

Department of Washington President's Message # 2

Two months have already passed and it has been busy. I flew to Kansas City for National Convention. Our School of Instruction was very well attended in Ritzville and lots of information was shared. I especially liked that people not only asked questions but also shared helpful information they have tried. I have made my official visits to Districts 3 and 5 as well as attending the District 9 picnic. Thank you to all for your gracious hospitality. I am looking forward to my trip to Maryland this coming week to attend National President Sandi Kreibel's Homecoming and the CAFÉ which will be held in Gettysburg. I am going to get more national president's pins, if possible as the ones I picked up at Senior Vice Conference have all sold out and several still wanted one.

Thanks to Rose Green for the work she has done getting our department face book page set up as well as a page for our Line Officers and Chairmen to share information and ideas with each other. She also encouraged our chairmen to set up their own page and Teresa Coe our scholarship chairman has already accepted the challenge. These pages are there for you to obtain and share information but we do ask that you help us to keep them as a Positive Zone. When posting take a moment as our Americanism Chairman, Linda Roloff shared in her school of instruction information, remember to use the Patriot Pause and be sure what you are about to post meets the "TRIBE". Check with your Americanism chairman to see what TRIBE stands for. You can get information to Rose Green to share on the face book page by sending it to vfwwaauxfb@gmail.com. Also Karen Flynn has set up our department webpage for this year with lots of helpful information. If you are looking for copies of general orders, year end reports, district president's reports, etc just go to <http://www.auxdeptwa.org> and you will find a wealth of material. Please share your experiences with us so others too can gain ideas to work our programs for our Veterans and their families. This can only work by communicating with each other and with our posts. I am looking forward to visiting the rest of our districts as well as our VA Hospitals and Veterans Homes and getting to meet as many of our brothers, sisters and comrades as possible. Together we are "***Making Veterans' Dreams Come True.***" I believe it and know "***We Can Do It!***"