



## **"TOGETHER, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE"**

As we work toward "Together Building For The Future" and "Keeping The Promise" this year, we have our hands full. However; we can do both. We welcome our newly chartered Units, Warrenton 547 and Southern Pines 177. We know they will have a great year!

We have to build toward the future in order to ensure that the American Legion Auxiliary will still be here in 25 years. We have to continue keeping the promise for our veterans here and abroad.

In order to build for the future we need to set aside our personal feelings and concentrate on the big picture - what is working and what is not. If it needs to be changed then change it. Is every member going to accept the changes your unit might need to make? The answer is absolutely not. With that being said, I believe, as members, the only important issue we should be concerned with is the future of our Auxiliary. We must take the necessary steps to ensure that we maintain our organization. Programs are constantly changing. Things that worked in the 70's might be unnecessary today. Apply program goals to fit the needs of today's veterans.

If your unit has not sent in the VA&R Fair Share and the Treasurers bond please do so as soon as possible. Ladies, our Division meetings will begin in September and I urge each of you to make every effort to attend. You can hear what the other units are doing and it might be something that would help your own unit. The food and fellowship are always great. Make your plans now to attend. The National Creative Arts Festival will be coming to North Carolina October 12-18, 2015.

When your unit is having a fund raiser please make sure you get it in the newspaper, radio or some form of advertisement. We must get our name out to the public and let people know what we are doing, why we are doing it, and most important who we are. Let them know we are here for our Veterans and that is our purpose. Things we do as units never get recognized because we simply don't advertise. We need to promote our programs.

Just remind yourself every day there is nothing more rewarding than helping a veteran. This is why we belong to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Division meetings will be starting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, I am looking forward to seeing everyone. Fill your car with your Unit members, enjoy your ride, and learn lots at the meeting.

For God and Country,

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