



"TOGETHER, BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE"

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing about the July 4th celebrations and now we are going into the holiday season. Where does the time go? As the old saying goes, "the older you get the faster it goes." I am really beginning to believe that statement.

Ladies, let me say a big "thank you" to all the officers and Department Chairmen who helped to make our Fall Conference a success. The Department Officers and Chairmen did an excellent job with their presentations.

Susie Woodle and her committee did a great job for the President's Project. The tables were beautifully decorated and they did very well with sales on baskets, and other things made in North Carolina, which was their theme. The President's Project this year will be benefiting our General Fund. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Presidents Project.

Brenda Toppin, Membership Chairman/Vice President and her committee were very impressive in their M & M attire helping to demonstrate that membership matters at the M & M Fair. The Division Presidents also did their part during the membership rally.

Department Commander Don Bridges, National NEC Bill Richard and SAL Detachment Commander Mike Hallman, spoke to the Auxiliary and expressed their praise for our organization and thanked us for all the help and support we give to the Legion and to the SAL.

Please remember if you did not make the Division meeting you can find the Committee Chairmen's Plans of Actions on our website at alanorthcarolina.com.

Unit Presidents please remember to share your mailing with your unit members.

It was also nice to see several of you with your Auxiliary apparel on at Fall Conference. Remember to wear your shirts, pins, etc. when you are out working your projects in your communities. And also remember to have a membership application with you. You never know that opportunity might present itself.

As the holiday season approaches, let us remember our veterans, their families and our military families and here and abroad. Now is the time to send those cards and letters, gifts and if at all possible a home cooked meal.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and safe New Year from my home to yours.

Also, thank each of you for all you do on a daily basis for our veterans and their families and our military families and children.

Always remember our Freedom Is Not Free and honor those who keep our country safe every day is a blessing we all can share.

For God and Country,

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