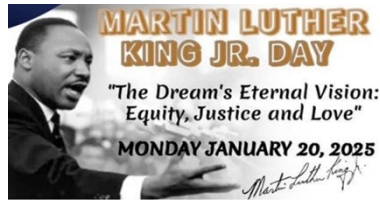


Americanism/Patriotic Instructor



JANUARY 2025

Greetings to our NM Dept. Officers, Auxiliary Chairpersons, members, & National Ambassador Katlyn Burke

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I don't know about y'all, but every year I am more surprised how much faster the year has gone...and how much faster each year I break any resolution, goal, or promise I make. I keep saying that I just need to stop making them, but I just get caught up in the "New Year, New Beginnings" spirit. To be honest, the results are always mixed, but I try. One thing I don't ever have to "renew" is my love for my Americanism and my passion for working to support and help those who have kept us safe for many years. Among my duties as our District 3 NM President, I love meeting many other Auxiliary members who share the same passion. It is so awesome to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Along with New Year's Day starting off year 2025, our January celebrations, observances and happenings include:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 20th

New Mexico Department Mid-Winter Conference Jan 17-18

Paris Peace Accord January 27th—aka the "Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam" which took place on this date in 1973. I will never forget the day my big brother came back from Vietnam. It was so tough for him to heal and adjust after going through so much. We lost so many precious American soldiers and so many came back forever changed. Let's see... an opportunity for a Flag Retirement Ceremony perhaps, and maybe a breakfast afterwards for our veterans. Let me know how your post commemorates this important date in history.

Finally, January is a time that your Department Chairmen look over all reporting and see how we are doing in meeting our goals across New Mexico. I hope you all will have some "quiet time" this month to send reports on your holiday events. I know I need a bit of catch-up for our Auxiliary, too. You can utilize our electronic reporting tool at <https://vfwauxnm.org>, or email Americanism info to me at weezerino@gmail.com or even send reports by "snail mail" at 5254 Apache Trl, Las Cruces, NM 88012. I would love to see an influx of reports for all who included reporting in your resolutions!

Always yours in service,

Marsha Short

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