

What an honor it is to serve you as your 2016 – 2017 President this year! The theme for this year is “Let Your Light Shine” and I know you will be the best you can be for our veterans, military and their families. Be that beacon of light in your unit that promotes the American Legion Auxiliary Mission!

Thanks go out to Past Department President, Linda Laws for her year and for her start of a new journey as part of the NEC (National Executive Committee)! I am so appreciative for all those that agreed to serve as chairmen or to be on committees. Thank you for being willing to give to this wonderful organization.

The Presidents Project goal this year is \$20,000! This money is to be split equally four ways between the VA Hospitals for tangible items needed to help our veterans. Please give to this effort!

On a personal level, I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards given on behalf of my husband who had open heart surgery the Friday of Convention. We are truly a family!

Where does time go? Since convention, I had the honor of being part of the 4th of July Parade in Faith. What a wonderful event! I visited with a group interested in starting a unit. Then there was Legion College. What a great learning experience and fellowship with other auxiliary members. Janice MacLeod, her committee and presenters did a wonderful job. You should plan to attend next year!

From August 11-16 the 2016 American Legion World Series tournament will be in Shelby, North Carolina. Our current National President, Sharon Conatser will be joining us and a couple of socials are planned with Kings Mountain 155 on August 13th and with Greensboro 53 on August 14th.

National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio is August 26th – September 01, 2016

In September and October, we have Division Meetings, please plan to attend! Saturday, September 24th is the Division 2 meeting at Greensboro 53, registration is at 9:30 a.m. Division 1 meeting will be at Fayetteville 202 on October 1st, registration will be at 12:30 p.m. and Division 3 will be held at Cherryville 100 on October 8th, with registration at 12:30 p.m. Come and join us!

Remember, you are the backbone of this organization! “Let Your Light Shine”!

For God and Country,

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