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Welcome to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program!

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. This year's VA&R Chairman is the Master Sergeant, District Chairmen are Gunnery Sergeants, and Unit Chairmen are Staff Sergeants. Have fun with your titles!

November 11th is **Veterans Day**. You should begin planning now to hold a ceremony or other veteran related activity at your Post home. Remember the Poppies! This is a wonderful opportunity to distribute Poppies and share the Poppy story. Please remember to include your Juniors in the planning and activities.

December is “**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Month**”. Begin now to decide how your Unit and District can honor veterans during December. Host a holiday meal at your Post home, seek out veterans in assisted living facilities and do something special for them, remember the patients in VA medical facilities and Cal Vet homes with a small gift and holiday card. Your kindness will touch their hearts!

It's not too early to begin planning for **Wreaths Across America**. The ALA Academy offers a tutorial on this wonderful event and how Members, Units and Districts can be involved and fundraise. Save the Date: **December 14, 2024** is Wreaths Across America Day. Get your Juniors involved with wreath-laying and/or cemetery clean-up. What a great way to Remember, Honor, Teach. Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org for more information.

Remember, it is never too late to serve and honor our veterans: they need to know that we appreciate their service to our country!

In closing, a reminder that District VA&R Chairmen are responsible for sharing the materials received in their Clovis Workshop packets as soon as possible. If you do not receive this information by the end of August, please contact your District counterpart and ask for copies of the materials provided. 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 to work the ALA programs successfully this year!

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