

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 2020-2021

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Another year has come & gone & we are back in our same places for a repeat!

To reiterate, the primary mission of the ALA is providing for our veterans. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to congratulate all the units in the Department of North Carolina for fulfilling this mission admirably! Despite the fact that there was no reporting requirement for 2019-2020 the Year End reports, the progress reports I had received showed impressive activity on behalf of our Veterans. Please keep the momentum going, especially now during this continued period of quarantine.

How we carry out our mission will depend on each individual member & unit. There are many ways to do this. I am very interested in hearing how you met the challenges in carrying out this mission during the period of quarantine.

Our initial Obligation is financial through payment of the Fair Share assessment. We request that each unit pay \$2.00 per unit member, as per the June 30, 2020 membership, for both Junior Members & Senior Members. Therefore, if your membership was computed to be 40 members, the unit's Fair Share would be \$80.00.

The projected goal for 2020-2021 is unchanged, at \$13,000. Since this is a continuation of our Centennial Year, it would be great to exceed this goal, and also have 100% of the units pay their obligations. Despite the fact that last year was cut short by COVID your Fair Share donations totaled, \$10,389.00. Thanks all for contributing.

Let us all make this a re-do year memorable. I have some suggestions for providing for the hospitalized veterans since we cannot make any actual visits. Some of these are gift cards for the purchase of needed items, checks- either unit or personal- with specific designations for use, i.e. pizza party, bingo, etc., restaurant cards for take-out from restaurants like Bojangles, Subway, etc. Please let me know if you have any other suggestions to let the veterans know that we have not forgotten them!

We will also be considering additional challenges throughout the year, to provide for specific needs of the 4 VA hospitals that we support. More information will be given at District Meetings in the Fall.