

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Washington

President's Message  
2018-19

Spring

Time is flying by quickly. Half of our year is now over. We had a great midwinter and I want to thank all who attended for joining us. A special thank you to Carolyn Hope and Carol Vetter along with the members of District 17 who assisted to make our conference happen. I hope all who contacted the "bug" that was being passed around are now healthy again. I am looking forward to the Legislative Conference in Washington DC in March and escorting our department winner into the National awards ceremony. I wish him the best of luck and know this will be an experience that he will remember his entire lifetime.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the homecoming event for Commander Linda Fairbank and myself on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Renton post and auxiliary. We will have lots of fun and it will be a chance to fellowship with each other as we begin winding down our year. Shortly after that I will be repacking my suitcase to head for Tucson to represent you at the National Mid-Winter Conference. They are planning a Family Freedom Festival Celebration to help all of us recharge our batteries and keep running like the Energizer bunny as we look toward June.

As we head forward to June and the end of this year, please think about our mission and what we are doing to help our veterans and their families as well as our communities. You will soon be completing year end reports and I know all of you have done many things under each of our programs as I have received newsletters, seen face book posts and also attended many of your meetings and events. Each auxiliary has something to report for each program if you think about what your members do daily. Please don't send in a report to any of our chairmen reading "No Report" because we know you have something to offer for all.

We will soon have information for you on Convention in Vancouver. Be sure to make your reservations early so you don't get left out.

The year has gone fast and I want to thank all the districts I have been able to visit thus far. Your hospitality has been overwhelming. I truly am enjoying the chance to meet as many of you as possible. Save the date, April 26, 2019 as that is when National President Sandi Kriebel will make her official visit to our state. She will only be here for one day before heading to Oregon, so we want, as many, as possible to share the time with her. Our Aisle of Honor will be held at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard Memorial Park, as there is a statue of Rosie the Riveter there. That is where we will get the picture National is requesting of myself with Sandi. They requested one picture of just the two presidents from each state to be included in all the photos and Libby Della Tessa laughed when I said there would be 3 in ours since was including Rosie. Information will be out shortly along with registration for the dinner which will be held at Post and Auxiliary 4992 in Silverdale.

It is truly a pleasure to serve all of you, as your president. You are all working very hard to help our veterans and their families. I Believe, "We Can Do It" and you are Making Veterans' Dreams Come True.

God Bless each of you.

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Ruth Lamoureux  
VFW Auxiliary Department President