



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

**2025-2026 SERIES**

**September 24, 2025**

1. Having been elected National President and having been installed in office in accordance with the Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary, I hereby assume command.
2. The following officers have also been duly elected and installed by the 112th National Convention and will be accorded with the recognition due them:

**National Senior Vice President**

Donna K. Mills, Auxiliary 1754, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

**National Junior Vice President**

Kim Harney, Auxiliary 9972, Sierra Vista, Arizona

**National Treasurer**

Ann Panteleakos, Auxiliary 5446, Plainfield, Connecticut

**National Chaplain**

Sandra L. Uzell, Auxiliary 7536, Lyndhurst, Ohio

**National Conductor**

Margaret Jane Feher, Auxiliary 7387, Hazard, Kentucky

**National Guard**

Cynthia P. Davis, Auxiliary 8509, Baltimore, Maryland

**National District Council Members (NDCMs):**

NDCM No. 1	Maine   New Hampshire	Celeste Leigh Nicholas
NDCM No. 2	Vermont   Massachusetts	Lisa Jackson
NDCM No. 3	Maryland   New Jersey	Elizabeth DallaTezza
NDCM No. 4	Delaware   New York	Millie Hayes
NDCM No. 5	Missouri   Illinois	Danetta G Wakefield
NDCM No. 6	West Virginia   Virginia	Tina Lynn Hicks
NDCM No. 7	Tennessee   Kentucky	Cindy Kohrs

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NDCM No. 8 Georgia   Alabama	Paulette Murray
NDCM No. 9 South Carolina   North Carolina	Sandra S Johnson Leu
NDCM No. 10 Oklahoma   Arkansas	Amanda Pipkin
NDCM No. 11 Wisconsin   Iowa	Renee M Quinn
NDCM No. 12 Wyoming   North Dakota	Vivian Bernotas
NDCM No. 13 Kansas   Colorado	Tessa K Butcher
NDCM No. 14 Montana   Idaho	Gale L Bestland
NDCM No. 15 New Mexico   Arizona	Betty L Decker
NDCM No. 16 Hawaii   Alaska	Amy L Vukasin
NDCM No. 17 Utah   Nevada	Renee June West
NDCM No. 18 Rhode Island   Connecticut	GinaMarie Rodriguez Doherty
NDCM No. 19 Mississippi   Louisiana	Mary F Johnson
NDCM No. 20 Oregon   Washington	Erin Mezek
NDCM No. 21 Nebraska   South Dakota	Nancy Worth
NDCM Area A Pennsylvania	Bonnie S Drake
NDCM Area B Michigan	Carrie S Turner
NDCM Area C Indiana	Linda S Misuraca
NDCM Area D Ohio	T Teresa L Singh
NDCM Area E Minnesota	Sonia Marie Tatge
NDCM Area F Florida	Tela Gay Harbold
NDCM Area G California	Kathleen M Smith
NDCM Area H Texas	Karen L Kaylor

3. All previous appointments having expired are declared null and void.

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

**National Secretary**

Ann Panteleakos, Auxiliary 5446, Plainfield, Connecticut

**National Chief of Staff**

Karlene Beams, Auxiliary 2278, Hot Springs, Arkansas

**National Patriotic Instructor**

Diana Russell Milton, Auxiliary 4647, North Highlands, California

**National Historian**

Kristin M DiGiacomo, Auxiliary 2754, West View, Pennsylvania

National Color Bearer No. 1

Michael S. Yates, Auxiliary 10087, Beverly Hills, Florida

National Color Bearer No. 2

Katlyn M. Burke, Auxiliary 8334, Millard, Nebraska

National Color Bearer No. 3

Danetta G. Wakefield, Auxiliary 4207, Monett, Missouri

National Color Bearer No. 4

Karen Keech Lavoie, Auxiliary 237, Bristol, Rhode Island

National Banner Bearer

Sandra S. Johnson Leu, Auxiliary 7383, Cary, North Carolina

National Flag Bearer

Lisa Delaney, Auxiliary 4588, Bossier City, Louisiana

National POW-MIA Flag Bearer

Deborah Crowder, Auxiliary 10226, Oak Island, North Carolina

National Musician

Patsy Cole, Auxiliary 4190, Decatur, Alabama

National Soloist

Willa Watts, Auxiliary 3629, Fairbanks, Alaska

National Assistant Guard

Vicki McGahhey, Auxiliary 4554, Camden, Arkansas

National Assistant Soloist

Julia Price, Auxiliary 2111, Chula Vista, California

National Assistant Musician

Rhonda White Marcum, Auxiliary 4190, Decatur, Alabama

National Assistant Conductor

Shirlee Frias, Auxiliary 401, Albuquerque, New Mexico

5. As a reminder, some of the objects of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to assist the Posts and members thereof of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and its own members whenever possible.

We therefore support the VFW in their focus to identify, address, and eradicate racial bias and discrimination. And the VFW Auxiliary leadership unites with the VFW leadership in the pursuit to eliminate racial injustices and discriminatory practices within our organization.

6. Attention all members, in accordance with the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws, Article XI-Discipline, any member who commits offenses recognized by the VFW Auxiliary may be subject to disciplinary action and may be assessed the penalties provided in this Article. The VFW Auxiliary joins with the VFW in stating that acts of sexual harassment, racial or

sexual discrimination, or any other conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline or deemed unbecoming of a member will not be tolerated. Harassment and discrimination include any verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or that otherwise interferes with another's ability to participate in VFW Auxiliary activities. All members are expected to conduct themselves with dignity, respect, professionalism, and common courtesy always.

BY ORDER OF:  
Lois Callahan  
National President

OFFICIAL:



Ann Panteleakos  
National Secretary-Treasurer