

VFWA Department of New Mexico
Merry Christmas

Hello New Mexico,

December is here. Can you believe it....

This season let's reflect on our dedicated members who are blessed in service, compassion and a heart full of love for our Veterans. To all of our Auxiliary and VFW members, thank you for all you do for our Veterans, all our communities and to each other. You all work very hard, by working in the community, having fundraisers so that you can provide meals, clothing and other necessities for those in need. Continue to watch out for our Veterans and all families. This may be a difficult time for many, so have check-ins for those you know need that extra contact. Remember that showing and telling them you care means so much. Together we are stronger, may your voices reach out to the community, and ensure that every Veteran receives our support.

It is going to be a busy December 2025 and January of 2026.

1. Christmas is in a few weeks. I hope that you are planning to provide gifts or lunch/dinner for Veterans and the Families. You could also a food drive if you haven't already done so. Please send pictures of your lunches, dinners, food drives and how you are providing for our Veterans.
2. National President Lois Callahan will be in Albuquerque on January 11 – 13, 2026. We would like to see as many members who can attend her visit. Please do not forget to send in your recipes for the book we will be presenting her. Deadline is at the end of December. The plan is to have lunch for her on January 11th. She can visit with members and our Veterans. On January 12th a visit to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the lunch, Veterans Memorial or the Balloon Museum and then her banquet in the evening. On January 13th, breakfast and then to the Airport.
3. Mid-Winter Conference: I know that the National President's visit is the beginning of the week, we will make it all happen. Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 16-17, 2026 at the Embassy Suites. You can see the packet that is attached to this months Constant Contact. There will be a C of A, a Joint Session and the Auxiliary will continue with business after lunch. The evening will be the Scholarship Dinner.

Please remember that come January 1, 2026, if our members have not paid their dues, they will not be in good standing. Call members, send out another dues notice, Angel dues for those who may not be able to pay for their dues this year. Communicate with your members, let them know how important they are to the Auxiliary. Thank you to the members that have paid and to those who continue to volunteer.

Work the programs, report and provide pictures of what you have accomplished or are currently working on. Use Facebook, Instagram, Emails and Constant Contact to show all the wonderful things you are doing. Place pictures of your Veterans and their words to show how they are feeling, as long as they approve that you can take their picture and anything they might state to you.

The Department is currently at 91.90% in membership, let's work a little harder to get to 95%, We need 309 more members to be 100% in Membership. We can do this!!

If your VFW Members are recruiting members for the Auxiliary, please don't forget to send Dominique Garcia, Membership Chairman the name of the VFW member and the names of the members they have recruited.

Continue to report to our Department Chairman in any way that you can, especially our Dashboard. Also, there is a new application for the Auxiliary. That will be sent out by Penney Howard, Department Treasurer. The application is to start on January 1, 2026. There will also be training on the application at Mid-Winter Conference.

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Department of New Mexico, I wish you and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for all your do and for the passion and heart you have for our Veterans and Families.

Jeanette D Garcia
Department President