

**Parliamentarian Promotional**  
**District & Department Conventions**  
**Both have delegates!!!**

Hello VFWA of New Mexico!

In our organization of volunteers, we should elect those that have a servant's heart, only then can we grow, and love the work we do for our veterans, families and our community.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Per Section 302, page 33, of our Bylaws in our 2023 Podium Edition, (for clarification, this is not a new Bylaw).

Sec. 302 – District Meetings and Conventions

- A. Delegates and Alternates to Districts shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than ten (10) calendars days prior to the District Convention at which District Officers are to be elected
  - 1. ***One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates.***
    - a. Or as respective Bylaws may provide.
- B. The Auxiliary Secretary shall provide the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the District Secretary prior to the District Convention or as the District Standing Rules direct.
- C. Auxiliaries instituted subsequent to March 30 shall as promptly as possible elect Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention.
- D. The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from date of the election, as described in this Section, until the elections of the new Delegates.

***If you do not elect and send in delegates to your District Secretary, and have more than one person running for a position, your Auxiliary does not have a vote! This is a Bylaw, not an option; and if a person was too loose, the results can be contested; and the person contesting would be correct.***

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Per Sec. 303, pages 33 and 34, of our Bylaws in our 2023 Podium Edition

- A. Delegates and Alternates to the Departments shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than (30) calendar days prior to the Department Convention:

1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing at the time of the election of Delegates.
2. The Auxiliar Secretary shall send the names of the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Secretary prior to the close of the credentials of the Department Convention.
3. Auxiliaries instituted during the thirty (30) calendar days prior to convening date of the Department Convention shall at the time of institution, or a soon thereafter as possible, elect Delegates and Alternates.
4. In the case of a new Auxiliary, within fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of institution:
  - a. The Delegate strength shall be based on the Department Treasurer's record as of the date of election of such Delegates.
5. The term of office for which Delegates are elected shall be for one (1) year from date of the election, as described in this Section, until the election of new Delegates.

If you do not send in your delegate fees and delegates names to the Department Treasurer and Department Secretary, your **Auxiliary will not have a vote** at the Department Convention! If you have any questions, or concerns please reach out to myself, Penney Howard, Department Treasurer or Jeannette Garcia, Department Secretary.

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader". John Quincy Adams*

If God sees fit to let me do the above, even for just one person, I will feel I have served a purpose in our organization.

Health and Happiness to all,

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