



## **A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families**

### **A Message from the Department President**

Greetings Unit Officers and members:

I just wanted to let you know what is happening with the Department during these COVID-19 times. Many of you have cancelled your Unit meetings and District and Department meetings have been cancelled. ALA Utah Girls State will not be held this year – all girls were notified in March, as were Unit Girls State chairmen. The Department Convention will not be held this year, and National Convention in Louisville, KY was also cancelled. All Department elected officers and chairmen will continue in their positions until they are replaced at Department Convention next June. If any changes are needed before then, we will follow the Department Constitution and By Laws. Unit and District officers need to check their governing documents for guidance.

Utah is currently at 84% of our membership goal – look for those renewals and new members even as we “socially distance”. Check on your members to see if they need any assistance or just say “Hi”.

There are still opportunities to serve our active duty military, veterans and our communities during this time. There is currently an effort being coordinated by Auxiliary members and ALA Utah Girls State staff to provide 3000 face masks to the sailors on the USS Ronald Reagan at the request of a Utah resident serving on the ship. There are food drives and food banks needing assistance. Even though you can't visit in person, there are veterans in their homes or facilities that could use a cheery note. Check the local and state news, check the Department Facebook page, there are still ways to serve.

Cary has been going to the office once a week to collect the mail – please still send in any renewals or new memberships you may have. She also follows the email and checks the phone for messages. If you haven't answered her letter about dues increases, call or send that information in ASAP. In June/July, the new membership cards for the 2020-2021 year will be sent to Units. Again, make sure the office has the correct information for your Unit officers.

We will put out a Book of Reports for all Units similar to what we have done in the past. If you haven't gotten your reports in to the Department chairmen, please do so. Also, please continue sending pictures to the Department Historian and report your deceased members to the Department Chaplain.

There was a question regarding poppy distribution – there are no set dates for poppy distribution, so you can do what works in your community.

Please take care of yourself and your families during this crazy time. Looking forward to continuing our service to our active duty members and veterans.

Unit Presidents – please share this with your members.

Stacey Campbell  
Department President