling the office. The office personnel are working hard to keep the membership up-to-date. If your Unit is unsure if they met the 50% goal by September 25<sup>th</sup> for your Merit sheet, it will soon be available on the website or will be sent to you. I want to thank Tomee Sue for her time with us and we of course miss her smiling face.

Speaking of membership, T.J. will probably mention it, but we are willing to come to any Unit or District meeting to help train you on your ALAMIS membership screens. Just let us know when you would like us to come and we will try to schedule a meeting. It would be great if a couple or so Units would like to schedule at one time, but it isn't necessary. We want to help in any way we can. Vicky Stainbrook (Southern Membership), Peggy Eagen (Northern membership) and T.J. Beasley (Dept. Membership Chairman) can all help you with such a meeting in your areas.

I have attended three District meetings so far this fall, and what great turn outs. So many of you must want to get out, meet, and greet. We have 4 more until the first of the year and are hoping the virus doesn't get us quarantined again so we can continue. Thank you for everyone's attendance and the support for our Districts. We need to continue to wear masks for everyone's safety.

Don't forget to get ready for your mid-year reporting. National is wanting to see some of the works we have been doing since last year. There is a lot to get caught up on. These are due to Districts by December 1<sup>st</sup>. And don't forget the Good Deeds and Hero Awards. Keep your eyes and ears open for candidates. Get that information to your Junior Activities and Children and Youth Chairman. 9<sup>th</sup> District awarded two young men this year for their Good Deeds and were recognized and awarded certificates at our August meeting.

We have a couple fund-raising projects besides my IVH. We have coins for sale. My Department coin celebrating our Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and now a new Poppy Coin celebrating 100 years next year. They are each \$10. Buy one of each and start your set.

Let's hope and pray for an answer to this pandemic and get through the next few months healthy. Keep our Veterans and their families, our soldiers, and those in need, in mind through these tough times and think outside the box for Thanksgiving and Christmas giving. There are many ways of helping those in need and this year may be critical.

May you all be safe and healthy and I plan to see you soon. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year for those I don't.

Your Department President,  
Jennie Maune



TO: District Presidents for  
District Americanism Chairmen  
Unit Presidents for  
Unit Americanism Chairmen

FROM: Brittany Schofield  
Department Chairman  
October 15, 2020



## AMERICANISM

### FLAG

F - Is for the freedom that men and women fought and died for so that we may cherish it day after day.

L - Is for the love of God and country, that each and everyone of us should enjoy.

A - Is for allegiance to America and family values that we can teach our children so that we can hand them a better place to live.

G - Is for "Old Glory" as we display it with unshakable pride, as it waves in the gentle breeze and makes us proud.



### **To THANK A VETERAN and PLANT A FLAG!**

**Flags are red, white and blooming in Indiana!  
Plant flags in the community where the flowers  
were throughout the summer.**

**Small flags, medium flags, large flags - all are hoped for, and  
the more that are planted, the better it will look.**

**\*Keep the flags up through Veterans Day\***

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Star-Spangled Kids was moved from the Children and Youth Program to the Americanism program last year. When you hear Star-Spangled Kids, don't you think of red, white, and blue...Americanism...Patriotism...fireworks...excitement?! Well that is what we are going to build, Star-Spangled Kids for the future.
- The Americanism Essay Contest theme did not change this year, but if the same paper is submitted as last year then it will be disqualified.

### **BE AN ALL-AMERICAN PATRIOT!**

- Exercise your right to vote.
- Send Flag & Emblem patriotic comic books to students or use these to hand out to children on Veterans day with a sticker on the back about the Americanism Essay Contest
- Purchase and donate small flags to your local high school sports teams to carry on the field/court.
- Proudly fly your flag on the patriotic holidays and thank a veteran for his/her service to our country. Stepping Up for 100 years is what the American Legion Auxiliary is all

about. Listed below are dates that you might want to start making plans for an Americanism event or project (virtually or in person if allowed)



**YOUR**



These are the remaining official flag-flying days for 2020

- Election Day (11-3-20)
- Marine Corps Birthday (11-10-20)
- Veterans Day (11-11-20)
- Thanksgiving Day (11-26-20)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (12-7-20) \*Fly flag at half-staff\*
- Christmas Day (12-25-20)

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### **THE CHALLENGE IS ON - TIME TO STEP UP!**

I encourage and challenge everyone to step up this year and do something special to celebrate our 100 years! The **IN ALA Americanism 100 Challenge** is for each unit to do at least one of the following:

- Paint and place 100 patriotic rocks within their community
- Distribute 100 pocket flags to active duty-military
- Send 100 letters to State/ Federal Reps for support of the Flag Protection Amendment
- Donate 100 "Americanism" related books to libraries, schools, and/or students
- Donate 100 snacks/items to a Legion Baseball concession
- Distribute 100 certificates/ cards to recognize & show appreciation for flying our flag



**UNITS** - as an incentive for participating in the Americanism Essay Contest, this chair will present 2 Units with a \$25 reward for having 1 or more essays submitted. After promoting and receiving the essay(s) inform me, that Unit \_\_\_ had \_\_\_ # of essays and you will be placed in the random drawing held in April 2021. That's it, whether your Unit had 1 or 75 entries. Mail or email to Department Chairman Brittany Schofield

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### **REPORTING!**

Each **Unit Chairman** shall submit a report to your district chairman by **December 1, 2020**.

Each **District Chairman** shall submit a report to me by **December 15, 2020**. Combine the Unit reports and tell me everything they are doing to build the Americanism program.

This is a challenging time to promote patriotism in our communities. I urge Units to try as best you can. Read the Department Program Action Plan, track your efforts, participate in the challenge, and enter the contest Odds of winning may be better than ever.

Let's show of our Patriotism and Americanism as we are "Stepping Up to Serve Our Hero's"!

## **Auxiliary Emergency Fund**

I am sure that every member knows what hard times we are having. This fund is to help those who are qualified. At this point we have been Unable to have fund raisers so I would like to ask that we dig deep into our pockets and donate all that we can to help those in need. This has been a horrific year with tornadoes, floods, fires, and earthquakes and so many are suffering.

I Thank You in advance!

Mary Edwards  
AEF Chairman

To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a time  
to every Purpose,  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1



To District President for District Chaplain  
Unit President for Unit Chaplain  
Junior Activities Chairman

From Cherril Threte Department Chaplain

Greetings Chaplains:

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose. Welcome to our new Auxiliary season. Continue to be a source of comfort and inspiration as you work the Program Action Plan and use the resources available which you may find on [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org). The holidays are busy, and you likely will have opportunities to provide prayer for special events, provide spiritual and emotional support to our members and serve as a source for inspiration.

The Mid Year Report is a narrative, please adhere to deadlines. Your Mid-Year narrative is due to your District Chaplain by December 1<sup>st</sup> and District Chaplains your report is due to Department Chaplain December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep track of your activities, hours, and number of volunteers. Did you drape a charter, participate in an event, conduct a memorial service, assist in fundraising project? This valuable information will be helpful in filling out the Annual Report for our impact numbers. We definitely want to let National know what we are doing to help our veterans, children, and community for 2020-2021.

I am requesting prayers for President Jennies Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts. You may email them to me at [cthrete@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cthrete@sbcglobal.net). Handwritten prayers are welcomed, and you may mail to Cherril Threte 2714 W 60<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis, In 46228. Please encourage our Juniors to submit prayers and submit a Book of Prayers.

The Deceased Members form 2020-2021 was in your packet and it is also available online, please send a copy to me and a copy to the District Chaplain. The form helps us recognize members at the Memorial Service at State Convention as well as assist the District Chaplain if they are holding a Memorial Service in your District.

Visit the Chaplains Corner on the newly designed Department website [aladeptin.org](http://aladeptin.org) for monthly information and inspiration. Thanks for all you do as we continue to Step up for our veterans in 2021.



Children & Youth  
Dept. Bulletin

TO: District President  
District C&Y Chairman  
Unit President  
Unit C&Y Chairman

Pandemic or no pandemic, the Children & Youth program is working hard to see that the needs of our youth are met. With the holidays fast approaching, we need to be there for them. If your Post is open, is your Unit planning parties for the youth in your community? Are you making sure that our homeless youth are included in activities? If you have a military base near your community, contact the National Guard Family Readiness Group (FRG) to see if there is anything your Unit can do to help the families of our deployed military. Also contact your County Veterans Office, schools, churches, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troop leaders, etc. They usually know if a child has needs that are not being met. These difficult times are stressful for our youth with inconsistencies in school schedules, being with family and friends, and sports being canceled. The American Legion Auxiliary can bring a little cheer to their lives and smiles on their faces. No one does that better than the ALA members of the Department of Indiana.

**Report!**

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The 2020-2021 Program Action Plan and Mid-Year Report form is on the department website. Mid-Year Reports reflect the program work of Units in the Department. Please read the Program Action Plan carefully and include the information needed in your Mid-Year Narrative Report. The **Unit Mid-Year Report** is due to your District Chairman by **December 1, 2020**. The **District Mid-Year Report** is due to the Department Chairman by **December 15, 2020**. Be proud of what your Unit has done for the youth in your community. Be sure to report it so that your district and department are aware of all your hard work. Make a copy of your report for your District/Unit Historian for the History Book and keep a copy for yourself for your personal reference.

[www.aladeptin.org](http://www.aladeptin.org) and [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) are two excellent resources to learn more about the Children & Youth Program. Also contact your District or Department Chairman with any C&Y questions you may have.

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# Community Service



To: District Community Service Chairmen  
District Presidents  
Unit Community Service Chairmen  
Unit Presidents

From: Jenny Gump, Department Community Service Chairman

Can your unit be added to the community heroes in the picture above? Has your unit aided those in your community during these tough times? If so, have you written it down so it can be reported?

There are so many things that we can help with as the holidays approach:



**Feeding the Community**

Donate to your local food pantry



Donate to Toys for Tots



Pick a family from an Angel Tree



Donate coats for a coat drive

Anything you can do to help those in your community during these incredibly hard times can make a huge difference! And remember to take notes so you can: **REPORT!!!**

Midyear reports are due to your District Chairman by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. District reports are due to me by **December 15**. If you are planning something for December, put the basics in the report and send details later!

Keep up the hard work and enjoy the holidays! Share more smiles than frowns, more laughs than tears and more love than hate.





# **NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL**

## **at HOME**

**This year will be different because of social distancing. You will be able to watch it on your computer. It starts Monday, November 30, 6 p.m. You can follow it on social media @Sports4Vets (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) using #NVCAF atHome.**

**This is the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for Veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs national health care system. Veterans exhibit their artwork and original writings or perform musical, dance, or dramatic selections in a live stage show performance. All Veterans invited to participate are selected winners of year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of Veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation. Since it will be virtual, you will be able to see the virtual workshops as well as interaction and educational sessions and the blue ribbon entries and the stories behind them. For those that have never been, this is a great opportunity to see what the money you donated is used for.**

**The next Festival will be at Bay Pines VA hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida in April of 2022. It would be a good time to plan your vacation. I would like to encourage you to please plan your fundraisers. We barely made the gold sponsorship this year which is \$5000.00. We collected \$5,092.00.**

**Everything will stay the same as last year except mid-year report due to District Dec. 1 and District to Dept. Chairman Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and they are narratives. Year end reports unit to District April 8<sup>th</sup>, District to Dept. April 15<sup>th</sup> and I have to have mine to VA&R chairman by April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sue Comerford-Creative Arts Chairman**



## Education October 2020

*You should have all received your education information, that was in the packets. All of your scholarship applications were also enclosed.*

*Please read the entire applications for scholarships and get familiar with what is needed.*

*Please make sure you and your applicants know the due dates. Most of them are due to the unit on March 1, 2021 and the unit has to have them into ALA Department HQTS before March 15, 2021. All of the applicants will be reviewed and the winner will be sent on to National before April 1, 2021.*



*If you need more copies of the scholarships, please go into our new improved web page ([www.aladepin.org](http://www.aladepin.org)). All of the information for education and all other information is on the web.*



**American Education Week** will be held on November 16-20, 2020.

*Host a breakfast at your Legion Home or school for your local educators.  
Provide a gift item for each teacher  
Write a thank you note for each educator.*

*We all know our children can use the help from all of these scholarships. Please make sure your members and schools get all of the information that they need to apply.*

*Good Luck with your chairmanship and have fun with it. If you need anything, please feel free to contact me.*



Judy Morris

Education Chairman, 2020-2021

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## **HISTORY/HISTORIANS**

### **Fall Report**

### **2020-2021**

Historians, the heart of our organization's history is in our records. They are the items that are collected and compiled from members, officers, and volunteers, from both the past and the present. They tell the achievements of our great organization. Members are able to look back and learn what was successful and why or why not.

Appoint a History Committee, if you don't already have one. Our history is contained in documents, newspaper articles, meeting minutes, photos, and publications, etc. This is a way to honor our members who have made a difference.

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Involve your **Junior** members in your meetings and activities. They have great ideas and they are apt to think outside the norm. It helps them to learn and grow and they are usually knowledgeable on the use of new technology in maintaining digital images and records, by involving them helps them earn the **History patch**.

While working on your history book for this year, be sure to have a copy of the Score Sheet handy, by following it will be a helpful reminder as to what you need to include in your book. Keep in mind the **American Legion Auxiliary** is a **Unit**, the **American Legion** is a **Post**. There were some really nice History Books turned in last year and following the score sheet made a difference in judging them.

Please continue to send me pictures, newspaper articles, and the **Department President's Visit Form** when President Jennie visits your District, Unit or a special activity, so I can include them in my book for her. She will enjoy looking back on her special year for many years. They will bring back many great memories of the exciting time spent with you.

Let's all continue "**Stepping UP for 100 Years, Still Serving Those Who Served**".

Please contact me with any questions or concerns, if I'm not available to answer your call, be sure to leave a message and I'll call you back.

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October 2020"

**Junior Activities  
Department Chairman**

Well it's been a long time since we have talked. I hope everyone is doing well and back to having meetings again.

Sometimes I believe the Juniors have so much to teach us the roles have changed. Look at all the challenges they have overcome this year school, friends, and family. They still face these same challenges but, they always have smiles on their faces. They know all about computers because of E-Learning.

Bring them along with you to your Unit and District meetings. Get them engaged in all aspects of the meetings listen to their ideas. They can bring change to how you see things. In the 11<sup>th</sup> District we have Juniors that are Unit Historian and a District Sgt-at Arms. There is no rule about them holding an office, but they can't vote, that's too bad because they have great ideas and can debate them better than a lot of Seniors.

I'm going to have Zoom meetings this year, trying for once a month starting in November. I need your input on what days and time would work best. I think we can record them and can be watched when your Junior has the time. We can make a schedule of projects and topics. These can be emailed to you if I receive your contact info. Of course, my Junior will be teaching me how to do these.

Please encourage your Juniors to work on their patches. All patch requirements are available on the Department website. We had a great number awarded this last year. Don't forget the Scholarships available to them. All scholarships are on the Department website.

The Mid-Year Report is a narrative just to let National know what we have been doing this year. Please send Unit report by December 1, 2020 to your District Chairman. The District Report is due to the Department Chairman by December 15, 2020.

**Judy Otey**  
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District President  
Unit President  
District Leadership  
Unit Leadership

I hope everyone is doing well with the Covid-19 all around us. We can all learn from everyone on how we can be great leaders in this organization.

There are many things being changed this year. Mission Training is being held by virtual live course: it will combine many elements from Training 101 and 201. This course will engage you on the topics of :

How to identify needs in your community.

Where to discover the most effective tools.

Finding opportunities in obstacles.

Follow ALA National Headquarters on social media @AIAforVeterans for the latest updates on these new trainings.

Remember your mid-year narrative report is due to your District Chairman by December 1,2020 with District report to Dept Chairman by December 15,2020.

Please answer the following questions:

What topic or presentation were included in your training?

Did you hold training on nurturing a culture of goodwill?

You may include what you may have done in the 2019-2020 year.

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

Department Leadership Chairman Bev Swaim



## Legislative

Pam Shook Department Chairperson

While you are at home  staying safe take the time to research your legislative information and start by calling your representatives to support the bills our American

Legion  is supporting.

There is no cost  involved for you to call and support these bills.

The two main bills currently are:

HR2898 


The "Buddy Check" extended to the VA

HR7566

Expanding Federal Programs that transfer surplus computers  to our Veterans for a better quality of life.

You can read the details in the Hoosier Auxiliary  News. These are two very important bills that need our support.

Remember our purpose is to support the American Legion for the betterment of our Veterans and their families, and this is our way of doing just that.

Your mid-year report  will be a paragraph of your activities and is due from the unit to the district chairman December 1<sup>st</sup>. I realize that is a couple of months, but if you are

like me the time seems to fly  by and too soon it is here.

I have another tidbit for you:

Have you been on the Department Website???

It is new and greatly improved!!!!

It is awesome, all the information you need is soooo easy to get to and all the forms you need are there for your picking.





Teresa Beasley

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Membership Chair

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Indiana

October mailing

Hello Everyone!!!! This is the beginning of a new year. I must say we are off to a good start.

We are down about 20 units by this time last year for the 50%. But we knew we would be down.

With the pandemic, we have not been able to get out and about. But! We can call-email-text to check on everyone. Some of us are able to have Unit meetings and District meetings. The ones I have been to have had some good turn in's for membership.

The first dead line was September 25<sup>th</sup> at 50%. The winner of 2 memberships at unit price is KIRKLIN Unit 310, district 5. Thanks for stepping up. We also have two units over 100%-PITTSBORO UNIT 426 District 6 at 113.04% and Yorktown Unit 321 District 10 at 104.69%.

OK Everyone! The next dead line is January 14<sup>th</sup> at 75%. At this time you should have your POPPY fees and MANDITORY fees paid. If you don't, you will not be put in the drawing. At the beginning of the year you should have plenty of money to pay those fees.

WE still have Units with 0 membership. **This should never happen.** We will be calling those units and checking in. We have 8 units at 0 and 23 lower than 10.

Don't be shy if you need help. I know that some of you have volunteered to work membership and been thrust into something that you are not quite sure of. If you need help get with your district membership person and if she can't help get with your department membership co-chair or me.

**Some of Last year's winners 2019-2020**

**The Unit with the most new members was a tie. So we had to draw. That winner was Lafayette Unit 11, District 2.**

**The other Unit was Newburgh, 44 District 8. Both units had 37 new members. Thanks for all your hard work. They stepped up.**

**The Highest percentage in the**

**NORTH- HOBART, UNIT 454 DISTRICT 1- 181.25%**

**SOUTH- GREENWOOD, UNIT 1919 DISTRICT 7- 181.82%**

**10 X 10 winner is Joann Douglas, Unit 285 Milan, District 9**

**5 rejoin winner for January is Sally Wilhelm, Unit 271 Batesville, District 9**

**5 rejoin winner for May is Miriam Linkenhoker, Unit 402 Laketon, District 5.**

**Would like to thank you all for your hard work, stepping up for membership.**

**Thanks again TJ Beasley**

**NATIONAL SECURITY**  
**Betty Slagle, Chairman**

**TO: Unit National Security Chairman**  
**District National Security Chairman**

**This is the ideal time to be thinking about what we at home can do to help our military people who are deployed away from home.**

**A “single” parent can always use a helping hand. He or she may not have the time to rake leaves. Why not gather a group of members, including Juniors, to help with the task. It will make the job go faster with several doing it and the Juniors can also keep the youngsters occupied.**



**With winter just around the corner, we can also help with snow removal. Many of us nowadays have snow blowers that make this chore a bit easier. If you have a neighbor who is on their own, whether they are in the military or not, if you are removing your snow, keep going to help them.**



**Just remember, as with every Auxiliary program, you don't have to do every project. Especially if you are a small Unit, select one or two projects or programs each year and work them to the best of you ability. Many of the projects may be too large for your Unit or your Community. Select what is important to your Unit and work that project to the best of your ability.**

**You'll be surprised how much better you'll feel when you've completed your task.**

**Please remember that mid-year reports are due to your District Chairman in December before the holidays. So we are hoping to hear from many of you about how you're keeping busy.**



To: District Presidents  
Unit Presidents  
District Poppy Chairperson  
Unit Poppy Chairperson

It's hard to believe that 2020 is almost gone, I can't say that's a bad thing but we must keep on working our poppy program. We know our veterans are worth it and that is why what we do is so important.

Holidays are coming: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Let's start working on these special days. Plan something at your post that includes using your poppies and giving thanks to a Veteran. Something simple can put a smile on so many faces and this will make a great difference since we can't hug them.

COVID has made it a little difficult to work with our Poppy program. I'm sure we can come up with creative ways to let everyone see how important this program is. Going to the schools and telling them about the program and how important it is will now be hard to do. Please check with your local schools to see what you can do, how you can do it, and don't forget about the Poster Contest.

The Program Action Plan is the same as well as the awards. My personal award, Poppy's Across Indiana, will also stay the same. The only difference is you can't order seed from American Meadows but you can order them from Amazon or purchase them from any store that sells garden seeds.

When you receive you HAN read the Poppy article where you will find the award announcements from last year. I want to thank each of you for submitting a narrative and pictures.

Sharon Regnier

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## Service to Veterans

Greetings ladies, I hope all of you are doing well and staying safe. I know all of you are working hard for our Veterans.

At this time and ages we are needed more than ever to help our veterans and their families. They are in more need at these times than they ever have had. Dr. appointments, food deliveries, and just someone to talk with.

Remember to keep track of your hours and monies that you have had and keep it safe for your mid- year reports and year end reports. These reports are very important as we report to National and they report to Washington. Everyone needs to know what we are doing for our veterans.

As we do not need to be certified anymore everyone can volunteer to help our veterans. Non -members also can count and help us make our veterans lives a better place. Remember services in our post homes do not count. As funeral dinners and such.

The way the world is today this is very hard to help our veterans but I know we all have exciting ways to work our way around this. A lot of times they just need someone to talk to or give them information on where they can get more help.

I would like to thank you for all your help and hard work of helping our veterans and their families. If you need anything please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you

Sue Fugitt

To: District Presidents  
Unit Presidents  
District VA&R Chairman  
Unit VA&R Chairman  
Junior Chairman  
Hospital Reps & Deputies



### VA&R

**Thank You** to everyone who has contributed to the Veterans Shower. If you have not had a chance to donate yet, continued contributions can be sent to Department and earmark them for the Veterans Shower. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we will make sure the funds are distributed to help our veterans at the VA hospitals and medical facilities. Our hospitals and clinics need volunteers and donations all year. Reach out to the Hospital Reps and find out what their needs are and how you can help.

I hope everyone has reviewed their Program Action Plan and are making plans to support our Veterans this year. Our mission is to initiate, sponsor, and participate in programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families.

**What can you do?** Donate to creative arts festival  
Collect stamps for the wounded  
Host a stand down  
Attend a Veterans funeral  
Support Elizabeth Dole Foundation  
Support Quilts of Valor Foundation  
Sponsor a Veteran at IVH  
Homeless Veterans Projects  
Cooking/ Veterans Dinner

Mid – Year narrative reports – Write up a narrative/list, or description of activities telling what you have been doing in the VA&R program. Be sure to include - Volunteer hours, dollars spent, in-kind donations, mileage, number of volunteers, and number of Veterans assisted.

- Unit reports to District Chairman by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- District reports to Department Chairman by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Please remember to honor & celebrate our Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Involve your junior members in helping with tray favors or cards to take/send to veterans at local nursing homes or VA facilities.

The weather is changing and the holidays are approaching. Take time to share and reach out and help others, that can be the best gift ever. Spread love and joy this season by sending card to veterans at nursing homes and VA facilities.

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