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Hello VA&R Chairmen!

Hope this finds each of you embracing the beautiful colors of the fall season.

The 2023-24 National President, Lisa Williamson, who hails from Alaska, was installed at National Convention on August 31st. Lisa's project is "Be The One, " The American Legion's initiative to increase awareness about the veteran and military suicide epidemic – be the one to save one. The American Legion Family with all three leaders – American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary will all be focusing on this issue for the 2023-24 administrative year.

This chairman is happy to report that the ALA has entered into partnerships with the following entities:

Wreaths Across America

- ✓ Members are urged to take part in wreath placement ceremonies at local Veterans cemeteries.
- ✓ Units and Districts are encouraged to sponsor wreaths for placement through Wreaths Across America @ www.wreathscrossamerica.org.
- ✓ National Wreaths Across America Day is December 16, 2023.

Honor Flight, Inc.

- ✓ Members are encouraged to volunteer with local hubs.
- ✓ Units can utilize their Poppy funds to support important aspects of Honor Flight activities. For more information visit www.honorflight.org/donations.
- ✓ Participate in Welcome Home events.
- ✓ Coordinate the delivery and creation of cards and letters to Honor Flight hubs for mail call.

You are encouraged to check out these groups to see how your units might be able to participate in and support them this year.

Until next time, we remain United as One,

Susan Baker, VA&R Chair
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