

## **Department Sr. Vice President Bulletin #2, Sept. 2020**

Wow, Summer just flew by for me! I felt very useless many times, as I tried to think of things our Auxiliary could do to help our veterans, communities, friends, and families - within the restrictions of Covid-19. Our Auxiliary meetings have been virtual, either by Zoom (40 minutes max) or Lifesize (11 members max). Both have worked out okay, and it is good to see each other, but our virtual hugs leave a lot to be desired. At least we can see our smiles!

Our Program Chairmen have many ideas for us to be effective and helpful: Just read and re-read their Bulletins. If you have a National Program Book there's a lot of information there too. I have enjoyed talking to some of you, and hope to get to know our new members and Chairmen a little better. Please call me if you want to say Hi or have a great idea! I am in the roster.

**Help for a Troop in Afghanistan:** I received information from Past District 1 President Mary Davenport, that a troop in Afghanistan has had their PX closed, and they have no way to re-supply everyday needs. They also have COVID on the base and need all the Hand Sanitizer and Disinfecting Wipes that we can send. Hand Sanitizer – tape the tops and place in zip-lock bags. They would love to get any brand Bug Bite Itch Reliever; hand soap/body wash; toothpaste; foot powder or lotion; and hand lotion. They have asked for fly paper rolls; car tree air fresheners; and current magazines. It would be great to have single drink mixes; fruit cups and freeze pops in zip-lock bags; dried fruit; pocket size nut packets; granola and protein bars. If you feel you can help these soldiers, they would greatly appreciate it. Please send items care of:

CPT Paul Hartfield  
A/2-22IN, FOB Fenty, Camp Dyer  
APO AE 09323, United States

If you have young people in your family, or are working with a youth group, consider asking them to draw pictures of hope or write uplifting letters to those in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, or send to residents in our Veterans Homes. You can send them to Capt. Hartfield at the address above, or another Troop you might know. Maybe surprise the members of your own Post!

Mary Davenport in Everett (District 1) also wants you to know that she has about 100 bags of Plastic Easter Eggs, 48/bag, to give away, if some of you think of a good project for next Spring. Maybe by then we can make tray favors for nursing homes, or??? Let me know if you have an idea, or call Mary if you want some eggs. She is in the 2019-20 roster as District 1 President. She also has a bunch of DVD's to give away.

Loyally,  
Barbara Heston-Moore