

Juniors Mid-Year Report

Good morning, Madam President, Officers, Chairmen, Members and Guests!

I have a very quick mid-year report to present to all of you today, because I know you all want it short and sweet, let's get this party started.

Let's start off with the Veterans Home of California in Barstow where our Juniors made artwork to send up to decorate their walls with happy colorful pieces of art, unfortunately this was postponed till March due to some difficulties. We still have all the artwork, and it is ready to send up whenever they are ready to open their doors again.

Continuing our help for veterans in need, Juniors attended a bingo night at the Long Beach VA Hospital, where we helped blind Veterans win patriot bucks and some sweet treats. Or at least we tried to, cheating doesn't get you too far.

To support our veterans for Veterans Day this year we hosted a meeting where we taught proper flag etiquette to our Juniors and showed them how to fold a pocket flag. It took them a minute, but they caught on. With that brand new skill, we were able to provide pocket flags for veterans-on-Veterans Day at our post and veterans at Round Tree Gardens, a nursing home.

For Christmas our juniors were busy at work just like little elves. We had the opportunity to ship out 300 Christmas cards to the USS Carl Vinson, where my cousin is currently deployed. Continuing our gift giving spree the Juniors donated gas gift cards to military families in need.

We also had the privilege to go to the Richard Nixon library, there our juniors where able to learn about this president and even take a tour of the house he was born in. Continuing our way through the library our juniors where also able to get a brief history about the POW and MIA through a small exhibit. Overall, it was a great experience, and I personally can't wait to go back, it would also be a great opportunity to take our Juniors to the Ronald Reagan Museum one day.

Finally let's conclude my report with the last topic I would love to share with all of you. As the Honorary Department Junior President of California, I've chosen a special project that I am currently excited about. I'm calling it Sammy's Project, last year I had to say goodbye to my beloved companion Sammy. In honor of him I'm currently fundraising to place service dogs for our military veterans with PTSD, and other disabilities. Sammy's signature was always getting the toilet paper off the roll and dragging it across the house, hopefully that's not in their doggy classes.

And just so y'all know I'm still working my tail off in the kitchen serving tacos every Tuesday for our Auxiliary, all while selling baked goods to fundraise for our juniors.

Madame President Glenda this ends my report, Thank you everyone for listening.