

Greeting Auxiliary family,

As we are now underway with this year's programs, I want you to think on how we can better our units. Many times, we believe that our ideas are what is needed in our organization. It's great to have an open mind, but remember, the Auxiliary has Codes for each program. The Code we follow has been approved by the body of this department. DO NOT make changes to your unit, based off your beliefs, we the Auxiliary follow the process that is detailed in the CODE for each Committee/Program.

Therefore, If you are in the mindset of making changes to any of our Codes, ask questions and at the end of the year attend convention specifically the Committee/Program you want to change and address it there. This is how Auxiliary grows and adapts to keep up with today's world.

District Presidents, I left a package along with a "New Member Kit", this kit gives a basic duty for Unit officers and Committees and Programs. It is essential that we all become familiar with our programs and encourage our membership to get involved. Remember we hope each unit will support all our committees. This sometimes is not possible; we can only do our best to try and work all our programs.

Tidbits on our Pillars...

Each of these programs are donations made directly to The Department of California and are reported annually in the "**Book Of Reports**" at convention.

**AEF** - (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) This fund is strictly for Auxiliary members with two years paid dues.

**AMERICANISM** –Includes all activities that strengthen American ideals and uphold the principles of democracy

**EDUCAITON** – Promote quality education for Children and Adults through literacy programs, scholarships, and support education beyond high school. Familiarize yourself with our scholarships

**CHILDREN & YOUTH** – To promote programs that protect, care and support Children & Youth, especially those of our military and Veterans families.

**NATIONAL SECURITY** – Raise awareness of POW/MIA, while supporting our military service members and their families.

**POPPY** –This is a restricted fund and can only be used for Veterans, Monies raised from Poppy funds go directly to our Veterans,

**VA&R** – To help improve the quality for all Veterans. Get involved with your local VA Hospital.

Yours in Service –

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