

## State President's Message

Winter/Spring 2018

The days are getting longer and the reporting year is winding down. I would ask all Auxiliaries to remember WHY they are working in their communities to help our Veterans and their Families, teach and lead our youth to be responsible and caring Americans and to enrich our own lives through friendship, sisterhood and brotherhood. Let that thought reflect on the reports that the State Chairmen are asking you to complete.

Thank you to all who helped make Mid-Winter Conference in Spokane a big success and to all who attended. The banquet table decorations that District 9 made were offered for sale and an Auxiliary purchased all of them for an event they were having, the \$85.00 they paid was donated to my special project, Rainier Therapeutic Riding.

A couple weeks ago I attended the National Mid-Year Conference in Nashville, TN. The National Ambassadors helped re-charge our batteries to keep us up and running until June. If that did not lift our spirits the good old sounds of music born in this country kept our toes tapping. Thank you for allowing me to represent you.

Get your reservations in early for the June State Convention in Bremerton. Hope to see many of you there. It has truly been a pleasure serving you.

My year has flown by, soon it will be time to turn over the care of this state to a new command. It is my hope that the river of Patriotism will continue to flow, no log jams to keep our great work from reaching our cherished Veterans.

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