

## **Presidents Message**

During this season of Thanksgiving, I hope each of us will reflect on all we should be thankful for. Share your talents by taking a step forward and helping a veteran or someone in your community. With the recent flooding, this should not be a problem for any of us.

I want to thank each of you that attended our Fall Conference for making it a success. The Leadership Committee offered workshops on Friday that were well received by those in attendance. We hope to do it again at Mid-Winter.

We also had a great meeting with the Division Presidents, District Presidents and the Chairmen. Working together we can accomplish great things. I appreciated all your input! Keep up the good work.

The Chairmen's reports were great! You could tell a lot of work was put into the programs by our chairmen. Units, it is your turn to get busy, if you have not started working our programs already. Our Chairmen would love to brag on everything you and your unit are doing.

Membership is still a priority. Please do not hold your membership but send it in as soon as you get it. Because each of you are important, we want you counted as one of the many dedicated members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Continue to donate to the President's Project so we can reach our \$20,000 goal which will help those that have given so much for us. Now, they need our help. These monies will be divided four ways between the four VA Medical Centers in our state for special projects.

Go to a Veterans' Ceremony near you on Veterans' Day. I also hope everyone voted on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Each of us can do something! I came across this quote from an unknown author which is so true. "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. Just because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something I can do." Let's get out there, make a difference and do SOMETHING!

It is an honor serving you this year as your Department President. May God bless each of you for all you do.

For God and Country!

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