

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

March 1, 2026

Hello New Mexico,

Another month has come and gone. All auxiliaries are working hard and you are very passionate about Veterans and Families. Thank you for all your hard work. A few things that I need to speak about to you:

1. Membership

At this time, we are at 98.74%, we need 48 more members to be 100%. We can do this. I have asked line officers and past department presidents to help contact auxiliaries and see how we can help. Most our auxiliaries are 98% or higher with many at 100% and over:

- a. What can we do to help you?
- b. Have you sent out notices to your members?
- c. Do you have a phone tree to contact members?
- d. What do you need from Department to help you?

2. Auxiliary & District Presidents

We do have a Circle of Excellence for Auxiliary of the Year and District President of the Year. Please look at your Leadership manual or on the Website (vfwauxnm.org) and find the goals for Circle of Excellence.

- a. Make sure of your audits, minutes, following the national programs, turning in reports, attending council meetings and other meetings of the department.
- b. Donations given, working with the VFW, and paying across the board
- c. Did you pay your dues to your district?
- d. Is there anything above and beyond that you and your auxiliary have completed or are currently working on

3. Forget Me Not Veterans Park

Many have heard about the Forget Me Not Veterans Park. The church, library and laundry room burned down. They are accepting donations at this time and will need to build from the ground up. It is my understanding that they did not have insurance for the buildings that burned. Any help that you can provide if able, would be greatly appreciated.

District President's

Please make sure that you have completed all your auxiliary inspections. Once inspected, you need to send a copy of the inspection to me and the Department Secretary, Louise A. Salas. If you are not able to complete you inspections or need to find someone to your own Auxiliaries inspection please let me know and either I will do your inspection or I can help you find someone for you.

Auxiliary Presidents

In March, please vote on delegates for your district convention. This is (1) for every (15) members. Your district convention will be held in April, unless you inform me of any changes. Please send a copy of your delegates to your District Secretary at least (10) days before your District meeting.

We have three more months to meet all our goals. Let's continue to work together. I thank you again for all your hard work, you are all doing everything you can for our Veterans and I appreciate you very much.

Please keep those who we have lost and are ill at this time in your prayers. Our department has had a difficult year. Continue to be there for one another.

Jeanette D Garcia
VFWA Department President