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## **Newest VFW Post in New Mexico**

On April 2, 2022 Commander Maldonado instituted the newest Post in New Mexico. Post 12212 in Silver City is up and running. Welcome to the Department Silver City.

Post 12212 had many guests at their institution to include Department Commander Maldonado, PSC/ Chief of Staff Sanchez, Department SVA Chair Lucero, Department Adjutant Decker and State Representative Luis Terrazas .

Post 12212 has already made strides forward in where they are meeting, all of their officers being

eager to participate, and starting to do community service. We are expecting some great things from this Post in the near future.

Post 12212 is already working on new members, activities with the city for Memorial Day, and planning on attending the State Convention in June.

When you see any of these new members from this Post around, go up and greet them and welcome them onboard. The more they are welcome, the better their Post will be.





## Senior Vice Commander



Comrades, everyone knows that mental health awareness has been near and dear to my heart. I hate to see veterans struggle because they don't know how to get help or refuse to get help.

We must work together to change the stigma of mental health. This can be accomplished by reaching out to any veteran regardless of their affiliation to a veteran's organization.

**Christopher Archuleta**

I am looking forward to working with each and everyone of you this year to help all of our veterans in New Mexico with mental health problems.

**2,000+**

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

**\$10 billion**

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

**28**

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

**\$12.4 million+**

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 44% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

### New Mexico VFW State Officers 2020-2021

National Council Member - Len Hampton 6917 Las Cruces  
 Commander - Roy Maldonado 4384 Anthony  
 Sr. Vice Commander - Christopher Archuleta 5610 Espanola  
 Jr. Vice Commander - Victoria Haddox 5890 Rio Rancho  
 Quartermaster - Dave Fouse 7686 Alamogordo  
 Chaplain - Brian Ravak 6917 Las Cruces  
 Judge Advocate - Cathy Brock 3274 Hobbs  
 Surgeon - Christina Backus 5890 Rio Rancho  
 Past State Cmdr - Rich Nutt 7686 Alamogordo  
 Inspector - Roger Bartosiewicz 3280 Clovis  
 Chief of Staff - Raul Sanchez 6917 Las Cruces  
 Service Officer - Brian Satori  
 Adjutant - Mark Decker 9517 Shiprock

### District Commanders

District 1 - Jamie Poncho 614 Aztec  
 District 2 - Robert Deurloo 10763 Albuquerque  
 District 3 - Richard Hoschar 6917 Las Cruces  
 District 4 - Orlando Saavedra 1389 Elephant Butte  
 District 5 - Sam Muniz 1131 Mora  
 District 6 - Gary Logsdon 2951 Santa Fe  
 District 7 - Thomas Lairson 8703 Carlsbad  
 District 8 - Joe Bob Mann 3280 Clovis

### New Mexico VFW News

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# VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Quartermaster Message



**Dave Fouse**

We are about to enter an historical period in our 88<sup>th</sup> year of existence. James L. Kimery was the first New Mexican to become the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vincent "BJ" Lawrence is our second. This is unprecedented from such a small Department as ours.

As we go forward into the next year, we must be instrumental in becoming

the "BEST IN THE WEST." Our incoming State Commander Chris Archuleta has come up with many incentives for each of you in recruiting new and reinstating past members into your Post.

I would like to welcome Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic to New Mexico. This is Chief Mihelcic's first trip to New Mexico, so let's show him our warmest welcome.

Once again, I am a candidate for State Quartermaster, a job I have truly loved and cherished dearly for the past 15 years. Financially, our Department went from being broke and about to file bankruptcy in 2007, to where we stand today with over 3/4 million dollars in liquid assets. We shall continue to grow, so this Department will be financially secure for many years to come.

## Adjutant Message



**Mark Decker**

Well the year is almost over. We have had some good times, some bad times, and some in between. Commander Maldonado and President Decker have led us this year when we came out of the Pandemic, met in person for the first time in 2 years, and got us continuing to head forward as a Department.

We have gained a Post this year, talked about in another article, and as of

this writing one District and some Posts made All-American status so far. We have a couple other Posts

that are in the running for All-American. For All-State we have many Districts and Posts that are close to earning that honor.

Most of our Posts and all of our Districts are reporting what has been asked of them. Please keep up the reporting. This helps the Department to be proactive in helping Posts when they need help.

Lastly, Congratulations to the Department of New Mexico as a whole. We have weathered the COVID-19 Pandemic, the State of New Mexico rules, local rules for meetings, and we have come through this without losing a single Post during this time. Many other Departments lost Posts, so we are lucky in that regard. But that is all about you, our MEMBERS, staying strong, dedicated, and not letting up at any time. I look forward to seeing you at our Department Convention in June. I think this celebration after not seeing each other and being together for two years will be great.

## Past State Commanders Club

On Saturday June 4 there will be a Past State Commanders lunch. Everyone will pay their own meal. Location and exact time will be available at Convention. This will be our regular business meeting.

## Judge Advocate Message



**Cathy Brock**

Comrades, it is that time of the year again. Time for us to look at our Department By-Laws and adjust them as needed. The proposed By-Laws have been sent out to the Posts and Council of Administration by now. These By-Laws proposals can not be amended. They are either approved as written or are voted down. Please read over them and know what they are saying before

you come to State Convention and vote on accepting them.

All delegate fees must be sent in to Department before the Convention also. Without your delegate fees in, your Post will not have a vote at Convention.

National Convention is coming up in July in Kansas City. If you can make it there, I advise you to go. You will learn more about what the VFW is all about. Posts must also send in their delegate fees for National or the Post will not have a vote.

I know this is also the time when Posts are changing officers from 2021-2022 officer to 2022-2023 officers. All incoming officers you take over after the State Commandeer has been installed. Outgoing Officers your job is to mentor and educate these new officers on their duties.

**The National Home has served as a living memorial to America's veterans for over 94 years by helping our nation's military and veteran families during difficult times.**

- We provide housing and daycare to the military, veteran and veteran related families participating in our one to four year program.
- Educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities are available to our families both on and off campus.
- Personal case management services for each family.
- Counseling & other community resources as needed.

**If you know a family that could use our help please encourage them to call 1.800.313.4200**



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## President's Corner



**Betty Decker**

Thank you for a successful year. Thank you for allowing me to visit your Auxiliary and District meetings. They were all well-organized and informative. I am proud of the Department of New Mexico Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

We are on the way to having numerous Auxiliaries make AWESOMEST Auxiliary this year. This is a great thing. We have

come through this Pandemic in full force. The Department has worked hard and I know that hard work will pay off in years to come.

All of our Department events were well attended by our members, from the Department Convention in Clovis to our trainings, to President Hamil's visit and trip to Trinity Site, to our Council of Administration in Las Cruces to Mid-Winter in Albuquerque. The attendance of these events is what makes them successful. The Auxiliary members coming out and showing that they want to learn and do things for each other is why this year, we were able to do as much as we did.

Commander Maldonado, thank you for being my Commander. It was a pleasure to work with you this year. Our special Project was a success. We raised the money we shot for and by working together, we accomplished so much. I know you will make All-American this year.

The food drive this year produced some wonderful numbers. Congratulations to VFW/VFWA 8703 on winning the trophy this year. Everyone will be gunning for that trophy next year. All of the food and donations that were raised helped many families around the State. I know we can build on this and make it bigger and better next year.

I am looking forward to a wonderful Convention with lots of laughter and fun times. I look forward to seeing you there.

### New Mexico VFW Auxiliary State Officers 2019-2020

- National Councilwoman - Mary "Girl" Sanchez 4384 Anthony
- President - Betty Decker 614 Aztec
- Sr. Vice President - Dominique Garcia 401 Albuquerque
- Jr. Vice President - Kandy Brazell 5890 Rio Rancho
- Treasurer - Penney Howard 614 Aztec
- Secretary - Jeanette Garcia 401 Albuquerque
- Chaplain - Vicky Westbrook 614 Aztec
- Conductress - Renee King 2951 Santa Fe
- Assistant Conductor - Chris Caine 2182 Farmington
- Guard - Angelia Velarde-Logsdon 2951 Santa Fe
- Assistant Guard - Dela Sanchez 4384 Anthony
- Chief of Staff - Louise Salas 401 Albuquerque
- Past State Pres. - Kandy Brazell 5890 Rio Rancho
- Color Bearer #1 - Brenda Doil 1389 Elephant Butte
- Color Bearer #2 - Lequanah Crawford 8703 Carlsbad
- Color Bearer #3 - Teresa Livengood 3370 Moriarty
- Color Bearer #4 -
- Flag Bearer - Nancy Tabb 5890 Rio Rancho
- Banner Bearer - Robert Henson 2951 Santa Fe

### District President

- District 1 - Vickey Westbrook 614 Aztec
- District 2 - Shirlee Frias 401 Albuquerque
- District 3 - Beth Miller 6917 Las Cruces
- District 4 - Brenda Doil 1389 Elephant Butte
- District 5 - Thomas Bullington Jr. 3271 Clayton
- District 6 - Renee King 2951 Santa Fe
- District 7 - Angel Martinez 3274 Hobbs
- District 8 - Vondale Mann 3280 Clovis





## VFWA Membership



**AS OF THIS DATE (4/7/22) THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO VFWA IS AT 100.99% W/O DECEASED PAID MEMBERS, AND AT 102.26% WITH DECEASED PAID MEMBERS!!!!**

**DON'T FORGET OUR CONTINUOUS MEMBERS – REACH OUT SO WE DON'T LOSE OUR MEMBERS!!!**

**Kandy Brazell**

We still have time – hold

a themed party. Maybe an April showers bring May flowers party! Whatever your Auxiliary decides, call and personally invite your members that have not paid and mail an invite to all the rest of the members. Invite them to pay their dues at the event and maybe charge them a lower rate for that date only. Remember \$13 pays for Department and National dues. Consider giving door prizes - maybe for one of the continuous members to pay for ½ of their life membership, or if your Auxiliary can afford it pay for the entire life membership.

I am extending the Department Retention Award due date to May 15<sup>th</sup> so that your Auxiliary has a little more time to have some type of retention program. Please mail or email me what your Auxiliary has done and include pictures please.

## National District #15 Council Member



**Mary "Girl" Sanchez**

I would like to thank New Mexico for your support as I finish my first year as your National District Council Member # 15 representative.

Congratulations to President Betty Decker and all the New Mexico Auxiliary members for reaching 100% in membership. I know, and I feel it in my bones, that New Mexico will get President Betty to the Circle of Excellence. I

have had a great time working with you and your projects. I can truly say it has not been dull.

To the incoming President Dominique Garcia, I wish you great success in your coming year, and if you need something from National please call me so that I can help. Some words of encouragement as you take your place for the 2022-2023 year: listen with an open heart, listen with an open mind (always two sides to a story), just listen and wait a day or two to reply, and lastly have some fun!!



# VFW AUXILIARY

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## National Representative Convention



**Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic**  
**Commander-in-Chief**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic was elected the 113th Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 3, 2021, at the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fritz served in the United States Air National Guard from 1989 to 1999 with the 131st Tactical Fighter Wing. Activated for federal service, he served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991 as a security policeman. In recognition of his service, he received the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V (Valor) Device, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medals from both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

He joined the VFW in 1991, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at Post 2698 in Sparta, Illinois. He served as Judge Advocate for the Department of Illinois from 1999 to 2011, the Department of Illinois Commander from 2013 to 2014, in which he achieved All-American status, multiple terms as the National Parliamentarian, and served four separate terms as National Judge Advocate General.

Fritz received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1982 and graduated from the St. Louis University School of Law in 1985. He is admitted to practice law in multiple state and federal jurisdictions. In addition to private and corporate practice he also served as a Judge before eventually retiring as a senior information law attorney with the United States Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

He is a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Society of American Magicians, and the Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

Fritz and his wife, Megan, reside in Columbia, Illinois, along with his service dog, Mama Cass.





## National Representative Convention



### Jane Reape

*National Senior Vice-President  
2021-2022*

Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National Senior Vice-President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. She is now in the fifth of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2022-2023.



A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President.

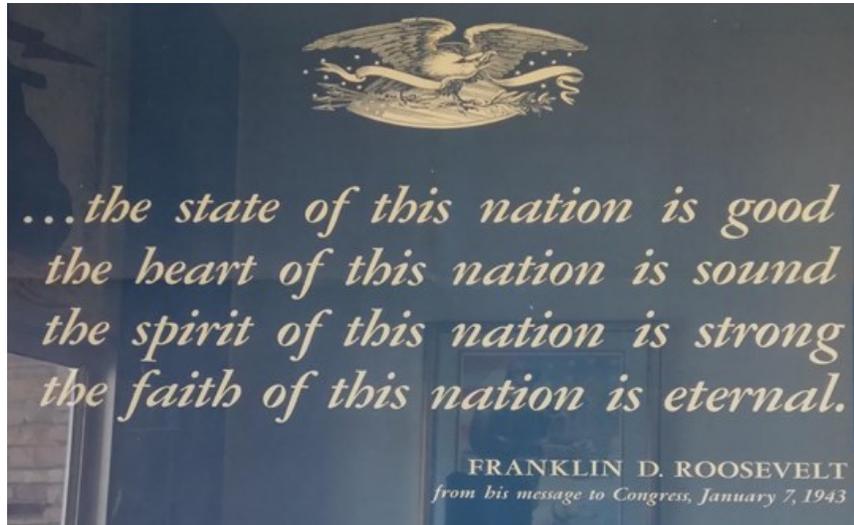
On the National level she has served as National Director for the Scholarships Program, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor and Youth Activities Programs and as National District Council Member representing New York.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren. Military service continues in her family. Jane's oldest son, Raymond, is a Navy veteran of the Iraq War and a Life Member of the VFW. Her youngest son, Robert, served in the Air Force for 22 years. Jane's granddaughter, Sarah, is currently serving in the Air Force and her brother, Daniel, is serving in the Army.

Jane is equally active in her community. She serves on the Finance Council of her church and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ava Maria Circle, Carthage Area Hospital Auxiliary and the Honor Flight Committee.

## Mary "Girl" Sanchez

I ponder these words below from a message to Congress in January 7, 1943 from Franklin D Roosevelt. In the middle of World War II. Do they stand today?



I snapped this picture when I traveled to Abilene, Texas to see a great nephew play college baseball. While there, my sidekick sister and I went to the newly opened World War II memorial museum by the 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division association, the mystery division of WWII. It's a three story building in the heart of Abilene with actual jeeps, tanks, and life-size displays with write-ups of war conditions. What I thought was going to take us an hour to see actually took three hours skipping a few parts. Interesting displays of rations at Camp Verse in the field. Well worth the drive to see this museum!!

This is a retired Army soldier's personal collection of arm insignia patches on loan to the museum, including a list of the names. In all of my travels to VFW clubs this is only the second complete set I have seen, but the only one with the complete list attached to it.

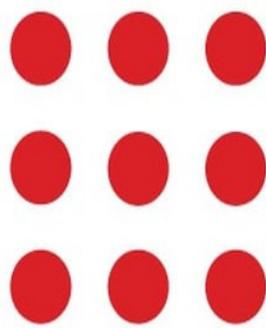


## New Mexico sends Aid

In December, Department Jr Vice Commander Tori Haddox and Department Service Officer Brian Sartori collected material from around the Department to take to Kentucky and Tennessee for relief from the tornados that went through their areas.

The trip took five days and was very eventful. But the supplies were delivered and the local Posts were very thankful for the items. Thank you to all the VFW/VFWA members that helped in this wonderful event.

We hope we are not having to do this type of event in the future, but this shows that we are and always will be ready, willing, and able to help our fellow VFW/VFWA members around the country. Just another example of our motto "VFW - No One Does More For Veterans."



# Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

## Post 2951

### Annual Children's Christmas Party

On December 19<sup>th</sup> VFW Post 2951 Auxiliary held its Annual Children's Christmas Party led by Francis Montoya, Chairman and Angela Sandoval, Co-Chairman. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Renee King, Auxiliary Secretary created a notebook for members to sign-up their children's and grandchildren's names and ages for the Christmas gifts. With that information, Roberta Catanach, Auxiliary Treasurer, Francis Montoya, Youth Activities Chairman, and Angela Sandoval, Youth Activities Co-chairman went shopping and purchased gifts and gift cards totaling \$588.65.

Roberta Catanach, Auxiliary Treasurer purchased the food for the party. The menu for the party included hotdogs, chili dogs, chips, punch, and cupcakes. The total cost for food was \$180.81.

Candy canes, oranges, and miscellaneous candies were also donated by Auxiliary members. We bought enough for 90 children. On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, the youth activities committee met to wrap gifts and fill stockings.

Angelia Velarde-Logsdon, Sr. Vice President contacted her friends at the Santa Fe Fire Department and arranged for our Santa Claus to be picked up at their station and be delivered to our Post in the firetruck. Auxiliary members Amy Jimenez and Roberta Catanach surprised all and paid for Steve Valdez, the popcorn and cotton candy vender, out of their own pocket to serve at the party.

On the day of the party, everyone wore their masks and signed in. There were about 25 children who showed up along with their families. MaryAnn Hall entertained the children dressed as a Christmas elf, and she also helped Amy Jimenez serve food. Member Jodi Ortega-Stark helped in the kitchen as well. Amy Jimenez did a great job cooking.

The children played musical chairs, and the winners were given cash prizes that were donated by Auxiliary members Evanne Gallegos and Trish Ortiz. There was a craft table for children to make Christmas cards for the veterans. All guests sang Christmas carols. The children lined up to eat and also lined up for the yummy popcorn and cotton candy. It was a big hit!



At 3:00 pm guests were notified that Santa would be arriving soon. All the children put their

coats on and came out front to await Santa's arrival. Mrs. Claus was portrayed by our very own Renee King. Santa Claus was portrayed by Renee's husband Daniel King.

Santa handed out gifts in his big red chair on the stage, and Mrs. Claus helped with the candy canes. The children were very happy. All in all it was truly a great party.

Our Dear Commander Gilbert Romero gave a cash donation towards the children's party. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

### Christmas Eve Surprises

Christmas is a time for love, joy, giving, and making memories. It is a perfect time for members to get out into the community and spread some cheer. Before heading home to their families on Christmas Eve, Post and Auxiliary members visited each of Santa Fe's six fire stations and surprised the crews with boxes of homemade chocolate chip walnut cookies, biscochitos, and hot red chile pork tamales. Not only were our local heroes surprised by the gesture, they were delighted to pose for photos with Santa.



## Post 2951

### Santa Fe High School NJROTC Fundraiser

On Friday, January 14, 2022 VFW Post 2951 and its Auxiliary hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Santa Fe High School's NJROTC. Guests paid \$12 for a plate of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert.

The NJROTC Color Guard began the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. The cadets then presented the POW/MIA table, followed by the meal blessing. Guests lined up and were served by the cadets.

Monies collected for this event totaled \$1,003 and was used toward traveling expenses to Marksmanship Service Nationals in Anniston, Alabama. Santa Fe High School NJROTC took 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Cadet Truitt Lemon took 5<sup>th</sup> place overall, while Cadet Jimmy Agnew-O'Hala took 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. These placements qualified SFHS NJROTC for All Service Nationals at Camp Perry Ohio in March.

### Gold Star Mothers High Tea and BINGO

Post and Auxiliary members were busily setting up tables and chairs dressed with bright white linens with violet accents. The roses and tiered platters stacked with scrumptious finger sandwiches and delicate pastries were centered upon each table. Some ladies wore colorful hats or fascinators with corresponding outfits anticipating the start of a special and fun day. The Gold Star Mothers arrived in their traditional white uniforms consisting of white shirts embroidered with a gold star, white pants/skirts, and white shoes. All setting the scene for a deeply meaningful and celebratory event.

Opening ceremonies began with Post Commander Gilbert Romero and Auxiliary President Margie Carrillo welcoming the guests. Gold Star Mothers Becky Christmas, New Mexico Chapter President and Pat Merville, Past New Mexico Chapter President described the services their organization provides including monetary donations to veterans and their families, and their active involvement with veterans homes and hospitals. VFW Post 2951 Jr. Vice Commander Gary Logsdon and VFW Post 2951 Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Angelia Velarde-Logsdon presented an emotional POW/MIA Table Ceremony followed by the Gold Star Mothers Prayer recited by Department of New Mexico Sr. Vice Commander



Christopher Archuleta. Opening ceremonies concluded with VFW Post 2951 Jr. Vice Commander Gary Logsdon giving the meal blessing.

Guests then indulged in a variety of tea sandwiches and sweets while eagerly waiting for the Bingo games to begin. A total of 9 games were played with chances to win a variety of prizes that were sponsored by local veteran organizations and local businesses, including a \$50 Amazon gift card donated by VFW Post 5610 Hill-Vigil Espanola, \$50 Tomasita's gift card donated by VFW Post 2951 Santa Fe, two framed flags each attached with a \$40 gift card to La Choza donated by American Legion Lucero Y Nava Post 12 Santa Fe, a luxurious spa basket donated by VFW Post 2951 Auxiliary, a swag basket and a \$50 Tomasita's gift card donated by Indigenous Arms Firearms Dealer of Pojoaque, \$50 gift card donated by Alicia's Fine Jewelers, a handmade cross donated by artist Juan Garcia, multiple pieces of ladies jewelry donated by Angela Martinez, and Kachina dolls donated by Angela Sandoval. Toward the end of the Bingo games VFW Post 2951 Commander Gilbert Romero passed out raffle tickets to draw for the remainder of the prizes.



At the event closing, Gold Star Mothers Becky Christmas, New Mexico Chapter President and Pat Merville, Past New Mexico Chapter President again took the microphone presenting VFW Post 2951 Commander Gilbert Romero and VFW Post 2951 Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Angelia Velarde-Logsdon with branches of service tile bracelets and challenge coins. They went on to thank VFW Post 2951 and its Auxiliary for hosting, and their contributions to a "really fun day," which ultimately raised \$2,200 for the Gold Star Mothers New Mexico Chapter.

## Life Member Payouts 2022-2023

Have you ever wondered about how the Life Membership Plan works? What is the plan and how is it funded? How does my Post benefit?

Any eligible member may become a life member by submitting an application and the payment of the applicable life membership fee. This fee is based upon the age at the time of application.

The fee becomes part of the Life Membership Fund, an investment fund administered by the National Headquarters and the Life Membership Committee. Based upon the overall value of the Life Membership investments, and the projected future payouts for the life membership plans, actuaries calculate the recommended payouts for each plan. The Life Membership Committee reviews the work done by the actuaries and makes a recommendation to the National Council of Administration. At the Legislative Conference in March 2022, a motion to authorize the Life Membership payouts for Fiscal Year 2022-23 was approved by the Council.

Life Membership payouts are paid annually to Posts, Departments and National in September for members recorded as of August 31, and again in January for new life members enrolled during the period of September 1 to December 31, and again in July for new life members enrolled during the period of January 1 to June 30. Payouts for members that belong to a Post are split equally

between the Post, Department and National based upon the enrolled members and based on the payout for the plans in which the members are enrolled. Payouts for Members-at-Large are split equally between the Department and National based upon the enrolled members and based on the payout for the plans in which the members are enrolled.

Some of the Life Membership plans have been underfunded, primarily due to the underreporting of deaths of Life Members. If a Life Member's death is not reported, the plan continues to pay out dues to the Post, Department and National and this ultimately has a negative impact on the value of the fund. Over the last several years, National has made every effort to scrub the file to identify deceased life members on the roster. Just this past year there were over 50,000 deceased Life Members that were identified and removed from the roster. The removal of these deceased members, along with strong market performance have led to the full funding of payouts on all plans for the first time in several years! Our Department and Posts should make a SOP to scrub their rosters at least annually.

Additional information may be found in the VFW Congressional Charter Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, Article 1 Section 111.

In Your Service,  
Len Hampton, PSC, NCM

<b>Here are the expected payouts due in September 2022:</b>	
\$10.50 Plan A,B,C	\$3.50 ea. to Post, Department, National \$5.25 ea. to Department, National for At-Large
\$16.50 Plan D	\$5.50 ea. to Post, Department, National \$8.25 ea. to Department, National for At-Large
\$27.00 Plan E	\$9.00 ea. to Post, Department, National \$13.50 ea. to Department, National for At-Large

## Post 9517

Post 9517 had our 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10. Even with high winds, the day went great. We had 4 age groups set up; 0-5, 6-9, 10-12, and 13 and older. We had about 24 kids come out.

There were approximately 3,000 eggs with candy inside spread out in the 4 areas. Each area was for one age group. Each age group had 3 special eggs in it. One of those eggs was a bike, and 2 were for an Easter basket.

There were 8 VFW Post 9517 members and 1 VFWA member there to help. There were also some volunteers from the community to help with the setup and tear down. They also were there helping the kids and handing out all of the prizes.

All of the kids and families said they enjoyed the event and look forward to more events like this.

Over the Memorial Day weekend Post 9517 will have an eventful weekend. On Friday, May 27 and Sunday, May 29 we will be distributing Buddy



Poppies in Shiprock. On Saturday, May 28 we will be having our Annual Pulled Pork sale, Pulled Pork sandwich frybread drink and chips, at Tractor Supply in Farmington from 11 until we run out. And on Monday, Memorial Day, May 30 we will be placing crosses on the graves of veterans at the Shiprock cemetery at 6 AM and our Memorial Day ceremony at 11AM, with our flag retirements and refolding of flags after that.





**Tim Peters**  
 Montana's Candidate  
 For  
**Jr. Vice  
 Commander-in-Chief**

**POST**

All-American Post Commander (2)  
 All-American Post Quartermaster (5)  
 Captain of the  
 All-State Team of Post Commanders  
 Co-Captain of the  
 All-State Team of Post Quartermasters  
 Century Recruiter – (5)

**DISTRICT**

All-American District Quartermaster (2)  
 All-State District Quartermaster (3)

**DEPARTMENT**

Co-Captain  
 All-American State Commander  
 All-American State Quartermaster (5)

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Secretary – Treasurer (2014-2016)

**NATIONAL**

National Council Member (2011-2015)  
 Chairman National Budget & Finance Committee  
 (2018-2019) (2022-2023)  
 National Audit Committee (2011-2015)  
 National By-Laws Study Group  
 National Budget & Finance Committee (2011-Present)  
 Elite Recruiter 2018-2019  
 Certified National Recruiter

**OTHER**

Montana Veteran Commendation Award Recipient

Comrades & Friends, \_\_\_\_\_

Having the full support and unanimous endorsement from my Post, District and the Department of Montana, I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the high office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief in 2024.

I earned my eligibility to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for my service in the Gulf War in 1990-91. Having served in the Air Force for 20 years and retired in 2001. I am a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 10010 in East Helena, Montana.

Having filled most leadership positions at the Post, District and Department levels and numerous National positions. I feel I am *“the right person with the right experience”* to be your next Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from the Western Conference.

As the country reopens, I will be traveling throughout the Western Conference seeking your time, knowledge and input on how we can make this great organization even better in the future. I believe in leading from the bottom up by listening to the needs of our Posts.

I would like to thank you all for the encouragement, support and friendship you have given me throughout the years, and wish everyone a successful state convention.

\_\_\_\_\_ In your Humble Service,

Tim Peters



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[Jrvice2024.org](http://Jrvice2024.org)

## Candidate for Jr Vice C-in-C



We are asking for your support of Bert W. Key for the position of National Junior Vice Commander in 2024. Bert has been strongly endorsed by his home Post, District, and Department of Oregon.

Bert is a Gold Legacy Life Member of Sandy, Oregon Post

4273 and has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America for 40 years. During that time he has served in virtually every position at the Post, District and Department level, except Quartermaster, and excelled in every position he has held. His commands have been All-State and All-American six times. Bert proudly wears the pin of the coveted Triple Crown. Through the years he has served on eight different National committees as well as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Western Conference.

Bert's qualification for the VFW comes from one year service in Bosnia-Herzegovina, one year in Afghanistan with the United States Army, and two years service in Vietnam with the United States

Marine Corps. He also qualifies for the Korean Defense Service Medal. Between active duty and reserve duty he was in the uniform of America's Armed Forces for almost 41 years. He began his military career as a Marine Private and retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel.

In addition to his military career, Bert is a retired secondary school teacher in the Oregon Public School System where he taught Social Studies and coached athletics for 31 years.

Bert has served on the National Council of Administration representing Oregon for 8 years, and at the same time continued to serve in various positions at the Post, District, and State levels, including these past two years as Post All-American Commander, District All-American Senior Vice Commander, and the Oregon Department Chief of Staff.

In pursuing the position of National Junior Vice Commander he has met the requirement of being endorsed by his Post, District, Department, and more importantly his wife and family.

If you chose to endorse Bert's candidacy you can rest assured that he will never disappoint you. Bert does not ask your support for himself. He asks for it for the team. He does not work for the clock. There are 24 hours in a day. He works for the completion of the mission. Bert Key believes strongly in his motto: **Service is the Key to our success.**

**"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

Yours in comradeship,  
**Bert's Friends**

Best wishes to the New Mexico  
members for a successful  
convention!

Wishing all our VFWs and Auxiliaries  
growth and success in the  
2022-2023 membership year!



Kim Harney  
Arizona's Candidate for  
VFW Auxiliary  
National Guard  
In 2022





## Candidate VFWA National Guard 2022

### Jeanette D. Garcia Candidate for National Guard



**Jeanette Garcia**

I am a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary to Post 401 and have been a member for 35 years. I was a Junior Girl for two years. My eligibility comes through my father Joe D. Salas, who is a Vietnam Veteran. I have two daughters Danielle (24 years old, Education Assistant for Volcano Vista High School), Dominique (22 years old, a Pharmacy Technician). I work for Bernalillo Public Schools as the Indian Education Director.

I am running for the office of National Guard.

The election for National Guard will not be held until 2022. My goal will be to ensure that our Auxiliary members are receiving information from National in a timely manner. Also, to see that Auxiliaries are receiving the support they need and that we continue to work with our VFW to ensure our Veterans receive the benefits owed to them. Our Auxiliaries need to work closely with the families of our Veterans: provide them with resources, materials and help them navigate our system for medical help, and to let them know we are there to help. I want our Auxiliaries to understand the rules, guidelines, and bylaws of the organization and to never be afraid to ask questions.

Our Veterans carry a very special place in my heart. It is an honor to work beside our comrades in the VFW and outside of the organization. Our Auxiliary is very fortunate to be able to work the National programs and be able to help our Veterans and their families.

Our role as an Auxiliary is to work beside our Veterans, but not to interfere with VFW business. We have programs such as Veterans and Family Support (V&FS), Americanism, Legislative, Scholarship and Youth Activities that not only help our Veterans, but their families. It is our job to ensure that the families are provided with the best support we can provide to them. Sometimes that is lending an ear, they just want someone to listen. They need to be able to talk about what might be bothering them, cry, or to talk about the good things that are happening to their families.

### Some of my qualifications:

**Member of the Building on the Foundation Team for Sandi Kriebel**

**Western Conference: Scholarship – helped to review and place new criteria into the Scholarship program.**

**National Ambassador:** (2016-2017) - Veterans & Family Support

**National District 15 Council Member:** 2017-2019

**Department President:** (2014-2015) - Outstanding President of the Year – Group 3

**Auxiliary President:** (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2015-2019)

**President of the Year:** (08-09) & (17-18)

**District II President:** (2008-2009, 2009-2010)

**Department Chairman of the Year:** (2011–2012, 2013-2014, 2015-2016)

**National Awards Received as Department Chairman:** for the following programs: Americanism (2 years), Cancer Aid & Research (2 years), Veterans & Family Support, Youth Activities, Junior Girls (2 years) - 1<sup>st</sup> place in each at National Convention, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Americanism

**Life Member:** VFW National Home

I feel that I can represent the Department of New Mexico and the National Organization with professionalism, integrity, passion, strength and a heart full of love for this organization. This position is not built on just qualifications, but on someone who has the ability to listen, work well with others, and can see the vision of the organization and lead.

I have the support of my Auxiliary, District II and the Department of New Mexico VFW Auxiliary. I would love the support of the VFW Department of New Mexico.

Loyally,  
Jeanette D. Garcia  
Candidate for VFWA National Guard  
2022-2023

## National Home Trustee Candidate



Brothers and Sisters, every year that I held the positions.

My name is Shirlee Frias and I am asking for your endorsement as the VFW National Home for Children District 10 Trustee for the 2022-2028 term. Elections will be in Fall of 2022. I do have the endorsement of

my Auxiliary, District and Auxiliary Department. I am seeking endorsement from the VFW side of the house.

**I would like to THANK the Department of NM for endorsing me for the Interim 2021-2022 Trustee. I was selected to fill the position. I am excited and very blessed.**

I have held positions at the **Auxiliary** (all line chairs including President), **District** (District President of the Year 2019-20, 2020-2021 and current president 2021-2022), **Department** (including the honor of being named Dept. President of the Year-Group 2-2012-2013), **Western Conference** (Youth Activities Chairman 2014-2015) **National** (Dept. of NM Recruiter 2014-15), and **VFW National Home for Children** (District 10 Trustee 2021-2022).

My passion for the VFW National Home is over a decade long. I have held the Department/Auxiliary chairman position several times over the years and I am currently the Dept. BP/NH Chairman under Department President Betty Decker. I have earned Department and National Recognition (awards)

As Department President (2012-2013), my special project was twofold. First, I wanted to obtain 1000 Life Memberships for the National Home, which we obtained and earned a 5-star plaque for this accomplishment. Second, my goal was to raise funds to purchase a golf cart that the home mentioned that they needed to drive visitors around the large campus. We earned and purchased this golf cart which resides at the home. I wanted it to represent the Department of NM, so it is yellow in color and has the Zia symbol on the roof. My name and year are on the front. I receive pictures every year of the cart being used by visitors I know or from the National Home.

I have also been featured in the National Home magazine for the work I have done. I would love to continue the work that is needed at the National Home, and I will be a great asset as a trustee and as a representative of the Department of NM.

I would appreciate your **Endorsement as the candidate for District 10 Trustee**. I will continue to represent the District 10 Departments of Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Thank you,  
Shirlee Frias

**VFW National Home for Children  
District 10 Trustee**

2224 High Desert Circle NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87144  
505-235-1237 ztf@aol.com



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**

**64,000+**

Number of high school students who competed in the 2019-20 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

## Department Sr Vice President Candidate



**Kandy Brazell**

Hello, I am Kandy Brazell, your current VFWA Department of New Mexico Jr. Vice, and I would like to announce my candidacy for Senior Vice President 2022 – 2023.

I joined the VFW Auxiliary in 2001 under the qualifications of my father, Turner A. "Cotton" Brazell, a Marine and WWII Veteran as a Continuous member at Post 6635 in Grand Saline,

Texas. During my membership at 6635 I held many offices and chairmanships and in 2003 I became a Life Member.

In May 2007 I transferred my Life Membership to Auxiliary 401 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where I held many offices including President 2010 – 2012. I have recently transferred to Auxiliary 5890. While President at 401, I was named President of the Year.

### District Level:

I was President from 2013 to 2016 and am currently the Junior Vice President. While District President, I was named District President of the Year of 2013 – 2014 and Runner Up 2015 – 2016.

### Department Level:

Currently I am the Junior Vice President and Jr. Past Department President and Membership Chairman. I was elected Department President 2020-2021, or better known as the Covid President, and our Department was honored with the Circle of Excellence during that year. You may ask why I am going up the chairs again, but I was asked to run again so that I could have the chance to have the year that I had planned and would be so honored to be given that chance and serve our heroes.

### Other Activities:

I became a Life Member of our National Home in 2012.

Please enjoy your stay in Albuquerque. While here, if you need anything please don't hesitate to ask, and safe travels home after the Conference!

Thank you,  
Kandy Brazell

## know the five signs.

Nearly one in every five people, 42.5 million Americans, have a diagnosable mental health condition. Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members may be suffering emotionally. They may not recognize the symptoms or ask for help.



Not feeling like yourself?



Are you feeling agitated?



Are you feeling withdrawn?



Taking care of yourself?



Are you feeling hopeless?

## Department Surgeon Candidate



**Gary Logsdon**

### Department of New Mexico Surgeon Candidate 2022- 2023

#### Gary D. Logsdon

I have had the pleasure of meeting many VFW members, but for those I have yet to meet, my name is Gary Logsdon and with the unanimous support of Post 2951 and District 6, I would like to announce my candidacy for the position Surgeon for the Department of New Mexico for the 2022-2023 year.

I am a Gold Legacy Life Member and I have earned my membership through combat deployments in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan, where I served as a United States Air Force Para-Rescueman and later as a Combat Rescue Officer.

I am a dedicated Leader with over 30 years of proven results in various Executive Leadership roles and have led large multi-million dollar contracts and training programs to include international collaborative research projects for NASA. I have worked as an advisor for many other government programs as well.

I earned a Master's Degree in Health Care Management and Master's Degree in Human Resources both from Webster University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and an Associate's Degree in nursing both from Wayland Baptist University.

As District 6 Commander and Sr. Vice-Commander of VFW Officer of Post 2951 in Santa Fe New Mexico, I helped foster growing and lasting relationships between the VFW, city government, local businesses, and the Northern New Mexico community by helping them better understand the VFW and its mission.

Some other positions held include District 6 Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Trustee, Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Chairman Student Veterans, Legislative Chairman, Scouting Chairman, Voice of Democracy Chairman, Patriots Pen Chairman, Teacher Awards Chairman, Chaplain, and Judge Advocate.

I am an advocate providing education to veterans and their families about the many types of services available to veterans and will continue to advocate for all of us

through legislative channels and beyond.

I have served Veterans within our local post, our community and within my District. Now I wish to continue serving veterans at the Department Level.

#### Breaking the Stigma (My Brief Story)

I was deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan as an Air Force Para Rescueman (PJ). Going through training and being assigned to a Special Operations Squadron, we were often taught to push beyond the pain and endure extreme physical conditions. If something was bothering any one of us, we would keep it in, especially if it was related to our mental well-being. We were encouraged to "tough it up." I suppose that is why it has taken me over 25 years to acknowledge I am a Disabled Veteran, and it is with the love, encouragement and urging of my wife Angelia, that I am able to share a little bit about my story.

During one of my team's rescue missions, I was shot in the neck (through and through) and miraculously, by the grace of God, no major areas were hit and I remained on active duty while healing. Later I returned to our unit. In subsequent missions we had lost 4 Members of our original 6 member team. Some time went by and the two of us that were left were joined by replacements. Then came my last rescue mission. Our team was assigned to rescue members of an Army pathfinder team trapped in an IED Belt. During our extrications, I was hit in the face with shrapnel from a nearby exploding IED and had to have plastic surgery to repair my jaw, teeth, the side of my face, nose, and one of my ears. After this happened I eventually left the military.

After having several encounters with IEDs, knowing that while on rescue missions we were constantly being watched, and having four members of my team killed in combat, one less than 20 feet from me, I returned home with an extremely heightened sense of surrounding and it made it difficult to try and "settle back into the life I left." I tried but it was never the same.

Rooftops and new areas became danger areas to the point where I started to stay home and not put myself in these situations. I started to live a life that was controlled by feelings and a hyper-vigilant state to where I had issues working. Crowds gave me anxiety to the point where I would start having anxiety attacks and bursts of anger or an outraged feeling. Life became limited and I felt bottled up with rage.

## Department Surgeon Candidate

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I lived this way for years until I finally met my wife Angelia and she took me to a place called the VFW. There, I met other veterans who went through similar trials, and at times, I was able to talk about certain things that I have never told anyone before. There, I found comradery I haven't experienced since I was on active duty.

But it wasn't until several years later, a doctor at the VA, who had been reviewing my files from PTSD counseling, recommended and approved a service dog as the first line of treatment for me.

### Enter Bonita

When I started training out in public with Bonita, I really started to realize the quality of life I had been missing, and the newfound potential I had in life with a trained service dog.

Bonita has been task-trained to indicate on my anxiety, so she can help alert me before the PTSD gets too out of control. She helps provide a distraction, so I can concentrate on something else besides the PTSD. She helps me on a daily basis with simple life tasks.

Most people have never seen a black German Shepherd

as a service dog, but once they meet Bonita and see what she does, you can tell how much they really enjoy meeting her.

I wanted to share a brief version of my story because there are veterans out there (maybe even including yourself) that need to recognize there is no shame in the term "Disabled Veteran" and there is no shame in seeking health services. I am on a mission to break the stigma that sometimes is associated with that term and ensure veterans receive all types of care they need.

I remain an advocate and an educator on getting our veterans the health services they need. Part of that advocacy is providing education to veterans and their families about the many types of services available to veterans to include connecting them with service dog organizations if they desire.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would appreciate the opportunity to earn your trust and ask for your vote as the next Department of New Mexico Surgeon.

If you have any questions about any of these services please contact me at [garydogsdon@gmail.com](mailto:garydogsdon@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Department of New Mexico Auxiliary members with a few Comrades attending the Café event at Kennedy Space Center.**



## Department Conductress Candidate



**Angelia Velarde-Logsdon**

Hello, my name is Angelia Velarde-Logsdon, and I am respectfully announcing my candidacy for VFWA Department of New Mexico Conductress for 2022 – 2023.

I joined the VFW Auxiliary through the eligibility of my husband, Gary Dale Logsdon. He served in the United States Air Force as a PJ

(Pararescue). His combat deployments include Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He was awarded the Air Force Cross Medal for Combat Valor, Bronze Star Medal for Combat Valor, and 2 Purple Heart Medals. After listening to many stories of the experiences and the trauma that he had to endure, I appreciated how important it is to recognize and support our veterans, and I also realized that I have found my calling in this organization.

I have 20 years working in healthcare and community services and am fortunate to have held several leadership roles throughout my career. I fully understand the commitment and hard work it takes to make a team successful.

I take tremendous joy in all of my responsibilities and relish in working in the community in collaboration with other organizations. I have used my creativity, my “can do” attitude, and enthusiasm to implement new relationships and volunteer with the community of Santa Fe.

Auxiliary Positions held:

- Department Guard
- District 6 Secretary
- District 6 Committee Chair Historian and Media Relations
- District 6 Committee Chair Scholarships
- District 6 Committee Chair Community Outreach
- 2951 Sr. Vice President
- 2951 Senior Trustee
- 2951 Committee Chair Historian and Media Relations
- 2951 Committee Chair Scholarships
- 2951 Committee Chair Community Outreach

My desire is to continue my passion to serve our veterans through service in the VFW Auxiliary as Conductress for the Department of New Mexico. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Department Convention.

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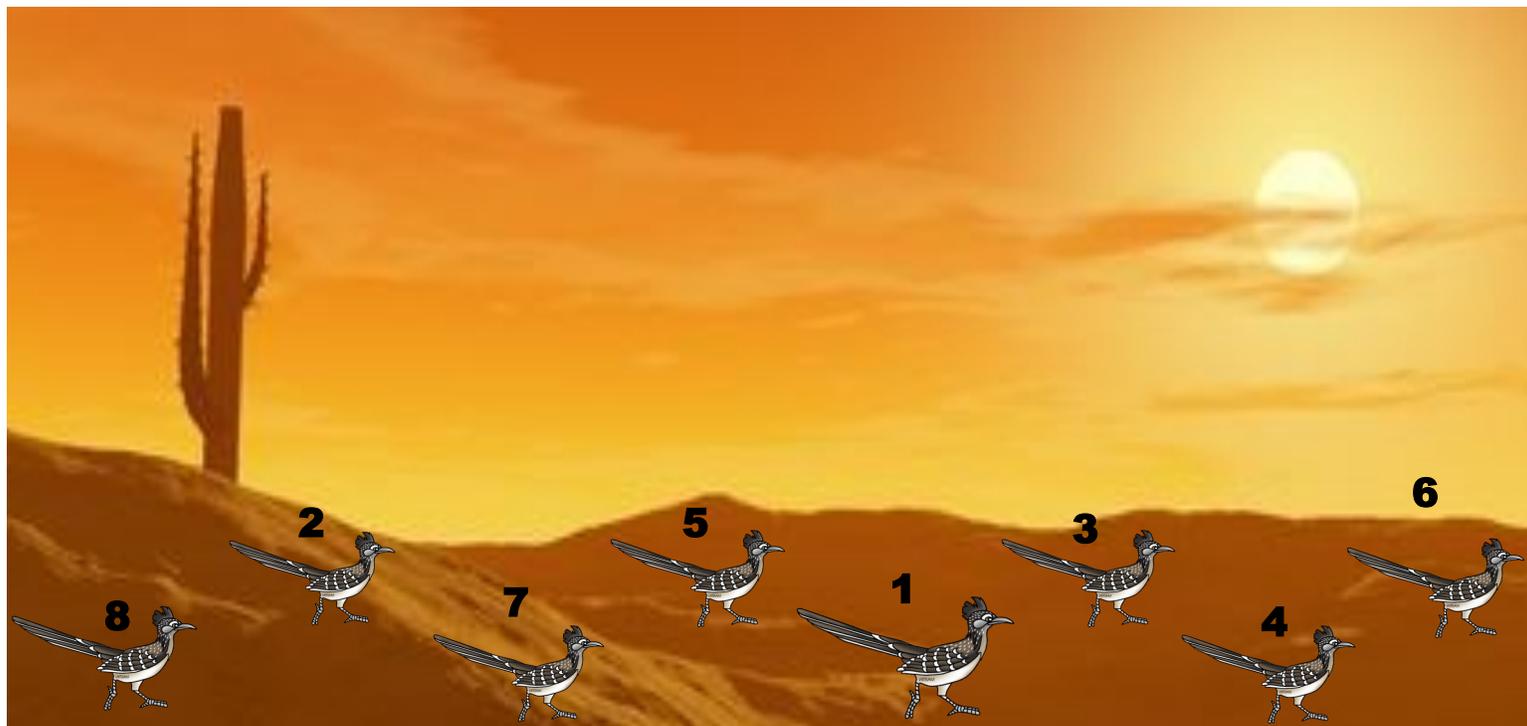
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Number of certificates given to businesses and citizens for flying the Flag

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## VFW Membership



**In the Race for Membership here are you standings:**

**District 6—Gary Logsdon 115.20%**

**District 4—Orlando Saavedra 104.04%**

**District 3—Richard Hoschar 100.36%**

**District 1—Jamie Poncho 98.54%**

**District 5—Sam Muniz 97.14%**

**District 7—Thomas Lairson 96.02%**

**District 2—Robert Duerloo 95.97%**

**District 8—Joe Bob Mann 91.28%**

### Divisions

**Division 1—10763—123.52%**

**Division 2—3317—104.25%**

**Division 3—6216—107.37%**

**Division 4—10124—110.30%**

**Division 5—2951—127.88%**

### Recruiters

**1st—Gilberto Romero—57**

**2nd—Jimmy Catanach Jr—34**

**3rd—Christopher Kelley—33**

**4th —Brian Sartori—32**

**4th—Gary Townsend—28**

## VFWA Membership

### Groups

**1—Auxiliary 1131 Mora 96.3%**

**2—Auxiliary 6216 Albuquerque  
118.3%**

**3—Auxiliary 2528 Tucumcari 106.7%**

**4—Auxiliary 614 Aztec 101.7%**

**5—Auxiliary 6917 Las Cruces 114.9%**

**6—Auxiliary 2951 Santa Fe 107.6 %**

### In the Race for Membership here are you standings:

**District 2—Shirlee Frias 108.2%**

**District 6— Renee King 107.6%**

**District 3—Beth Miller 105.9%**

**District 4—Brenda Doil 100.7%**

**District 7—Angel Martinez 100.5%**

**District 1—Vickey Westbrook 99.0%**

**District 8—Vondale Mann 98.9%**

**District 5—Thomas Bullington Jr 98.9%**



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VFW National Representative Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. “Fritz” Mihelcic  
 VFWA National Representative National Senior Vice President Jane Reape

Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel for 109 USD per night  
 Start Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 (these dates are dates the pricing is available to us)  
 End Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (these dates are dates the pricing is available to us)  
 505-843-7000  
 \$109 USD per night

**[Book your group rate for Convention 2022](#)**

**VFW'S AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

**(Note: All meetings rooms are subject to change)**

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM VFW & Auxiliary Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**

7:00 AM – 9:45 AM Department Audit	Vista Norte
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM VFW Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Council of Administration	Bandelier/Chaco
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM Lunch on own	
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Joint Opening Session	Bandelier/Chaco
5:30 PM Joint Memorial	Bandelier/Chaco
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022**

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM VFW Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM VFW Convention Meeting	Bandelier/Chaco



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11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch on own/PSC Luncheon	
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM VFW Convention Meeting	Bandelier/Chaco
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Joint Installation (Business Dress)	Anasazi Ballroom
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Dinner (Business Dress)	Anasazi Ballroom
8:00 PM – 12:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM VFW Council of Administration	Bandelier/Chaco
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**VFW AUXILIARY’S AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

**(Note: All meetings rooms are subject to change)**

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Line Officers Meeting	Rio Grande Office
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
4:00 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**

**(Note: All meetings rooms are subject to change)**

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Floor Practice	Tijeras Ballroom
8:30 AM Host Auxiliary Presentation	Tijeras Ballroom
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Council of Administration	Tijeras Ballroom
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Business Session	Tijeras Ballroom
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Own	
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Officers/Chairmen Luncheon	
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM Business Session	Tijeras Ballroom
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Joint Opening Session	Bandelier/Chaco
5:30 PM Joint Memorial	Bandelier/Chaco
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom



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**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022**

**(Note: All meetings rooms are subject to change)**

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration	Alvarado Ballroom
7:30 AM – 9:30 AM Past Department Presidents Breakfast	Rio Grande
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Floor Practice	Tijeras Ballroom
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM Business Session (Nominations and Election of Department Officers)	Tijeras Ballroom
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Lunch on Own	
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Past Auxiliary Presidents Luncheon	
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Training (MALTA)	Tijeras Ballroom
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Joint Installation (Business Dress)	Anasazi Ballroom
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Dinner (Business Dress)	Anasazi Ballroom
8:00 PM – 12:00 PM Hospitality Room	Alvarado Ballroom

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022**

**(Note: All meetings rooms are subject to change)**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Council of Administration	Tijeras Ballroom
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Training	Tijeras Ballroom



2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

**VFW MEMBERS ONLY**

DEADLINE FOR MAILING FORM is June 3, 2022



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Official VFW Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

\$8.00 for VFW members (\$15.00 after 05/15/2022 and at the Door)

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER**

If Paying by check or cash, send this completed Registration Form and Payments:

Make payments to: VFW Dept of NM  
Send payments to: VFW Department of New Mexico Adjutant  
4705 Baltic Ave  
Farmington, NM 87402

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Please print clearly!

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a receipt emailed (circle one): Y or N

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Print neatly

These forms may be emailed to [madecker19020@yahoo.com](mailto:madecker19020@yahoo.com)

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**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERS ONLY**  
**DEADLINE FOR MAILING FORM**  
**May 18, 2022**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AUX#: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ PDP: YES or NO (circle one) (as you want to appear on name tag)

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 for Auxiliary Members (\$15.00 after 5/18/2022 and at the Door) Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
or Paid by Auxiliary # \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PRE-PRINTED NAME TAG TO BE MADE**

(Make checks payable to DEPT of NM AUXILIARY)

**Auxiliary Members, send your registration to:**

**Penney Howard**  
**P O Box 34**  
**Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER**



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**Department Convention Dinner TICKET(S) Request**

**DUE BY May 20, 2022**

No tickets sold after above date – no exceptions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Aux#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All meals are \$55.00; please put how many of each plate in the space provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Steak in brown sauce with starch, veggie & dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon with a bearnaise sauce, starch, veggie & dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian – Portobello mushroom stuffed with bell pepper and quinoa, starch, veggie & dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free - Steak with starch, veggie & dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free - Portobello mushroom stuffed with bell pepper and quinoa, starch, veggie & dessert

Amount Enclosed at \$55.00 per Person: \_\_\_\_\_ CK#: \_\_\_\_\_

If Paying by check or cash, send this completed Luncheon Request Form and Payments:

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