

## VFWA Department of New Mexico

Hello Auxiliary!

So here we are a month and a half to go before this year is over. It has flown by. First, I want to say thank you for all your hard work. Every auxiliary has done amazing work this year. You have participated in all the National Programs and almost every Auxiliary is at 100%. At this time, we are at 101.65%. I appreciate the time you have taken to work with your members. Membership is a tough program, but you have all been amazing.

A few things that are coming up:

1. State Convention will be held on June 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites. You received the packet within the last Constant Contact. It is also on the website: [vfwauxnm.org](http://vfwauxnm.org) Registration is \$10.00 or \$15.00 at the door. The link for Rooms is within the packet.
2. Our National Representative will be Janey Feher, VFWA National Conductor.
3. End of Year Reports should have already been sent to your Department Chairman. If for some reason you were not able to get the report to them in time, please send it so that they can make note of it.
4. The deadline for Delegates and Alternates is May 13, 2026. Please make sure that you send the list along with a check to Department Treasurer, Penney Howard. Please send the list to Louise A. Salas, Department Secretary. If not received by the deadline, you will not be able to vote at State Convention.
5. The banquet cost will be \$40.00
6. Please make sure your Audits are up-to-date.
7. Please send the Department Secretary your minutes. This is a requirement for Circle of Excellence.

For State Convention, if you are a line officer or appointed officer, please wear the Official Look: Blue Shirt and Black Pants or Skirt. This will be the dress for both days of the Convention. All members can wear the Official Look, a VFWA shirt or whatever makes you comfortable.

There will be a Joint Installation before the banquet/dinner.

There will be a Past Auxiliary Presidents and an Officers and Chairmans Luncheon. As soon as we have the locations, we will provide you with the information.

Past Department Presidents will have a Breakfast – Location to be determined.

**Regarding Elections & Installation:** You should have had your elections now in April and for some your installation. Please do not forget to send your installation report to our Department

Secretary. The Roster & Leadership Manual is currently being worked on. Also, if you are not able to place your members into MALTA, our Department Secretary can do that for you. Please provide this information to us as soon as you can.

Thank you to the members of District 2 Auxiliary and VFW who participated in the fundraiser for me. I really appreciate all of you who purchased tickets. Congratulations to the winner, he won \$150 in gift cards to various businesses.

Let's continue to work together the last month and a half of this year. We have Loyalty Day/Day of Service on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have seen on Facebook events that will be taking place. Highlight your event with pictures and reels.

Memorial Day is at the end of the month. Keep our Veterans and Families in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for all you do, stay strong, continue with your passion for our Veterans and Families and we will see you at State Convention.

Loyally,  
Jeanette D Garcia  
Department President