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NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT HERE FOR STATE CONVENTION



GWENDOLYN RANKIN,
Sacramento, California
Ladies Auxiliary to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Gwendolyn Rankin of Sacramento, California, was elected National Senior Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States at its 97th National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 26, 2010. She is now in the last of five offices leading to the National Presidency.

A Life Member of Mission Santa Clara Auxiliary #3982, she joined on the eligibility of her husband, Rick, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1964-1966.

Since joining she has served as President for her Auxiliary, Santa Clara County Council, and District 12. She was named Outstanding Department President in her membership group for 2003-04 term. On the National level, Gwen was named the Outstanding Conference Chairman serving as Western States

Conference Chairman for the Membership program in 2004-05. She was the 2005-06 Director for the Cancer Aid & Research program. She has been a VAVS Deputy Representative and hospital volunteer, and is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children.

Gwen also belongs to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Retired after 20 years with Four-D Metal Finishing in Sunnyvale, California, she enjoys reading, meeting people and camping. A devoted student of Hawaiian dance since age 7, her first hula was in a show for wounded veterans at Army Tippler hospital in Honolulu. After reviving her interest in the early 1990s in California, she went on to compete in Kahiko (ancient dance of chanting) and the Auana (hula) dance. Despite no time for lessons now, Gwen still listens to her favorite music, dances when she gets the chance and carries that "Aloha" spirit everywhere she goes.

The Rankin's have three children, three granddaughters and one grandson.

"Step Up – Never Leave a Veteran Behind"

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JULY IS DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT & AUXILIARY TRAINING MONTH

DISTRICT	AUXILIARY	DATE
1-3-21-30	GARLAND AUXILIARY 3359	JULY 16
2	BEAUMONT 1806	JULY 16
4	SPRING BRANCH 8790	JULY 16
5-28	AUSTIN 6115	JULY 9
6	ROBISTOWN 7841	JULY 30
7-8-9	LUBBOCK 2466	JULY 30
10	EL PASO 8919	JULY 9
12	MT VERNON 3992	JULY 16
13-14	COPPERAS COVE 8577	JULY 16
15	WICHITA FALLS 8878	JULY 30
16	SWEENEY 8551	JULY 16
17-19	TRINITY 6899	JULY 30
20	SAN ANTONIO 4815	JULY 30
21	HURST 4695	JULY 16
24	VICTORIA 4146	JULY 16
25	MIDLAND 4149	JULY 16
29	FAIRFIELD 5872	JULY 16

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW 98th NATIONAL CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR 2011 AUXILIARY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Save \$5.00 and be entered in drawings for \$200.00 and \$100.00.

Advance Registration must be received no later than August 15th.

NOTE: REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 15 WILL BE RETURNED.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW

MAIL COUPON AND \$15.00 TO:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW
406 W 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Save \$5. Advance Registration is \$15.00. On-site registration is \$20.00. Registrants will receive packets of Convention materials at Convention or by mail following Convention, if not attending. Enclosed is my check for \$15.00.

YES, I plan to attend National Convention or have someone pick up my packet.

NO, I definitely will not attend Convention and I want my packet mailed to me.

Name _____
(type or legibly print) (Membership Card No.)

Auxiliary No. _____ Department _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DO NOT ENCLOSE DELEGATE LISTS WITH THIS FORM.
THIS IS ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION PACKETS ONLY.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

NAME _____

DISTRICT _____ AUXILIARY# _____

SEMINAR ATTENDING _____

**\$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON-
THIS INCLUDE REGISTRATION, TRAINING BOOK,
AND LUNCH.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE-LAVFW DEPT OF
TEXAS**

EARMARK CHECK TRAINING SEMINAR

LIST ALL NAMES IF PAYING BY SAME CHECK

JULY 5, 2011 is the final deadline for registration

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The National Convention will be in San Antonio August 27-September 1, 2011 and if you plan on attending and if you have a couple of hours to spare, we would love for you to volunteer. It will take us all working together to make this the best National Convention ever. And, that is what we want 'THE BEST'.


There will be a Workers' Room and **MONETARY DONATIONS** are needed, to have coffee, tea and a few snacks. All donations are needed and appreciated. Some of the Volunteers will put in a full day every day and this is a small way to say 'thank you' for donating your time. A cup of coffee, a glass of tea and a cold sandwich is better than nothing. Please send your donations to the **National Convention Treasurer Patsy Kemp, 4700 London Circle, Orange, Texas 77632.** At Mid-Winter Convention there will be a table set up Be sure to stop by and sign up to volunteer, purchase a smock or make a donation.

Thank you in advance for all you will do to help put on this National Convention. So many are looking forward to returning to San Antonio and we want them to leave wanting to come back.

Executive Committee for the National Convention Betty, Barbara, Patsy & Nancy

The first Council of Administration Meeting for the 2011-2012 year will be July 23, 2011 in Austin at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and we have a lot to do so be on time. On the Friday evening before, July 22, 2011 we will have a Dutch treat dinner followed by a brain storming session for those in attendance. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sharon Helton
 Department Sr. Vice President

VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting July 22-24, 2011					
	Thursday 7/21/2011	Friday 7/22/2011	Saturday 7/23/2011	Sunday 7/24/2011	
Number of people in room					
1 King or 2 Double Beds					
Group Rate \$99	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
** Your reservation must be guaranteed on a major credit card or an advance deposit of one night's room and tax. **					
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Credit Card Number: _____					CHECK-OUT: 12:00NOON
Expiration Date: _____					
Name: _____					CROWNE PLAZA
Address: _____					AUSTIN
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____					THE PLACE TO MEET.
Telephone Number: _____					Crowne Plaza Austin
Special Needs/Requests: _____					6121 North IH 35
					Austin, TX 78752
					Phone: 512-323-5466
					Fax: 512-371-5269
If enclosing an advance deposit, please place in an envelope and mail directly to the hotel. ** Reservations without an accompanying deposit or valid credit card cannot be processed.					
PLEASE NOTE: ROOM TYPES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AND ARE A REQUEST ONLY To guarantee room availability and special rates, these reservation cards must be received by hotel by JULY 1, 2011.					

Reservation Form for Ladies Auxiliary Convention at the Marriott Houston North 06/29 to 07/2/2011 at the Convention Rate of \$85.00 plus tax per night.

Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please e-mail this form to Sara Salinas @ sara.salinas@ihrc or fax to her attention at 281-873-5956. You may also mail the form to her attention at the following address:

**Marriott Houston North
 255 N. Sam Houston Parkway East
 Houston, TX 77060**

District Presidents for 2011-2012 there will be lunch in the Department Senior Vice's room on Thursday, June 30th after the Memorial Service. The room number will be announced at the Council of Administration meeting.

**STATE CONVENTION
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
JUNE 29-JULY 2, 2011**

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 29, 2011

Noon 4:00 PM	Registration –
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	President’s Reception - (Invitation Only) (Rm)
6:00 PM	(Past Dept. Pres., Nat’l Rep., Line Officers & Dist. Pres.)
	Dinner with National Rep, (Dept. Line Officers, National Officers, Past Department Presidents) (Dutch Treat)

THURSDAY – JUNE 30, 2011

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration –
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Council of Administration Meeting –
10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Joint Memorial Service –
11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Past State President Luncheon – (Dept. Pres. & National Rep.)
11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Lunch for INCOMING Dist. Pres., Chrm 2010-2011
1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session –
4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Floor Practice/Cross Malta –
5:00 PM 6:00 PM	President’s Reception (Invitation Only) Line Officers, National Rep., Chairman, VAVS Reps & Deps Rm
6:30 PM 8:30 PM	Cash Bar –
7:30 PM 10:30 PM	Crawfish Band

FRIDAY – JULY 1, 2011

8:00 PM 4:00 PM	Registration – (Auxiliary Registration Closes at 4PM)
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting -
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
10:45 AM	Presentation of Programs
11:00 AM	President leaves for VFW along with Nat’l Rep, PNP
11:55 AM	Announcements by Secretary
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Auxiliary Business Meeting
	Reconvenes –
1:00 PM	Programs Continues
	Nominations to follow the Programs
3:55 PM	Announcements by the Secretary
4:00 PM	Adjourn for the Day.
5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Pre-function Hospitality
6:30 PM 9:00 PM	VFW Awards Banquet –

SATURDAY – JULY 2, 2011

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration
7:30	Incoming District Presidents/Officers Pictures taken
8:30 AM	Auxiliary Business Meeting Reconvenes
	Financial Advisor - Gene Koci
	Presentation of Pages, Historian
	Memorial Service
	Remarks by National Representative
	Election of Officers 2010-2011
	Introduce Family/Membership Skit
	Escort newly elected President to Podium.
	Closing Ceremonies
4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Installation of Officers

THANK YOU, SISTERS

What a wonderful year it has been and I thank you so much for your hard work on all programs and our membership is slowly on the rise, we’ll get there, we’ll be 100% if not this year, we definitely will next year. You’ve been kind and courteous not only to me but to Danny, this is a year I will remember always. Sisters and Comrades, for the year 2011-2012 I wish you the very best VFW and Auxiliary year ever. Whatever records we set this year, I know you will surpass them during your year. My love to each and everyone and now I will enjoy the wonderful title of Past Department President!

Lynn Richards
Department President