

VFW Auxiliary to Post 3150
2116 North 19th Street
Arlington, VA 22209
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To the brothers and sisters of the Department of Virginia,

The members of VFW Auxiliary 3150 proudly support Catherine Graham for the 2022-24 6th District Council Member position representing the VFW Auxiliary members of Virginia and West Virginia. National does a great deal to keep our wonderful organization running smoothly, however the vast majority of the work is done at the Department and especially the Auxiliary level.

Clear and concise communication between National and the Department and its Auxiliaries is a key element in carrying out the work necessary to support our veterans, their families, our youth and our great nation. That is part of the job of the National Council member, but that is only part of the job. The most important role is to listen to your concerns and questions and interact with National on your behalf.

Upfront and of great importance, is representing the Department and all of its members, and in doing so she firmly believes that one of the most important things a National Council Member can do is listen. You need to listen with an open mind and discuss the thoughts and concerns of the membership because as a National Council Member you are there to represent them. In these challenging times we need to be able to change and adapt to be able to effectively carry out our important work. What may work at Headquarters may not work very easily for our Auxiliaries and their members. We need to hear what they are facing and how they feel about meeting these challenges. If we don't listen to their concerns the organization might end up going down a path that makes their already hard work more difficult. Effective communication is a two-way street. No one person knows it all, but as a collective we have a great deal of knowledge and experience to draw on. A good idea on how to make us more effective might come from Headquarters, but it could easily come from an Auxiliary member tasked with getting a project done in an effective and timely manner. We never know unless someone listens and carries your thoughts and ideas forward.

Cathy Graham has held many offices in the Department from Auxiliary President to District President to Department President. She was named outstanding District President and Outstanding Runner-up Department President. Currently, she is the President and Secretary for VFW Auxiliary 3150, District 10 Treasurer and the Department Treasurer. Cathy is a life member of VFW Auxiliary 3150, the VFW National Home for Children and a member of American Legion Post 177. She is a U.S. Navy veteran of 20 years and has been active at the local level since joining in 1944. She has the support of her husband C.D. "Doc" Crouch.

This is why we are requesting your consideration and vote at the June Department Convention for Cathy to be the next 6th District Council member.

Loyally yours,
Members of VFWA Auxiliary 3150

