

**Valerie DeCorte**

President

Department of Pennsylvania

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary

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Valerie DeCorte of Clarion, Pennsylvania, was elected Department President at the 98th annual Convention of the Veterans of foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary Department of Pennsylvania on June 11, 2022, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Valerie is a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary to SPC Ross A. McGinnis Post 2145, through the eligibility of her late husband, Master Sergeant David DeCorte, who honorably served his country in the United States Army for twenty-six years.

Since joining she has served as Secretary, Junior and Senior Vice President and Chairman for several programs. At the District level, she has served as Secretary, Junior Vice President and District 19 President from 2015 - 2020 as well as serving as District chairman for many of the National programs. While serving as Department Guard, she also served as Legislative Chairman and won the title of most Outstanding Department Chairman as well as winning the National title also. As Conductress, Valerie served as the Veterans and Family Support Program Chairman and won another National award. As Department Junior Vice President, Valerie had the privilege of serving as the Department's Membership Program Chairman as well as Hospital Representative for the Erie VA Medical Center.

Valerie retired from the United States Government, Department of the Army in 1998 and in 2004 as Executive Director with a not-for-profit economic development corporation.

Valerie's retirement years have been spent serving our veterans and their families. She is a lifetime member of the VFW National Home for Children and the DAV Auxiliary, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eagles. She is a member of the Manor Methodist Church and her family includes two grown children.