Lynn Helms Prosser National Sr. Vice Commander National Mae Holmes Chairman

As I begin my report, I want to address two issues. Your State and Unit will be in one of them. COVID 19 has in one way or another affected everyone's lives. Just know that as your Mae Holmes Chairman, I care about you, pray for your safety and I know that you are doing everything you can to continue our DAV Auxiliary mission to help veterans and their families. Many of you may have became one of those families needing assistance. Please, never hesitate to contact your local chapter or state department if you are in distress.

First, I want to address those Units and States that were unable to meet, compile your hard work and fill out your National Annual Reports. We realize that COVID 19 has virtually brought our great nation to a halt as we've known it and put many lives in danger. I want to thank you so much for all the undocumented volunteer hours and assistance you have so graciously given from your heart this year. Please know that you are appreciated and loved. This virus will pass, and we can and must look forward to a brighter future.

Now I would like to address those Units and States that were able to work wonders with their ingenuity and compile the information to complete your great reports. Thank you so much as I know it was a lot of extra work and very time consuming. I enjoyed reading the activities and special events that Unit members were able to participate in prior to the virus shutting us down.

The following is a computation of the Mae Holmes submitted reports but you as members gave so much more to support your communities, hospitals, nursing homes and endless projects and I just want to say a "BIG THANK YOU"!!! Congratulations to all unit and states that made <u>Membership</u> quota.

<u>Americanism</u>: 925 different parades and events, <u>Legislation</u>: 21,175 legislative contacts, <u>VAVS</u>: Total value, \$176,241, Hours 77,082. <u>Community Service</u>: Total value, \$690,000, Hours, 274,272, Miles, 421,516. I want to thank our <u>Juniors</u> that have volunteered to assist the Auxiliary with projects and social events. They are a big asset and we appreciate them.

I especially want to thank National Adjutant Pat Kemper and her staff for working diligently to keep us informed and giving members guidance through all of the changes due to the virus. They have really done a great job!!!

I want to thank all of you for supporting me as your Sr. Vice Commander and I will continue to assist you in any way I can. We had a wonderful National Convention and Fall Conference last year and I look forward to seeing you in Reno, 2021. May God bless you and your family, our men and women serving our country, heal our people and keep us "America Strong".