

Veterans & Family Support Introduction



My name is Mary “Angela” Gaskins, and I am honored to serve as the Department of South Carolina Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Chairman for 2026–2027. I am a proud member of VFW Post 9509 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, where I joined under my husband, Shannon Gaskins. Shannon completed multiple tours in Iraq and was medically discharged in 2011. His service and sacrifice are a big part of why I am so passionate about supporting veterans, service members, and their families through the VFW Auxiliary. When I’m not at the post volunteering or participating in events that support our veterans, I’m at home spending time with our three dogs — Cletus (6), our boxer mix, and Dory and Dex (3), our playful Boykin Spaniels.

Whether I’m helping organize a fundraiser, attending meetings, or simply lending a hand wherever needed, I truly enjoy being part of a community that honors and cares for those who have served our country. Serving as the Veterans & Family Support Chairman this year is a little different from my role as Youth Chairman last year, but in many ways, I believe this program is at the heart of what the VFW Auxiliary stands for. Veterans & Family Support is about making sure no veteran, service member, or military family feels forgotten. It is about being there through the challenges, celebrating the victories, and showing appreciation for the sacrifices made both on and off the battlefield. I look forward to working with auxiliaries across South Carolina this year to promote programs, strengthen support systems, and continue making a positive impact on the lives of veterans and their families.

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