



As we have heard the old saying "all good things must come to an end", my year as your Department President is rapidly coming to an end. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. But it is.

It seems like only yesterday that I began this journey. It has been one that I will always cherish. I have had great support from our Department and I have had so much help from different ones along the way. Thank each of you. Thanks to my husband Steve, for all his support along the way this year and also to my children and grandchildren for their support.

I will admit there have been good times, bad times and yes, even a few crying times. In the end it was all for the good of our great organization, the American Legion Auxiliary.

Things may not have all gone the way I would have liked for them to or that you would have liked for them to but it has been a good year. I wish our membership had increased but everyone did their best and that is all we can ask. We would have all liked to have been in that number one spot; maybe next year.

As I began my year last June I made a commitment to work beside of the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion to help make a closer family. I am honored to say that this has been accomplished all through the year with the help of Commander Don Bridges and Squadron Commander Michael Hallman and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Division Presidents, Cindy Braswell, Julie Smith and Susan Jones selected a word they wanted to associate with Divisions throughout the year. They chose Dedicated, Relationships and Devoted. The dedication, the devotion and the building of relationships has been recognized all year with these ladies. Thank you.

Janice MacLeod, Leadership Chairman is working hard getting the various programs ready for Legion College which will be held on July 22-23. Please make reservations to attend. This a very good way to learn and be involved in our organization. Please take the "Basics Course"(The American Legion Auxiliary Senior Basics. The course materials are available on our National website (www.alaforveterans.org). Members who complete the course should send answers no later than June 15th to Janice MacLeod at 8268 Ferrell Place, Harrisburg, N.C. 28075. There will be a drawing from the names who took the course at Department Convention.

We must all work "Together, Building For The Future" in order to have a future to look forward to in our great organization. Most importantly, we need to always exhibit "Service Not Self" in all our activities and interactions with others.

Remember that future generations of veterans are depending on us.

I would like to thank each unit across our great state for all you do and will continue to do for our veterans, our military and their families. A job well done.

Don't forget to make your reservations for Department Convention June 30-July 2nd.

For God and Country,

Linda D. Laws, President