

Sisters & Brothers,

New Mexico had a combined delegation of approximately 40 Comrades and Auxiliary members that attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars & its Auxiliary National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky Happy to say that New Mexico received some 2023-2024 awards and the following were recognized at the convention:

- Barbara Santillanes Auxiliary Outreach Award 1 - \$25 VFW Store Gift Card for the "most effective promotion of the Auxiliary Outreach Program".
- Barbara Santillanes Auxiliary Outreach Award 2 - 1st Place Outstanding Performance Award \$200 goes to the Department and a citation and keepsake to Barbara Santillanes.
- Barbara Santillanes "Buddy" Poppy & VFW National Home Award 2 - \$25 VFW Store Gift Card for the best promotion "to educate their community and/ or Veteran Service Organization about the VFW National Home".
- Michelle Dennison Legislative Award 2 - 1st Place Outstanding Performance Award \$200 goes to the Department and a citation and keepsake to Michelle Dennison.
- Angelia Velarde- Logsdon (2951) Membership - National Membership Achievement Award to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruit 20 new members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.
- March Short (10124) Membership -

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Congratulations to all! Thank you for your great work.

In a time when everything is costing more, I feel a Department President's Homecoming is not necessary therefore rather than having a Homecoming, I will be donating to the following:

- *National President's Special Project "Operation Bottom Cover"
- *My Joint Special Project "Combat Impact Outdoors"
- *Grand MOCA President's Special Project Veterans Home T or C.

If you had planned on attending my Homecoming, please consider donating to all or one of these amazing projects. Thank you.

We will have a Council of Administration on September 14, 2024; more information to follow along with an agenda.

Dates to remember:

- *Flying Squadron - training on August 17 in Albuquerque.
- *Commander Ravak's Homecoming is September 14, 2024. More information to follow.
- *Council of Administration September 14, 2024

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email; reneeking.vfwa@gmail.com or 505-660-0949.

Together we can accomplish great things, if we work together, cooperate with others, respect one another, and give credit where credit is due.

Thank you for all you do,
Renee King
President for the Department of New Mexico