



MOCA GRAND OF NEW MEXICO
2023-2024
PRESIDENT MESSAGE #3-OCTOBER

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! 🎃🎃🎃

I want to thank everyone who attended the C of A in September. The Grand Chairman in attendance did an **OUTSTANDING JOB** on their chairmanship presentations. A lot of work was put into these, and I truly appreciate each of you for the excellent job. Our special guest speaker, Ian, from Paws and Stripes, did an amazing presentation. We are looking at a field trip at the Grand Mid-Winter.

I want to dispel some rumors (which I went over at the CofA). The reason for the CofA was not my choice alone. I spoke to a few line officers and the purpose was we did not have an audit/budget approved at the Grand Convention in May/June, and we cannot operate until Midwinter in this fashion. This meeting would have been my HOMECOMING, but I chose not to have a homecoming since I had one the first time, I was Grand President, and I didn't want that added expense on my auxiliary and/or the Grand. The reason we selected September 30, 2023, was because of the full schedule in October/November. The first two week of October is covered with Balloon Fiesta (making it hard to make room reservations), the third week is our State Commander, Tori Haddox's homecoming, and I will be at the National Home the last week. November is just as full. So, this was the decision. Please, in the future, if you have any questions on my reasonings, please come to me and just ask. Asking others, who may not know, is only causing drama, hurt feelings, and causing dissention within the GRAND.

Second, I was informed that another rumor was going around last year that caused hurt feelings. A new line officer was told that she could not ask anyone in her auxiliary any questions regarding Grand business and needed to only speak to Grand Officers. Again, I am not sure where this rumor came from, but it is once again not true. We are all very knowledgeable and should be helping and lifting each other up, not tearing each other down. This southern auxiliary has many PGPs in it, and they are a wealth of knowledge. This type of rumor is causing drama, hurt feelings, and causing dissention within the GRAND. It was bothering her, and I appreciate that she brought it up to be addressed.

Brothers and Sisters-our Grand is suffering by these hurtful comments and is making it hard for us to function. With that being said, the low turnout at the CofA, and lack of reporting, my recommendation will be to close the Grand at the end of the year. I stated that I would vote to keep the Grand open, be president, as long as I had the support needed. If we choose not to take our

positions seriously, why would we want to keep struggling to keep it going. Please prove me wrong and change my mind.... Let's start reporting and doing the HOSPITAL work are our organization is founded on.

Items:

- Time to do your E990.
- Inspections/Official Visits (due to budget cuts) will be done online this year. Look for the notice of the inspection from INSPECTOR-Barbara Santillanes.
- Officers-look for a "SPECIAL" Budget Approval Zoom, to finalize the budget that we spent a lot of time working on at the CofA.
- Every auxiliary is charged with cleaning up memberships (explained at the CofA) as there was some major issues at Supreme that have affected memberships/transmittals since May.
- We will need to look through deaths, as many were not reported. Please go back to January 2023 and check your deceased members. Report them if they have not been submitted.
- Look at the Paws and Stripes Painting Event running the month of October. Great way to donate and get a portrait of your pup.
- Please look at their Wishlist as well. We would like everyone to donate items at Mid-Winter.
- Don't forget your Paw-ty that Danielle put out to help support my Special Project-PAWS AN STRIPES.
- Get the information out for our Scholarships so we can enter some this year.

Grand Chairman-Please submit a promotional to Grand Secretary Louise Salas by the **25th of each month with a cc to me**. She will then send them out at the beginning of each month and will forward them to Gordon Lam to place on the NM Cootie Webpage. (This is one of the old things we used to do that we are starting back up again).

- We do have a Grand Group page on Facebook. Please join it today...it is

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- Our top goals will be REPORTING, MEMBERSHIP, and HOSPITAL work. Please look at the Supreme book to see what our expectations are for the year.

Until next month...REPORT REPORT REPORT.... Keep them smiling in beds of white.

Shirlee Frias

Grand of New Mexico President
2023-2024 (second time around)