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Welcome to your 2026 State Convention. Thank you for attending this important gathering where members come together to help shape the direction of your GFWC State Federation, deepen your understanding of all that GFWC offers, celebrate volunteer achievements, and enjoy the camaraderie that unites us.

Together, you have confronted some of society's most urgent challenges with courage and conviction, demonstrating the true power of dedicated volunteers united in purpose. Your commitment has elevated volunteerism and strengthened our collective impact in meaningful and lasting ways.

Through your work, you have brought attention to the critical issues of domestic and sexual violence, advocated for the needs of children, honored and supported our veterans, invested in personal and leadership development, and more. These efforts have not only enriched lives but have also built stronger, more compassionate communities.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the wealth of resources and tools available to support your journey. In particular, I invite you to explore the GFWC Learning Academy—a vision I first introduced during the 2024–2026 Installation. Launched in January, the Academy already features more than 30 courses designed to inform, inspire, and empower every member. This dynamic online experience offers opportunities for growth at every level. Begin your exploration today.

It is because of you that our mission continues to thrive. Your passion, resilience, and willingness to serve will have a lasting influence for years to come.

I warmly invite you to join us at the 2026 GFWC Annual Convention, June 26–29, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona. This special gathering will celebrate our shared accomplishments, strengthen our bonds, and prepare us for the next chapter of Federation service.

May your convention be a time of celebration, connection, and renewed purpose. Take pride in all you have achieved and confidence in all that lies ahead.

Congratulations, and thank you for your unwavering dedication.

Yours in Federation and Service,

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