

A Message from Department of Oregon Junior Vice President 2026-2027

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for stepping forward to volunteering your time, talents, and hearts. Every hour you give, every project you complete, and every veteran or family member you assist makes a meaningful difference. Your dedication is what keeps our organization strong and our mission moving forward.

I also want to encourage everyone to attend one of our **August Training Academies**. Whether you are a new member, a newly elected officer, or a seasoned Auxiliary leader, these trainings provide valuable information, new ideas, and an opportunity to connect with members from across the Department of Oregon. The knowledge you gain will help strengthen your Auxiliary and prepare you for a successful year.

As you participate in meetings, programs, and community events this year, remember why you became a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Each of us joined because we wanted to honor those who have served our nation and to support veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Take a moment to reflect on how your unique talents can make the greatest impact. Whether it's volunteering at a VA facility, mentoring a new member, organizing a community event, or simply offering a helping hand, every act of service matters.

The **National VFW Auxiliary Convention in July 2026** brought together members from across the country to celebrate accomplishments, receive training, and prepare for the year ahead. National leadership emphasized membership growth, strengthening our programs, supporting veterans and military families, and ensuring every Auxiliary focuses on meaningful service in their communities. The convention served as a reminder that, although we serve in communities large and small, we are united by one mission, to improve the lives of veterans, service members, and their families.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary and to those we proudly serve. I look forward to seeing many of you at the August 2026 Training Academies and working alongside you throughout the coming year.

Together, we can make this a year of service, compassion, and success.

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