

President's Message

Spring Greetings,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a blessed Easter season.

This year is moving quickly, and the next two months will be especially busy. We are approaching important deadlines, including year-end reports, audits due to Cindy, and upcoming elections. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Department Program Chairmen, Karen, Cindy, or myself—we are all here to support you.

On March 26th, we had the honor of hosting National President Lois Callahan during her official visit to Washington State. The day began with a wonderful breakfast at Spokane Post 51, graciously prepared and hosted by the Hillyard Auxiliary. We are also grateful to members of Auxiliary #1435 who assisted with cleanup.

During her visit, we had the opportunity to tour the Illuminating Courage Memorial in Spokane, followed by a trip to Clayton to visit my special project, Heroes Homestead. There, we were warmly welcomed with a campfire, refreshments, and the opportunity to purchase handcrafted items made by local veterans from Spokane and Stevens County.

The “Aisle of Flags” ceremony, led by Department Conductor Emily Arnold, was a beautiful and successful event. Despite the wind, the flags were displayed proudly. Deer Park Memorial Post and Auxiliary 3067 provided a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for President Callahan and our visiting members. We also extend our appreciation to Jerry Herker and his team for serving a delicious chicken fried steak dinner.

As we returned President Callahan to the airport early Friday morning, she shared how impressed she was with the strong sense of connection throughout our Department. She noted the genuine communication and camaraderie she observed—whether during breakfast, at the memorial, around the campfire, or in fellowship after dinner.

President Callahan truly enjoyed her “Keep the Home Fires Burning” visit to Washington State.

Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to making this visit such a success. We truly are a great team.

As we approach the end of the year, I wish you and your Auxiliaries continued success in completing your year-end reports. Everyone has worked incredibly hard, and I encourage you to take the time to submit your reports and receive the recognition you deserve.

Cindy is working diligently to gather and prepare information for our June Convention. This is a significant undertaking, and your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Keep the Home Fires Burning,

Robyn Sterrett

Washington Department President