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Caren Cleaveland, National President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 17, 2017

It has been hard to get this message out. It is hard to get through a day without hearing, reading or watching news that is so disheartening with regard to America's history. The thing that we all cherish so dearly.

On December 1, 1862, Abraham Lincoln, in his First State of the Union Address, said, "Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history."

Let us, in all ways, respect each others differences and learn from our history.

It has been a pleasure looking forward to this year as your National President. I am honored that you have chosen me to represent you.

The main focus of your National President is to support and work to build our membership. This responsibility is first on my list.

The best way to keep our organization successful is to always bear in mind our mission.

*DUVCW MISSION: To spread widely the teachings of patriotism, that those who dwell in this broad land of ours will so live that, in peace or in war, there shall be no stain on "The Flag Our Fathers Saved."*

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Caren Cleaveland  
DUVCW, National President