

July 1, 2026

My name is Dominique C. Garcia, I am the Department Buddy Poppy Chairman for the 2026-2027 year. I am a life member at VFW Post 401 Auxiliary in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I come under the eligibility of my grandfather, Joe D. Salas, a Vietnam veteran.

I have been in the Auxiliary for 12 years and I was a Jr. Girl for 10 years. I am a Past Department President (2022-2023), I was Auxiliary treasurer for 4 years, I had the honor of being National Color Bearer #3 for PNP Carla Martinez, and National Youth Activities Ambassador for PNP Brenda Bryant. I grew up in this organization.

I graduated from Volcano Vista High School in May of 2016 and graduated from Central New Mexico Community College with a Certificate in Pharmacy Technician, I work for Shields Health Solutions as a Pharmacy Liaison over seeing GI, Pulmonary, and Dermatology specialty medications in 7 clinics. I have a pure breed Dachshund named Paisley Rae and Huskey named Ike who is 12 years old. Paisley was born on Veterans Day (11/11/2021) she is 4 years old. Work, my dogs and my love for our Veterans take up most of my time. When I do have time I love to travel, shop, read, hang out with family and friends.

Accomplishments:

Auxiliary:

- President
- Treasure- 4 years
- Guard
- Conductress
- Membership Chairman
- Legislative Chairman
- Youth Activities Chairman

District:

- Sr. Vice President
- Guard
- Conductress
- Jr. Vice President
- Mentoring Chairman
- Americanism Chairman
- Scholarship Chairman

Department:

- President
- Sr. Vice President
- Guard
- Chaplain

- Assistant Secretary
- Auxiliary Outreach Chairman
- Youth Activities Chairman
- Historian/ Media Relations Chairman (2 years)
- Ways and Means Chairman
- Membership Chairman
- Help coordinate and run Registration
- Department Auxiliary Convention Chairman
- Life Member of VFW National Home for Children

National:

- Page for the Past National Presidents
- Color Bearer #3
- Youth Activities Ambassador (2024-2025)

I am also a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. I was the Grand President of New Mexico for the 2020-2021 year. My special project was Supplies for the Albuquerque Fisher House. I am the incoming Grand Treasurer.

I am very excited for this year, and I look forward to working with you.

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Loyally,
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