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## Post Commander:

Comrades and Auxiliary members,

It is with a great pleasure that I begin this newsletter with the news that our beloved post has earned and achieved the distinction of All-State and All-American Post for the year 2015-2016. I would like to thank my right hand man and one of my strongest

supporters our Quartermaster Nicolas Christilaw for all his hard work in helping reach this great milestone. Comrades, our post continues to move in the right direction. The changes we have implemented and the transparency in everything we do as your post elected officers has helped immensely in changing the attitude and perception in our post dealings. There is still a lot of work ahead of us, although being recognized at the local, state and now national level is something to be proud of. It does not mean we are done. We have signed up a lot of new members and the Auxiliary has grown as well. It is now time to welcome and invite these new comrades to our meetings and get the maximum participation from our new and old members. I have stated many times comrades that if, half the membership participated and volunteered, there would be no reason for our post not to make All-State or All American every year. There have been many events planned and they have been successful in providing our post the necessary income to operate due mostly to the community's support. They would be a lot more successful if the membership participated and attended these events. Don't be the one to complain or say we are doing things wrong. Instead help by being part of the solution and get involved by participating or volunteering. There has been a lot of expectations and demands asked of me as there should be. Being the Post Commander has a lot of responsibilities and demands, which I gladly accept and take seriously. The roof is still the number one priority and we continue to work at achieving that goal. Our building in general, is need of upgrades and remodeling and I'm working with the House Committee at making it happen. Comrades Rome wasn't built in a day, although I hear the constant concerns and the constant





### Auxiliary President:

Greetings,

To all members as we begin our 2016-2017 year. I want to welcome and thank our members who have stepped up to be officers and accept appointed positions, Miguel “Miguelito” Martinez will be our Junior Vice President, Julia Cruz, 3 Year Trustee, Bianca Hurtado, Patriotic Instructor. We are now conducting business with a full staff of officers and appointed positions.

A big thank you to all of the Auxiliary members who came out to Thursday’s July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had a great attendance turnout. Please continue coming to our meetings, a larger attendance results in a better exchange of ideas and recommendations.

Please note on your calendars, August 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Auxiliary Rummage Sale. We are asking for donations of reusable items of all sorts. You can bring them by on the morning of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, some items may be able to be taken to the Post earlier however there really is not much room in the shed to store items, please check with the House Committee before taking any items to the Post prior to the rummage sale. More information will be posted.

Another event to support is the Mexican Ancestry Scholarship Dinner-Dance which is scheduled for October 1, 2016 beginning at 5 pm with a live band “Benny and The Mix”, contact Eddie Carrillo for tickets and they are also available at the bar. I will be reaching out to the Auxiliary members to provide desserts for this event, cupcakes, cakes, etc. Let’s show strong support for this important event. Big shout out and kudos to Commander and his officers for taking our beloved Post all the way to All State, All American Post!! Only the second time in 60 years to receive the All American Post, must be doing something right!!!

I encourage all members to support all activities and events at our Post, we will have more. We are heading midway into summer then soon the holidays, we will be reaching out to everyone asking that you volunteer and support all that we do for our Veterans and our community.

Be on the lookout for another Auxiliary, “Purse Raffle”, last month a lucky winner won a beautiful stylish purse full of wonderful items valued at over \$100. Delina Ruiz is in charge of that raffle/fundraiser.

A big thank you to our amazing canteen staff who take such good care of all of us and they do that with a smile!!

Check out our Facebook page, it’s full of information on what’s going on at our Post. It’s a great way to communicate with one another.

Remember our Veterans, remember their sacrifices, remember the best way to honor their service is for us to be of service to them and their families.

Yours in service,

Sara I Sandoval

