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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SUSIE CARTER



“WIND BENEATH OUR VETERANS WINGS”

“BANDING TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS”

Here we are already into December and on the downhill slide to Mid-Winter Round Up in Corpus Christi in January. Hopefully you have reserved your rooms. If not, now is the time to do so. At Mid-Winter, we try to train you on what needs to be done for the next months of the Auxiliary year. The Department Chairmen will have lots of good info that you should take back to your Auxiliaries. Share the material you take home. So many times, I hear, “we never got that info”.

Mid-Year Reports are due soon. Go ahead and get those reports completed and sent to your District Presidents. I really do not want anyone to be late. This goes for 3rd quarter audits, which were due in the office by 11/30/23 and are now late. If they have not been sent in, check your stat sheets to see where you stand. At your next meeting, vote on any of the programs listed on it or in the Program Book that your Auxiliary wants to pay. Then, get it sent in Department. Lastly, REPORT IT!!

Are you and your Auxiliary working membership? I want to see as many of you as possible at the “Soaring With Eagles” Celebration put on by the Department Member-

ship Team. Get those dues in. Besides, we WERE leading in the Southern Conference race on membership. The Southern Conference has dropped down to 2nd place behind the Western Conference. Remember, we are Texans and we like to be first. The only way to get there is to work that membership and help our conference move back up to #1.

Don't ever be afraid to ask for help within an Auxiliary or District. Our team is here to help solve problems and make sure that Auxiliaries and Districts are healthy and thriving. We care about you and want to assist where and when we can.

I traveled to District 10 in El Paso and had a wonderful time. It's a small District with a mighty punch. The membership was friendly, enthusiastic and made my trip amazing. Thanks to each and every one of you for what you do.

I will be traveling to Districts 18 and 24 this month and I'm looking forward to spending time with all of you. Then, I'll have some time off for some much-needed rest and down time with my husband and family. **Merry Christmas** to everyone and have a very Happy New Year.



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Carla Martinez

National President

2023-2024



Carla Martinez of Layton, Utah, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary at its 110th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

A Life Member of Lt. Clarence E. Allen Auxiliary 409 in Salt Lake City, Utah, she has served the organization in many capacities, including Auxiliary, District and Department President. She also served as Department Chief of Staff from 2017 to 2018.

On the National level, Carla served as National Certified Recruiter Trainer for the state of Utah from 2016 to 2018 and as the National Western Conference Chairman for the Scholarships Program from 2017 to 2018.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, Harry Creel, who served in the United States Air Force for 23 years and served in the Vietnam War.

Carla has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and master's degree in criminal law from Weber State University. She retired from WCF Insurance after 22 ½ years of helping individuals who were injured on the job. Carla is a Lifetime Member of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC), a Lifetime Member of the Fleet Reserve Association and is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She is retired from the United States Navy and spent 13 months in Korea.

Carla and her husband, Stanley (Utah's National Legislative Member (2021-2024)), have a son, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren. In her spare time, likes to volunteer at the VA Hospital, recruit and mentor. She loves to bowl and swim.

**CHIEF OF STAFF
REVITALIZATION/EXTENSION
Debbie Daniel**

Merry Christmas to each of you. An absolutely wonderful time of year where our hearts get bigger and we choose to share with the less fortunate and children. However, we still have work to do before we celebrate Christmas.

The 990 is now past due. If you have not completed yours or filed for an extension, they must be done ASAP. If you need help contact the Department Office and they will help you.

December 10th, Auxiliaries must have their Mid-Year Reports in to District Presidents. Then, those same reports are due to the Department Chairmen by the 20th. Please do not hold reports waiting on the straggler. Get them to the District and Department ON TIME. Everyone has a deadline and getting these things in on time sure drops the stress level for all affected.

Membership goals are an essential part of December. Check your Program Book for awards that can be achieved. District Presidents you must have 95% by December 15th, in order to attend the **“Soaring with Eagles Celebration”** at Mid-Winter. Auxiliaries, you must have 100% by the December 15th date in order to be eligible to attend. Get your membership teams in gear and get those dues in. Don't forget to make sure all officers dues are paid before the 12/31 deadline. They cannot hold an office after that date if they don't pay their dues.

District Presidents have you finished with your inspections? Have you followed up on any concerns that you may have had. Look for those red flags and address them ASAP. Small insignificant problems become big ones when they are ignored.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Mid-Winter in Corpus Christi. It's just around the corner so make those plans to attend. In the meantime, have a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe Happy New Year filled with friends, family, food, love and most of all, God. Be blessed.

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“Banding Together For Our Veterans”**



**SCHOLARSHIP
Dorthy L. Bennett**

Now is the time to submit to your District President the Mid-Year Report. Those reports are due on or before

December 10. All the questions should be answered with an explanation, yes, no or still working. Questions should never be answered with N/A, all questions are applicable to the program. All reports are then due to the chairman on or before December 20. Thanks for the hard work and the attention to detail in these reports. Please report all your activities with this part of the program. To be 100% in reporting you need to report at least one part of this program.

Remember we have Auxiliary Continuing Education for Auxiliary members, their spouses and children. This is a written entry of 300 words or less received by National February 15, 2024. The goal is to have 23 entries for Texas. The scholarship amount to be awarded in each of the four conferences is \$1250.00. That amount of money can pay for books, labs and other fees.

Don't forget that this program continues with Young Patriotic Art and 3-Dimensional. Follow the guidelines in the Program Book starting on page 62. You may also find more information on MALTA under Scholarship. Page number 53 of the National Program has changed. There has been a change to the amounts given at National for art. Second place has increased to \$1,500. The local Auxiliary must receive art pieces by March 31 and sent to me no later than April 15. Districts can hold judging for art pieces but it is not required. Please continue to send the Escrow money for art at the National level. This helps to increase prize money for the winners. Promote art contest through the same channels that were used for Voice of Democracy.

Remember we are asking that Auxiliaries donate monies to create a Department Award for 2- and 3-Dimensional Art. The goal is to have awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places that total an amount of \$1,000.00. Thank you in advance for this.

We know that we have asked a lot this year. You may contact me for any help or explanations that you might need. More information can be found in your Department Program Book and on MALTA under Scholarship Resources. **Merry Christmas** and Happy New Year!

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**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT
Tammy Mosby – Chairman
Karlene Chambers – Co-Chairman**

Wow...Can't believe it is already the end of 2023. You all have done so much and I personally want to

thank you. Karlene and I are overwhelmed with all the reports we are receiving. We can't wait until Mid-Winter to give out the prize to the Auxiliary with the best promotion of our challenge to Red Friday that was done on November 10.

We know we are all very busy getting those Mid-Year Reports in to the chairmen. Remember the deadline is December 10.

You have all heard us say that Veterans and Family Support is the heartbeat of our organization. We need to be sure that we really show it this time of the year. Be sure you know the signs of suicide and have ready the suicide hotline number. Dial 988, Press 1.

If you need us for anything, please email me at tjpurplerose@yahoo.com or you can call me at 936-414-5293 or Co-Chairman Karlene Chambers at karlene440@gmail.com or call 713-502-1436.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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**LEGISLATIVE
Cheyenne Harper - Chairman**

Greetings from your Department Legislative Chairman. Have you read your “After Action” updates lately? There is a survey about the military promotions being placed on hold. These holds affect our active-duty military members as well as the readiness soldiers across the force. We have uniformed promotions being delayed because of this.

Have you reviewed the women veterans’ survey findings? The VA continues to assume that women are either spouses or caregivers. Please reach out to the women Veterans and always thank them for their service.

Do you know what POW and MIA stands for? (Prisoner of War and Missing in Action).

I look forward to seeing the winning posters from each District while we are at Mid-Winter in Corpus Christi. I know they will all show a strong message. With the encouragement you showed your community with the reminders of getting out to Vote, we are certain that the polls had a great turnout.

Thank you for all the reports and I wish you a very **Merry Christmas!**

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**HOSPITAL/VAVS
Pamela Fintel – Chairman**

Where has the time gone? I can't believe it is December. I want to THANK everyone for the wonderful reports. You are doing a great job. Texas is truly taking care of our Hospitalized Veterans.

I am not requiring a Mid-Year Report this year. Instead, I want you to spend the extra time doing something extra for our Hospitalized Veterans. This can be a lonely time for them so spread that TEXAS Love.

Did you know that December 4th is National Santa's List Day. This would be a Fun Day to package all the socks, cards, blankets, lotions and other items that you are going to take to our Hospitalized Veterans. Don't forget the Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Staff and Caregivers.

Please contact your VA CDCE (Voluntary Services) at your VA Hospital and ask them what they need for their Homeless Veterans. It is usually sweat shirts, sweat pants, socks and underwear. But check with them first to make sure they have enough room to store them.

Did you know December 4th is National Cookie Day, December 9th is National Christmas Card Day. What a great day to go to the VA and pass out cookies and Christmas Cards to our Veterans. Get your youth involved in helping make the cookies and Christmas Cards.

I hope to see you all at Mid-Winter January 17th – January 21st in Corpus Christi. It is always a pleasure to see you and hear the things you do for our Hospitalized Veterans. I am so proud of TEXAS! Keep sending in those reports. Thank you again for all you do for our Hospitalized Veterans.

I wish each and every one a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe Happy New Year!

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Teresa Ramon Chairman
Michelle Booker – Co-Chairman**

Greetings to all. What an exciting and wonderful first half of our year it has been. The reports on all the community service with our youth are amazing. Remember to give out those RAP cards to your youth for their community service.

Thank you for promoting our Patriotism Through Literacy program by donating and reading books to our youth.

Has your Auxiliary hosted a Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue National Anthem Singing Contest for youth in grades K-12? With the Holidays upon us, this would be a wonderful opportunity to encourage our young carolers to participate.

Please note that the rules for the contest are in your Program Book and may be reviewed on the National VFW Auxiliary website. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities/>

Your Mid-Year Reports will need to be mailed or emailed by/no later than December 10 to your District Presidents and District Presidents will forward reports to the Department Chair by/no later than December 20.

Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans and youth.

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AMERICANISM/PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

**Ronnie Wiley-Chairman
Laurie Wiley-Co-Chairman**

Thanks to all for those wonderful Gold Star Family programs, POW/MIA ceremonies and VFW Birthday celebrations. It is important to remember where we have been to move ahead.

December 7, 2023, is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary encourages all Americans to pause and reflect on the attack 82 years ago that changed the course of history and brought together the nation to defend our sovereignty, confront tyranny and win back freedom around the world.

The Japanese attack resulted in more than 3,500 dead or wounded and while it was a day of immense tragedy, it would also become a day which showcased America's unbreakable spirit. The attack has come to stand as a testament to future generations that while our homeland may be attacked, our enemies will never defeat our republic or our way of life.

As the holiday season approaches, remember our Veterans and active-duty personnel. While it's easy during the holidays, keep in mind that we need to show that same respect in January and the rest of the year. Remember their specific needs in planning. A Pearl Harbor/Senior Luncheon with fellowship could go a long way.

Have a wonderful **Christmas** and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Winter Roundup in Corpus Christi.

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BUDDY POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME

**Denise DuBois – Chairman
Eunis Cordova – Co-Chairman**

Buddy Poppy

We want to thank you for all of your reports and telling your stories about the Buddy Poppy program. We are very proud that you are getting the information out into your communities. Just a reminder, you are able to purchase the new Buddy Poppy, but remember the original poppy is also available. We love the ideas on how the Buddy Poppy is being shared, not only at Buddy Poppy Drives, but in mini flower arrangements for the hospitalized, attached to pencils for their trick or treat handouts. Amazing job. We are looking forward to seeing the District piñatas that will be judged in Corpus at Mid-Winter. We are certain it will be a show of talent and anxious to hear where you will take the piñata afterwards. We are super excited about being able to share with you at Mid-Winter, how this program is doing.

Please remember to include a card attached to your piñata that tells the story along with who will be the recipient of your Buddy Poppy piñata.

We wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and always remember the true meaning of this day to celebrate.

VFW National Home

We are so excited that the Auxiliaries and the members are purchasing Life Memberships to the VFW National Home. It is also great news to know that Tribute Bricks are being purchased as well. Thank you so much.

We love the ideas that you are sharing and what you are doing for the VFW National Home. I am certain that each child and family enjoy the birthday cards that are being sent monthly.

Continue to believe in the National Home and all the love that is given to those families that are the residents there. Reach out in ways that you can feel within your heart.

The VFW Website always has a “want list” posted and even Amazon has a wish list available as well.

We appreciate all you do and we will see you at Mid-Winter in Corpus and sharing new ideas with you.

Merry Christmas to each of you!

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**PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Denise DuBois**

Chairmen, you are doing a great job. Texas is proud of you and so am I. You have dedicated yourselves to your appointed program and are promoting it very well.

District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents, please forward all information you receive to all your membership. It is important that communication is continued throughout the state and to each and every member.

I wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and Happy New Year!

“The magic of Christmas never ends and its greatest of gifts are family and friends”.

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**AUXILIARY OUTREACH
Gerald Spradlin – Chairman
Cyndy Yancey – Co-Chairman**

Hope you all are enjoying the cooler weather! Makes us think of the holidays, doesn't it? Which brings to mind holiday projects and holiday giving.

This is a great time for Auxiliary Outreach projects because there are so many doing special things for our communities and ones in need. Be sure to check out what is going on in your community and try to plug in to help wherever you can. This is the time of year when we think about giving and what better way than to contribute to our community with our time and smiling faces! Check with schools, shelters, your Chambers of Commerce, the Salvation Army (they always need bell ringers).

Proudly wear your Auxiliary apparel, hats, pins, nametags and show your community that we are out there and helping them and our Veterans. You never know when you have reached a Veteran that may not be

proud of his service or a Veteran's family that doesn't know you are there to help.

Lending a hand and being supportive gets our faces and our organization out there so that people can become educated as to what we do and what we are about. We are loving how many reports we are receiving and you are all doing amazing things in your communities. Keep the reports coming and enjoy what you are doing. When you are having fun, everyone is drawn to you and you will attract others who will want to be a part of what you are doing. Remember that by working side by side we can better both the community and the VFW Auxiliary by strengthening those relationships.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas**. Safe travels to all who are going somewhere special to see your loved ones and cherished friends. Looking forward to a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

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**MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP
Candace Baines – Chairman**

Patsy Kemp & Jayne McCormick – Co-Chairmen

Congratulations, you have made it to the halfway point! How are your mentees doing? In the words of National Mentoring for Leadership Ambassador Francine Cornish “We are putting the pieces together.” Here are some of her tips to help complete the puzzle by:

- Sponsoring mini workshops
- Creating mentoring teams
- Identifying mentors and mentees
- Developing a rapport with each other
- Organizing cool ice breakers
- Setting goals
- Communicating and promoting the program to your members
- Update your calendars with all upcoming meetings and conferences

I encourage you all to invite your new members and any member who has never attended Mid-Winter to join us in January.

Talk with your mentees and see where their vision of themselves fits into our mission to help Veterans and their families. Help them turn their vision into goals and train them to successfully reach those goals.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or need any assistance. I hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter Roundup in January. Have a very **Merry Christmas** and a Happy and Safe New Year!

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MEMBERSHIP
Beth West – Chairman
Shawn Terry – Co-Chairman

Howdy to all the cast and crew members of the Texas Membership Movie. Your stat sheets indicate that your movies are coming along quite nicely. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!** It takes everyone to foster an environment that creates a place where members feel welcomed, inspired and accepted. They are much more inclined to participate and share ideas in a welcoming environment.

The deadline to be eligible to attend the membership dinner and awards, **“Soaring with Eagles”** is December 15, 2023. But why wait until the last minute? This event is going to be one you won’t want to miss, so get those applications and renewals in as soon as you can. By the looks of the stats on MALTA, we are going to need more tables and chairs! Thank you for working so hard on membership!

There was a mistake on the November OTC. It stated that everyone (Districts and Auxiliaries) needed to have 95% membership by the deadline to be eligible for the dinner. It is 95% for Districts and 100% for Auxiliaries. Your Program Book is correct.

The Membership Movie Directors want to wish each of you a very **Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Mid-Winter Roundup in Corpus Christi. Keep reaching for the stars. You can do this!!

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WAYS AND MEANS
Tracy Frink – Chairman
Lydia Leal – Co-Chairman

We can’t believe the year is half over. We want to thank each of you that have sent reports for Ways &

Means. It is not required, but we do love to see what you have already purchased.

A few reminders:

- Please remember to continue to send in money, ticket stubs and calendar stubs to Department.
- If your Auxiliary ends in an odd number (ex: 9299) you are required to send or bring to Mid-Winter 1 item valued at \$25 dollars for the quarter auction. If your Auxiliary ends in an even number (ex: 6872) you are required to bring or send 5 grab bags valued at \$5 each to Mid-Winter.
- Bring lots of quarters for the quarter auction, we will have them for you to purchase as well.

We look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter in Corpus. We wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and a Happy New Year!



NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
Kat Carter - Chairman

What an awesome response I’ve received to honor the nurses in our state! The pictures accompanying your reports have been wonderful so far and show how we love what our nurses do for our Veterans and families!

With all the sales on, now is the time to get your Survival Kits made! If you do not have a clue what to put in those bags, just ask a nurse! We want to especially thank them for the selfless acts of being on the job!

Also, MANY applications and information for the Scholarship have been distributed to most of the colleges and universities. The semesters are in full swing and many of the potential candidates will be filling in those applications during the holidays. The deadline to receive the application is May 1, 2024, but we all know how time flies and no one wants to be rushed into completion. Follow up with the colleges and ask if they need more information. If you have questions, call me!!!

I have enjoyed talking to so many of our Auxiliary Program Chairs and Presidents about this project! Nurses LOVE what they do and we LOVE them for being who they are! Let’s show them our appreciation!!!

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HISTORIAN/MEDIAN RELATIONS

Bernadette “Bernie” Adams

I want to thank everyone who has sent me a picture of President Susie on her visit to your Post.

In case you did not receive the Program Book at Officers Training in July, the Statewide Project insert was there. This year I would like a story and picture of your First President of your Auxiliary. Where and when was she born and the Veteran that she joined under that was content to let her shine.

We have Christmas coming up and I am sure your Post or Auxiliary will be having parties so make sure you take clear and sharp pictures. Put your pictures in the local newspaper. Take your local newspaper a Christmas lunch that includes a homemade sandwich tray (with the ketchup, mustard, mayo), chips, and a tray of homemade Christmas cookies. They will love it.

The Historian/Media Relations person keeps a written report of the history of their Auxiliary or District and submits this to their respective President at the end of the year. Supplemental material can include photographs and newspaper clippings that document special Auxiliary events.

I do not have a Mid-Year Report so you can rest easy with that. See you at Mid-Winter in Corpus Christi, January 17th – 21st, 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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**PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL PROJECT
Jennifer Richardson – Chairman**

Brrrrrr...baby it’s cold outside! Warm wishes & Hot Tea to warm you up!

Make sure we are planning Tea Parties to educate surviving spouses on their potential benefits through both VAP and the VA. I’ve received a lot of pictures of checks to the Texas VFW Foundation, sooo excited for this! I would love to see some pictures from your Tea Parties.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in January 2024! Where has this year gone? Keep up the great work and all you do for our Veterans and their families and remember Pass the Tea!

Please contact the Foundation at foundation@texasvfw.org for logos and/or information for you to better fundraise.

Websites: <https://www.texasvfw.org/veterans> - <https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits/>

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Directory Changes

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Denison, Texas 75021

Patti Bozeman, Treasurer Auxiliary 12205
Email: prbozeman@gvtc.com

THANK YOU

Preston and I would like to extend our thanks to the membership for all the cards, calls, prayers and concerns during his hospital stay. We both appreciate all the kindness and love shown to us.

Preston & Jayne McCormick

Reminder

Department, District and Auxiliary Officers (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) dues

MUST be paid by December 31, 2023.

If not paid, they will be relieved of their office.

JEANENNE LUMPKIN

**Candidate for National Council Member
Area H**

2024-2026

**Endorsed by
Auxiliary 9182 District 17**

KAREN KAYLOR

**CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL
COUNCIL MEMBER AREA H**

2024 – 2026

**ENDORSED BY VFW AUXILIARY 4008
ENDORSED BY DISTRICT 14**

JO ELLA MENN

**CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF
TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY TREASURER
2024-2025**

**ENDORSED BY AUXILIARY 8621
ENDORSED BY DISTRICT 6**

GERALD SPRADLIN

**CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF
TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY GUARD
2024-2025**

**Endorsed by District 19 & Auxiliaries
Endorsed by Post/Auxiliary 1836**

**Department Office
Christmas Hours**

Office closed

**December 25
December 26**

Office open

**December 27
December 28
December 29 till noon**

January 1, 2024 Closed





2023~2024 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>Wednesday – January 17, 2024</u>	<u>Ballroom</u>
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Registration Omni Hotel	Laguna Madre
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Floor Practice	TBA
	Arrival of National President – Carla Martinez	TBD
6:00 PM	Dinner with National Rep, Open to all VFW & Auxiliary (<i>DUTCH TREAT</i>)	TBA
	<u>Thursday – January 18, 2024</u>	
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration and Booths	Laguna Madre
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	Corpus Christi
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Soaring With Eagles Celebration (Invitation Only)	Corpus Christi
	<u>Friday – January 19, 2024</u>	
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration and Booths	Laguna Madre
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Joint Memorial Service	Corpus Christi
	Joint Opening Session	Corpus Christi
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Presidents Luncheon (Pre-Purchase Tickets)	Nueces
	Presentation of Past Dept Presidents	Nueces
	Presentation of District Presidents	Nueces
	Presentation Benefit Hub	Nueces
	Presentation by Motorcycle Group	Nueces
	Programs: Program Coordinator and Drawings	Nueces
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Quarter Auction – Ways & Means	Nueces
	<u>Saturday – January 20, 2024</u>	
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 – 6:00 PM	VOD/PP Reception <u>Cash Bar</u>	Corpus Christi
6:00 PM – Close	Voice of Democracy Banquet	Corpus Christi
	<u>Pre-Purchased Tickets Required</u>	
	<u>Sunday – January 21, 2024 - Safe Travels</u>	



President's Luncheon Mid-Winter Conference January 19, 2024

Send Reservation To:
VFW Auxiliary Department of Texas
PO Box 15285
Austin TX 78761-5285

Deadline: January 5, 2024

Mid-Winter Conference will be at the Omni Hotel, 900 N Shoreline Dr., Corpus Christi TX

Meal to be Determined

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DEPARTMENT AT 512-834-9190
ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$45.00 PER LUNCHEON TICKET**

Please Make Check To: VFW Auxiliary, Dept of Texas-Earmarked Luncheon

Names:

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