



AUXILIARY TO THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO
2016-2017 CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION JANIS WIMMER
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I want to say Thank You to President Dale Mann for appointing me Department of New Mexico Chief of Staff/Extension Chairman.

I wish the VFWA Department of New Mexico and all the Auxiliaries a most outstanding year.

I am looking forward to working with all of you brothers and sisters. I know we can make New Mexico the best Department.

In my first promotional, I talked about and handed out copies of the “**5 Essentials of an Auxiliary**” which is the only requirement of an Auxiliary by National. I also included “Sample VFW Auxiliary Meeting Agenda” in that mailing. Make sure your auxiliary uses these so you will have a great year.

I will be promoting the Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit. Please use the information that I send to you so that your Auxiliary can become a good healthy Auxiliary and earn the Health Certificate. National is again having an award for members—for one member in each Department who assists in revitalizing his/her Auxiliary and who uses the Healthy Auxiliary materials.

Mentoring is a big part of this program. It is up to every member of the Auxiliary to mentor other members. We should all be helping our members to better understand the VFWA and all our programs.

Publicity is another big part of this program. The more you use publicity letting the community know what your Auxiliary is doing, the more people will be interested in joining your Auxiliary. National is again having an award for an Auxiliary—for one Auxiliary in each Department that best uses publicity, i.e. radio/TV/social media, in forming their Auxiliary or revitalizing their Auxiliary.

It is important to use the VFW Auxiliary web site. The web site is www.vfwauxiliary.org. If you login, you can find all kinds of information to help you and your auxiliary.

I am now going to discuss something that I will not be sending in a promotional because I would like each of the Districts to work with their Auxiliaries on this --“**Understanding Auxiliary Traditions.**” I feel this is a very important handout that all members need to be aware of. The second item is “**Using Technology to Conduct an Auxiliary Meeting.**” As you know, we are moving into the use of technology every day. I have printed handouts that will be given to each District President. It will be his/her job to make sure that at the first District Meeting that this information is shared with the brothers, sisters, and the Auxiliaries. Please make copies for the brothers, sisters and Auxiliaries. If an Auxiliary is missing from the District Meeting, then please make sure that you send them the information so that they can share it with their Auxiliary sisters and brothers. **District Presidents, please let me know how these handouts went over at your District meeting.**

Please know that I am here to help you and your Auxiliary. I am also here to help the VFW Posts that would like to start an auxiliary. I am already working with a commander who would like to get an auxiliary at his post. I will be sending out letters to the other bachelor posts on how to start an auxiliary.

The Conductress will pass out a copy of my school of instruction and handouts so everyone will have a copy. I will go over these handouts now.

“Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes”

“Service in Action”

If you have any questions or need any help, you can call, email, or write to me.

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