

Dear VFW Auxiliary Department of California Brothers and Sisters,

It is with both excitement and a strong commitment to continue serving our Veterans that I announce my candidacy for the office of VFW Auxiliary Department of California **Treasurer** for 2026-2027.

Under the eligibility of my Vietnam era Marine husband, Thomas Peavey, I rejoined the Auxiliary as a life member in August 2016 when I was near retirement from a career that reads like a patchwork quilt across many industries and job titles. Pertinent positions include: Deputy City Clerk, Planning Commission Secretary, Finance and Technology Manager (rose through many technology positions,) Bookkeeper using QuickBooks for Peavey Apiaries, Data Base and Network Administrator, PMI Certified Technology Program Manager managing scope, schedule and budget for multiple State Education Departments.

When I rejoined the Auxiliary in 2016, I quickly became active at Auxiliary, District and Department levels. I am also an active member of MOCA Pit Stop #68 in Turlock, starting our 'MOCA 68 Quilts' group.

- **Auxiliary:** President (19-22), Secretary (17-19) at Aux 9242 and Treasurer/Asst Secretary (23-27) at Aux. 6309.
- **District 12:** Secretary, Jr. Vice President (17-18), President (18-23 & 24-26) and Deputy Chief of Staff (23-24). District 12 Golf Committee member since our first event in 2017. In 7 events, we have raised over \$90,000.
- **Department:** Americanism (20-21), Patriotic Instructor (20-21) and Legislative Chairman (21-22.) Member of our Web Team for the past 4 years. VFW Auxiliary VAVS Representative at VA Palo Alto for 5 years. My Auxiliaries and District have consistently received All-State and Circle of Excellence recognition.

If elected, I will work diligently to:

- Continue the process to restore financial stability this year's leadership team has begun.
- Transparently provide our Line Officers, Budget and Audit committees the information they need to perform audits and budget updates.
- Provide clear, accurate .and consistent information regarding our financial status.
- Ensure we always know our financial account balances including restricted and invested funds are up to date and accurate.
- In a timely manner. assist our Auxiliary Treasurers by responding to their questions and concerns, review submitted audits, taxes filed, and obligations and donations paid.
- Maintain the Good Standing Dashboard accurately and consistently in a timely manner.

I recognize the financial challenges we face. I am motivated to be part of the solution. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Loyally,

### **Lynette Peavey**

Candidate for Dept of California Auxiliary Treasurer, 2026-2027

Appointed Dept of California Auxiliary Secretary, 2026-2027

VFW CA District 12 Treasurer 2026-2027

VFW CA District 12 Past President 2017-2023 and 2024-2026

John A Berry Auxiliary 6309 Treasurer 2023-2027

# Letter of Endorsement

Dear VFW Auxiliary Department of California Brothers and Sisters,

VFW California District 12 Auxiliary and John A. Berri VFW Auxiliary members both endorse Lynette Peavey for the office of VFW Department of California Auxiliary Treasurer for 2026-27.

Throughout our experience with Lynette, we have found her to be a dedicated, reliable, and highly capable individual. Her professionalism and commitment to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary has consistently impressed us, and we believe Lynette will be a tremendous asset in the office of the VFW Auxiliary Department of California as Treasurer.

Lynette has been an outstanding mentor to me. First in my role as secretary of Auxiliary 6309 and then as District 12 Secretary and now that I am the John A Berri Auxiliary President.

Lynette has mentored many District and Auxiliary members. She has helped us to better understand the By-Laws, traditions, and programs. She has trained us how to navigate the Department's website. As a longtime District President, she is organized and has consistently provided detailed agendas and handouts for our District meetings.

Lynette stepped up as Treasurer for the Auxiliary when no one else could. As Treasurer of our Auxiliary, she keeps accurate and timely financial information. She helps our Auxiliary so that our taxes, audits, bond, and other due dates are always met. As District President, she is an excellent communicator and keeps everyone up to date on due dates, upcoming events and shares information she receives from the National and Department of California with Auxiliaries and Leadership. She brings a unique blend of skills, integrity, and enthusiasm to every project she undertakes. She is continuing to manage the District Golf Tournament and has done so since 2017. With her continued efforts and outreach, the District 12 Golf Fundraiser has raised over \$90,000 for District 12.

Lynette has served in many different VFW Auxiliary positions over the past decade continuously serving at Auxiliary, District and Department levels. Her professional background is extensive. She has the bookkeeping, clerical and proven financial skills to be successful as the Department Treasurer. Lynette's varied background will be an asset to the Department of California.

We believe that Lynette's dedication to veterans and her proven track record, and never ending energy more than qualify her to be successful in the office of VFW Auxiliary Department of California Treasurer. Under her leadership, District 12 and Auxiliary 6309 have achieved both All State and Circle of Excellence many times. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information or clarification regarding our endorsement.

Loyally,

Mary Ann Puente,

John A Berri Auxiliary 6309, President 2025-2027  
VFW CA District 12 Secretary 2024-2027  
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Dear Sisters & Brothers of the VFW Auxiliary Department of California,

The Military Order of the Cootie (MOCA) Pit Stop #68 is writing to you on behalf of our Sister, Lynette Peavey, who has been a member of our organization for approximately 6 years. In her 6 years of membership, as VFW Auxiliary VAVS Representative for Palo Alto, she has kept us abreast of the care and needs of the CLC veterans housed there.

With her love, knowledge and skill for crafts, sewing & quilting, she was instrumental in starting our Quilt Group where she has led us in making quilts for G.I. Josie, National Home, and hospitalized veterans. Because of her excitement and always looking ahead, the Quilt Group has branched out in sewing a wide variety of things ranging from potholders, casserole carriers, tote bags, lanyards, and luggage. This led us to rename this group as the "Sew Team." And currently, was newly elected as our 2026-2027 Trustees #3.

Lynette has a deep military lineage dating back to the Revolutionary War and on throughout the history of our Great Nation. However, it is through her husband, Tom, that she claims as her "Whooo" (eligibility) for joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary. It was his dedication to serving Leslie L. Garret VFW Post 6359 and his passion in helping veterans that sparked her interest to join the auxiliary so many years ago. Lynette has held many offices with a calm, assuredness, and grace and tact that make her approachable and engaging to work with. Lynette has had an eclectic education and work history with multiple degrees that landed her in the work force beginning as a student in 1967 to retiring in 2016.

Like her auxiliary accomplishments, the same is true of her work history where she started at ground level and worked her way up to top in her field in the corporate and technology industries. All the while staying humble and forthright.

Along with crafts, sewing, and quilting, Lynette's many other hobbies include crochet, art, genealogy, solving puzzles, dancing, and she is an avid sports enthusiast. Lastly, but definitely not the least of all that defines Lynette is her love of her family as she is a devoted wife, mother of 4 children, & grandmother to 4 grandchildren.

Lynette is an amazing person, who is accomplished with multiple lifetimes worth of experience and accolades that totally support our choice for the office of VFW Auxiliary Department of California Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gaylene Ramos

MOCA Pit Stop #68 President

Teri Keith-Torres

MOCA Pit Stop #68 Secretary