

*My Dad,  
My Why,  
and why I do  
what I do*



*Debbie joined the VFW Auxiliary on her 16th birthday on the eligibility of her father Kenneth Clement, he was a Korean War Veteran who served in the US Airforce. He was a POW who came home and made a life with his wife Rosemary, who was a member of VFW Auxiliary Post 3396 in Reno Nevada.*

*At a young age, "Dad said" You're going to join the VFW Auxiliary to stay out of trouble". That is how I became a member the first time. I was a Junior Girl in Bakersfield, California. She went away to college and got married, to the father of her child and was widowed. Being busy as a mother and a student, her membership lapsed.*

*After college, and in to her career she met Chris Barnes married, who was a Vietnam Veteran rejoined under his eligibility. She moved to Nevada where she has been active at life member of Auxiliary 10047, for the last 20 years.*

*Debbie was nurse for 30 yrs, retiring as a Cardiac nurse. During this time she went back to school for business side of nursing. She now owns a Medical Billing and Consulting Company. She also worked as an Adult Educator, teaching English is a second language.*

*She has one son Christopher, and two beautiful grandchildren, Damian and Leila, who are both in college, and all her family are active. She is a member of American Legion Auxiliary, and Elks Club.*

*Debbie is fully supported by her family and friends at her Auxiliary and VFW Post 10047.*

*Our Department has found her  
"trustworthy to hold this high office",  
We are asking for your support and  
vote to elect Debera (Debbie) Barnes to the  
office of National Guard at the 113th  
National Convention in Reno Nevada*



**Honoring our Hero John Lukac  
VFW Post 12093**



***Vote our Candidate  
Debera (Debbie) Barnes For VFW  
Auxiliary National Guard***



***VFW Auxiliary Department of Nevada  
proudly presents our endorsed  
candidate Debera (Debbie) Barnes  
for the high office  
National Guard of the  
VFW Auxiliary  
2026 - 2027***



### Awards

- 2024 - 2025 Proclamation State of Nevada
- 2024 - 2025 Support of Veteran Heroes (Nevada NVS)
- 2023- 2024 Circle of Excellence
- 2019 - 2021 District President of the Year Award
- 2019 - 2020 Chief of Staff Extension Member Award
- 2019 - 2020 Mentoring for Leadership 1st Place
- 2020 - 2021 Outstanding Presentation Membership
- 2014 - 2015 Outstanding Presentation Youth
- 2005 - 2006 National Leadership Award

### Dept. Programs and Chairmanships

- Extension & Revitalization : 2024 - 2026
- Veterans and Family Support : 2020 - 2023
- Membership Chair : 2020 - 2023
- Mentoring and Leadership : 2019 - 2020
- Youth Chair : 2014 - 2015

“The best part of this this organization is our support of our veterans and their families. Doing the food program and just seeing that we can get our homeless Veterans in a home is why these programs are so important. With my Auxiliary and our state getting food to their homes and caring for our heroes is the biggest award anyone could ask for. I would like to thank my Department for all their hard work over the years”. Debbie Barnes



### NATIONAL LEVEL

- 2021 - 2023 - NATIONAL DISTRICT COUNCIL #17 REPRESENTING NEVADA & UTAH
- 2016 - 2017 - MALTA INSTALLATION TEAM

### DEPARTMENT LEVEL

- 2014 - 2015 GUARD
- 2015 - 2022 TREASURER
- 2022 - 2022 JR VICE PRESIDENT
- 2022 - 2023 SR VICE PRESIDENT
- 2023 - 2024 DEPT PRESIDENT
- CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE
- 2024 - 2026 CHIEF OF STAFF

### DISTRICT LEVEL

- 2019 TO 2023 PRESIDENT
- 2019 - TO 2023 PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR
- 2015 TO 2016 GUARD
- 2025 - 2026 PRESIDENT

### AUXILIARY LEVEL

- 2020 - 2023 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
- 2019 - 2020 SR VICE PRESIDENT
- 2018 - 2019 JR VICE PRESIDENT
- 2025 - 2026 SECRETARY/TREASURER



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## **ABOUT ME**

I am a life member of VFW Auxiliary 401 in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 39 years.

My eligibility is my father Joe D. Salas, a Vietnam Veteran. My mom Louise A. Salas has been my mentor and my rock as I walk this journey to be the *next National Guard in 2026 - 2027*.

I am blessed with two beautiful daughters, Danielle who is an Educational Assistant and Dominique who a Pharmacy Technician. I have two sisters: Claudine and Cynthia, brother-in-law Sam and two grand-pups Paisley Rae and Sadie Mae.

A life member of the VFW National Home and also a Past Grand President for the MOCA.

**I respectfully ask for your support and vote for Office of National Guard at our 113<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Reno, Nevada 2026 - 2027.**

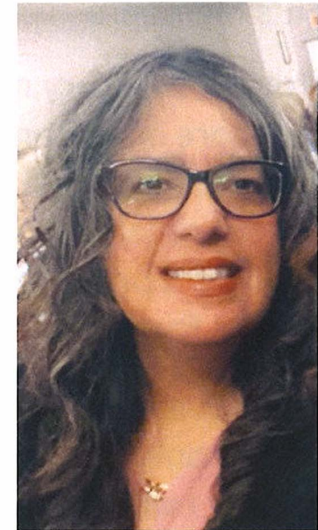


### **Thank You**

to my family, friends, and the VFW Auxiliary Department of New Mexico for your support, their encouragement and placing their trust in me.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of the United States

**Department of New Mexico  
Proudly Endorses**



**JEANETTE D. GARCIA**

Office of  
National Guard  
2026 National Convention

## **AS A CANDIDATE**

### **A Leader:**

- Builds Excitement and Momentum
- Provides Guidance and Support
- Believes in the Organization
- Listens & Learns from Others
- Engages all Members
- Values it's Members

I will work for our Auxiliary members, the VFW and more importantly for our Veterans and their families. I believe in the vision of our organization and in you to support and provide the needed services for Veterans.

My qualifications speak to what I have been able to accomplish, but if given the opportunity, I will represent not only my Department, but the VFW National Organization as someone who has the ability to listen, works well with others, can see the vision and can lead with professionalism, integrity, passion and commitment.



## **MY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

- Building on the Foundation Team for PNP Sandi Kriebel
- National Ambassador (2016-2017) Veterans & Family Support
- National District 15 Councilmember (2017-2018)
- Western Conference Scholarship-helped with making changes to the Scholarship criteria
- Seven 1<sup>st</sup> Place National Awards as Department Chairman in Americanism, Cancer Aid & Research, Youth Activities, and Junior Girls



### **VFWA DEPARTMENT OF NM**

- Currently Department President
- Department President (2014-2015)
- President of the Year - Group 3
- Department Secretary (2015-2024)
- Chairman for many National programs
- Chairman of the Year (2012-2013) & (2015-2016)

### **VFW AUXILIARY 401**

- Auxiliary President (2008-2010) & (2015-2019)
- President of the Year (2008-2009) & (2017-2019)
- District President (2008-2010)
- VA Hospital Volunteer

I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, where I went to school, graduated and then began what has now become a 26+ year dental career. I have four fur babies, and more nieces and nephews than I can count. I love being an aunt and spending time with the babies. I am one of six children and along with several other members of our family, two of my sisters joined the Army; one is a life member of the VFW. Growing up in Alaska you can't help but fall in love with the outdoors: the fishing, camping, 4-wheeling and berry picking, always with amazing family and friends. This has grown in me a love of travel, as there are so many wonderful things to see!



I became a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in 2009 under my late grandfather, a World War II Veteran. He was a huge influence in my life and I spent a lot of his final days with him, listening to his stories along with many other veterans. This is one of many reasons I am so dedicated to our veterans and their families.



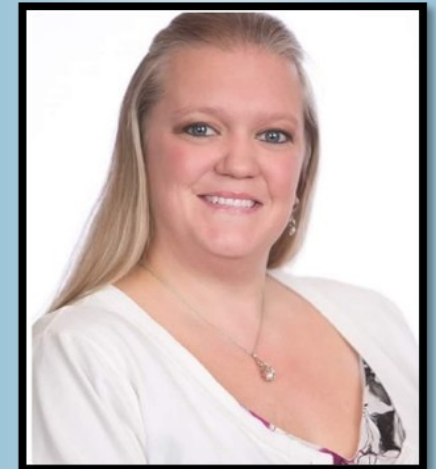
***Mistie Hammond  
For National Guard at the  
113th National Convention  
Reno, Nevada***

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Department of Alaska  
Endorsed Candidate



**Mistie Hammond  
For  
VFW Auxiliary  
National Guard  
2026-27**

## Auxiliary

Sr. Vice President Aux. 10252: 2017-19

Sr. Vice President Aux. 10041: 2024-26

Held many chairmanships with several  
Merit and Achievement Awards

Auxiliary fund raisers:

NHFC Alaska House

Donations to Domiciliary

Partnership with JBER Social Service

and YMCA Food Banks to help

Veterans and their families in need

## Department Officer Positions

Guard—President: 2011-17

Circle of Excellence: 2016-17

Chairmanships Extension &

Revitalization: 2018-19

Buddy Poppy/National Home 2022-23

Youth Activities: 2018-19, 2023-26

## National Officer Positions

Youth Activities Ambassador: 2018-19

National Buddy Poppy Awards  
(multiple)

Building the Auxiliary Foundation  
Committee

## Why?

I have decided to run for National Guard, because I want to help our organization grow into the best version of itself, one that welcomes veterans and families of all ages. I believe in the strength and legacy of what we stand for, but also in the need to adapt. To ensure the longevity of this organization, we must embrace change, especially in how we connect with younger veterans, their families, and the youth in our communities.

By modernizing our communications and outreach, we can make our mission more relatable and accessible. I want to help create a space where people of all generations feel valued, engaged, and inspired to serve others - not just in our organization, but in the wider community as well.

## My Mission:

- Create a more welcoming environment for younger veterans and their families
- Modernize how we communicate and engage with the next generation
- Strengthen our connection with local communities
- Preserve our proud traditions while building for the future

*Committed to Service, Driven by Purpose*



It is with great pride that we, the  
members and officers of the  
Department of Alaska, ask for your  
consideration and support by voting  
for our endorsed candidate.

**Mistie Hammond**

For the high office of  
National Guard 2026-27





Renee joined the newly chartered Auxiliary to Fountain Valley Post 9557 in March 1999 under the eligibility of her husband, Earl Fulk, who served two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam 1968-1970 in the U.S. Navy. Renee currently belongs to Edward J Kearns Auxiliary to VFW Post 6024.

Earl and Renee have been married since 1984 and currently reside in San Clemente, CA.

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*“If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be.”*

- **Maya Angelou**



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Renee Fulk  
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Department of California  
Proudly Presents  
Their Unanimously  
Endorsed Candidate  
Renee Fulk  
For the office of  
VFW Auxiliary  
National Guard  
2026 – 2027





Renee learned the volunteer spirit at a young age. She grew up attending First Lutheran Church in Fullerton, CA where she volunteered in the youth group and singing in the church choir from an early age through high school.

Her father a Veteran who served during the Korean War passed away when she was ten years old, and she and her two brothers were raised by their single mother and extended family of Grandparents, and Aunt and Uncle who lived nearby.

Other than a couple of cousins who served in Vietnam, Renee did not grow up in a military family. She never knew about the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Auxiliary until after she met and married her husband, Earl. Once she found out about the organization, she knew she wanted to be involved and joined in 1999.

## Offices Held

- Not inclusive of all offices held.
- Chairman of many programs at the Auxiliary, District, and Department levels.
- Budget, Resolution, and Convention Rules Chairman at the Department level.

### Auxiliary Level

1999-2001	Charter President
2007-2009	Secretary
2011-2012	President
2013-2023	Treasurer

### District Level

2000-2001	Junior Vice President
2001-2002	Senior Vice President
2002-2003	President
2014-2015	President
2022-2023	Junior Vice President
2023-2024	Senior Vice President
2024-2025	President

### Department Level

2006-2007	Chief of Staff
2007-2008	Guard
2008-2009	Conductress
2009-2010	Chaplain
2010-2011	Junior Vice President
2011-2012	Senior Vice President
2012-2013	Department President
2022-2023	Secretary

### National Level

2015-2017	District Council Member Area G
2018-2019	Ambassador – BP/NH
2019-2020	Appeals & Grievances Committee
2020-2021	Convention Page for PNP's
2022-2023	Ambassador – VFS

### VFW National Home

2017-2023	Trustee District 12 representing California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon & Washington
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## Career, Education and Memberships

### Career

Renee worked in accounting and finance for 30 plus years in organizations such as Laura Scudders, Burlington Air Express, California State University Long Beach, and University of California, Irvine.

She retired from the University of California, Irvine in 2015 after 16 years of service. She served as the Contract and Grant Manager, for the schools of Engineering and Information and Computer Science. She managed a staff of ten Contract and Grant Analysts for five years. Prior to that she was a Sr Contract and Grant Analyst, and the Education and Training Coordinator in Central Administration. This work included expertise in the areas of budget, accounting, and finance, as well as compliance with Federal, State and Non-Profit guidelines for research (pre and post award administration).

### Education

Renee earned her Bachelorette of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 1999.

### Memberships

Life Member VFW National Home since 1999.  
San Diego Zoological Society.

