

Hello New Mexico,

Time is flying by so fast. It is now September. Thank you for all your hard work this year. As I travel to districts for my official visits, I can see the work that our Auxiliaries are doing and your passion for our Veterans.

At National Convention we had 20 Auxiliary members from New Mexico attend. We heard from the new National Ambassadors and the goals for this year. We are already a step ahead and moving forward with our programs. We saw Betty Decker, our new National District 15 Council Member and Shirlee Frias, Assistant Conductor get installed during the convention. Congratulations to the both of you.

As for awards, our department did very well. Congratulations to Renee King and all who received awards:

Circle of Excellence: Renee King
Veterans & Family Support: Award #1 - Auxiliary 401- Division 3
Americanism: Department 1st Place – Marsha Short
Buddy Poppy: Award #1 – Auxiliary 401 – Division 3
Department 2nd Place - Barbara Santillanes
Historian: Award #1 – Auxiliary 401 – Division 3
Hospital: Award #1 – Auxiliary 401 – Division 3
Department 2nd Place – Jeanette D Garcia
Membership: Department 2nd Place – Kelly Fouse
Recruiting 20 members or more: Marsha Short
Scholarship: Award #1 – Auxiliary 401 – Division 3

Resolutions didn't take as long as we thought it was going to be. There was discussion on some of the resolutions, the results are as follows:

Resolution #1: Life Membership - Passed
Resolution #2: National District Council Members - Passed
Resolution #3: Eligibility – Passed
Resolution #4: Meetings, Regular and Special – Tabled until more information provided
Resolution #5: Suspension & Revocation of District Charter – Passed
Resolution #6: National (A) – Was not presented
Resolution #7: National (B) – Passed
Resolution #8: Trustees Duties of (All Levels) – Passed
Resolution #9: Solicitation of Funds – Passed
Article XI Disciplinary Action – Passed with Amendments

It was a busy convention. The changes still have to be presented to the VFW and they will need to approve these changes. Once approved changes will be made in the bylaws and a new book will be available for your auxiliaries to purchase or you can see the book on MALTA.

We will be having our Council of Administration meeting on September 27, 2025 at the Veterans Memorial. There will be a tour at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin at 10:30 am. All members are welcome to the meeting. This is not only for the Council Members. There will be a couple of presentations, we will have a silent auction/raffle for the Pink Warrior House. Each District is asked to bring a Pink Basket that will be auctioned or raffled off at the end of the meeting. Proceeds made will go towards the needs of the Pink Warrior House. Lunch will be provided.

Attached you will find an order form for National President Lois Callahan's Sparkle Shirt. The Deadline to order is November 1st and they are \$24.00. Penney will also have her pins available for purchase at the Council of Administration meeting

Thank you for all your hard work. Keep working your Membership. We are currently at 89.04%. Would like to see us get to 100% by the end of December. As a department, district and auxiliaries, we can make this happen. Remember that we are each a piece of the puzzle, let's work together and complete our picture.

Please let me know if you need any help, our Line Officers will be attending one of your meetings beginning now in September through December. Our department is here to support you and help with any concerns you may have.

Please also let us know about the great things you are doing. How did you help Veterans and Families, tell us about your fundraisers, how are you working with your new members? Let us highlight your Auxiliary and/or your District and it's members.

Thank YOU!!

Jeanette D Garcia
Department President