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### Promotion 1

Greetings Auxiliary Family,

The Legislative Program insert for this year's program book is under the Legislative Program drop down. Please take the time to read through it as there is an exciting competition to support **California SB 245 "Pets 4 Vets Act"** (read more below) as well as everything from my National Ambassador, Sherry Howland.

Also is a link to about our State Legislative priorities that the VFW California Department supports. Please send your legislators your input on these items and send me your reports.

Also, please continue to sign up for Action Corp and there is an "Action Alert" that is active right now, so please log in and send your representatives emails that you support saving our Veterans Retirement & Disability pay with support for the Major Richard Start Act and ask them to support it too.

**I still am missing Legislative Chairmen for the following Districts: District 2, District 6, District 7, District 8, District 13, District 14, District 15, District 16, District 17.**

Please send me an email with your Chairmen information. District Presidents in those districts missing a chairman, it is necessary to act as the chairman until one is appointed, so please send this notice to all your auxiliaries for each of their Legislative Chairmen. If your chairman does not have email (I have 2) please print this out and give to them to distribute to their Auxiliaries.

### **California Senate Bill 245 (2019-2020) "Pets for Vets Act" and Awards**

I am very excited to bring this year a new program to promote Senate Bill 245 which passed in California in late 2019 and early 2020. Similar bills have passed in many other States. Because California was in a Covid-19 lockdown, this bill passed without much fanfare or awareness, and I am pleased to have been given authorization from our Department VFW Commander and Auxiliary President to reach back and promote this Bill. SB 245 called "Pets for Vets Act" gives all Veterans the ability to adopt cats and dogs without adoption fees from all State shelters. Many Shelters are not aware of its passing. To promote awareness, I am asking

Auxiliaries to make posters to hang in each of their local shelters, as well as in their VFW post to raise awareness of this great bill for our Veterans. We all know how pets help our Veterans that suffer from PTSD and other issues. Whether the animal is service dog trained or a companion pet, it makes a huge difference for our Veterans quality of life. Therefore, the Department Legislative Program will Provide a Citation to the winning poster in each of the 8 Divisions as well as participation citations for each Auxiliary.

More information about this Bill can be found at  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200SB245](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB245)

Again, I look forward to serving as your Legislative Chair this year. Thank you, Madam President Diana, for the opportunity.

Thank you everyone for all you do!

In Service,

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