



President's Message

September 2026

Greetings Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary,

I am thrilled to welcome VFW National Auxiliary President Donna Mills to Maryland this month. Her visit will begin on September 19, 2026, with a stop at Operation Second Chance (OSC). We will meet in the VFW Post 521 parking lot and depart promptly at 11:00 a.m. *Because parking at OSC is limited to ten vehicles, carpooling is strongly encouraged.* Upon arrival, we will enjoy a light lunch and tour the facility. On Saturday evening, we will have a dinner for National President Donna Mills at VFW Post 521. I am expecting a good turnout so we can provide an Aisle of Honor as she arrives. Let's show National President Donna that Maryland is full of love for her, our veterans, and their families. For more information, including times and cost, please see the flyer.

By now, all Districts and Auxiliaries should be bonded and I am hoping that your District has held its mini-School of Instruction and you have had the chance to review materials and discuss with members within your Auxiliaries.

District & Auxiliary visits begin this month! Please ensure your Auxiliary knows the date, location, and time of your District's official visit, as well as the date of your District President's visit to your Auxiliary.

During the Department's official visit, Department Chairmen will share valuable information about the programs they have prepared especially for you. If there is a specific topic you would like them to address at your District meeting, please contact them in advance. I look forward to seeing all of you and hearing about the wonderful work you are doing on behalf of our veterans.

Our next Council of Administration meeting will be held on September 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Colonel Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160, 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Everyone is welcome to attend, and I hope to see you there.

Keep promoting and strengthening our membership, as it remains the core of our organization. It is you, the members, who make a meaningful difference in the lives of our veterans while helping us embrace the future.

Please make sure your Auxiliary is reporting all the hardwork you are doing the Programs!

Join us on September 26, 2026, at 3:00 PM for a fundraiser supporting Cynthia Davis as she advances toward the position of National President. Send money and request for tickets to: Jacquelyn Kimball, 1019 Queen Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801
Make checks payable to Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary.

Thank you for the wonderful work you continue to do. If you would like to invite me to an event or have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or at my new email address: unityforveterans@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Nancy Shenk
Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary
President 2026-2027
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