



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Paulette Murray and I am announcing my candidacy for National Council Member No. 8 in hopes of having the honor to serve you and our Georgia sisters and brothers as your representative, mentor and friend.

When I joined Marvin Lee Ferguson Post 4850 VFW Auxiliary in Jasper Alabama in 2010 it was under the eligibility of my father, Lawrence Murray, who was a World War II veteran. My family has a long history of service in the military, between my father, five uncles and a nephew they have a combined total of 145 years of military service. We are beyond proud of the service and sacrifices they made for our freedoms and in their honor I strive to do my part in supporting Veterans.

I have held many positions in the VFW Auxiliary that include:

- Conductress for the Southern Conference,
- Gone through the chairs in the Department of Alabama,
- 2019-2020 Department of Alabama President,
- 2022-2023 Department of Alabama Chief of Staff,
- 3 terms as Auxiliary 4850 President and 3 terms as Auxiliary Treasurer,
- Several other positions at Department, District and Auxiliary levels,
- Won awards at all levels including making the National Circle of Excellence with the hard work of the Auxiliaries I represented as their Department President.

Traveling is something I love to do, meeting new people and seeing old friends. In my travels I have attended numerous National Conventions, Café Events, Southern Conferences, Department of Alabama Convention and Conferences, and District meetings throughout the Department of Alabama.

Studying the Bylaws and keeping up with the yearly changes is something I have always been committed to doing. The Podium book is the first place I go when posed with a question regarding the Auxiliary. The position of National Council Member No. 8 would be exactly the place to make full use of my knowledge and deep desire to abide with and help my Auxiliary brothers and sisters.

This organization has become my family and I will always be willing to do what is necessary when it comes to promoting and assisting in the great things we do for Veterans, Active Military and our Communities. Promoting the VFW Auxiliary is the key to building it back bigger and better. We all have to do our part to get the word out to the community and anyone that will listen, that the work we do is important, that we make a difference and so can they. Being a National Council Member would be a great platform for doing that.

From now until the June Convention at our Department, I hope to earn your consideration and vote, and if elected it would be an honor to represent Alabama and Georgia as your National Council Member No. 8.

It would be my pleasure to answer any questions that you may have.

Above all, love one another,
Paulette Murray