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## **DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT IRMA SOLIS**

**“THANKFUL & GRATEFUL FOR THE SACRIFICE”**

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

### **INFORMATION ISSUE ONLY UPCOMING EVENTS**

	<b>MAY</b>
May 3	District 25
May 10	District 2
May 12	District 12
	<b>JUNE</b>
June 4 – June 8	State Convention

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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 111<sup>th</sup> 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.



**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**99<sup>th</sup> TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION**  
**Anatole Hotel – Dallas, Texas**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2025**

3:00 PM-5:00 PM	President Reception (Invitation Only)	TBD
6:00 PM-8:00PM	Dinner National Rep, PDPs, Line Officers & Guests (Dutch Treat)	Carpenter Room (TBD)

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	Stemmons Foyer
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Vendor Booths	Grand Foyer
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Buddy Poppies	Dardanelles
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW Service Officers VA Claims (Open to all)	Inverness
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	National VFW Store	Plum Blossom Room
9:00 AM-11:00 AM	VFW AUX Council of Administration	Stemmons Ballroom
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Past Department President Luncheon	Carpenter Room
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session	Grand Ballroom
4:15 PM-5:00 PM	Joint Memorial Service	Grand Ballroom
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Photos for Incoming Officers & District Presidents	Grand Ballroom
5:30 PM	Floor Practice	Stemmons Ballroom

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW Auxiliary Ways and Means	Stemmons Foyer
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Vendor Booths	Grand Foyer
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Buddy Poppies	Dardanelles
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	VFW Service Officers VA Claims (Open to all)	Inverness
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	National VFW Store	Plum Blossom Room
8:00 AM-11:00 AM	Auxiliary Business Meeting	Stemmons Ballroom
11:00AM-12:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
12:00 PM-4:00 PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting & Nominations	Stemmons Ballroom
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Reception with Cash Bar	Grand Ballroom
6:30 PM-9:00 PM	Awards Banquet (Formal Dress)	Grand Ballroom

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

7:30 AM-9:00 AM	VFW/AUX Registration/Credentials	Registration Desk
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Vendor Booths	Grand Foyer
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Buddy Poppies	Dardanelles
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	VFW Service Officers VA Claims (Open to all)	Inverness
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	National VFW Store	Plum Blossom Room
8:00 AM-Noon	VFW AUX Business Meeting	Stemmons Ballroom
	Memorial Service and Elections of 2025-2026 Officers	
4:00 PM	Joint Installation of Officers & Dist. Presidents (Black pants & nice white blouse or shirt)	Grand Ballroom
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	State Commander & Auxiliary President Reception	Carpenter

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	2025-2026 District President Training	TBD
9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Trainers Meeting	TBD

**Hotel Booking Information**  
**for State Convention**

Texas VFW & Auxiliary State  
Convention  
June 5, 2025 - June 8, 2025

Hilton Anatole  
2201 North Stemmons Freeway  
Dallas, TX 75207

**VFW Auxiliary Training**  
July 11 – 13, 2025

Council meeting – Thursday morning  
Full agenda not yet available

Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel  
& Convention Center  
777 Walters Creek Blvd  
Allen, Texas 75013

More information will be available at State  
Convention

**Southern Conference**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Link to Register is on Texas VFW  
website. <https://www.texasvfw.org>

**Registration**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
Thursday, October 30, 2025 CDT

There is also a link to register for  
updates for Southern Conference.

**IRMA SOLIS**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
President**

**2025-2026**

**SHAWN TERRY**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
Senior Vice President**

**2025-2026**

**BETH WEST**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
Junior Vice President**

**2025-2026**

**GERALD SPRADLIN**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
Conductor**

**2025-2026**

**LAURIE HAYES-WILEY**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
Chaplain**

**2025-2026**

**JO ELLA MENN**

**CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT  
OF TEXAS VFW AUXILIARY  
TREASURER  
2025-2026**

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

**RONNIE WILEY**

**Candidate for Department of Texas  
VFW Auxiliary  
Guard**

**2025-2026**



**ALL ABOARD!!**

**2025-2026 VFW AUXILIARY  
OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

**PRESIDENTS, SR. VICES, JR. VICES, TREASURERS,  
TRUSTEES, AND SECRETARIES**

**TRAINERS ARE COMING YOUR WAY!!**

**SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS:**

- 6/13 - Spring Brach Post 8790 – 1560 VFW Way – Houston, TX 77055
- 6/14 - Brazos Co. Post 4692 – 794 N. Harvey Mitchell – Bryan, TX 77807
- 6/21 - Martin D. Denson Post 6873 – 1049 Veterans Dr – Abilene, TX 79605
- 6/28 - John Franklin Sprague Post 6796- 9179 Garland Rd – Dallas, TX 75218
- 7/19 - Calallen Post 3837 – 12030 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, TX 78410

This unique training will begin with Registration and Ways and Means Table purchases starting at 8am. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Training will begin at 9:30.

Each of the officers listed above will be able to rotate through the 3 workshops. There will be 3 appointed trainers.

Lunch will be served at noon. We anticipate training to end at 5pm.

Training book and lunch - \$30.00 **Must register ahead of time and payment received by department no later than 7 days prior to event. NO REFUNDS!**

**Please return this registration form for each person attending with attached payment to:**

**Dept of TX VFW Auxiliary - PO Box 15285 – Austin, TX 78761**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_

For more information regarding this specific training, please contact the training coordinator:  
DENISE DUBOIS: 979-575-4098(c) 979-272-2435 (h) or [duboisdc@aol.com](mailto:duboisdc@aol.com)!

**Hope to see you there!**

***“Because they served, We serve”***