Ways and Means Floor Report American Legion Auxiliary Visalia Convention 2023-2024 June 26-30, 2024

Ways and Means does not have a Department Code, Mid-year, or EOY report. So how do we share the good work we do? A narrative report of funds raised, along with a description of how these funds were raised is reported at Clovis, Department Executive Committee (DEC) and Convention.

Many members do not realize the importance of what Ways and Means is responsible for. Ways and Means, what does it mean? Defraying costs by raising funds with the least number of expenditures. The Committee has the responsibility for raising revenue. The Committee is given the task of finding <u>Ways and Means</u> with which to raise revenue.

Money raised goes to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California's General Fund. The Department Finance Committee decides how best to use these funds.

This year was very trying for our Committee Chairman. Our chairman was absent all year due to family and personal illnesses but was able to participate non the less. Committee members, Marcia Munroe and Fran Brossman kept the office open and was available to answer all your questions and help consumers with all their needs.

We thank all Districts, Units, and individuals who have generously donated baskets, gift certificates and services to Ways and Means. Without your support, we would not have been as successful as we were.

Funds generated included 1090.00 at Clovis, and \$1426.00 at DEC. Convention totals will be announce at a later date. A special raffle to help generate funds for Madame President's special project, suicide prevention and awareness was held.

The poppy quilt was made by Colleen Freemen, wife of American Legionnaire Jeff Freemen, from District 11. Colleen donated her time and talent to this project. The materials were donated by your Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Arlene Smith. The total funds generated will be provided when the winner is announced.

Madame President Glenda, as your Committee Chairman, I wish to thank you for this appointment, and that of our committee members appointments.