



Letter of Intent for the High Office of Treasurer VFW Auxiliary, Department of California

To the Members of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of California,

I respectfully submit my intent to run for the high office of Department Treasurer, for the VFW Auxiliary, Department of California.

I joined the Auxiliary in March 2023 through the service of my father, Gary H. Cohee, a career Marine and recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star for his service in Vietnam. His sacrifice inspires my commitment to serving veterans and their families.

I was elected to officer roles at VFW Auxiliary at Stephen P. Gibbs Memorial Post in Las Vegas, Nevada, upon joining. After relocating to the Coachella Valley, I transferred to Bill Huntington Post in Indio, California, where I was elected as treasurer in 2025 and re-elected in 2026. I am also serving my second term as District 3 Junior Vice President, gaining valuable perspective on the needs of our members.

Beyond my Auxiliary service, I hold a Master of Business Administration and bring decades of professional experience in healthcare operations, where I have developed and managed multimillion dollar budgets in highly regulated environments. My professional background has given me extensive experience in fiscal oversight, compliance, strategic planning, and sound financial management skills I believe are essential to effectively serve as Department Treasurer.

I am also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Elks, reflecting my ongoing commitment to veteran service.

I am seeking this office to provide responsible, transparent financial stewardship and to support the mission of our Auxiliaries. I respectfully ask for your support.

In service,

Angela "Kris" Hedges
Member, Bill Huntington Post Auxiliary
Candidate for Department Treasurer



Letter of Endorsement

The officers and members to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bill Huntington 3699 Auxiliary and District 3 of California unanimously Endorse our current auxiliary treasurer and District 3 Junior Vice, Angela “Kris” Hedges, for the High office of Department Treasurer.

Kris joined the VFW Auxiliary in 2023 at Stephen P. Gibbs Memorial Post in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she has held officer positions in that auxiliary.

Kris joined the VFW Auxiliary in March 2023 through the service of her father, Gary H. Cohee, a career Marine who earned two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star over the course of three tours in Vietnam. His service, sacrifice, and devotion to our country inspired her commitment to supporting veterans, their families, and the mission of the VFW Auxiliary. Kris then transferred to Bill Huntington Auxiliary 3699 in Indio, Calif. In 2024 and currently, Kris holds the office of Treasurer & District 3 Junior Vice and was re-elected for both for the 2026/2027 year. Kris is an amazing treasurer and excels in all she does. Beyond her auxiliary service, she holds a Master of Business Administration and brings decades of professional experience in healthcare operations, where she has developed and managed multimillion-dollar budgets in a highly regulated environment. Her professional background gives her the extensive experience in fiscal oversight, compliance, strategic planning, and sound financial management—skills I believe are essential to serving as Department of California’s Treasurer.

We know that Kris would be a tremendous asset. We ask that you endorse, support and vote for Angela “Kris” Hedges for the High Office of Department Treasurer.

Auxiliary 3699 President, Past Department President 2019/2020 Mary Ryser

and Members of 3699 Unanimously nominated at Auxiliary 3699 meeting April 07th 2026

District 3 President, Brenda Wardrip and Members of District 3

Unanimously nominated at District 03 Convention on April 25th 2026