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KIMBERLY GOSS

Candidate for the Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Guard 2026-2027

District 9 President, Life Member of Cochrane-Buffalo City 10406

Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship Chairman

Dear VFW Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

Hello, my name is Kimberly Goss, and I am a proud Life Member of VFW Auxiliary 10406 in Cochrane-Buffalo City since 2018.

I am campaigning for Wisconsin Department Guard for the year 2026-2027.

My passion for service led me early on to AMVETS Auxiliary Post 72 in Connorsville, where I served as AMVETS Auxiliary President for two years and remained an active member for many more. My eligibility was through my stepfather's military service,

My commitment to service has been shaped by both my community involvement and my deep connection to military family life. I have proudly served as an EMT and supported veterans and their families through volunteer leadership, including serving as the Winona Family Support Group Leader during deployment, an experience that strengthened my passion for this mission.

I come from a proud military family that served in most all branches of the Military. My husband is a retired Command Sergeant Major, US Army, and my daughter is a retired Cpt in the USAF. I also have two grandsons currently stationed in Korea with the U.S. Army. My eligibility for the VFW Auxiliary is through my husband and daughter, both combat veterans and members of VFW Post 10406.

Within the Auxiliary, I have had the honor of serving at both the Auxiliary and District levels, including roles as President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Trustee, and Scholarship Chairman. These experiences have provided me with valuable leadership skills and a deep understanding of our programs and mission.

My dedication to the VFW Auxiliary comes from lived experience. I understand the sacrifices of service members and their families. Supporting those families during such an emotional and uncertain time shaped my heart for this mission in a profound way. Those moments standing beside families, offering strength, comfort, and understanding, are why I continue to serve today.

I am involved in the VFW Auxiliary because I have lived the life of a military family. I understand the sacrifices, the long separations, the uncertainty, and the strength it takes, not only for those who serve, but for the families who stand behind them.

I serve because our veterans and their families deserve unwavering support, compassion, and recognition, not just in words, but through action.

As I continue to move forward in service, my goals are clear: to strengthen our Auxiliaries through mentorship and unity, to promote and grow our programs, and to inspire participation at every level. I believe in leading with faith, integrity, and purpose—building a future where every member feels valued and every veteran and family we serve feels supported.

I humbly ask for your vote for Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Guard at the 2026 State Convention in Rothschild, Wisconsin. It would be my honor to serve you and our veterans with heartfelt gratitude.

Where Faith Meets Service — VFW Auxiliary Proud

Kimberly Goss



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the VFW Auxiliary,

I would like to announce that I am seeking re-election as your Conductor for the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin, and would sincerely appreciate your support and your vote at the Department Convention in June.

I am proud of my eligibility through my grandfather, Alfred "Pete" White, who served our country during World War II. He was also the first Post Commander of Klossner-Dietzler Post 5729 in Medford, Wisconsin. His service and dedication to Veterans and our community are the reasons I am honored to be a part of this great organization.

Since becoming a member in 2015, I have had the privilege of serving in many capacities at the Auxiliary, District, and Department levels. These include Auxiliary Treasurer, Auxiliary Trustee, and Auxiliary Chief of Staff; District President, District Treasurer, District Trustee, District Conductor, and District Chief of Staff; and at the Department level as Assistant Treasurer, Webmaster, Color Bearer, Assistant Conductor, and Secretary Office Help. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to the mission of the VFW Auxiliary and the Veterans and families we proudly serve.

It would be a privilege and an honor to continue serving you as Department Conductor, a position I truly love and respect. I appreciate your support and ask for your vote for Department of Wisconsin Conductor.

Sincerely,

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Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

My name is **Jody McKinney**, representing **District 9** and **VFW Post 10331 in Chetek**. I am honored to announce my candidacy for **Wisconsin Department Chaplain for the 2026–2027 year**, and I would sincerely appreciate your vote and support.

I have been part of the Auxiliary family since 2011, beginning my journey at **Hendersonville, TN Post 9851** before joining the **Chetek Auxiliary** after moving to Wisconsin. I joined under the eligibility of my grandfather, **Robert Briddick Jr.**, who proudly served in WWII. Military service runs deep in my family, and it is a legacy I hold with great pride. Both of my grandfathers—Robert Briddick Jr. and Chester Studebaker—served in the Army during WWII. My stepfather, **Robert Reutner**, and my uncle, **Thomas Studebaker**, both served in the Navy. My son, **Dylan Glenn**, continues our family’s tradition of service as a member of the Army National Guard and is just five years away from retiring with 20 years of service. He asked to enlist just months before turning 18—and with a passion for service so strong, how could we say no? Service is simply part of who we are.

Throughout my Auxiliary journey, I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve at every level. At the Auxiliary level, I have held the positions of **Trustee, Senior Vice President, and President**. At the District level, I have served as **Trustee and President**, and at the Department level, I am currently serving as **Guard for the 2025–2026 year**. I have also chaired several programs at the District level, including **VFW News, Ways and Means, and Auxiliary Outreach**. At the Department level, I am honored to serve as your **Veterans and Family Support Chairman**.

Mentorship is one of my greatest passions. I am deeply grateful for the mentors who have guided me, and I strive to pay that forward. The saying “*We’re only as strong as our weakest link*” resonates with me because it reflects the heart of every successful TEAM. To me,

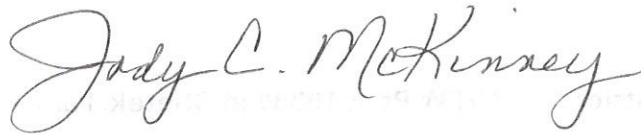
TEAM means volunteers working together for our Veterans, sharing accountability, collaborating with purpose, and standing united with our VFW to maximize our impact.

If I am blessed to serve as your **Department Chaplain**, I will bring compassion, support, mentorship, and a positive, team-focused approach. I will work to uplift and encourage our members so that together we can rise above any challenge before us. I would be honored to earn your vote at the **VFW/VFWA Department of Wisconsin State Convention in June**.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” – Henry Ford

Sincerely, **Jody McKinney**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody C. McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "M".

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Sisters and Brothers of the Great Department of Wisconsin,

At this time I would like to announce that I am seeking Re-election to the Office of Department Treasurer for the Department of Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary.

My Husband earned me my eligibility by serving 3 tours to Vietnam. I have belonged to the VFW Auxiliary #2260 as a Life Member for over 50 years. Within that time I have served as:

Auxiliary Secretary for numerous years and 20 years as Auxiliary President.

Had the honor of serving as County Council Presidency.

Served in the chairs in 2nd District leading up to Presidency and served 3 terms

Various chairmanships at the Department level and then climbed the chairs and

was elected as Department President 1995-1996. Since that time I have continued

serving this Department in various positions. For over 20 years I have had the honor of representing the Auxiliary with the VFW State Honor Guard.

I have always been a mentor to many and will always be here to give assistance

Ray and I own our own company for 20 years were I do the company books. Prior to that I had managed several restaurants were bookkeeping was a part of the job always maintaining financial stability in those businesses.

The veteran is always near and dear – from serving a meal, finding the direction for a veteran to get the help they may need or honoring those that are no longer with us.

Growth is only seen when it is done as a ‘Team’ for there is no ‘I’ in that word. We will continue to grow this office and move this organization forward into the future.

I, do ask for your support and truly will appreciate your vote for the Office of Department Treasurer.

Lenore Otto

April 10, 2026

Good day,

My name is Faith Elford and I am running for Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary Treasurer for 2026-2027. I want to see our Department continue and grow in every way it can for a long future, and I believe there are changes that can be made to help us get there. It is time that we join many other VFW Department Auxiliaries and combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Not only will that move be more efficient and transparent, it will also be extremely budget-friendly for our diminishing resources.

For those who may not know me, here's a bit of my history:

I have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary 1879 in Fort Atkinson since 2009, joining under the service of my father Kenneth J. Zimmerman, who served during the Korean War. I have been an Officer at all levels, starting with Auxiliary Secretary in 2009, eventually becoming Auxiliary President from 2018-2021. I actually served as District 2 President from 2015-2018, before I was Auxiliary President! My journey through the Department Chairs began in 2018, culminating in a term as your Circle of Excellence Dept. President in 2022-2023. Currently, I am serving my third term as Dept. Secretary.

Working all my adult life in secretarial- and budget/treasurer-type employment, I hold an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Madison Area Technical College (MATC). At Schweiger Industries (1976-1992), I progressed from payroll to order entry, up to the President's Secretary and then, Sales Coordinator. In 1992, I went to work for the City of Jefferson as an Administrative Assistant, ultimately earning the title of Clerk/Treasurer. Besides taking meeting minutes, I also worked with their multi-million-dollar budget and collected taxes. Moving on to Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Fort Atkinson, I worked with even bigger budgets, tax collection and payroll for the entire City staff. I also became involved with the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA), where I held several offices, including President in 2001.

After my term, the Association Secretary retired and I took over the job, ultimately becoming the Executive Director. Besides the budget and a \$300,000 treasury, I paid all bills, took in dues and registrations, set up Conferences around Wisconsin and maintained their website. To facilitate my subsequent 20-years of contract work with WMCA, I created my own business – Faith's Association Coordination & Technical Services, LLC (F.A.C.T.S., LLC). I retired in December, 2023.

All of that experience makes me very well-suited to bring our Department to the most current standards of budgeting, record-keeping, organization and bookkeeping. I thrive in a challenging and active environment and am confident that the Department Auxiliary I love, will succeed and thrive as well.

I welcome the chance to visit with you at our spring meetings and of course, the June Convention, but if you have any questions of me before that, please feel free to contact me. I thank you in advance for your vote at State Convention, to become your next Auxiliary Department Treasurer.

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2025-26 Dept. Secretary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary,

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the office of Junior Vice for the Department of Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary.

I proudly belong to the Mueller-Hintz VFW Auxiliary 1866 in Marshfield, where I became a Life Member in 2019. I am eligible through my husband, Doug, whose service in the United States Air Force included deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Northern Watch and Desert Thunder. Together, as Life Members of Post and Auxiliary 1866, we share a strong commitment to the mission and values of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary.

Since joining, I have worked to support our organization at every level. I currently serve as Department Chaplain and have held multiple offices within my Auxiliary, District, and Department, including Auxiliary Treasurer, District Junior Vice, District Senior Vice, and Department Conductor. I have also held numerous chairmanships at all levels—including Membership, Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship, Credentials, and Ways and Means—each focused on strengthening membership, promoting community engagement, and uplifting veterans and their families.

In addition to my Auxiliary service, I am an active member of the D 7 VFW Riders and serve as Treasurer for the Department VFW Riders, further supporting veteran-focused outreach across Wisconsin.

I am seeking the office of Junior Vice because I believe deeply in the mission of the VFW Auxiliary and the importance of strong, service-minded leadership. Our work honors veterans, supports their families, and strengthens our communities. I want to help ensure that our programs remain vibrant, our membership continues to grow, and every Auxiliary member feels valued and supported.

With experience at every level and a commitment to teamwork, I am ready to continue serving in a role that helps move our organization forward. With dedication, enthusiasm, and a passion for service, I respectfully ask for your support and deeply appreciate your consideration.

Jennifer Mauritz

Southworth for Sr. Vice President

I appreciate the support I received as your Junior Vice President and would like to request your support again to elect me as your Senior Vice President for 2026-2027. It will be my honor to represent you in this position.

An Auxiliary member since 2003, I joined under my husband Dan's service of two tours in Viet Nam. We both decided to join Burns Post and Auxiliary 388 in Wausau when our son, Phillip was called to serve in Iraq. Two years later another son, Kevin, was also sent to Iraq. I am proud to say both are also Wisconsin VFW Life members at this time.

My Auxiliary service includes Auxiliary 388 President, District 7 Youth Activities Chairman; and most recently, the Department National Scholarships Chairman. Every position presents unique opportunities and challenges, and an opportunity to learn. I have led annual fundraisers for our Post and Auxiliary and have done volunteer work in various capacities all my life, but nothing compares to volunteering for an organization such as ours. It is a privilege to help our Veterans.

I am proud to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Department Auxiliary and pray we continue to celebrate anniversaries indefinitely. Thank you again for your support and your vote at our State Convention in June in Rothschild. And I look forward to being a part of President Charlene's team to continue our important work for Veterans.



To: Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary Members

It is my incredible honor to be a candidate for the position of Wisconsin VFW Auxiliary Department President. Our advocacy is as important today as it was over 100 years ago when the organization first began.

As a dual member I earned my eligibility to the VFW on the USS Nimitz in the Persian Gulf and I joined the VFW Auxiliary 25 years ago on my dad's service. He served during World War II in the Army and was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained while serving in France.

Caring for our Veterans and their families is a passion of mine. I am a member of Kienow-Hilt Auxiliary 1621, Janesville and Delavan-Darien Post 10173, Delavan. I have served in numerous positions at all levels including VFW National and State Chaplain, Post Commander, VFW Auxiliary Department Jr. and Sr. Vice President. Additionally, I am a member of the Military Order of the Cooties, the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, the Fleet Reserve Association and AMVETS. I was also a County Veterans Service Officer, helping our Veterans and their families receive their benefits from the state and federal government.

I have always felt that the Auxiliary is an integral component to the success of our organization. However, these last two years of working closely with our auxiliary members have shown me a dedication and passion for caring for our Veterans and their families that is truly inspiring. I am asking for your support to allow me to serve our department and our organization alongside this amazing group of men and women as we provide "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes."

Thank you
Charlene K Cobb
Sr Vice President