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As I look back on this past Auxiliary year, I see many great things that were accomplished by Units and our National Leadership Team. I would like to thank all Units in Region VI for their support and communication this past year. It has been an honor assisting in any way possible. Our leadership team has been especially strong with communication starting with the monthly Zoom meetings. It has been a great way to communicate with ALL members, and if you log on, you will see members you may have otherwise never seen or met before.

The HOV funds and the “Senior Heroes” program are giving units new ways to help their local Veterans. If your unit has not participated in the Senior Hero program, you must. It is very rewarding to meet these Veterans and hear their stories. I assure you they will love the visits. The HOV program is also a great way to get additional funds to help Veterans in nursing homes with fun events to make their day, or VA hospitals and clinics with the much-needed necessities.

The Membership Development Program is taking care of our Member-at-Large by moving those that want, into active units. Keep in touch with members that may not be able to attend meetings any longer, there are still ways they can contribute and it makes them feel part of a unit again.

It is getting harder every year to keep units going with lack of younger members participation, which there are some, but at a slow rate. My generation (Vietnam era), we were the younger members, with the WW II and Korea as the older members. Now we (Vietnam era) are becoming the “older” members, and unfortunately, we are starting to lose these Patriots. Spouses of these Patriots that remain active, the Auxiliary deeply thanks you. Until the Post 911 generation comes in as ours did, (and they will in their own time) we need to remain strong within our units and departments continuing to help our Veterans. Units that stay close with their chapters and support each other will aid in keeping units and chapters strong and functional.

Below are just a few things Region VI units and Departments have been up to in 2018-2019. Best wishes to new officers in Units, Departments and National Leadership team for a strong and viable 2019-2020.

# REGION VI OFFICERS 2019 - 2020



Unit 49 Officers, San Diego, CA



Unit 385 Officers, Folsom, CA



Chapter 385  
Commander Chris  
Archuleta & Unit  
President Della Johnson



Unit and Chapter 750 Officers,  
Santa Barbara/Ventura CA



Unit 2001 Officers, Redding, CA



Unit 106 Officers, Fresno CA



Installation of Guam Unit 1315  
President, Chapters 2007 and 1315  
and Asia Pacific Commander.  
Swearing in by Senator Jose Terlaje.



Unit 572 Officers, Sierra Vista, AZ



Department of California  
MOPHA Officers installed  
by National President,  
Diane Petrini



Department of California MOPH  
installed by Region VI Commander,  
Jim Anderson

# SCRAPBOOK MEMORIES 2018-2019

## ARIZONA



**UNIT 572** sponsored a High Tea Fundraiser in appreciation of Women Veterans. Proceeds benefited "Soldiers Best Friend". There was a great turn out with everyone dressed in their finest 'tea attire' and the tables had beautifully decorated center pieces. Cutting the cake is one of the oldest and one of the youngest women veterans in attendance.



The oldest and youngest cutting the cake with Unit President Barbara Blankenship

Allyne  
McFalls  
with Buffalo  
Soliders

Presenting check is Nancy  
Fyffe and Barbara  
Blankenship of Unit 572



# GUAM Unit 1315



# CALIFORNIA





## WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS



## Department of California Scholarship Winner 2019

Department of California presentation of "Debbie Sweet Memorial Scholarship Award" to recipient Cameron Hernandez currently attending University of California Santa Cruz. Cameron is a member of Unit 750 Ventura/Santa Barbara CA., and is Granddaughter of Fred Contreras, an active member of Chapter 750. Patriot Contreras is one of the last WWII Normandy Veterans of Chapter 750. Cameron is a Sophomore at UCSC and pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies and Literature.

Below: Presenting Scholarship check of \$1,000.00 and Award is Susie-Seydel-Pitman Dept. of CA Sr. Vice, also a member of Unit 750, and Peggy Hughes Dept. of CA President.



Peggy Hughes, Jerry Pitman and Susie-Seydel Pitman

