

## Personal Information

Chrissy joined Auxiliary 10188 in 1991 under the eligibility of her hero, VFW Member & husband Army Veteran Gary Harlan.

After Chrissy's first Auxiliary meeting she was hooked. She was welcomed into the Auxiliary family with open arms & immediately started volunteering. She has been a life member and dedicated volunteer ever since.

## Experience/Knowledge:

In 1992 shortly after joining the auxiliary, Chrissy was elected to Jr. Vice President.

During her time with VFW Auxiliary 10188 Chrissy had the honor to serve each office including Auxiliary President. Chrissy is now a member of Auxiliary 5990 and is currently serving as Secretary.

At the District level, she has also served in many different offices including her current role as District Secretary.

At the Department level Chrissy was honored to be elected Department Guard in 2011 and served as Department President 2015-2016. She continues to serve her department as Assistant Secretary.

Not only had Chrissy served as a chair in some fashion or another but also held most chairmanships on each of the levels. She has a well-versed knowledge in each of the programs we promote.

During the 2018-2019 term Chrissy was honored to serve as the National Scholarship Ambassador.

**"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."**

**- John C Maxwell**

## Achievements:

During Chrissy's 2015-2016 Presidential year the Ladies Auxiliary was updated; this allowed our auxiliary brothers to join under the newly branded VFW Auxiliary. This change was a passionate advocacy for Chrissy as all that qualify should have the ability to join and serve regardless of gender.

It is important to acknowledge that it is the work of every member of the Auxiliary to be successful not just the job of the President. Chrissy recognized this and during her presidential term made the change to award "Outstanding Auxiliaries" to honor each Auxiliary as a team.

During Chrissy's 2018-2019 National Scholarship Ambassador Term, she had the amazing opportunity to escort the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of Voice of Democracy on their tour of Washington D.C

She also had the privilege to affect change within the Scholarship Program by adding 3D Art. Since her term as a National Ambassador Chrissy has served as a judge twice for the National Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship.

# Chrissy Harlan

**Candidate for National District 15  
Council Member**

**To be elected at the  
Department Convention June 2023**



**Proudly endorsed by:  
Auxiliary 5990- Avra Valley- Marana  
Arizona- District 5 Auxiliary**

## Questions for your candidate:

### 1. *What is the National Council of Administration?*

The National Council of Administration (NCOA) operates much like the Department Council of Administration (DCOA) does.

The NCOA is comprised of the National Officers, National Regional and District Council Members and the immediate four Past National Presidents. Its duties include proposing plans of action and representing the members in the interval between National Conventions. It has full power to fix the salaries of the Officers of the organization and may, if necessary, hold a special meeting; and the council may consider appeals of decisions of the National President.

The NCOA handles the affairs of the organization between National conventions much like the DCOA does for our department.

The National District 15 Council Member represents Arizona and New Mexico and is elected for a two-year term alternating between the two states.

### 2. *Why do you want to be National District 15 Council Member?*

I want to represent you, the Auxiliary members of Arizona as well as those in New Mexico, in important matters that are critical to the Auxiliary's success.

The organization must continue to grow to aid our veterans and our communities and affect the legislative process that determines the benefits our veterans receive.

Our organization, at all levels, must be fiscally responsible, inclusive, and respectful of our diverse membership, and find ways to not only attract but keep younger families involved.

With these goals in mind, I can be your voice on the National Council of Administration and facilitate making the decisions that will make us all more successful.

### 3. *What qualifications do you bring to the table as the National District 15 Council Member?*

I have served this great organization on all levels from Auxiliary, through District and Department as well as serving as a National Ambassador.

I am familiar with the By Laws, budgets, payroll, and employee benefits packages, all of our programs and the rules and protocols of Council of Administration Meetings.

I have spoken out during debates on the National Convention floor on items that were at times contentious but important to our organization. I am not afraid to speak my mind and will not be afraid to voice your opinions in a respectful manner.

“Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words.”

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*