

## JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year! Wishing us all a healthy and prosperous New Year. I know that the colds have been on the rise and hard to shake off. Sending thanks out to Sister Stephe Reid, 2468 Roseburg Hospital Chairman and Secretary, for holding an appreciation and Christmas event solo (I was sick) at Pacific Living Center. This was also one of the homes that she distributed Veterans Day appreciation gifts and cloth banners. Stephe has really stepped up for our assisted living Vets and Facilities, not just for Roseburg, but for the whole of District 12. Thank you, Stephe!

I also want to thank my Auxiliary siblings at 9745 Winston for group signing over 150 Christmas Cards at the last meeting. I love how this was done as a group. All were delivered Christmas Eve and Day amongst 6 different facilities in Roseburg, including the administrative and nursing staff. How special the Veterans and Staff must have felt to see all those Christmas wishes and signatures!

Has your Auxiliary and Post acknowledged the Medical and Administrative Staff that care for our Veterans' health? Please have a project going for this, even if it is a simple group card with pastries and to-go bulk coffee. And remember, any medical facility- get creative. Use those Non-Traditional Holidays too. National Pharmacist's Day is on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Would that not be a fun surprise for them in the hustle bustle on that Friday? Also, National Puzzle Day is on the 29<sup>th</sup>; so many different forms and a fun gift to our Veterans/Facilities. This year's Hospital Citation 1 encompasses participation in a Non-Traditional Holiday. Don't forget to turn that in.

Can you believe that Mid-Winter is just around the corner? We will be in Portland. Keep those reports coming so that I can give an accurate status update of our work. Please remember to use my new PO Box if sending reports by post. I created this PO Box especially for Auxiliary business; your reports are gold to me.

Please start preparing now for National Salute Week next month that includes Valentines for Vets. Try to involve your Post with projects in any way that you can. Not only is it good practice and supports our bond, but National is seeking this effort as well for our Hospital Projects (see dept year-end report). If not an official event, delivery of items for National Salute Week is a start.

Thank you for all that you are doing for our Vets and their families in Hospitals, Medical, and Assisted Living Facilities. I appreciate you!

Looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter.