

Greetings, Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Department Convention in June. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to our organization made the convention a tremendous success. It was a wonderful beginning to our year as we move forward together under our theme, "Building a Bridge to Carry Us Together."

I have added an additional requirement for the Circle of Excellence. I am asking every Auxiliary and District to have at least 2 Co events with your Post Command this year and report back to me on what you did.

As members of the Auxiliaries of the Department of New Mexico, we remain committed to serving veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Through our programs, volunteer efforts, and community involvement, we continue to honor those who have sacrificed for our nation. As July 4th approaches, we have a special reason to celebrate. This year marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States, reminding us of the courage, sacrifice, and patriotism that have shaped our nation throughout its history.

As members of the Auxiliaries of the Department of New Mexico, we have a unique opportunity to showcase our commitment to veterans, active-duty service members, and their families within our communities. Will your Auxiliary participate in a parade, host a community event, volunteer at a festival, support a fireworks celebration, or organize activities for families? I encourage each Auxiliary to be visible in your community during this historic anniversary year. Please share your plans, activities, and photos with your Department Chairmen so we can recognize and highlight the outstanding work being done by Auxiliaries across New Mexico. Your efforts help promote patriotism, strengthen our communities, and demonstrate our organization's impact.

Dates to Remember

July 15, 2026 – Installation Reports are due to the Department Secretary. Please copy me on your submission whenever possible.

July 25–29, 2026 – National Convention in Reno, Nevada. I hope to see many of you there for camaraderie, education, inspiration, and the opportunity to connect with Auxiliary members from across the nation.

Thank you for all you do in service to veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Together, we will continue building stronger Auxiliaries, stronger communities, and a stronger future.

Yours in Service,

Michelle Dennison

Department President 2026–2027

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