

Hello Auxiliary,

Thank you the auxiliary members that were able to work during the balloon fiesta, it was very early for some of you that were able to be there. I appreciate all your hard work.

A few things that we need to look to:

1. Make sure you send in your e990's by November 15, 2025. Once Penney receives them, she still needs to complete her part of the process.
2. Membership – Dues need to be paid by December 31, 2025 or members will no longer be in good standing. Make phone calls, send out dues notices, visit with members, find a way to speak to your members. The holidays are around the corner, pay with Angel Dues. WE do not want to lose any members.
3. Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Albuquerque, at the Embassy Suites on January 16-17, 2026. More information to be provided soon. At this time, you can place it on your calendar. During Mid-Winter we will have training on the new Application, Bylaws and our National District 15 Council Member, Better Decker will be our National Rep.
4. New Application: National has developed a new application and there are a few changes, mostly the section to pay with a credit card. You will begin using the application on January 1, 2026. At that time, the old applications will no longer be used. More information in December and then the training in January.
5. The National President will be visiting New Mexico in January. It will be the same week as our Mid-Winter Conference. She will be here from January 11-13, 2026. As soon as I have finalized the agenda and activities, we will send it out. **In the Meantime, please send recipes for the book we are creating for her. Please send the recipes to the Department Secretary by December 1, 2025**

For the members who are traveling to Western Conference – Idaho, please be safe as you travel. This year, there will be no skits, Pam Griffith; Western Conference President will be having training during the meetings.

If there are any events, fundraisers that your auxiliary is having, please continue to post on Facebook and place it on Constant Contact, with enough time to get the information out.

The Department of New Mexico is currently at 90.72% in Membership.

Congratulations to the following Auxiliaries who are at 100%: Auxiliary 401 and Auxiliary 9515.

Auxiliaries that are close to 100%:

Auxiliary 3370 – 5 members	Auxiliary 7688 – 3 members
Auxiliary 4384 – 7 members	Auxiliary 3280 – 8 members
Auxiliary 6917 – 5 members	Auxiliary 1389 – 5 members
Auxiliary 8703 – 6 members	Auxiliary 1131 – 7 members

All our Auxiliaries are working hard this year on Membership. If we can be of assistance, please let me know or our Membership Chairman, Dominique Garcia.

About recruiting, please let us know if your VFW is recruiting members for the auxiliary. Please send a list to Dominique and let her know the comrades name and how many members they have recruited. Continue to send a list or the name and number to Dominique throughout this year.

Continue to report all your activities on the Dashboard or send an email to the Department Chairman. You can also mail a report. We want to highlight auxiliaries and everything you are doing:

1. Auxiliary 8703 had a Chile Cook-off a few weeks ago. They raised over \$3,000 for programs.
2. Auxiliary 6917 and the VFW had a Car Show, from the pictures it looked amazing.
3. Auxiliary 401 and the VFW are having fundraisers during Pool Tournament nights and Karaoke.
4. Auxiliary 2951 has had a bingo and Children's Halloween Party.
5. There have been Trunk r Treats for children, Auxiliary 4384 had over 120 who participated.
6. Many of our Auxiliaries are volunteering at hospitals and taking goodies and toiletries to patients.
7. Veterans Day is in a few weeks, please make sure you have pictures and you report how you helped, the number of volunteers, miles, cost, etc.

Thank you, Thank You for all you do. I appreciate all your hard work and how you are helping Veterans and Families. **WE** can only grow if we work together. Listen to one another. There are many ideas and perspectives on how to fundraise, work our programs and work with our VFW. If there is anything, we as a department can do to help you, please let us know. We will be visiting Auxiliaries the next two months.

Have a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends and if you have time, please visit our Veterans at the hospital, within their homes. A card is always good and a smile goes a long way.

Loyally,
Jeanette D Garcia
Department President