

President's Message

It is a tremendous honor to be chosen to serve as President of the great Department of Nevada, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States ; my goal is to strive to serve the Veterans and their families and to encourage the members of this department to join me in fulfilling my theme "Hats of Dreams for Our Veterans" I chose this theme because underneath each hat I have many dreams for the brave men and women who makes unselfish sacrifices so that we can enjoy freedoms like no other Country in the World.

My special project is Cerebral Palsy; my colors are purple & fuchsia and I look forward to meeting every one of you as I travel to all the Auxiliaries during the next twelve months.

Membership is of vital importance if we are to accomplish all that needs to be accomplished to help our brave soldiers, veterans, and their families. We need new, young members who are waiting to get involved and support their community. A new spirit of family needs to be practiced in our posts. Make the effort to get new, young women to come to your post with their children, and have something for the children to do while their mother is helping out. This year our National organization has presented us with challenges to increase our program participation and membership. I believe we can do it! I have faith in the Sisters of Nevada.

The Veterans & Family Support Program has been streamlined. Last year there were ten (10) components to the program – this year there are only four (4). (1) National Military Services includes the Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs; (2) Ladies Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship; (3) VFW National Home for Children; and, (4) Buddy Poppy. The activities you participated in last year, 'Wreaths Across America', 'Snowball Express', etc. are still reportable this year under other programs. However, only these four listed are to be reported under the Veterans & Family Support program.

The Cancer Aid & Research Program is so important and remains close to our hearts. Every one of us has been affected by this disease, personally or through a family member or friend. Please continue to support the fight against this terrible disease!

We are fortunate to have an outstanding website thanks to Kathy Hollinger, please use it for announcements and Chairmen information.

In conclusion, I look forward to a very successful and rewarding year for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Department of Nevada as we fulfill "Hats of Dreams for our Veterans" in the year in which "It's time for America's Military Hero's".

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Brenda Harris