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TO: AUXILIARY AND DISTRICT CHAPLAINS:

Hello to all! I am Kelly Fouse and I am thrilled to be elected as your State Chaplain for New Mexico in the 2016-2017 year. Please contact me with any questions, all of my contact information is above.

Thank you to all for the support last year as Department Conductress, and thank you for having the faith enough to elect me as VFWA Department of New Mexico Chaplain for the 2016-2017 year. I will strive to represent and serve all of you with dignity, respect and love.

As Chaplains, our responsibility, our duty, is to honor, respect and show love for our Auxiliary Sisters, Brothers and our VFW members. Please, remember to let your Auxiliary know to contact you when any of our VFW/VFWA family is in need. Have people ready to help with folks who might need a home cooked meal, a ride to the VA, or doctor's office. Have fund raisers to help your volunteers with gas, to buy stamps, cards, flowers, and Bibles to hand out to those that are grieving over a loved one. This is just a few ideas! Please report to me every month what you have done. I have attached the monthly report form, if you would like it emailed to you just let me know; therefore, you will be able to fill out the form online and email it back to me ☺ Even if you do not have anything to report, send a quick email or call me each month so I can mark your Auxiliary off my spreadsheet for the month.

So, I was informed that I needed to say a little about myself, why I love our organization, and what I have done so far in the VFWA, as I do plan to continue to "Run up the Chairs"☺. I joined under my Grandfather, Lynn Rogers a WWII veteran. His brother and sister also served in WWII. His younger brother in Korea. My Father-in-Law, and Uncle served in Vietnam. My Husband and a Cousin served in Desert Storm, and our Son-in-Law in Afghanistan. Our future Son-in-Law is a Navy veteran. I am sure I missed some in our family; however, these are the ones that have left a direct impact on me and mine. I met my Husband, Dave Fouse, through B.J. Lawrence at VFW Post 7686, in Alamogordo New Mexico in 2004. We were married at Post 7686 in November of 2015. We have three amazing daughters, Tammie, Amanda and Erin; two are married, and one is engaged. I spoke of our Son-in-Law Chris Smith and our Son-in-Law to be Waylon above. All three daughters are life members of the VFWA, and Chris is a VFW member. We have three wonderful grandkids Taylor, Travis and Hunter.

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As time has went on, our world has grown with many VFW/VFWA friends that have become like family, some from N.M., and others from across this amazing Country. I love the VFW & VFWA, I love it not only because of the amazing people in the organization, but for the great work that we do! Without our veterans we would not have the way of life we do. Have you ever stopped and thought about what our lives would be if our veterans hadn't fought for our freedom? If their families hadn't stood by them and kept, "the home fires burning", what an understatement for those that took care of life at home while our veterans served, fighting for the freedoms we enjoy every day. I chose every day to be grateful that God put my life in a place that I can work to give a little bit back-back to our veterans, and those that stand/stood by them, to be able to serve them and their families, including my own is a privilege and not one I take lightly. We must continue to promote our great organization and who it stands up for! Our veterans, otherwise it is as our Department President Dale Mann would say, "Lest We Forget".

May God bless you and yours, and may he continue to bless the United States!

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