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Patrick Briggs

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State Commander

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

I can't believe how fast this year is going by and our Commander-in-Chief said for our year 2018-2019, "MAKE IT HAPPEN". Team Kansas, "WE ARE MAKING IT HAPPEN" because "WE" hit 2018-2019 RUNNING. Comrades, We Are Telling Our Story and Getting Our Name In Our Communities on What The Veterans of Foreign Wars is All About. I can say that because, look at our membership attainment to date, look how our programs are being worked, look at all the projects and the events we having in our communities, post and

districts. The involvement and teamwork we are establishing with our Student Veterans of America has been successful and we continue to grow in that area.

I would like to Thank All the Volunteers we had for our booth at the Kansas State Fair. The booth was very successful and I'm sure that is something to look forward to in the future. Comrades, Sisters and Brothers the attendance at the Eisenhower Vigil was one of the largest I have seen. We had three (3) Air Force JROTC Units attending also and they were from Lyons, Derby and Winfield. They said that we will be seeing them again next year. Also, the Department of Kansas had the Honor and Privilege of having Sandi Kriebel, National Auxiliary President in attendance.

I'm Very Proud of Team Kansas. How WE are working on all facets of the VFW. You have hit 2018 -2019 with Very Professional and Positive Attitudes. We have done a lot, we continue to do a lot but WE still have a lot to do in the future.

Comrades, **"I WANT ALL POST AND DISTRICTS COMPETING FOR 100% MEMBERSHIP-ALL STATE AND ALL AMERICAN"**. We Can Do This and YOU are Doing It Now.

"Team Kansas" Keep Up The Good Work and Remember "I CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU DON'T ASK".

Very respectfully,

Patrick M. Briggs

State Commander

Department of Kansas

Congratulations to the

23 Posts who are 100% in membership and Thank You to the 95 Posts that will be 100% by June 30, 2019.

We "THANK" all of you for your Dedication and Hard Work!

Your Kansas VFW Leadership





State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

We have just finished this year's Eisenhower Vigil in Abilene, Kansas. We had 217 members sign in to participate and 21 JROTC Cadets from Wichita, Derby, and Lyons, Kansas we also had 2 VFW Members from Arkansas and 1 Kansas VFW Member who came in from Raleigh, North Carolina. Thank you Comrades for taking the time to bare the weather through the night and stand for this year's Vigil. It was also a pleasure to have the National VFW Auxiliary President Sandi Kriebel participating in this years Vigil with her entourage.

As of 10/15/18 the Department is standing at 89.10% in membership. The Department now needs 2,111 members to be 100% and this Department is very capable in obtaining 100% by December 31st. We need the help of the Post Membership to work the members that are unpaid and the members that are close to their anniversary date. If you have members that are in dire straits, in need of help, financial difficulties you can use your Post Relief Fund to help them by paying their dues. The end of the year is getting close and will be on us in a short time. Knock on those doors, make the phone calls, reach out **let's get your Post 100% to be qualified for All-State and All-American.** I am available to help in any way I can. I can't help if you don't ask.

In Comradeship,
Lee Hursey
State Sr. Vice Commander



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

Community service reporting is still a problem with only 61 posts reporting out of 116, 55 posts have yet to report, this affects our funding from the State but also affects our non-profit status. We need to work together to assist the posts that are in arrears. **I am still receiving reports that are not showing who benefitted, it's very easy to do at the end of your narrative just enter who benefitted i.e. for a burial type in friends and family benefitted.**

The State Fair was an overall success, we were able to get the brand back out in the public again and received numerous compliments from the public, Staff, and from the Board of Governors. Membership was below what we expected but we were able to sign up new members and received leads on a few more. Buddy Poppy distribution went very well with donations exceeding expectations. I believe we all learned a lot and will be able to use this information when we return to the fair next year. I would like to thank all who took the time and trouble to work the booth this year and hope to see you next year. A few members worked hard to insure the operation ran well, I would like to thank the following members for going the extra mile, Todd Hokanson, James Ratliff, Lee Hursey, John Hooker, John Herrman, Jerry Garrity, these members worked before, during and after the Fair.

Ken Allred
State Jr. Vice Commander





State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

The 2019 By-Laws and Manual of Procedure are now available through the National VFW store! Make sure your Post and District has a current copy!

We are continually bombarded with questions on how to access the Kansas Web site and how to report Community Service Activity. The Web site is vfwks.org which is a change from the old Web site. Once you've accessed the site you will see the Home Page with our HQ sign and a small part of our building in the background. Take time and navigate this site and you will find there is a magnitude of information. There is a tutorial on how to log in to report your Community Service Activity, as this is very confusing as you have to click

on the report entry instead of the log-in. If, you are still confused, call HQ and I will walk you through it. To reach the tutorial, click on Programs, click on Community Service, and then click on CS Power Point Instructions.

Please, if you are confused and aren't sure on how to fill out forms, audits, program materials, and etc., contact your District Officers or Chairmen for their assistance. If you can't reach them, contact this office for help, as a few minutes time spent making sure something is right, sure beats a lot of time and effort on do-overs!

As a repeat side note, Posts do not have to Bond through the VFW/Tallman Insurance. They can be bonded by an outside Company, but, they must show proof that they are bonded and we need a copy of that proof at Kansas VFW HQ.

The employees at Kansas VFW headquarters work for you! If you are having trouble with programs, audits, or other problems pertaining to the VFW, contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

In Respectful Comradeship
Herb Schwartzkopf
Department of Ks. Adjutant/Quartermaster
785-272-6463

2018 State Legislative Bulletin Report

Comrades:

By the time you are reading this article, the 2018 election will be history, but, I sincerely hope that all of our members voted!

This Country is a long way from perfect, but, the principle of one man, one vote is as pronounced as the "Freedom" it represents. Your opinion only counts if you vote!

Remember, voting, attendance at town hall meetings and candidate forums should be reported as Community Service under the Legislative Service category.

We will keep you informed through future Bulletin Articles, emails, and word of mouth on upcoming Legislative action in which we may need your assistance with in a myriad of ways from contacting your local Legislator on a Kansas Bill to contacting a U.S. Representative or Senator on the Federal side, or coming to Topeka to be present during testimony while the Legislature is in session.

We will also keep you informed as to whether or not the American Legion will have their meet and greet with Kansas Legislators again this year and as to when and where it will be.

Make sure that you attend town hall meetings held by State Legislators and U.S Senators and Representatives. Make sure you take time to introduce yourself before or after the meeting so they know you personally and yes, **"Wear your VFW cover"**, so they know whom you represent. Remember, it is your right to disagree, but do so respectfully!

In Comradeship
Herb Schwartzkopf
Kansas VFW Legislative Chairman





State Chaplain

Comrades Greetings,

For those who have experienced the loss of a loved one or close friend I pray that you may experience the Comfort and Love of God. May you find it of assurance knowing of His closeness and care for each of you. For those who have been sick, may God touch you with His healing Hand. Email or call with any special needs and I will make intercession to God on your behalf. Or if you just need someone you can confide in, I am here for you.

At our School of Instruction in Arkansas City a good number Chaplains and other interested parties attended the **Chaplain's Workshop**. It was a great opportunity to share information to help your Chaplains who are striving to better serve their fellow veterans and the communities in which you live.

I will be in the lobby of the Marriott on Friday at approximately 1:30 PM during the Mid-Winter to address any concerns and go over the Chaplain material. Look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter in Junction City.

"By day the LORD will command his gracious love, and by night his song is with me. A prayer to the God of my life. I will ask God, my rock, 'Why have you forsaken me? Why do I go around mourning under the enemy's oppression?' Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed with me? Hope in God, for once again I will praise him since his presence saves me and he is my God." Psalm 42

Chaplain Jim Jenkins 913-302-7620 kschaplain@att.net



State Inspector

Comrades,

We are one third of the way through the VFW Program Year for 2018-2019. We just completed the Eisenhower Vigil on October 12th & 13th, and will have The Wreath's Across America event on December 15, 2018 in Veterans Cemeteries across the state and the Nation. As members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars we have an obligation to recognize and honor the service of United States Veterans at every opportunity that we can. I enjoyed participating in the Eisenhower Vigil and truly enjoyed talking with many of our comrades across the State of Kansas who participated in the vigil. I encourage you all to support the Wreath's Across America event with donations and/or your attendance.

The Inspection Program for the State of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars should be nearing completion. All District Inspections reports for the Posts in there District are due to the Department of Kansas HQ no later than December 1, 2018. Once again I would like to express the importance of meeting the inspection requirements for audits, bonding, incorporation documents and reports to the State of Kansas. These items are key in maintaining the Post's Non-Profit status, assets, and Post Officers from legal and financial loss issues. I am available to assist Districts & Posts in any way I can.

Once again we have had one post that has lost its non-profit status due to not filing the required IRS form 990 for three consecutive years. Item 19(g) on the Post Inspection Form requires the date of the last IRS Form 990 to be entered by the Inspector. If this item is properly completed annually with a visual examination of the Post's completed 990 (to include the date by the signature block) there should never be a post that loses its non-profit status within the State. Those of us in leadership roles all bear a little of the responsibility when we fall short of our goals to provide assistance, education and support to the posts under our authority or properly complete Post Inspections when we accomplish them.

On a positive note I would like all my comrades in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America here in Kansas to know how proud I am to be part of this organization. The Post Officers and members that I have had the opportunity to visit with and share experiences with around the state have made this a great year so far. I have learned from many of you and wish you all the best through the upcoming holidays and look forward to moving into 2019 together and continue the fight for veteran's rights, benefits, and quality of life.

Comrades,
James Ratcliff
State Inspector





State Judge Advocate

Comrades,

It has brought to my attention that some posts have been asking about aux members being on the house committee.

In our State By--Laws Article IX Subsidiary Units

Sec. 2 Club and Canteen Regulations

A. A House Committee shall be elected by the Post membership to oversee the business affairs of the club. The committee shall consist of (3) members elected, plus the Commander and the Senior Vice Commander. The term of the three elected members shall be a three (3) year term, one of whom shall be elected annually. Trustees shall not serve on the House Committee. The Post Quartermaster shall be a nonvoting ex

office participant of the House Committee and shall be the Treasurer.

B. The House Committee shall employ such personnel, including manager, as shall be necessary. No member of the House Committee shall serve as manager.

D. The Post membership may rule on any recommendation of the House Committee by regular vote at any Post meeting. The House Committee shall be responsible to the Post membership for enforcement of the club regulations and rules and shall be controlled by the decisions of the membership.

Every Post Commander and Adjutant should have a current copy of the State By-Laws on hand . It should be checked on by the Inspector at the time of Post inspection. Ask to see it don't just take their word for it.

If the Post would like feed back from it's Aux. they may sit in on a House Committee meeting and suggest ideas improvements etc. but CAN NOT vote on anything
They are not Post members but are members of the Aux to the Post.

We all need to work with the Aux to better the Post, District, and Dept.

Happy Thanksgiving Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year. Happy Trails to all until we meet again.

Bob Cox
State Judge Advocate

National Council Member

Comrades,

Again as your National Council of Administration Member Thanks for all of the hard work that each of you do to promote the VFW's ideas and values for all veterans. Hopefully! everyone voted in November, including working hard on recruiting new members into this the finest Combat Veterans Organization in the world. We should all take pride in the fact that so few have and still do defend the many. Let people know how proud you are to be a veteran and member of the VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES in our everyday actions and deeds in helping all veterans receive their rightful benefits they are entitled to.

We should all remember that November 11th 2018 marks the armistice of World War I the War to end all wars. We must not forget that for some of us this marks also another 50 yrs of the Viet Nam War. To all who served during this time of conflict not only abroad but in the United States as well as there were a lot of Americans that were opposed to our involvement. But as we all know our service men and women when called upon to do what we were trained to do. Do so with pride and courage that is still an everyday feeling that all veterans should have.

The Sport Clips and Burger King campaigns are again starting and we all need to show our thanks to each of them by participating at their stores.

Be Safe during the upcoming Holiday season and beyond .

From all of us at the Cox Home we wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. Happy New Year in 2019

REMEMBER ALL DEPLOYED ON RED SHIRT FRIDAYS . Until they all are home.

Bob Cox
KSNM





State Surgeon

Robin Ray



State Chief of Staff

Welcome VFW and Auxiliary Team Kansas 2018/2019,

The year is moving fast and programs are “full speed ahead” toward the deadlines. Holiday season has started, then Mid Winter will be here.

Some Post problems have been worked on and the biggest lesson learned is we, the leadership sometimes get so busy we forget to train those who are new to the VFW or Post **positions and don't get someone out to help them solve their problems.**

Always remember the Department and District Officers and Staff are here to help the Post and especially **our members. If you don't call, Email, Text or write someone at the Department or District, we are not able to help you.**

The goal is to help all Posts or Districts solve their problems and help teach everyone how to do their work in the VFW. We all can learn something new by reading the new By-Laws, Ritual and Manual of Procedure.

Our number one goal is to help every Post meet their goals for this VFW year and give them the tools to **succeed. 100% should be every member's goal every year. Go Team Kansas.**

My Email is gmarvin@gbta.net, phone number is 785-222-6748 and address is Gerald Marvin PO Box 37 La Crosse, Kansas 67548. Please get ahold of me if you have questions or need help.

Gerald Marvin
Chief of Staff



Past State Commander

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary;

Hopefully all of us are working on our Membership, because we know how vital it is to our organization. We have to get Commander Briggs and the Department of Kansas on top. Fall conventions should all be in the books, hope they were all good.

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and all of the other programs should be in full swing. We need to keep getting new people educated and involved in these programs. Especially the young kids, because it is their future we are trying to help with.

Mid Winter is just around the corner, looking forward to seeing everyone in Junction City. Had a great turnout in Abilene for the Eisenhower Vigil.

Holidays are fast approaching, hope everybody can spend time with there families. Don't for get to “VOTE”

“Remember Everyone Deployed”, wear RED on Friday.

Yours in Comradeship,
Michael B Holland
Past State Commander

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1st District Commander

I continue to be amazed at the dedication and commitment of the Posts and Auxiliaries within the 1st District. Throughout the fall months we are engaged with our local communities for patriotic events, including flag ceremonies and speaking in schools. We have conducted multiple public events on key dates that include POW/MIA Recognition Day, VFW Birthday, Gold Star Mother and Family Day, and many others. As we look ahead, nearly every Post will be engaged in local activities to recognize all veterans during the Veterans Day weekend.

Our priority remains to support Veterans and their families in our communities. We recognize the importance of growing our membership in order to meet that goal. We are working hard to sustain our current members, both annual and life, and to bring in new members. Recruiting is always a part of any public event we are involved in and we are sharing ideas throughout the District.

During the next few weeks we will be working on the various scholarship and recognition programs in our communities. Initial reports indicate an increased volume of Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy entries. We are also evaluating our Teacher of the Year nominations and building nominations for Law Enforcement, Fire Fighter, and Emergency Medical Technicians from our communities.

As we approach colder weather please check on our elderly members to ensure they are safe and offer any assistance that is within our capabilities.

From all of us in 1st District we send our best wishes to every Post and Auxiliary in Kansas for a great Holiday Season.

In comradeship,
Steve Davis, 1st District Commander

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2nd District Commander

"Big" Mike Petersen
District 2 Commander

{ 2 }



3rd District Commander

Yours in Comradeship.
Charlie Cravens
District 3 Commander

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4th District Commander

Hello Comrades,

Everyone is doing good this Quarter. We have gotten in all our Audits, Bonds and Inspections. The membership does need work, but we are not doing bad. I have been out to see most of the posts and I plan on hitting the rest of you as soon as the time is available. If you need me to visit sooner, then please call me and I will move things around and get out to see you.

Just as a reminder there is an incentive I would love to give away for membership. First one to 100% with 5 new or reinstated members will receive \$100, 2nd \$75, and 3rd receives \$50. The SR Vice and JR Vice need to know if there is anything we need to spend more time on training.

Yours truly
Vince Van Cleave, 4th District Commander

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5th District Commander

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

In Comradeship,
Terry Fletcher
5th District Commander

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6th District Commander

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7th District Commander

Comrades of the 7th District,

So far the Awesome 7th is doing extremely well. We have 9 of 13 post at or above 100% and the District is sitting at 98.82%. Fantastic job Post Commanders and staff. The other 4 post are well in striking distance of every post being 100%.

The majority of the programs are at or through the Post and heading to district judging soon. **Keep on them. That is what we are here for. Let's continue working hard to get as many posts in the 7th District All-State and All-American eligible.**

Community service is looking pretty good. If you need assistance with entering the project, do not hesitate to let me or my District staff know, we are here for each and every Veteran in the District.

The State mid-winter is in Junction City 11-13 Jan 19. The registration forms have been sent out and are on the Kansas website. The 7th District mid-winter will be in Garden City Post 2279 on 26 Jan 19. We are going to have a short meeting to wrap up any business that needs addressed and have a family meal and fun day. If you have a musical talent that you would like to show off, either voice or instrument start practicing. We want to hear you.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to the best District in the state. Good luck on reaching your membership, program and post goals. Again, any assistance you need please do not hesitate to let me or my District staff know.

In comradeship,

James Sarge Langley

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State Rider Chairman

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Everyone ride safe

In Comradeship,

Terry Fletcher

VFW Riders National Advisory Committee Chairman





National Representative for Mid-Winter Conference
William J. “Doc” Schmitz
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

William J. “Doc” Schmitz was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 25, 2018, at the 119th VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Doc served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970. He served in Vietnam as a corpsman attached to United States Marine Corps infantry and artillery. In recognition of his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



He joined the VFW in 1971 at Post 524 in Corning, N.Y., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served as Department Commander, Post Commander, Southern Tier County Council Commander and District 5 Commander. He was also editor of the New York State Overseas Veteran publication for nine years. In 2007, he was elected Department Surgeon for the Department of New York where he served for five consecutive years. He served as the National Surgeon General from 2010 to 2011, and as the Inspector General from 2015 to 2016.

Doc worked for the Department of Corrections as a registered nurse and acting nurse administrator for 30 years before retiring. He currently is employed as the Director of Veterans Issues for Congressman Tom Reed of the 23rd Congressional District in New York.

Doc and his wife, Deborah, reside in Corning, N.Y.



National Auxiliary Mid-Winter Rep



Jeanette Cox

*National District Council Member #13
2017-2019*



Jeanette Cox, of McPherson, Kansas, represents Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary between National Conventions.

Installed at the 104th National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, she will serve a two-year term as one of 28 representatives who make up the Council along with the top seven National Officers, the National Chief of Staff and the four Junior Past National Presidents.

A Life Member of Fred E. Ellis Auxiliary 2715, she has served in many capacities for the organization including Auxiliary, District and Department (state) President.

She joined on the eligibility of her husband, Bobby, who served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1991.

In her spare time, Jeanette enjoys watching her grandchildren play sports, attending family functions and taking care of her great-grandson. She also has a lake house where she enjoys fishing and visiting with neighbors. She also enjoys baking and has a small catering business.

Jeanette and her husband have four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

V.F.W. Post 8773 Hosting

Junction City, Kansas

January 11-13, 2019

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE THE HOTEL LISTED BELOW

(Please state this is for the VFW Mid-Winter Meeting)

***ALL RESERVATIONS GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD OR ADVANCE DEPOSIT
HOTEL ROOM RATE DEADLINE DECEMBER 20, 2018***

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310 Hammons Drive
Junction City, KS 66441

(785) 210-1500

\$87.00 + Tax -- 65 Rooms

Book your group rate for Kansas VFW

******* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ON BACK *******

TICKET RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 7, 2019

RESERVATIONS BY COUPLE (SAME LAST NAME) OR INDIVIDUAL

PRINT NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
LAST FIRST

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ DAY PHONE # () _____ EMAIL _____

(CIRCLE AFFILIATION)

VFW / AUX / POST # _____ TITLE _____

SPOUSE

VFW / AUX / POST # _____ TITLE _____

Number of

_____ Registration \$ 5.00

_____ Saturday Banquet \$ 25.00

_____ Saturday Dance \$ 5.00

_____ Packet per person \$ 35.00

**MAIL CHECK & REQUEST TO:
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VFW
P.O. BOX 1008
TOPEKA, KS 66601**

**REFUNDS ONLY with 48 hour PRIOR CONFIRMED CANCELLATION by calling:
VFW State Headquarters (785-272-6463)**

DATE REC _____ PAID _____ CA/CK # _____ REG # _____



VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS JANUARY 11-13, 2019
******* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE *******

ALL VFW AND AUXILIARY MEETINGS HELD AT THE HOTEL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

2:30 PM - BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING – *Sunflower Room*
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM TICKET PICK-UP – *Foyer*
3:00 PM - AUXILIARY AUDIT – *Cottonwood A*
4:00 PM - CONVENTION CORPORATION MEETING – *Sunflower Room*
4:30 PM - AUXILIARY FLOOR PRACTICE – *Cottonwood A*
5:00 PM - VETERANS SERVICE MEETING – *Cottonwood D*
6:00 PM - ENDOWMENT MEETING – *Sunflower Room*
- *Post 8773 Open*
7:00 PM - “BUILDING ON THE VFW AUXILIARY FOUNDATION –
Cottonwood A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

7:30 AM - ONLINE AUXILIARY ACADEMY VIDEOS – *Cottonwood A*
7:30 AM - PAST COMMANDER'S CLUB BREAKFAST – *Cottonwood C*
8:30 AM - AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING – *Cottonwood A*
Immediately following Auxiliary Council Meeting
AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING – *Cottonwood A*
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM TICKET PICK-UP – *Foyer*
9:00 AM - VFW COUNCIL MEETING – *Cottonwood D*
Immediately following VFW Council Meeting
VFW CONFERENCE MEETING – *Cottonwood D*
11:30 AM - LUNCH - *Buffet at Hotel, \$10.00 CASH ONLY* – *Cottonwood C*
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM SECRETARY'S TRAINING (Q &A) INCLUDES INSTALLATION
REPORTS AND DELEGATES FOR DISTRICT,
DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL CONVENTION -
1:00 PM - AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES –
Cottonwood A
1:00 PM - VFW CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES – *Cottonwood D*
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM OPEN DISCUSSION ON AUXILIARY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS,
Q & A - *Cottonwood A*
5:45 PM - VOD INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT WINNERS – *Sunflower Room*
6:30 PM - VOD BANQUET – *Cottonwood B & C*
8:00 PM - DANCE - *Post 8773*

**WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PROHIBITED
IN ALL MEETING ROOMS**



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State Fair Booth



Post 1650 Recognition of Women in Military service Program.



Al Besser, Jr. retired as a VFW Service Officer in Wichita



5th District Coffee Tour



National Auxiliary President's Visit





Evelyn McCune installed the officers at the Western Conference meeting in Van Couver, WA weekend of Nov 1-4. Thank you to all of the Kansas Auxiliaries for giving me Jeanette Cox the opportunity to hold the position of President of the Western Conference.



KRISTI MEID
LANSING, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
2018 - 2019





Eisenhower Vigil
October 12, 2018



Norman Dan Smith
8-21-1937—11-4-2018
Past Department Commander
1984-1985

Continued prayers for all comrades
and auxiliary we have lost and
to all Comrades deployed



Auxiliary News

STATE PRESIDENT



Greetings Auxiliary Members:

I want to thank everyone for all you do for our great organization. I have attended many District meetings, Auxiliary events, and just finished up a busy Veterans Day week-end. Your hard work is very much appreciated and does make a difference. I can never thank you enough for all the wonderful support you provide to our Veterans, family members, your communities, and our youth. Make use of social media to let your family, friends, and community know what the VFW Auxiliary does, it is free and a great way to spread the word.

National President Sandi Kriebel made her official visit to Kansas in October during the Eisenhower Vigil. Sandi was so moved by the vigil; she stood two watches and was willing to do more. Sandi is a big fan of the Wizard of Oz and we were able to totally surprise her with a visit to the Oz Museum in Wamego. It was a fantastic week-end and I thank everyone that played a part in making Sandi feel welcomed to our great state.

Everyone is doing a great job with membership! As I write this the Department of Kansas is at 87.29% and I believe we can make 90% by the end of November and then on to 100% plus!!! Should I start shopping for that pink sparkly dress to wear at Department Convention in June??? A quick note about recruiting: Please make sure if you sign up a new member or a rejoin that you put your Member ID and name on their application so you get credit for recruiting them.

I have heard good feedback regarding the “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” training manual. I hope you are making use of this manual and the wealth of information it contains. This manual is designed to be shared with ALL members. I am a firm believer in the old saying that **“Knowledge is power”**. **The more each member knows about how the organization works from the top to the bottom, duties and responsibilities of officers and chairmen, how to run a smooth productive meeting, etc. will allow us to do our mission better, focus more on supporting our causes, and possibly instill confidence in new members to take on leadership roles.**

Congratulations go out to Jeanette Cox who was installed as the Western Conference President on 5 November 2018 at the Western Conference meeting in Vancouver, Washington!!

Keep up the good work!! Hope to see you all at the Mid-Winter Convention in Junction City in January!!

HOORAH!!!!

Kristi Meid
Department President

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



"WE CAN DO IT!!!" We still need to work membership to be 100% plus. If we want to see our President Kristi in that short pink sparkly dress at Department Convention in June. Contact those members to renew, rejoin and new members.

I pray you voted for the best candidate. We need legislators that want to support our Veterans.

It has been great traveling to District Fall meetings to get to know each of the members much better and getting to see the Veterans around the state. Thank you Veterans for your service so I can travel and see what everyone is doing for you. Our members do so much for our great organization!

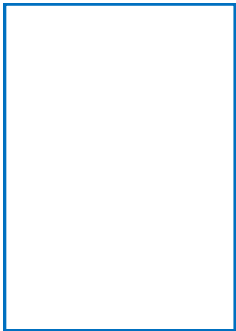
It was an honor to have our National President Sandi here last month and get to travel with her. She enjoyed being at the Eisenhower Vigil with us all.

Looking forward to a great rest of the year. Plan to see you all in Junction City in January. Get those reservations and registrations in.

God Bless You All!

Gail Vance
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STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Here it is November already! Veterans Day is upon us and many of us will be holding some sort of event, please do not forget to thank our veterans for all they have given to us! This also is a great time to recruit new members to join us in our journey to help our veterans and their families. And we really want to see Kristi all dressed pink!

As I have been traveling to District Fall conventions, and visiting auxiliaries in the 4th District, it is amazing just how many things the auxiliaries are doing for our great organization. And what an honor to have a National President visit at the time of the Eisenhower Vigil!

Please pass along to our members the importance of change in our organization. The Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation training can cause uniformity for auxiliaries everywhere.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please take the time to think of all the things we are thankful for as we spend time with our friends and family.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Convention in Junction City in January.

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About Us

Our mission is very simple. We foster camaraderie among United States veterans of conflicts overseas, we serve our veterans, the military, and the communities, and we advocate on behalf of all veterans. We ensure that veterans are respected for their service, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for their sacrifices that they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Our core values are to put the interests of our members first, to treat donors as partners in our cause. We promote patriotism, honor military service, and ensure the care of veterans and their families, and serve in our communities. We always promote a positive image of the VFW and respect the diversity of veteran opinions.

