



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY #4384

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Hello Mr. Philip,

My name is Mary Sanchez but most people call me by my nickname GIRL. As my Dept. President Jeanette Garcia calls me Mary GIRL. I am from your neighboring state, the land of enchantment, NEW MEXICO which is currently on fire.

I will be your State ambassador for the scholarship program 2025-2026. I am a member of Auxiliary Post #4384 located in the most south part of the state in a town called Anthony. I am a life member since 2003 under my DAD, who was a WWII Veteran. I am currently my Auxiliary treasurer, District 3 treasurer and the assistant State treasurer. I have held many position at all levels in the Auxiliary including Dept. Past President in 2017-2019. I have also being National District Council Member # 15 which represent New Mexico and Arizona in 2021-2023. I'm a bartender at our Post canteen. In December 2024 just retired as Hall Manager after almost 10 years of service from my Post. Can you really retire from a voluntary position!

Personally, I am the 7th child of eight. I am not married, divorce or widowed. I have 3 bitches (dogs) in my house who I spoiled rotten. Canela 13 (a yappy Chihuahua), Cruzita 9 (shar pei/ Germany Shepard mix) and Chica 2 (pug) all rescue dogs. Love to travel, in fact have traveled to all 50 US states, 7 of the 9 provinces in Canada, some of the US territories and 12-15 European countries. I retired in 20217 with the Federal govt. and since then voluntary at food pantries (3) in my area. Voluntary at St. Anthony Catholic church in Anthony doing office work. I am a member of the Altar Society, Mesilla Valley CowBelles, and City Library board. I am a late afternoon or evening person, which means I get my

best ideas late afternoons or evening. Morning person I AM NOT, will be there but best not to ask me too many questions and YES coffee first!!

As Scholarship Chair position, I want to get the Auxiliaries to promote the Creative Arts program more than the VOD or P-Pen since it is OUR program. Yes, continue to assist the comrade with VOD and P-Pen program. I see too many of our auxiliary members doing all the work for the comrades and none of the glory. I want to get more fund in the ART program because I see some talented artist and want to raise the level of dollars we give to the state winners. I want a bigger presents of our ART winners at the mid-year conference. This is my dream for this program.

Look forward to working with you this year!

Loyally,

/s/

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