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Dear Comrades & Auxiliary Sisters;

Half of my term as State Department Auxiliary President is just about over and the holiday season is upon us. I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We have accomplished many of our goals according to the deadlines set by National Headquarters. Our percentages are better than what I expected and it all has to do with everyone in the department and all the way down to Post Level's hard work and attention to detail, that has the Department of New Mexico looking very good and on track with all of our programs. I would like to Thank everyone who attended my President's Homecoming in Tucumcari. Especially my husband and the it's Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries, for all the hard work that was put into making it a great success. I am really looking forward to having our National President "Gwendolyn Rankin" and to host her Homecoming visit on the 6 - 8 of February 2012. In my first six months, I have done quite a bit of traveling and have learned a lot from all the Comrades and Sisters; which has really helped me in being more effective in my position as Department President. One thing that I would like to re-emphasize; is that we not forget our main objective as members of the VFW and it's Auxiliaries; that is our mission to assist our Veterans and their families. It is through their sacrifice that we have the distinct privilege of being members of this great organization. Let us continue to work together for the remaining six months and help each other to accomplish our VFW Mission. I look forward to seeing most of you at Mid-Winter Conference in February, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As we go through our daily routines just take a little time to remember our "Veterans Pride and Brotherhood", and "Take My Hand; Together We Will Make It Through".

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN E LOPEZ  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT