

Hello New Mexico,

The days are going by so fast. I hope that you are all having a good year. On July 19th we had our VFWA Department Training. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. Our department chairman did a wonderful job presenting. I would like to thank Joe Santillanes, Commander of VFW Post 401 for allowing the department to use the hall for our meeting. Thank you, Don Frias, for helping to set-up and clean before the meeting. To those who brought food I appreciate all of you. Commander Haddox, thank you for being part of the training and speaking to our auxiliary members.

On September 27th, we will have a Council of Administration meeting. The meeting will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Louisiana here in Albuquerque. We will have a tour of the memorial at 9:30 am. The meeting will start at 10:30 am. All Council members please plan to attend. The audit committee will be the night before to complete the audit. It will then be presented and approved at the meeting. There will be a couple of presentations at the meeting and the budget, financial report, and minutes will be presented.

I am asking that each District bring a basket with PINK items. There will be a silent auction and the money raised will go to the Pink Warrior House.

Some things to remember:

1. To those going to National Convention, there will be a department dinner on August 8th at 7:30 pm. Location to be determined. Please let Tori Haddox if you will be attending.
2. Please don't forget to pay your BOND. You will need to motion to approve at your meeting, then pay the BOND.
3. At the Western Conference meeting in Ohio, we have been asked by the Western Conference President to be dressed in Business Casual and to wear our department shirts. Therefore, I am asking that you wear the purple shirt if you have it. If not, wear any kind of purple, if you do not have anything purple an auxiliary shirt.

The special project this year is Cancer Research. At the department training the color of the table cloth when members sat, was the color that they would be fundraising for this year. Each auxiliary has a ribbon/color of a cancer. I've asked that each auxiliary have a fundraiser in regard to that cancer. All proceeds will go to UNM Cancer Center. If you were not at the training, please have your auxiliary pick a color ribbon of a cancer and fundraise this year. Please make sure that you let Shelly Ravak know what cancer ribbon you have picked and once you have a fundraiser, please let her know how much you have raised. Please send your money to department Treasurer Penney Howard.

Please continue to work your programs and membership. Let's make this a successful year.

I appreciate you and your hard work, your passion for our Veterans and their families and the work you will continue to do.

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Strengthening our Foundation
Piece by Piece

Jeanette D Garcia
Department President