

With 2021 only doing a little bit better than 2020, we have started gearing up for more work here in South Carolina. The other states are slowly opening and having meeting for the first time in 18 months. Last year I was not able to give out the Heart and Soul Award for Region Three and this year we had the Region Three Conference cancelled due to closing by the hotel and the virus making itself busy again. I decided that I would put nominees from my 2020 list and have an award made for this year. We will be presenting this year's award to our nominee from Chapter 885 in Wilmington North Carolina, Mr. James Bryant, Jr. Mr. Bryant is a Gulf War Veteran and has helped his chapter become the largest one in the state. I think it will help show the younger vets that we do need them and appreciate them. Congratulations to Mr. Bryant.

As usual I continue to supply all of my members in Region Three with the following material for their use in helping the veterans and their families in their area.

- Agent Orange
- Burn Pits
- Spousal Benefits
- At home care
- Web sites offered by Gold Star Wives that may be of interest
- Any, and all things I receive that would help the veterans and their families

I sent out several cards to those I knew that were sick and some that had passed away. Just keep everyone in your prayers that we will not lose anymore people this year.

I still and working with the Excel and Power Point systems and I hope to master it soon. We all know how short the memory banks are now.

I am working on a new project with my fellow members of Chapter 523. We also are doing the gun shows, we will be decorating the Christmas tree and have a parking lot sale. Our annual golf game will be held this coming Saturday.

I am looking forward to going to the National Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina in November. It will be great to see my military family again, I have missed them.

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