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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT IRMA SOLIS

“THANKFUL & GRATEFUL FOR THE SACRIFICE”

**FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES,
EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”**

ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election for Jr. Vice President of Texas and any other offices vacated. Nomination and election of a candidate to fill a vacancy shall be made by the Department Council of Administration which will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, during the Mid-Winter Council of Administration Meeting.

Hope each had a wonderful Christmas and a blessed and prosperous start to the new year. It comes much too quickly.

Mid-Winter is here and hope to see everyone. The National President will be attending this Mid-Winter Roundup. Let's show her a big Texas welcome.

As we approach the downside of the year, there are things that still have to be completed. Official Visits will begin again this month, Auxiliaries will be finalizing the programs and submitting Year-End Reports to Chairmen and awards will be selected and presented at the Department Convention.

Thanks, and appreciation for all the hard work that has been done for the Department of Texas. This dedication of hard work is a reflection of the members, Auxiliaries and Chairmen. Be proud of the work.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND OFFICE CLOSINGS

January 4, 2025	President visits District 4
January 14-17, 2025	Dept. Office Closed for Mid-Winter
January 20, 2025	Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 25, 2025	President visits District 6

Continued success for the remainder of the year.

See ya at Mid-Winter

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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Brenda Bryant

National President

2024-2025



Brenda Bryant of Hawk Point, Missouri, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 111th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

A 45-year-plus member of Humphrey-Schwerdt Auxiliary 2180 in Warrenton, Missouri, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department President. On the National level she has served as National District Council Member, Big Ten Conference Chairman for the Membership and Safety Programs twice, National Appeals & Grievances and Bylaws Review & Resolutions Committees, Director of the Voice of Democracy Program and as National Historian.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Herman Stuck, who served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952 in Korea. She is married to Wayne Bryant, a retired Vietnam Navy veteran.

Brenda is a retired special education teacher where she worked with high school behavior disability and learning disability students. She refurbishes furniture for an antique store, has served several terms as Alderman on her City Board and is certified to perform weddings.

In her spare time Brenda enjoys crafting, bringing life back to old furniture, learning about the past and interacting with veterans. She is a Life Member of the VFW National Home and a member of Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA), the Fleet Reserve Auxiliary and the Daniel Boone Area Retired Teachers Program.

Brenda and husband Wayne's family includes five adult children, 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.



Karen Kaylor

National District Council Member Area H 2024-2026

Karen Kaylor of Copperas Cove, Texas represents Texas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary between National Conventions.



A Life Member of Henry T. Waskow Auxiliary 4008, in Belton, Texas, Karen joined on the eligibility of her husband, Donald Kaylor, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1991.

Karen has served the organization in many capacities including the Auxiliary, District and Department President.

She studied at Texas Woman's University and was employed with the Department of Defense for 34 years. Stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas, Karen worked in a war zone in Afghanistan in 2003 and then Iraq to support the 10th Mountain Division and 82nd Airborne Division.

Karen's family includes seven children, 24 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She is a member of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary (MOCA), Federal Managers Association and the AARP Chapter 1359.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Renee Clark – Chairman

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It is now time to get back to our programs and finish the ones not included on your Mid-Year Reports. Can you believe Mid-Winter Convention is this month! Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year (school district would not let me off).

On November 20th I reached out, via email, to 110 nursing school administrators across the state. At the time of my submission of this article for publication, there was a total of 38 administrators (different schools) that said they would get the word out to their students. I was amazed how many schools, with nursing programs, stated that they had never been contacted...numerous administrators asked “why it was the first time that they had heard about this LONG RUNNING PROGRAM”? I could not answer!

Let us set a goal that in future years...we ALL need to try to reach out and notify your local universities and colleges, that have nursing programs, about the scholarship offers. Now is the time to follow up with the nursing schools in your area. They all have been notified already...you just need to take that one extra step.

Below is a link that you can use to locate those schools – at the July training a printout of this information was given to each of the District Presidents. USE IT. The schools have already been notified, it just takes a simple email or phone call to follow-up and see if there is a way YOU or YOUR AUXILIARY or YOUR DISTRICT can assist the school in spreading the word. ****IF YOU CAN'T LINK UP USING THIS...Please email me and request it...I will gladly SEND YOU A COPY!!!**

[chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/education_pdfs/education_programs/ApprovedRNSchools.pdf](https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/education_pdfs/education_programs/ApprovedRNSchools.pdf)

I am asking for some additional input from each of our Auxiliaries and at the least a response from each District President. If, if, if your Auxiliary and/or District would like to be a sponsor for a Nursing Scholarship entrant, please notify me as soon as you can. Take it in front of your membership and get it approved.

I have already been contacted directly by students that are wanting to submit their applications, but being that our District and my own Auxiliary has sponsored numerous ones in years past...I want to give local schools/nursing students in each of the areas in the

State of Texas to have a local contact to sponsor them AND to reward them with at the minimum some kind of “Thanks.”

In the past, our Auxiliary has honored all our entrants with some type of TY Gift as well as inviting them to our Annual Awards Banquet to be recognized. Remember, a nurse will be taking care of you or someone you love one day!

Wishing everyone a prosperous and safe New Year...let's continue to give thanks for our troops and our Veterans that we live in the peaceful and free country that we do. Until next time, let us all remain **Thankful and Grateful For the Sacrifice.**

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## **LEGISLATIVE**

**Michelle Booker – Chairman**

**Karen Kaylor – Co-Chairman**

Greetings to all

I hope your holidays were filled with much joy. Thank you for getting your reports to me on time. Now let's get ready to have a fun and informative Mid-Winter Conference. With January being the half way mark for our 2024/2025 year, let's keep the momentum going.

We had a win within the House of Representatives. H.R. 8371, Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, was passed in the House of Representatives. Thank you all for responding to the Action Corps Alerts. The House did their job, now it's up to our Senators to do their job by passing this bill.

Our work is not done. We need to continue to **“Take Action, Respond and Advocate”!** We must continue being a voice for our Veterans keeping those letters coming to your local Senators letting them know that the Senate should move quickly to pass this legislation. Let us also continue to support our VFW with assisting them in bringing council members to our special programs showing them all that we do for our Veterans and for our communities.

As mentioned in Action Corps Weekly, this bipartisan-negotiated legislation has input from dozens of organizations representing Veterans, caregivers and survivors nationwide. By our unwavering support for our Veterans, you can rest assured that we are one of those many organizations mentioned above. The American people deserve at least one substantial piece of Veteran legislation to be

enacted by this Congress so we must continue fighting for our Veterans and their families.

Remember to share the Action Corps Weekly QR code with friends and family to ensure maximum support in responding to alerts.

As always, Team Texas you Rock!

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**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
Missi Palmore – Chairman**

January is a time of year for reflections, new beginnings and resolutions for the new year. As we move into 2025 (where exactly did 2024 go??), I would ask you to reflect on all the Veterans and Family Support items that you accomplished this past year. Give yourself a pat on the back and a big Texas cheer!

Now pull out and dust it off your program book; take a gander at your mid/end of year report, look at what you submitted for mid-year and ask yourself/auxiliary members/post/Veterans what we should concentrate on to support the program and our Veterans. What have you left on the table? What ideas are out there to initiate? Is there a gap somewhere not being served or that is overlooked?

Veterans and families are now coming down perhaps from the holiday rush & reality is coming their way OR anxieties/fears of the new year may be yelling in their heads. All this may cause needs or services. Put yourself in their shoes or circumstances the together brainstorm how you can help. Remember they may not reach out to you, but you can be their port in the storm.

THINGS TO DO don't have to involve money. Ensuring information of assistance (links or phone numbers for items such as Veteran Support, VA benefits, Suicide Awareness, Food Banks) are posted on your social media and around the Post or Town.

Christmas just passed, with that people may have an abundance of "stuff"---what about asking for new or gently used items to create a Support Closet for people in need? I mean, what are you going to do with that 3rd Insta Pot you received from Aunt Sally? And "anytime" is a great time for a diaper/wipes drive because those hot items never ever go out of style.

Thank you very much for a successful 2024 supporting the Texas Veterans, Families and

Communities. I am proud of each of you and your Auxiliaries. Looking at the reports I see all the wonderful things and I am truly moved to tears of joy. I KNOW you do so much--use the beginning of 2025 to let those in need KNOW that you are there with ways of support. Where is your untapped audience and how can you reach them!

I again am honored to be the V&FS Texas Chair for 2024 and can't wait to see how we bring it home Texas style in 2025. BLESS YOU ALL for the great support and shining stars that you are for those around you. Continue to keep the Veterans and Families in your hearts and minds. 2025, HERE WE COME and we will be Rockin It TEXAS style! Watch us SHINE!

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**AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR  
Amanda Humphrey – Chairman**

Happy New Year Everyone!! I hope everyone had an amazing Christmas filled with love laughter and family. Oh my gosh can you believe it Mid-Winter is right around the corner!! I can't wait to see everyone at Mid-Winter in Corpus Christi!! Hopefully everyone has now registered for the National Presidents dinner on Wednesday night, registered and purchased entry for Commander Martinez's Homecoming on Friday night and purchased your banquet tickets for Saturday night!! So much to do and so little time to do it in!!

I have loved all the reports and pictures they have been great!! January 17<sup>th</sup> is Operation Desert Storm, and January 27<sup>th</sup> is the Vietnam Peace Accord. These are two great opportunities to work with and assist your Post. Did you know that Operation Desert Storm was only one of the two phases of the Gulf War? Operation Desert Storms' combat phase took place from Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 1991 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1991. It would be a war of many FIRSTS for all of the 42 countries coalition led by the United States.

It was the first war to broadcast live from the frontlines, first major use of stealth aircraft, the first time the Patriot missile system was used in combat, the first major military operation to use GPS and precision guided munition on a large scale and it was the first time the Air Force used space systems to

support air defense. Even with all these firsts we still continued to learn and grow in all of our battle aspects.

This is what we need to do with this program, we need to learn, grow, adapt to the change and learn to grow even more!! Let's thoroughly look at the program to find the people within our Auxiliary that would learn and grow the program!

In your January meeting you should be discussing ways to help your Post with VPR's Sinking of the USS Maine and Operation Desert Storm. For your Auxiliary discuss with your Buddy Poppy, Hospital and Membership Chairmen about adding in flags, poppies and membership applications to your Valentines baskets for your Veterans in the Nursing Home!! February is hospital month work with your Hospital, Buddy Poppy and Membership Chairmen and ask to put flags, poppies and applications in the bags for the nurses!!

**As Henry Ford said ~**

**“Coming together is a beginning keeping together is a progress and working together is success!”**

Let's all work together and become a success!! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out me at any time. Thank you all for all you do, you are appreciated!!

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**AUXILIARY OUTREACH  
Pamela Fintel – Chairman  
Ilona Shipley – Co-Chairman**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I can't believe it is January already. Where did the time go?

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday. Thank you for getting your Mid-Year Reports to your District Presidents on time.

And thank you, District Presidents for getting the reports to us on time. It seems like it was a little overwhelming with the Holidays and reports as well as Mid-Year Reports.

You all have done an amazing job working our Auxiliary Outreach Program. We are not finished just yet.... We need to continue helping these amazing Organizations. They work year-round supporting our communities, they rely on the Volunteers to complete their mission and that is where we come in. We are

showing our communities what we are all about and what we do to help where we are needed.

Now that the Holidays are behind us some of the organizations have already planned 5K runs. This is an excellent way we can get involved.

But remember, make sure you bring it on the floor at your meeting and you vote on the activity for that organization. It must be in your minutes.

The Auxiliary Outreach Program is about the hours. If an organization is asking your Auxiliary to help with a 5K Run, you can help by being a spotter, or work the water station, help with the registration but you cannot run in the 5K and raise funds. You cannot give any donations.

The Auxiliary Outreach Program is so rewarding, you are finding out what your communities need, you are volunteering in the communities, you are making friends and hopefully new Auxiliary members.

Please utilize our Hashtag #Auxiliaryoutreach for everything you post on social media. As stated by our National Outreach Ambassador, Bambi Johnson, she said this helps in two ways:

1. “When you share that with potential new partner organizations, they can see the program in action.”
2. “Your members can get ideas for the Program by seeing what other Auxiliaries have been successful at.”

Please keep up the good work and keep those reports coming in!

Let's let our light shine throughout our communities!

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**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
Ronny Mote - Chairman**

Ahoy and Happy New Year! Our next Scholarship deadline on the horizon is February 15, 2025, for Continuing Education. In previous *Our Two Cents* issues, I included the new Dynamic QR Code for the All Aboard the TX VFW AUX SCHOLARSHIPS promotion. Since we are no longer allowed to use graphics in our articles, simply visit the TX VFW AUX SCHOLARSHIPS Facebook page to take advantage of the technologically advanced (and extended) version of this article.

The Continuing Education Scholarship has now reached top billing in the All Aboard the TX VFW AUX SCHOLARSHIPS promotional menu on the QR Code. Please reach out NOW to all those eligible to participate in this wonderful scholarship opportunity. Oh, and keep up the great job on reporting!

Student \* Participation \* Recipient Recognition  
Community Awareness \* Increasing the Fund

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**CHIEF OF STAFF/ EXTENSION
REVITALIZATION/MENTORING
Patricia Kemp**

January may be a New Year in the calendar but, it is half way to achieving our goals for Our **“Thankful & Grateful for the Sacrifice”** 2024-2025 year.

Welcome! Auxiliary #5237 Alvin. Thank you Beth Sanford-Masteller, your committee and the New President, Bridget McDermott, for all of your hard work. Now, we just need some more new Auxiliaries. The interest and possibilities are there; we just have to develop them. Remember for each eligible Veteran there are the possibilities of many eligible Auxiliary members...go out there and get them!

Mentoring – I am excited about all of the New Mentors that have signed up. Your reports make me proud to call you my Sisters & Brothers. Each report is different and shows the CARE you are giving your Auxiliary.

District Presidents and Deputy Chief of Staffs: Are all of your Auxiliaries Healthy? Remember that is the goal, to have all Auxiliaries qualify for the Healthy Auxiliary Certificate by Year-End Reporting.

There are a few Auxiliaries that are in the Red Light Zone. They are getting that extra attention and by working together they can get to the Green Light Zone soon. This team is there to mentor, by providing a wealth of information, a positive experience and enhance the members involvement.

I look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter. I challenge each one of us to step outside of our comfort zone. Find someone new to sit by at one of the events. Engage in conversation with them. You just may gain a new friend. Our interaction may be what a member was looking for to reinforce why they should become active or why they will attend meetings more. Your

friendly smile and cheery disposition may be just what it takes to brighten a person’s day. Don’t be that person that all anyone hears from them is complaining, belittling someone, or bad-mouthing our organization.

A Recipe for a Happy New Year! By Anonymous
Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from the past-have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity. liberality. kindness, prayer, meditation, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing-don’t do it) and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoon of good spirits, a dash of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humor.

“From Our Root to Our Branches” Extending
Service to Our Veterans and Members each day.
Till next time – God Bless

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**MEMBERSHIP  
Gerald Spradlin – Chairman  
Cyndy Yancey – Co-Chairman**

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We hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year full of lots of love, blessings and laughter!

We want to congratulate all the Districts that achieved 95% and the Auxiliaries that achieved 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Great job! We look forward to celebrating with you at the Membership Banquet in Corpus Christi during Mid-Winter.

For those who did not make it, don’t give up! There is still time to achieve those goals by June 30<sup>th</sup>. We know it has been a tough membership year but keep talking to people and letting them know why you are part of this organization and how they could be an

asset to the Auxiliary, too. Some prospective members may feel pressured by face-to-face conversations. Offer to share the QR code with them to give them time to read and mull over a basic idea of what our organization is and what we do. The fact sheet and application they can fill out electronically and print to sign are there for them and it will make them think of questions they might have so that they reach out to you to get the answers. Remember to keep the QR code on your phone so you can easily share it.

Let's make this a very Happy New Year by making Texas Number 1 in Membership! Have fun spreading the word and recruiting new members! Let them see your dedication and commitment and how much you love serving our Veterans and their families. As always, if we can help, let us know!

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BUDDY® POPPY/NATIONAL HOME
Sabrina (Sally) Jarrett - Chairwoman
Sarah Begley- Co-Chairman

“Buddy® Poppy”

Welcome.....2025.....Texas is ready for this momentous year. I want to thank all the Auxiliaries for your awesome reports, we are so excited to view all these wonderful photos of your hard-working events. I love it, Buddy® Poppy fever on some of these photos.

Sarah and I catch ourselves putting Buddy Poppies on all our reports, post events, in our office, our wardrobe, even on our kids and grandchildren. Buddy® Poppy drives are in demand. When submitting your reports make sure that your photos have Buddy® Poppies in them, wearing them, displaying them and handing them out. Do not forget to bring your District Buddy® Poppy winner display to Mid-Winter Conference in January for final judging.

Reminder: You have three months to report for Year-End Reports, please submit your reports on time.

VFW National Home

Happy Birthday to you!!! That is right! The VFW National Home turns 100 years old on January 7th, 2025. There are MANY activities happening on the Home campus!!

We will be announcing a terrific way for you to not only help the VFW National Home but to also PARTICIPATE in the celebration being held in JUNE! Turn on your ears EVERYONE! We have a HUGE announcement to make at the MID-WINTER CONFERENCE in Corpus Christi!! You do NOT want to miss THIS opportunity!!

Also, please know we are still conducting our Centennial Lifetime Membership incentive as well, the Buddy® Poppy tote bag!! Please refer to your previous months “Two Cents” for more details on what we are looking for! Thank you to each member pushing for a Centennial Membership for \$100. Keep up the SPLENDID work on getting the information out there about this wonderful program.

Important information to remember:

www.vfwnationalhome.org

Donations: 866-483-9642

Get Help: 800-313-4200

General Info: 800-424-8360

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**HOSPITAL/VAVS**  
**Glenda L Hunt – Chairwoman**

Happy New Year!!! 2025 is here!!! Wow! 2024 went by so fast! Time does seem to fly by!

Our VFW Auxiliary year is at the Mid-Point. After our Mid-Year Conference upcoming in Corpus Christi, we have only 90 days to complete our year programs and reporting. Wow!

Thank you for all the Hospital events that you have supported this past year. You truly honor and care about our Texas Veterans. Let's finish our year with the same caring spirit.

Review the Hospital/VAVS Program in your Department Program Book. Is there an event your Auxiliary did and forgot to report it? Any activity that pertains to Veteran Health Care is reportable. Review the awards and Year End Report.

Reports are the story of your event! We have made so many Veterans smile and feel hopeful in this coming year. When we chose a cause, we can save a life! Through your volunteer hours and donations, you have provided food, clothing and shelter to our Texas Veterans, thousands of Christmas cheer, gifts and cards, to our Veterans who do not have families.



We became their families. Proud to say the list goes on of ways we have cared for our Veterans!!!

Do not forget the Honors Escort Program. Promotion idea on the education of the Casket Flag folding and Flag Presentation. Have a class on flag folding with your Auxiliary members. This would serve the Veteran's family. This happened a few days ago at our Post, when a Veteran's brother came in with an unfolded flag that was given to him after his brother's funeral. He wanted to properly honor him and knew that there was a special way it should be folded. Post Auxiliary members did assist. Make this service available at your Auxiliary and Post.

Thank you to all our Hospital Volunteers at the VA facilitates and Non-VA facilitates. If there are any questions or concerns, let me know. We are here to support each other and work together. Serving our Veterans with a caring heart and helping hands!

A New Year Wish for All of happiness, good health and an abundant 2025!

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**Ronnie Wiley**

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Guard for remainder of 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

**Elected and Appointed positions are as follows:**

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Auxiliary Post 4816 Chaplain                    | 2019-2022 |
| TX VFW Motorcycle Group Unit 22 Chaplain        | 2022-2025 |
| District 17 Conductor                           | 2020-2022 |
| District 17 Senior Vice President               | 2022-2023 |
| District 17 President                           | 2023-2024 |
| District 17 Jr Vice President                   | 2024-2025 |
| Dept. of Texas Youth Chair                      | 2021-2022 |
| Dept. of Texas Ways & Means Co-Chair            | 2022-2023 |
| Dept. of Texas Americanism/Patriotic Instructor | 2023-2024 |

**Missi Palmore**  
 Life member | District 1 Frisco 8273  
 Member since 01/2020  
 Husband Jeffery Palmore | Army | Desert Storm, OIF, OEF

**Frisco 8273:**  
 Auxiliary Inception Member  
 Trustee: 2020-2021  
 Sr. Vice: 2020-2021  
 President: 2021-2024

**District 1:**  
 Jr. Vice: 2021-2022  
 Sr. Vice: 2022-2023  
 President: 2024-2025

**Tx. Department:**  
 V7FS Chairman: 2025-2025

Candidate for Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary  
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*"the one thing you leave behind is, how did you love?"*

New Podium Books can be purchased in the Department Office for \$8.00

You can pick them up at the office or at Mid-Winter Convention

If you want them shipped to you, you will need to pay the postage. Call 512 834-9190 to order the books

**Changes**

**VFS Chairman New Address**  
 Missi Palmore  
 2685 County Road 1076  
 Celeste, Tx. 75423

**District 2 February 8, 2025**  
 meeting from Port Neches to Liberty



## 2024-2025 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

|                            |                                                                              |                           |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | <b><u>Wednesday – January 15, 2025</u></b>                                   | <b><u>Ballroom</u></b>    |
| 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM          | Registration Omni Hotel                                                      | Laguna Madre              |
| 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM          | Dinner with National Rep, Open to all VFW & Auxiliary ( <i>DUTCH TREAT</i> ) | VFW 6386                  |
|                            | <b><u>Thursday – January 16, 2025</u></b>                                    |                           |
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM          | Registration and Booths                                                      | Laguna Madre              |
| 10:00 AM                   | Floor Practice                                                               | Nueces                    |
| 10:30 AM                   | 2025-2026 Chairman Meeting                                                   | Laguna Madre              |
| 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM         | Lunch on Your Own                                                            |                           |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM          | Council of Administration Meeting                                            | Nueces                    |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM          | Service Officers Training (Open to all)                                      | Corpus Christi B/C        |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM          | <i><b>It Just Takes One</b></i> Membership Celebration (Invitation Only)     | Nueces                    |
|                            | <b><u>Friday – January 17, 2025</u></b>                                      |                           |
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM          | Registration and Booths                                                      | Laguna Madre              |
| <b>9:00AM – 10:00 AM</b>   | <b>Joint Memorial Service</b>                                                | <b>Corpus Christi B/C</b> |
| <b>10:15 AM - 11:15 AM</b> | <b>Joint Opening Session</b>                                                 | <b>Corpus Christi B/C</b> |
| 12:00 PM – Done            | Presidents Luncheon (Pre-Purchase Tickets)                                   | Nueces                    |
|                            | Presentations & Drawings                                                     |                           |
| <b>6:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b>  | <b>DEPT CDR HOMECOMING</b>                                                   | <b>Nueces</b>             |
|                            | <b><u>Saturday – January 18, 2025</u></b>                                    |                           |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM         | Registration and Booths                                                      | Laguna Madre              |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM          | POW/MIA Ceremony                                                             | Nueces                    |
| 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM         | Programs                                                                     | Nueces                    |
| 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM         | Lunch On your Own                                                            |                           |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM          | Completion of Programs/Raffles                                               | Nueces                    |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM          | Remarks National President                                                   | Nueces                    |
| 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM          | VOD/PP Reception <i><b>Cash Bar</b></i>                                      | Corpus Christi A/B/C      |
| 6:30 PM – Close            | Voice of Democracy Banquet                                                   | Corpus Christi A/B/C      |
|                            | <b><u>Pre-Purchased Tickets Required</u></b>                                 |                           |
|                            | <b><u>Sunday – January 19, 2025</u></b>                                      |                           |
|                            | <i>Safe Travels</i>                                                          |                           |