



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### STATE COMMANDER

*Shirley Hill*

Congratulations North Carolina, we have two new units:

Unit 14 of Hendersonville  
Unit 6 of Hudson

Congratulation also goes out to Margaret Snelling on her position as National History chairman.

We had a wonderful conference in October that was filled with lots of information and fun time. The History book program was especially great and Margaret Snelling did a great job with it. Thank you all for coming and participating in the activities. Everything seemed to have fallen in place just right where it needed to be. As you all know it was my first time as being Commander and I was really nervous and felt as if everything I did was not going quiet right. Of course ALL OF YOU made it seem right and you made me feel as if I knew what I was doing. You all are so great and I am proud to call all of you my family. I have to say what a wonderful job all of the officers did. Kim with her Membership, Dorothy with her Silent Auction, Trudy, Carolyn, Norma, her first time too and of course Renee. Leave it up to her to come up with something that no one else would think of. Was that a BIG DIAMOND or what? Of course I have to say thank you to all of the Chairman and Committee members for their participation. Everyone did a great job and Brenda and Barbara did it again this year.

Bingo was great as usual and if you missed bingo you missed a really good time. Even though all of the conference is very important and informative we need fun time and you can't beat the bingo caller. In case no one is familiar with him it's none other than Frank Huffman. So, if you were not at our conference this time, we look forward to seeing you at our next conference in March. Come and collect important information, fellowship and enjoy the fun time.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our upcoming Ninth District Conference that will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC from January 22 - 24, 2010. North Carolina will be hosting the conference so please plan on joining us there.

Please take time to learn who our new State Adjutant is. Her name is Norma Jeffcoat and her address is 135 Batten Pond Road Selma, NC 27576, Phone: 919-455-0150, Email: [mercy.Norma@aol.com](mailto:mercy.Norma@aol.com). Please remember that all mail goes to her.

Remember our four great principles: COMRADESHIP, LOYALTY, DEVOTION, and SERVICE. Hope to see you soon.



### **STATE ADJUTANT**

*Norma Jeffcoat*

The October conference in Raleigh was very informative. There also was much laughter and fun. Treat yourself and plan to go to the next conference. This was a new experience for some of us. Our Commander did a great job. She also made it a fun time. I would like to thank her for all the help she gave me preparing for the conference. She also is continuing to help me with my job of being State Adjutant I certainly could not do it without all of her help. Thanks to all the SECs for voting for me. Being new at this I so appreciate all of the patience I have had from you. The encouraging words all of you have given me has meant a lot. Know that as I am new I may not always have the answers to your questions but I will do my best to find out the answers and get back with you. Remember all mail goes to the State Adjutant except where otherwise stated. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Spring conference which will be March 12-14, 2010 in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are so fortunate to have the freedom we have thanks to our Veterans.

### **STATE FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN**

*Dorothy Russell*

I had a great time in Raleigh for the Conference. We all had a lot of work to do and we also had a lot of fun. If any one didn't go to Bingo, they missed a lot of fun. Chaplain Frank Huffman kept us laughing and I can't wait to do Bingo again. Tell all you friends next time to get to Bingo.

We raised \$308.00 at Bingo and lets see if we can do more at Conference in March. We also raised \$1462.00 at Silent Auction. Any one that brought something that we didn't get to use please bring it back in March.. I will need a lot of help on that one.

We also raised \$309.00 on the Basket Raffle. It was a beautiful basket done by Brenda Howell and Barbara Smeal. We know that she will have a beautiful one for March, so be prepared. Keep sending in your Blessing Tax Fundraiser letter if you have not sent it in yet. We also have a lot of Money Raffle tickets left, Remember top prize is \$500. Lets all get busy and sell those tickets. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Myrtle Beach in January. Thanks for all the help that everyone gave me.

Love our Veterans Every Day



## STATE CHAPLAIN

*Trudy Huffman*

### THANKSGIVING AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Holiday time is now upon us with all of the hurrying about. I pray that you will take time to reflect on the things that you are thankful for.

We all have much to be thankful for and we are all so richly blessed. One of our most important blessings is that we live in a country where we are free. We have the freedom to work and achieve the dreams that are never to unreachable or impossible to ascertain. We have the freedom to raise our children and teach them what great cost was required for our country to have these freedoms. We have the freedom of religion and to worship as we are led.

Our veterans know all too well the cost of our freedoms. We are forever grateful for the unselfish acts that our veterans have performed to make our United States of America free. We are forever thankful for the men and women who have served and are now serving in harms way to protect our freedoms.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends, reach out and help a veteran and his or her family that may be less fortunate than you but that has given so much for your freedoms. It is more blessed when we give than when we ourselves receive. Life is better when we give. Giving pays in many ways. It spreads happiness and cheer. Let us serve God by serving others. It is blessed when we give.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone and especially to our Disabled American Veterans and the Auxiliary.

Trudy Huffman, Chaplain  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Dept of North Carolina

### UNIT REPORTS DUE

Each unit should have already submitted their officer's report, financial report and state mandates. If you have not, please submit them as soon as possible to State Adjutant Norma Jeffcoat, 135 Batten Pond Road, Selma, NC 27576. **Units listed below are not considered to be in good-standing. Without this information, your unit SEC will not be entitled to vote at the SEC meetings, nor will your delegates be entitled to vote at the upcoming state or national conventions.** If you believe you have submitted this information, please contact State Adjutant Norma Jeffcoat.

*The following units have not submitted their officer's report: #34 Hickory.*

*The following units have not submitted their financial report: #62 Plymouth; #63 Eden; #68 Statesville.*

*The following units have not submitted state mandates (\$60): #45 Goldsboro; #53 Lincolnton; #63 Eden; #68 Statesville*

### INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW

Each unit in North Carolina is required to submit a \$60 mandate annually to the state department. The mandate is used for the Mary Flynn Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$10) and for administrative needs (\$50). The mandate is due by August 15, 2009. Units who do not submit the state mandate are not consider a unit in good standing.

Membership applications are available at no charge directly from DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters (3725 Alexandria Pike – Cold Spring, KY 41076).