

President's Message
February 1, 2026

Hello Auxiliary!

Time sure is flying by. Thank you for all your hard work the last couple of months. A lot of happening.

We had our VFW Auxiliary National President here in New Mexico on January 11-13th. Thank you to all who were able to meet her at the airport, attend the activities and have dinner with her at Black Angus. Shelly, thank you for driving her and making sure she had everything that she needed. She enjoyed the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Tram. She even won a little money at the casino. All in all it was a great visit and conversation with our National President.

If you did not see Facebook or other pictures, two of our Auxiliaries made were in the National magazine (Santa's). It was wonderful to see Auxiliary 9515 and Auxiliary 2951. Very proud of the work and how you are working with the community.

On January 17th, we held our Mid-Winter Conference at the Embassy Suites. The hotel is beautiful and the dinner was great. At our meeting certificates were given out to those auxiliaries who were 100% in membership by December 31st. Each of our chairman provided information on awards and deadlines that are coming up. Please make sure that you look at constant contact for the latest information, as well as our website. We reviewed the budget, financial report and the minutes.

The presentation by Penney Howard on the new application was really good. There were a lot of feedback, many questions and overall, the members received the answers they needed. Remember to use the new application and throw out the old ones. We also had members announce that they will be running for positions at State Convention:

- Lequanah (Lynn) Crawford – VFWA Department Guard
- Mary "Girl" Sanchez – VFWA Department Treasurer
- Shelly Ravak – VFWA Department Senior-Vice President

Regarding membership we need (62) more members to be 100%. We have a few auxiliaries who are very close to being 100%:

Auxiliary 3221 – Needs (6) members
Auxiliary 3370 – Need (1) member
Auxiliary 7686 – Needs (2) members
Auxiliary 3317 – Needs (4) members
Auxiliary 3271 – Needs (4) members
Auxiliary 2528 – Needs (8) members

All auxiliaries are working hard. Think about Angel dues for those who are older members and for members who may not be able to pay. Let's work together to help our members.

State Convention will be held on June 12-14, 2026 at the Embassy Suites. This was voted on by the VFW at Mid-Winter Conference. Please plan to be there.

Remember to report all your programs and how you and your auxiliaries are meeting the goals for the programs. The deadline for the national award is March 31st. Please send to our VFWA Department Chairman. All information is on the website.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

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