

Washington State President's Message #1

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades,

State Convention is finished and the Torch has now passed to begin a New Year. It is a humbling honor and immense responsibility to be elected to the high office of Department President. I thank all that were at Convention and elected me. I have appointed Program Chairman whom I think you will agree with me they are knowledgeable and qualified members for their individual programs. I know they will do an excellent job in promoting and teaching us.

A Great Year was had under the leadership of Ruth Lamoureaux!! Congratulations to her, the Officers, Chairman, and all you Members proving "You Can Do It" and attaining the Circle of Excellence for Ruth and the Department of Washington. What a wonderful experience to be part of her achievement this past year.

Thanks to all the Members for the love and support throughout my journey up the State Chairs. A big Thank You to my Auxiliary and to our Commander John Rust's Post for hosting our Reception after we were Installed. Also to Frosty Hulse who made an extreme effort to attend the Convention and install me, Thank You, Frosty!

There are opportunities and challenges facing us this next year, but I believe in the hard work each of you do by letting your individual light shine. I believe in this fantastic, rewarding organization and the work that we are given the privilege of doing. I believe if we work together we can achieve anything. Continue to believe in yourself and our mission of helping our Veterans.

My Special Project was very difficult for me to decide as I wanted something to benefit All Veterans across our State of Washington. There are so many worthwhile Charities that I was overwhelmed in making my decision so I decided that Charity Begins At Home, so I have chosen the VA Hospitals that we support. Each hospital will receive the funds divided at the end of the year.

There are many events and activities planned this year. Next we are off to Orlando for the National Convention. I will see you all at the School of Instruction in Everett, August 10th and/or in Yakima the 24th of August.

I am looking forward to visiting every District this year and the schedule will be out soon.

Loyally,
Kathi Naff
Washington Dept. President