

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## **Department of North Carolina**



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## Message from President Jill Puett

It is hard to believe, we have finished ALL District meetings, Fall Conference is over and we are heading into the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. It is at this time that we remember our military that is stationed around the world that want be home for the holidays.

Veterans Day was November 11<sup>th</sup> and many Units have helped the Legion with putting flags on the graves of Veterans, some are planning parades with the Legion, many are doing programs and Churches are recognizing their Veterans with special activities on Sunday of that week. I did a program at my church the Sunday following Veterans Day, thanking them for their service and had a member eligible for the SAL to tell me he wanted to help and later that night a member that is eligible for the Legion to ask how he can join. Ask your church if you can do a program on the Legion Family and see what happens. I want to thank each and every one of you for taking time to thank and remember our Veterans. Also, November is the busiest month of the year for Hiring Our Hero's.

"Rebuild & Grown our Future"! It is so important that we continue to look for new members while maintaining the members we have to make our organization stronger and keep North Carolina on top in the Southern Division. I hear from Units that are so excited when they are sending in membership. Remember, it takes each and every one of us working our membership to make North Carolina be the best in the Nation. Our Southern Division President Christine R. Trahan is on fire and racing to get her Departments to the finish line first. Let's all do our part by helping our Vice President/Membership Chairman Mary take North Carolina to the finish line with 100%! We can make this happen! Thank you all for what you do in your Units. Remember, we are ALL in this together and we can make North Carolina stand out if we contact our members and tell them how much we appreciate and need them all. Let's get that membership collected and into Department by our next target date of December 7th, and be 75% or maybe we can be 100%!! We could win money for our Department. I appreciate you all! Let's honor our Veterans on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day!

As the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays approach, remember the needs of our VA Medical Centers as they prepare to make them bright and enjoyable for our Veterans. Some do not have family and with Covid restrictions in place, the families cannot be with them during this time. Remember to do some extra fun things for our Veterans. When hearing from Units, they are already working on Christmas for the Veterans and it excites me to hear what is being done. Let's make this a very great year for our Veterans.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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