



# American Legion Auxiliary

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**TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents**

**CC: Department Presidents; Department Secretaries, NHQ Staff**

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: **Weekly Briefing 6-12-2020**

The NHQ building is starting to come to life again as we prepare for our first onsite meetings next week! President Nicole will be joining us as we conduct second level interviews for the Director of Finance position. Don't worry; Sara Riegel is still here and is looking forward to her new role as Compliance Officer. She will be helping units maintain their non-profit status, monitoring all our procedures to ensure compliance with all federal and state regulations, and will oversee grant administrative functions as well.

I'm grateful she has been able to use her compliance expertise as Director of Finance and lead us through two years of clean audits. This transition will allow her the time and availability to lend her expertise to units and departments and connect with members in a way we haven't been able to before now.

We proofed the magazine this week and I'm excited for our members to see it! Once again, the Communications team did a spectacular job of writing interesting and relevant articles. As an added bonus, there is an article from a guest writer, Department of Kansas Vice Commander, Marri Krupco, so be sure to look for that when you receive your copy.

Thank you for submitting the department impact reports. We're not quite at 100% but we're close!

The Directors Team and I have been working on the budget for next year and the division strategic plans. We'll be having a virtual retreat later this month to share our ideas. Thank you, Linda Boone, for guiding us through this process and sharing your knowledge!

The ALA was invited to attend the Women's Memorial in Washington DC for a surprise 90th birthday party for General Wilma in March. The event was cancelled but we still donated to this worthy cause. We recently received a thank you and the note indicated that WIMSA is preparing to launch a national campaign to add 100,000 new stories of service to their Register. Our donation will be used to enhance the vision of registering EVERY woman who has served in and with, our country's military service.

Finally, don't forget Flag Day this Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>!