

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Of the United States  
Department of New Mexico  
President's Message #1**

Hello New Mexico!

It is a New Year! Let's continue to work together for our Veterans and their families.

First, I would like to congratulate the newly elected and appointed officers and chairman from the Auxiliaries, Districts and VFWA Department of New Mexico. Continue to keep our Veterans and their Families as our Priority and provide them with resources, smiles and hope.

Second, Congratulations to Renee King, Jr. Past Department President on a successful year and reaching 100% in Membership. You and your leadership worked hard and accomplished what you set out to do for the Department. Cannot wait to see you walk across the stage for Circle of Excellence.

Our VFWA Department training is scheduled for July 19, 2025 at VFW Post 401. You should have received Constant Contact notice on June 23, regarding the training. The training will start at: 9:00 am. This will give members who need to travel a little more time to get to Albuquerque. I am hoping to finish by 3:00 pm/4:00 pm, so that members can return home and not have to stay the night or an extra night. We will have snacks in the morning and will provide lunch.

During the training, the Department Chairman will present on their programs, we will review Circle of Excellence, review deadlines, goals and talk about the Resolutions for National Convention. There is a link to the Resolutions attached to this message. For those members who will be attending National Convention, please review the Resolutions with your Auxiliary members, so that you will know how to vote at National. There will also be different activities and trivia throughout the day.

The plan this year is to continue to work with Veterans and Families. I would also like to see our Line Officers attend one of your meetings this year. The Department Officers need to be more visible and be there to answer questions, listen to any concerns and all your accomplishments. We are not here just to look at what may be an issue. Send pictures, send a text, highlight it on Facebook, let us highlight you, your Auxiliary, and the wonderful things you are doing.

We have always had a strong Department and we need to continue to grow in programs, membership, friendship and respecting one another.

Please do not hesitate to call, text or email me if you need to talk.

**WE will work together and WE will have a very successful year!!**

**Strengthening our Foundation  
Piece by Piece**

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