

President's Message

And another year begins! Wow, the years pass so quickly. Just as we get use to something, the old is out and the new is in.

Our year started off with a great C of A. The program chairmen did an outstanding job in promoting their respective programs. The membership skit was lots of fun, and I so enjoyed playing the part of Liza Doolittle of "My Fair Lady". However I became a little frightened as the past department presidents entered the room. They had water balloons, scrub brushes and other devices to clean me up. Thankfully, I have until Mid Winter to become a "lady", and the only way to do that is to bring in membership! So sisters, I am counting on you and your continued support of the membership program. We can't go backwards, we must move forward and obtain 100% plus in membership for the 2010-2011 year. I know I can count on all of you.

Speaking of membership, now more than ever the veterans need our help. We have many injured young men and women who need us to fight for their right of benefits. How can we do this? By the numbers, the larger the better. When the National Commander goes to Washington, D.C., he needs an impressive membership account to get the attention of our legislators. Through these young men and women who are serving their country now and returning home, we can ask their family members to join our wonderful organization. We must "sell" the idea to them so they will be interested and join.

At the C of A I had the great opportunity to present Rose Foos with a plaque. Rose was named an Honorary VAVS Rep of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. Please congratulate Rose on this outstanding achievement. She has worked hard for many years and continues to assist at the Veterans Home.

My personal pin is a Panda Bear. Many have asked if there was any significance. Yes, when I worked for the FBI in Washington, D. C., China loaned the very first set of Panda Bears to the United States. I visited the zoo and fell in love with the adorable bears. I visited often and declared with my admission fee, I was adopting them. They're so cute!

Department Commander Sam Compton and I are working on doing a few things different this year. So stay tuned for some great news in the near future.

I am blessed to have Sam as "my" commander. Sam is always thinking of his fellow veterans and striving to make things better for them. He also has great respect for the Ladies Auxiliary.

I am looking forward to working with Commander Sam, his officers, chairmen and district commanders.

Just returning from the great trip to National Home. As usual everyone had a great time and enjoyed their visit to the "campus".

Next stop, National Convention in Indianapolis. I will give an update in my next message.

I wish everyone a great summer, at least what is left to it. Have fun on our programs and my very best to all of you for your district meetings.

From the Clouds Above To The Ocean Floor, "We Serve Our Veterans Evermore"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.