

## **WELCOME HOME MARY DAVIS, CANDIDATE FOR ALA NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**SAVE THE DATES, October 20-22, 2016**, The Department of Washington American Legion Family is planning a special welcome home for our candidate for National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mary Davis. We have lots of events planned for everyone to enjoy and be a part of; you will have a chance to meet the National Officers and others as they will be traveling to our great state to honor her along with us and join in the festivities. Many have never been here, let's all give them a BIG Washington welcome to our great state.

Mary will be elected at the National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio held on August 26 - September 1, 2016. We would love to have as many American Legion Family members attend and be there for her installation. What a great chance to participate in the events and activities planned, and see the American Legion family in action; there will be a parade, a baseball game, a chance to see our National youth champions and Service Members of the Year, and other fun activities for all, along with doing the business of our great organizations, an exciting fun filled week.

On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we are starting off the party with a big Family BBQ and Event at the LeMay Family Collection at the Marymount Event Center (Tacoma). Tour the museum exhibits of antique autos, motorcycles, and other exhibits and along with the best BBQ by Warthog Barbeque Pit, a locally owned restaurant in the Tacoma area. There is something for everyone, Legion, Auxiliary, Juniors, SAL and Riders; museum tour and parking available at no charge; there will be a charge for the dinner only.

Friday will be a fun filled day of visiting the museums and shops in Tacoma, the Chihuly-Museum of Glass, the Washington State History Museum, the America's Car Museum and the Tacoma Art Museum. There will be a special hosted tour of the Chihuly-Museum of Glass for those that want to learn more about glass blowing and the museum exhibits and a chance to join a class to learn how to make a fused glass plate. After the tours, a family dinner is being planned for all to attend (more about that later). If museums are not your thing, a golf event is planned for the Legionnaires and others who prefer to do that at American Lake Veterans Golf Course and we are inviting the Wounded Warriors as our special guests for the day.

Saturday, we will be traveling to the Pike Place Market in Downtown Seattle, an opportunity to go to the Aquarium with your family, ride the Great Wheel, visit the Space Needle, have lunch at the Seattle Center, and tour the Experience Music Project (EMP). There will be a special tour of the Museum of Flight or the Boeing Tour planned for those who don't want to go on the Seattle Downtown tour. After the tours, we will return to the hotel, and there will be a formal dinner honoring our National President, all are welcome to attend.

Along with our out of state guests, you can register and stay at the DoubleTree Hotel at the airport, special American Legion Auxiliary prices have been negotiated, and we will be publishing a schedule of events and costs. Those staying at the hotel will be able to ride the buses to the tours that we have scheduled. All are welcome to participate in all the tours and activities. Due to restrictions by National we cannot register anyone until she is officially elected at National Convention so more to come.