

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Washington**

President's Message  
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Fall-Winter

Greetings to all our Brothers, Sisters and Comrades during this holiday season. I hope all of you had a good Thanksgiving and are getting ready for Christmas time. Our year is almost half over and we have done a lot, but there is still more to do before our year closes. Remember the reason you joined our auxiliary and keep working to share this with others, so they too can help us reach out to our Veterans and their families. As you go about your shopping, visiting and many holiday activities take a moment to remember those who are serving our country both at home and abroad, as many of them will not have the opportunity to share this holiday season with their families and friends. Pray for their safe return to those waiting at home for them.

My sincere thanks to all for the hospitality shown as I have travelled throughout the state visiting our brothers and sisters in the various districts as well as our VA hospitals and Veterans Homes. I have enjoyed my many visits and getting to know more of our members and especially being able to put faces to some of the names I have heard, but had not met. This past quarter included visits to District 9, 1, and 16 along with Spokane VA, Spokane Veterans Home, Seattle VA and American Lake. The work being done in each of our auxiliaries and at our VA's and Veterans Homes is amazing. Thank you for all you do and will continue to do. I still have a few districts and hospitals to visit. I look forward to spending time with each of you.

Be sure to get your dues in before the last day of 2018 to remain in good standing. Membership is important to our mission of helping Veterans and their families. Always have a membership application for both the auxiliary and the post in your purse or pocket. You never know when you will meet someone who needs and can use it to join us in our efforts.

I will see you in Yakima for Mid-Winter Conference!

Enjoy this special time of year with family and friends. Remember just Believe....We Can Do It and continue working the programs, so we can keep Making Veterans' Dreams Come True!

Ruth Lamoureux  
Department President