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## State Commander

Comrades,

I thank you the membership of Kansas electing and entrusting me as your Department Commander. I will do with the best of my abilities to represent the Department of Kansas and its membership with honor and distinction.

Congratulations to all the new Officers elected and appointed within the Department, Districts, and Post. You now represent distinguished positions within your office. The membership will be looking to you for leadership and guidance. It is up to us to review and study not only the National By-Laws and Rituals of this organization but also the By-Laws of the State, your own Districts and Post to give sound advice and direction.

**Membership is the Life Blood of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Without it there wouldn't be and Posts, Districts, or Departments for that matter.** Last year we had the can do attitude that the Department could be a 100% in membership and you made it happen. This year we can repeat our goal by retaining our current members, reinstating members we have lost, and inviting and recruiting eligible Veterans into our ranks. My All-State Program requirements are posted on the State Web Site and the National Commanders All-American Program is available in the National Web Site.

The National Convention was held in Orlando, Florida in July. The Department was well represented by members from the State of Kansas. The key note Speaker was non other than the Secretary of State Michael Pompeo. At his **request he invited only the delegation from Kansas and it's Auxiliary to meet with him after his address to the National Convention in a private room.** It was an honor to have him address us and give us his time for questions and photo opportunities. I could not be more proud of the Kansas delegation during Secretary Pompeo's time with us.

Congratulations to our own State Chaplain Jim Jenkins being duly elected and installed as the new National Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the 120<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

We just returned from the Mid-Summer Council Meeting and School of Instruction in Hays, Kansas. What a wonderful attendance. All the new programs were presented by the Chairmen and response went well. All the new Programs will be posted on the State Web Site. Take a look at them as there can and will be changes as in the due dates, chairmen contacts, and other information. Commanders print copies not only for yourself but for your chairmen as well.

The Department of Kansas Headquarters, The Officers elected and Appointed, and Chairmen are here for you. We are the face of the Department. It is you who are the backbone who heavily works the programs and makes Kansas what it is and what it reflects. I appreciate and recognize the full worth of your time you dedicate to this organization. We serve our fellow Veterans, Comrades, and Communities. Let us always be prepared and professional in what do.

UNDERWAY EVERYDAY FOR VETERANS

Lee Hursey  
Commander





## State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

I would like to thank you for electing me as Senior Vice Commander for the 2019-2020 year. I will do my best in fulfilling the duties entrusted to me this year. MEMBERSHIP is the name of the game this year and Past Commander Briggs has set a high goal for us to maintain. I believe we can do it with innovation and creative recruiting this year. Changes will be evident in All-State and All-American programs that will be discussed in Hays.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Department School of Instruction.

Ken Allred

Sr. Vice Commander

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## State Jr. Vice Commander

CONGRATULATIONS Team Kansas on becoming an All-American Department!!! What a tremendous 2018-2019 year we had in our Department. Everyone did a great job working together. As we are already into the 2019-2020 year lets keep up the teamwork. We need to continue to help each other, other **Post and Auxiliaries' that are around us that are struggling, and keep** taking care of our Veterans, their families, and our communities. Have a great 2019-2020.

Todd L. Hokanson

State Jr. Vice Commander





## State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

A successful Mid Summer School of Instruction has been completed and now the work and projects will be coming at us from all directions. First of all, recruit, recruit, recruit! **Now is the time to get the new members needed to make your Post's drive for All American.** If you recruit new members now your Post can be 100% in membership by December 31<sup>st</sup> and as you retain the subscription dues members that are due, up until June 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be the members you will need to obtain the coveted All American award!

But, now, Posts need to make sure that their Quartermaster and other employees are bonded, District per capita taxes are paid, and Poppies are purchased. Then, Post chairmen will need to make sure that the proper **information is delivered to the proper entities so the Post can be ensured of entries in V.O.D., Patriot's Pen, Teacher's Award, the three Emergency Services, Scouting, and the rest of the Programs.** Your Post will need participation in at least three of the above programs to be eligible for All State and participation in more is encouraged as that not only means more points for All State competition, but more notoriety for citizens in your communities.

Please, do not be afraid to contact Department Headquarters if you are unsure of what to do, when District meetings occur, or need help/training in your office or chairmanship.

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

## State Legislature

Comrades:

The Kansas Legislature is currently in recess until January, 2020. Your Department Headquarters Office will keep you apprised of upcoming activity in the Kansas Legislature that will need your action.

**Your Kansas VFW's share of the VCAP Grant will be \$325,000.00 for the 2019 – 2020 year.** This is \$25,000.00 less than we asked for, so we will be going back to the Legislature with the partnership of the American Legion and the KCVAO to ask for a \$25,000.00 increase. This increase is vital to the well being of our Veterans Service Program.

To repeat from earlier articles, 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

By the time you read this article the National Convention will have taken place. I appreciate all the support you all have shown me over the years. I am here to serve you and your families. **Together with God's help we can overcome the obstacles that try to block our paths** to serve those who are hurting and need help. To help them back on track and to realize that we all have a purpose in life. I appreciate your efforts to reach out to those individuals. I pray for **God's blessing upon us all as we continue to serve the VFW and Auxiliary and the United States of America.**

Jim Jenkins

State Chaplain



## State Inspector

Comrades,

The 2019-2020 VFW Program Year has begun. The Department of Kansas had many successes and achievements last year and we look forward to the challenges of a new year. Let us not forget that everything we do is for the benefit of veterans and their families. Our youth programs foster patriotism and help them understand why we serve. Legislative programs set the table for our goal to reach legislators at all levels to fight for veterans rights and the benefits they have been promised. The community service activities of our local posts are the bedrock for building support for all we do and live up to our obligations to the citizens

of our nation. Our programs to meet the needs of veterans and honor their service to our country are the core of all we do. But above all else the health and viability of the local VFW Posts is where the rubber meets the road.

By this time all the 2nd Quarter Trustee Audit should have been submitted to Department Headquarters as they were due no later than July 31st. We have had one or two more posts lose their non-profit status primarily for failure to file the IRS form 990 in three years as required. It is a long and time consuming process to regain a non-profit status. I encourage all Post Commanders and Quartermasters to physically check their files and confirm that the most recent 990 filed was actually submitted by the 15th day of the 5th month after the ending of your business year. For the majority of posts that will be December 31st which makes the due date no later than May 15th. If you have and questions or need assistance please call me and I will do everything I can to help and support you.

James Ratcliff  
State Inspector



## State Surgeon

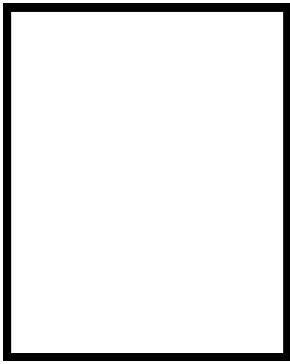
Comrades,

Freshly back from an awesome National Convention and ready to hit the ground running as your Department Surgeon. Only major change is the dollar amount for the volunteer hours. It is now \$25.43. I am getting used to my new position as some of you are. With new personnel there is going to be some questions, concerns and mistakes. Yes I said mistakes, no one in this organization is perfect. We learn from each other in a calm, cool and collected manner. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you, the Veterans of the great state of Kansas. As TEAM KANSAS we can expand on the outstanding year we had last year.

Hope to see everyone in Hays for the Department School of Instruction. Let's have a great year in Kansas.

James Langley  
State Surgeon





State Judge Advocate



National Council Member





## State Chief of Staff

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

Another new and exciting year has begun. We need to keep moving forward and improving as we have done this past year. Look what can be accomplished when **we all work together. "Team Kansas" is amazing. By the time this is out we've** already had the VFW National Convention. It was good, and I was glad to see old friends and meet new ones. A shout out to Comrade Boyle and a speedy recovery. Next up will be the Department Mid Summer in Hays, District Mid Summer, and District and Post Inspections. Lets make it another great year. Working together makes it all worthwhile. Lets support our new Department and Auxiliary Officers. Go **"Team Kansas"**

Remember to Wear RED on Fridays.

Yours in Comradeship,

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## Past State Commander





## 1st District Commander

Comrades of First District,

I want to start by saying Congratulations to Past District Commander Steve Davis and all of First District for achieving "All American" at the National Convention this year. We've had a very successful year and it doesn't stop there. This couldn't be possible if "WE" didn't work as hard as we have as a unit. Everyone knows that a Unit's strength is in the numbers. The stronger the numbers the stronger the Unit is. What you do at Post level depends on the success at a District Level.

There are many programs that "WE" as a Unit still need to accomplish for the 2019-2020 year. I encourage you to keep moving forward in a positive direction with the programs, VOD, Patriots Pen, Scouting, and one of the very important on Membership. Everyday you see a proud veteran wearing some type of a ball cap or apparel that signifies that they served in the Military, Do not hesitate to ask them if they know anything about VFW, if they don't or they are not a member, perfect opportunity to explain what the VFW does and Recruit if they are eligible. Remember that strength comes in number's.

And last, Congratulations to the Department of Kansas for Reaching for the Stars in what was a remarkable Past year.

Yours in Comradeship

Michael Hare  
1st District Commander

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## 2nd District Commander

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## 3rd District Commander

Thank you comrades of the Kansas 3rd District for a very successful year. We were ALL-STATE and 100% membership, (as was the Department of Kansas 100%). We are not done though. We need to keep striving to get our reports in & participate in VOD, PP, EMT, FIREFIGHTER, POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR, SCOUTS OF AMERICA, BUDDY POPPY, CHAPLAINS, and any other programs provided by the Kansas VFW. Membership is so important. Whenever you come in contact with a veteran always ask if he/she is a VFW member. And if not, try to convince them of the importance of our VFW in keeping our Veterans benefits. If possible, offer to pay their 1st year of membership.

*Thank you for all you do.*

Yours in Comradeship,  
Charlie Cravens  
3rd District Commander

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4th District Commander

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5th District Commander

Comrades,

Congratulations to all the elected and appointed Post Officers within 5<sup>th</sup> District. We are looking forward to a very successful year for all sixteen 5<sup>th</sup> District Posts and Auxiliaries.

5<sup>th</sup> District is here to help you with programs, reports, and membership. Please ask for help as needed.

We will be hosting our coffee tour in the fall and this is a great chance for the District, Posts, and Auxiliaries to team build and assist each other as needed. I encourage all Posts that have Auxiliaries to work closely together as we can help each other. Please work with your Auxiliary President on membership. If someone joins the VFW, or Auxiliary pass the name to each other as this is an easy recruitment tool. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 5<sup>th</sup> District SOI meeting August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 at Post 2715 McPherson.

Thank you for serving Veterans every day!

In Comradeship,  
Vance Hill

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6th District Commander

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7th District Commander

7th District members and Auxiliary,

It is time to hit the road running again. Mid Summers is near and the Program year is already underway. Everyone needs to do their part to make the year successful. Program reporting needs to be finished as the year progresses and not starting in February and March of 2020. Our Goal is 100% in membership and participation in all programs.

Thanks for all you do for our veterans.

7th District Commander  
Gerald Marvin



## Correction for Roster Book:

### 4TH DISTRICT

COMMANDER	<u>DAVE EBERSOLE</u> 785-512-0816 daveebervfw@yahoo.com	220 S 2ND ST HERINGTON	67449
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JR VICE COMMANDER	<u>JASON ELWOOD</u> 573-528-2689 dirtyred0_1999@yahoo.com	603 HICKORY ST WAKEFIELD	67487
QUARTERMASTER	<u>MICHAEL JOHNSON</u> 785-472-5387 majelkans@gmail.com	2035 10TH RD LORRAINE	67459

My apologies for this mistake in the roster book.





# CONGRATULATIONS JIM!! KANSAS IS PROUD OF YOU!!



Kansas Veteran Elected as New VFW National Chaplain

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 29, 2019)** — James Gilbert Jenkins of Bonner Springs Kan., was elected National Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 24, 2019, at the 120th VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

James served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. In recognition of his service, he received the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

He joined the VFW in 1970 at VFW Post 7285 in Sabetha, Kan., later transferring to Post 6401 in Bonner Springs, Kan., where he maintains his Life membership.

James has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, and has served as the Department Chaplain since 2009. On the national level, he has served on the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure Committee, Veterans Service Resolutions Committee, and as Aide-De-Camp.

James received his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University. He received his Master of Ministry degree from Bethany Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1981. James retired as an accountant with Scott Rice Office Works in Lenexa, Kan.

He is also a member of the Military Order of the Cootie.

James and his wife, Eva, reside in Bonner Springs, Kan.



# EISENHOWER VIGIL – OCTOBER 11 – 12, 2019

Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

200 S. E, 4<sup>th</sup> Street

P.O. Box 339

Abilene, Kansas 67410

785-263-6700 or 877 RING IKE

[eisenhower.library@nara.gov](mailto:eisenhower.library@nara.gov)

**Invitation:** To all Kansas VFW members, Department Color Guard, Department Officers, District Officers, members of the Auxiliary, Military Order of the Cootie/Auxiliary and special invited guests.

**PURPOSE:** To honor Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, 5-star General of the United States Army, raised in Abilene, Kansas, on the weekend nearest his birthday, October 14, 1890.

**LOCATION:** Eisenhower Gravesite and Place of Meditation, Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas.

**TIME:** 1630 hours October 11 to 0700 hours October 12, 2019

**STANDING THE VIGIL** will be performed by District members in the time frames allocated based on this past years membership performance.

DATE	Start Time	Stop Time	District	
Friday 10/11/2019	1630 (4:30)	1700 (5:00)	Color Guard	
	State Commander/State President			
	1700 (5:00)	1900 (7:00)	<u>2</u>	District
	1900 (7:00)	2100 (9:00)	<u>1</u>	District
	2100 (9:00)	2300 (11:00)	<u>5</u>	District
Saturday 10/12/2019	2300 (11:00)	0100 (1:00)	<u>7</u>	District
	0100 (1:00)	0300 (3:00)	<u>6</u>	District
	0300 (3:00)	0500 (5:00)	<u>3</u>	District
	0500 (5:00)	0700 (7:00)	<u>4</u>	District





4th District Veterans Resource Table at the annual Sundown Salute in Junction City with Post 1281, Post 1786, Post and Auxiliary 3279, and Post and Auxiliary 8773.

## KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT

**MISSION** "To transport Kansas veterans who served our country during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorials that commemorate their service to our country at no cost to the veteran".



There has been a total of 73 flights that have provided the opportunity for over 2300 of our veterans to visit our nation's capital.

The opportunity for this memorable experience is made possible by a grateful public and a large group of volunteers. There are no tax dollars involved. Financial contributions come from many sources: civic groups, military organizations, students, churches, businesses, and individuals.

Some of our aging veterans need assistance to have a safe and comfortable experience. Guardians or helpers travel with the veterans to assist in any way needed. These guardians make a tax-deductible contribution that covers all of their travel expenses, lodging, and meals. While some of the guardians may be

family members or friends, some are willing to help serve to help a total stranger.

Priority is given to the older WW II veterans, then the Korean War veterans, and then the Vietnam War veterans. For each war era, the veterans are called in the order that they've submitted their applications.

With a waiting list of over 700 deserving veterans patiently waiting, the program needs the continued support of the public and the efforts of the many volunteers.

Applications are available on the web site: [www.kansashonorflight.org](http://www.kansashonorflight.org) or by calling 620-546-2400.

**We are requesting that the MISSION of every post in Kansas is to use your INTEL (you know your community and those who would like to sponsor a veteran), and your BOOTS ON THE GROUND to get a sponsor or sponsors, for the KHF Golf Tournament to send one veteran to Washington D.C. The cost to send one veteran to Washington is 800 dollars.**

Let's work together to reward our Veterans, most are members of your organization and some are even members of your post. We can get this done.

We have attached information on the golf tournament, tournament sponsorship form, and a registration form to play in the tournament. If you have members of your post that play golf, we would love to have them join us for a wonderful experience.

Thank You

Duane Nickel, Kansas Honor Flight Volunteer  
([dunick@msn.com](mailto:dunick@msn.com))





**PLEASE SUPPORT**



[www.kansashonorflight.org](http://www.kansashonorflight.org)



**7TH ANNUAL**

**2019**

**KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

**SAND CREEK STATION**

**Sand Creek Station - 920 Meadowbrook Dr. - Newton, KS**





[www.kansashonorflight.org](http://www.kansashonorflight.org) . [honorflightwichita@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightwichita@gmail.com)

## 7th ANNUAL KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT VETERAN SPONSORSHIP

**The tournament will be held at the  
Sand Creek Station, 920 Meadowbrook Dr., Newton, KS.  
Monday, September 30, 2019**

Our goal this year is to raise enough funds to send 100 Kansas veterans on the KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT. We will need to raise \$80,000.00 to make this happen. With your assistance, we can raise these funds. The cost to send one Kansas veteran is \$800.00. The Kansas veteran pays nothing. The mission is to send our Kansas veterans back to Washington, DC. so they can visit their War Memorial that was built for them by a grateful nation. At this time, there are only three War Memorials, the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. When the Kansas veterans return to Wichita on Southwest Airlines, we give them a WICHITA HEROES WELCOME HOME because many never received a welcome home when they returned. We invite you to be a sponsor in this tournament and help honor Kansas veterans.

### KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

#### **\$5,000.00 - Hero Sponsorship.**

Includes 2 teams, tournament sponsorship recognition, website listing. OWN-A-HOLE

#### **\$2,000.00 - Commander Sponsor.**

Includes 1 team, tournament sponsorship recognition, website listing. OWN-A-HOLE

#### **\$1,000.00 Beverage Sponsorship.**

Includes signage on the roaming beverage carts, signage inside club house during tournament and website listing.

#### **\$ 500.00 Volunteer T-shirt Sponsorship.**

Includes signage in club house during tournament and website listing.

#### **\$ 200.00 - Hole Sign Sponsor.**

An all weather 24"x36" hole sign with your business or personal text and color graphics plus website listing.

#### **\$ 700.00 - Team**

The \$700.00 team registration will fund one Kansas veteran.

#### **\$ 175.00 - Player**

#### **Contact:**

**Don Bigger - [dbigger@cox.net](mailto:dbigger@cox.net) - 316.648.9134 or Gayle Huffman - [gaylekhf@cox.net](mailto:gaylekhf@cox.net) - 316.641.4991**

Registration & Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - Honoring our Heroes: 8:30 a.m. - Tee Off: 9:00 a.m. - Lunch after golf.

*Tournament Sponsorship Recognition\** Kansas Honor Flight website, printed material, banner, radio and TV recognition. OWN-A-HOLE

KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT - Donations are 501(c) 3 tax deductible.



Dear Endowment Association  
Scholarship Committee,

I want to reiterate my thankfulness  
for receiving a scholarship over the  
past two years. I really, really  
appreciate your support of my  
education!

Sincerely,  
Emma Carlin

Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars,

I am overwhelmed to  
hear that I am awarded  
your scholarship! I have so  
much respect and gratitude  
for your organization. I grew  
up participating in the Run For  
The Wall and have a deep under-  
standing of sacrifices veterans  
have made for us. I am truly  
grateful and honored that you  
selected me. I appreciate your  
kindness and support. Thank you-  
Caleb Nuss

Up coming events at Post  
1786.

Sept 17 1900 hours POWMIA  
Proclamation for City of  
Manhattan Kansas to be-  
come the 1st nationally rec-  
ognized



# STATE CONVENTION PICTURES



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# NATIONAL CONVENTION PICTURES



# NATIONAL AWARDS PICTURES



# PICTURES MID SUMMER CONFERENCE



# PICTURES



**VFW** George Edward White Post 56  
519 Cherokee Street  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
(913) 682-9200

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

*"Your Hometown VFW"*

All-State Post: 2001, 2008-10, 2013-14, 2016-17, 2019  
All-American Post: 2010-11, 2014, 2016-17, 2018-19

**Veterans Helping Veterans – It's What We Do!!**

Please join us in Celebrating

**SEPTEMBER 11TH  
NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE  
AND REMEMBRANCE**

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**American Red Cross VFW Post 56 Blood Drive**  
**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
To schedule an appointment, please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
and enter sponsor code VFWPost56

**and**

**VFW Post 56 Auxiliary Open House**  
**1:00 – 4:00 pm**  
Stop in to meet members, learn what the Auxiliary does, find out how to join, enjoy some refreshments

"Make a difference in the life of a Veteran – volunteer with VFW Post 56"

VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 56 <http://www.vfw56.org/>



## MS Car & Bike Show

September 14, 2019

Sat 10 AM · VFW POST 7253 · Derby, Kansas

**VFW** George Edward White Post 56  
519 Cherokee Street  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
(913) 682-9200

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

*"Your Hometown VFW"*

All-State Post: 2001, 2008-10, 2013-14, 2016-17, 2019  
All-American Post: 2010-11, 2014, 2016-17, 2018

**Veterans Helping Veterans – It's What We Do!!**

**Ride to Veterans Homes in Kansas**

VFW Post 56 Riders will be traveling to Winfield Veterans Home and Ft. Dodge Soldiers Home September 6-9, 2019. Plan to KSU at 1600. Cages are welcome to Participate. We will have dinner Friday Night at the American Legion Post 10 in Winfield.

Hotel in Winfield is the Super 8 for \$65 + Tax (Sept 6th)  
Contact Peter (620) 229-8888.

Hotel in Dodge City is the Town Place Suites for \$69 + Tax (Mention VFW Post 56) Sept 7th. Contact Pamela Barnes (620) 371-7171.

We will Visit Winfield Home Saturday Morning and then Ride to Dodge Home and visit that afternoon.

Thank you for your service and continuing support to the VFW!!

"Make a difference in the life of a Veteran – volunteer with VFW Post 56"

VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 56 <http://www.vfw56.org/>



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If your Post would like to purchase Red Friday short sleeve T-shirts, through Headquarters give Kim a call and she will take care of you, minimum pre-paid order of 36 shirts. 785-272-6463



### VFW Post 3166 Liberal Kansas

Texas Holdem at the VFW every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Starts at 7. Food served most nights starting at 6.

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



# Auxiliary Pictures



# Auxiliary News

## STATE PRESIDENT



Aloha Brothers and Sisters:

Wow what a great year already! National Convention in Orlando, Florida was a great experience and we had an awesome time. The patriotic celebration has a very special place in my heart as we passed by the National Commander and National President. We had another very special event with getting to meet Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It was an honor to get to sit in the area setup for Kansas and then going into a special meeting with him after his speech during the joint session. Thank you to all of you that took the time to travel to Florida for the National Convention.

This past weekend was our Department School of Instruction in Hays. Thank you to all who attended and to the VFW in Hays for hosting us. Our program chairmen did an excellent job educating all of us on their respective programs. Membership Marsha LaRosh is working on a challenge so we definitely meet our 100% plus membership this year. Can't wait to see what our challenge is this year. Get started TEAM KANSAS, as we have a lot of work to do to achieve our goal. Hope everyone had a great time in Hays.

The Jimmy Dee Band was a great way to relax after a busy day.

Thank you all for what you do for our veterans, their families and your communities.

Honor Our Veterans! All gave some, some gave all!

Gail Vance  
President  
Department of Kansas VFW Auxiliary



# Auxiliary News

## STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Congratulations to all the new Officers and Chairmen!

Also Congratulations to Kristy and Pat for all their hard work this last year. Thank You!

Here another year has begun and with it comes new and exciting experiences! After **National Convention in Orlando, Florida it will be off to the races ... Our next stop is** Department School of Instruction in Hays, Kansas, and I am looking forward to hearing all the great presentations from our Department Program Chairmen! Then on to District School of Instruction, it will be interesting for me to see how each District uses the information they have learned to filter into each Auxiliary. It is very important that all auxiliaries attend the District School of Instruction! In order

to assist our veterans and their families, we need Membership as a top priority! We need those numbers to get the word out there that our veterans are what we are all about, and all of our programs work and connect together to work for our veterans.

Thank you for all you do for our great organization! You do make a difference! Keep up the great work!

Go Team Kansas!!!

Jane Ryser

Department Sr. Vice President

## STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



## 2019-2020 Department Officers

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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.

