

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to the members that attended the Council meeting on September 27th. The presentation by Cabinet Secretary Jamison Herrera was the highlight of the meeting. I hope you received some great information that will help you and the Veterans and Families that you are working with.

THANK YOU to Betty Decker, Mark Decker, Michelle Dennisson, Dominique Garcia and my mom for all the work they did for the luncheon (Tea). The food was delicious and the presentation of the whole event was amazing. THANK YOU Girl Sanchez and Kandy Brazell for helping at the end of the meeting and clean up the Memorial. I appreciate everyone who attended and made the day special.

Reminder: The balloon fiesta begins this weekend from October 4 – October 12. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Jim or Tori Haddox. They need more volunteers to help at the booth. This is to help recruit members and provide information on our programs. Any help that you can provide, would be greatly appreciated.

Continue to work on Membership. We are a few members away from being 90%. WE understand that it gets harder and harder every year to have members pay their annual membership. Call and talk to them, invite them to your meetings and let them know what programs you are working and if there is anything they would like to do to help you.

Your line officers are visiting Districts and will be visiting your Auxiliaries. Once the final list of visits is complete, the list will be sent out to the President and the Secretary. The visits will be to visit with you and to see if there is anything as a department, we can do to help you. As a department, it is important that we are visible and working with all Auxiliaries. If there is anything we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to call Betty Decker, my Chief of Staff and me.

Please begin to send in your e990's, they are due by November 15th to Penney Howard, VFWA Department Treasurer. If you have any issues, please don't hesitate to email or give her a call. It takes less than (10) minutes to complete online. If you are a new Treasurer, please work with Penney or the previous Treasurer in your Auxiliary or District, if you are able.

Dominique Garcia is now our Historian & Media Relations Chairman. Please send pictures, articles, newspaper clippings, reels and any other form of communication or media to her so she can start keeping track of the programs you are working on. The year is flying by and we have many great things to continue to work on and create. Let us highlight your Veterans and your achievements.

This month I would like to highlight Auxiliary 9515 Portales. In the last couple of years, they have strengthened their Auxiliary. President Joe Gordon is leading members and they are working together to meet the goals of programs, attending trainings, Council meetings and working as an Auxiliary. We can see your growth and the hard work from the Auxiliary.

Thank you for all you do, I appreciate your hard work and your passion for our Veterans and their Families.

Jeanette D Garcia
Department President