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## State Commander

Comrades,

The upcoming Mid-Winter Conference in Topeka is only a few weeks away in January. All Post Commanders are encouraged to attend or appoint a designee to attend these meetings. The Budget and Finance and Veterans Service meetings are open to all members and everyone is urged to attend. Transparency is a key note within the Department. Information given out at these meetings are for the benefit of the membership and to be relayed to other members not able to attend.

The VOD Banquet will be Saturday evening. Come meet the District winners and find out with me who will be the next State Winner. Hotel information as well as Registration and Banquet forms are available on the Department Website.

If any Post has a Membership recruiting, Supporting Troops, or any other such reportable event please fill out an After Action Report available on the Department Website and send to Past Commander Pat Briggs. These reports are forwarded to National Headquarters monthly and lets them know that Kansas is not stagnate and we are doing the work to promote National Programs. I see a lot of events on Social Media and want to be sure that they are submitted and given credit where credit is due.

Membership is on the right track and I see by the numbers the program is being worked. Every Member is a recruiter and everyone knows someone who could be a potential member. Ask yourself why you joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and what keeps you as a member. We all joined for different reasons and we all get something out of it. Share with your potential member your experiences and why they should become members.

There are quite a few Posts that only need 10 or less members. Now is the time to contact these Comrades and get your Post 100%. Every month Members drop off the rolls, most **likely they are not being approached to collect their dues. Let's not let this happen, contact** these Members by any means possible by a visit, phone call, or even an email to retain them.

The Holidays are coming upon us. If you are traveling or just staying local be safe in your endeavors. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

UNDERWAY EVERYDAY FOR VETERANS

In Comradeship,  
Lee Hursey  
Commander





## State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

I would like to thank the 250 plus individuals who participated in the Eisenhower Vigil this year. This being the thirtieth year a special pin was created for those who stood. Also, I would like to thank the Fourth District support unit for the outstanding job they did this year. Our ceremonies this year were graced for the second time by the Auxiliary National President.

We are starting to fall way behind on membership this year. We are currently 1841 members behind what we were at this time last year. We currently are set at 85.37% of our total membership. Which is 2666 members needed to reach 100% for this year. This problem persists thru out the state with small pockets of excellence this year. As an example, 54 posts in the state need 10 or less members to reach 100% and most of them have been that way since the beginning of the new membership year. **Remember membership is everyone's job not just the Commanders. If every member signs up one new or reinstated member yearly we would not have a membership problem.** I signed mine up this year, have you?

Ken Allred  
Senior Vice Commander



## State Jr. Vice Commander

Hello Team Kansas,

The VFW year is going by quickly and has been busy during the last four months. We continue to do great things for those in our communities. Everyone is getting out and working in the communities **taking care of Veterans and their families, the youth, Scouts, those that are shut in's and each other.** Please continue to report all that you do on your Community Service reports.

We are still having issues with Posts not reporting Community Service. We currently have only **60 out of 113 Posts that are reporting. We still have Posts inputting Post members names in the narrative, please don't.** Your community service reports are subject to inspection by the IRS they need to see that it is the Post members doing the work not individuals. (Example 1: 4 Post members raised the Flag at the High School Football game. It benefitted all those who attended the game. Example 2: A Post member took Veteran John Smith to his VA medical appointment. It benefitted the Veteran to ensure he got to his medical appointments.)

Please, if you know of a Post that is doing lots of work and not reporting their information step up and help them. This is a **TEAM effort so let's work together. If anyone is having issues or needs help contact your District Jr. Vice Commanders or myself.**

Great job to all the District Jr. Vice Commanders. You have been doing a great job working with the Posts that need help reporting their Community Service Reports. Thank you!

As we go into the holiday seasons and bad weather please stay safe, enjoy your family, and keep helping others.

From my family to yours: Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Todd L. Hokanson  
State Jr. Vice Commander







## State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

Now is a busy time of the year for Kansas VFW's, with the completion of several of our programs and several more to be completed shortly. If you have any doubt as to where the entries for your Post for VOD, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher Award, are to be sent; do not hesitate to contact us at Department Hq. The last thing needed is to have an entry disqualified because it never reached the proper destination. Be in contact with your District Chairman to make sure that they received your entries. Lastly make sure you sign and fill out the dollar amount of awards and extra money spent on the entry form/s sent to the District Chairman.

Make sure you properly mentor your newer officers so they are not embarrassed by not having met an important deadline. We have had several new Quartermasters that have helped their Trustees complete the audit but did not realize that it needed to be mailed to Department Hq by the end of the month following the completion of the quarter.

Should your Post be having a good financial year and you suddenly realize that you are not bonded for the increase in income, you only have to bond for the difference in the amounts. For example if you are bonded for \$26,000.00 and you want/need to bond for \$30,000.00, then you only need to pay for the increase of \$4,000.00, but need to pay the \$4.00 per thousand rate for the increase and not the original reduced rate of \$3.00 per thousand when you bought the original bond.

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, each year.

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.

The American Legion Legislative Party is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2020 at the Topeka Capital Plaza Hotel. The cost is \$20.00 per person and you can send that to the Kansas American Legion, 1314 SW Topeka Boulevard #A, Topeka, Kansas, 66612. Their phone number is 785-232-9315. This is a GREAT opportunity to work together to get our message to the Kansas Legislators that we do care about our Military Service Members and Veterans.

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

As I write this article, I find many different thoughts passing through my mind. **Approximately three years ago I “retired” from my regular job. As many of you have found out, you cannot figure out how you accomplished everything when you had a regular job. However, I pray that if you have joined the “retired ranks” with me that you don’t just find yourself just**

**being busy but doing the things you enjoy and continuing to help our active military and our veterans and their families. Most of us have been very involved doing for the VFW and Aux.**

Both when you have a regular job and now that we are retired. We need members who continue to serve our organization and to encourage and mentor our younger members. For our younger members or one who has just joined our ranks, seek out one who is an active member to learn more about our organization and what it does. My father tried to get me involved when I was younger but I was too busy and did not understand all that the VFW did to help our Vets and our Youth. Once I finally got involved I began to learn all that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is. My father lived to see me become not only an active member and supporter but a Post Commander. I encourage you to continue to serve or to join those who are serving.

The writer Apostle Paul wrote in the Book of Galatians Chapter 6 verse 9: “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” May God richly bless those within the ranks of our VFW and Aux.

Jim Jenkins  
State Chaplain



## State Inspector

Comrades,

We are well into our new program year. All Post Inspections should be completed by December 1st. There are still some third quarter Trustee Audits that are late, please remit them to Department as soon as possible. I remind you all that I am available to assist with any issues that your Posts or Districts need assistance with.

As we move forward in our mission to advocate for veterans I believe we are in a pivotal situation dealing with important issues facing our membership and veterans in general. Organization membership and strong viable posts to serve these challenges are the core of this organization. We have posts that are struggling with organizational **issues and meeting key requirements that protect the post and it’s officers regarding regulations and taxing** authorities. Although the Mission Act and Blue Water Navy Act have become law, there are developing issues **within the state but it requires constant attention on our part by meeting with State Legislator’s at every** opportunity.

It is important to take advantage of every opportunity to get out and talk to veterans across the state to get an idea of what issues are important to them. We need to educate them on what the VFW has to offer and the dedication we have to representing veterans and working the difficult issues facing us all.

James Ratcliff  
State Inspector





## National Council Member

Comrades,

Well I believe that all in all the booth at the Kansas State Fair went over well. We handed out a number of application for membership and asked them to contact the Post nearest to their location to complete becoming a member of the VFW. The feedback that I received from the public at the fair and that came by our booth was that most of them were amazed at the programs that the VFW had for youth, scholarships, and veterans service for veterans and their families. That in itself was the main reason that we needed to support the booth at the fair to put our VFW image out there for everyone to see that we are not just a bunch of old guys sitting around the bar swapping tales and drinking beer. For those of you that helped man the booth my deepest appreciation. We had the chance to shake a lot of older and younger veterans hands and thank them for their service to this the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Remember that everyday is a good day to thank a veteran and say welcome home no matter what conflict or ear they served.

The 31st of Oct thru the 3rd of Nov. is the western conference in Anchorage, AK. Maybe after that conference I will have more to report on about the national views on different subjects including the life members that were taken off the membership roles because they were determined to be deceased to be deceased. **PLEASE POST COMMANDERS WHEN YOU GET THAT LIST IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DOUBLE CHECK IT. If you find that** some of those are still alive please report them to national asap.

Again at the Eisenhower Vigil we had the National President of the VFW Auxiliary standing vigil. This is one tradition in my humble opinion that needs to continue and not get thrown to the wayside because it may interfere with our private lives.

Please remember Veterans Day Nov. 11th. It is the 101st anniversary of the ending of WWI. The war to end all wars. Remember EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY.

As my term as your VFW National Council Member comes to a close in June 2020, I have decided to run for VFW National Judge Advocate. My experience as your State Judge Advocate from 2012 to 2019 and your National Council Member from 2016 to 2020 has helped prepare me for this office/responsibility. I would appreciate your continued support in my effort to attain this high office.

The Cox family wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Thanks,

Bob Cox, National Council Member





## State Chief of Staff

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters, of The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary,

Halloween is here and we have snow. What happened to Fall? I guess it sped by just like this year. All the Fall Conventions should be over and all programs in full swing.

Had a great Fall Convention at Post #6324, in LaHarpe. The dedication ceremony for the Willis J. Ross Post was very good. There was quite a group of VFW and Auxiliary members who were there for the dedication and members of the Scouts. **Don't forget how important it is to keep up on our monthly and quarterly reports. Inspections, Audits, Election Reports, and Form 990, are very necessary for the success of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lets not forget, "Membership is our life blood."**

The Eisenhower Vigil was great, we appreciate all the members who could make it. The pins that were handed out are amazing.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter Conference. Have a great Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. **Remember our troops this Holiday season and pray for a safe return. Wear RED on Friday's. *"Remember Everyone Deployed"***

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael B. Holland  
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## 1st District Commander

Greetings Comrades,

As we are starting to approach the Holiday Season lets keep in mind that WE don't stop with the programs. I want to take time to Thank all the Posts that have been doing the Patriots Pen and V.O.D.'s and getting the Teacher of the Year awards into the District Chairs on time. With that being said, keep pushing the membership and recruiting. Let's get that 100%. We have plenty of time to reach our goals. I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. Don't forget that we still have our service member's on deployments and most won't be home for the Holidays. Keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and God Bless America.

Michael Hare

District 1 Commander

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## 3rd District Commander

I want to thank Post 6324 @ LaHarpe for their outstanding work on the fall 3rd District conference/homecoming on October 5. I would also like to thank the posts that attended. Those that didn't should reconsider when they choose not to attend District or Department meetings,. I know this is a volunteer organization but it is important that we attend all meetings possible.

I have never been to a convention, conference, or meeting for the VFW that I didn't learn something. Members, but especially the leaders, should attend or send a representative to all Department & District functions. Those posts that don't participate will not be allowed the honor of hosting district meetings. It is beneficial monetarily to the posts that host these events. Thank you for all you do for Veterans. I would also like to thank those that attended the Eisenhower Vigil. You are a credit to this organization. Out of 2,453 district members we had 11 attend & 3 auxiliary members for the vigil. For a total of 14. 🙄 Again, I want to thank those that did attend.

Yours in Comradeship,

Charlie Cravens

3rd District Commander

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## 5th District Commander

Comrades, Auxiliary Brothers, and Sisters,

I want to thank the 5th District team for a great turnout staffing the state fair booth, coffee tour participation, and the Eisenhower Vigil. As always, the team stepped up.

Many of the VFW program deadline have passed or are coming due fast. Please ensure your nominations are submitted on time. Membership is gaining traction, I encourage each Post to hold recruiting events. The 5th Dist. Team is here to support you on this. Please reach out if we can assist your recruiting efforts. Please personally follow up with each annual member to ensure they renew their membership. Membership is what drives this great organization.

I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! Please stay safe and enjoy this time with your family and friends.

In comradeship,  
Vance Hill

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## 7th District Commander

Comrades, brothers and sisters,

Eisenhower Vigil and District Fall Meetings are behind us. Our Coffee Tour (Meet and Greet) November 2nd and 3rd was a great time with all Posts participating. Thanks for your generous hospitality as we visited your Post. Learned a lot about all Posts and their activities.

As we are finishing up Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher, membership (a year round program) moves to the front along with EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement and others due later this VFW year. Keep the push on.

Department Mid-Winter January 10-12, 2020 in Topeka, District Mid-Winter January 25, 2020 in Garden City at 10:00 am. Call if you need assistance and we will do all we can to get you where you need to be.

Enjoy the Holiday season. Be safe.

Gerald Marvin

7th District Commander



# Mid-Winter Conference National Representative



John Muckelbauer  
serves as the General  
Counsel of the

## **John Muckelbauer General Counsel Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., where he advises the Commander-in-Chief, Quartermaster General, Adjutant General, and National Council of Administration on all legal matters. Before working at VFW's headquarters, John worked for the U.S. Department of Labor where he served as Chief of Staff and Senior Investigator for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) from September 2001 to August 2012.

Prior to working at the Department of Labor, John worked in the corporate practice of an international law firm based in Washington, D.C., where he assisted in telecommunications and anti-trust issues.

John first began working for the VFW as a national service officer and military claims consultant, holding that position from 1994 to 1997.



John spent over ten years in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corp Reserve, serving from 1985 to 1996. Before leaving the Marines as a Staff Sergeant, he served as the Company Gunnery Sergeant for Bravo Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. He served in combat in Desert Storm with the Fourth Marine Division.

John received his bachelor's degree in International Relations and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maryland at Bowie. He received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore in 2000 where he served as managing editor of the University of Baltimore's *Law Forum* and interned as an assistant state attorney.

John is a member of the Maryland Bar and the American Bar Association. He is a Life member of VFW Post #3712 in Paola, Kan.





## VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

V.F.W. HOST POST 1650

Topeka, Kansas

January 10-12, 2020

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE THE HOTEL LISTED BELOW

( The Group Code is VFW20 to receive the discount rate )

**ALL RESERVATIONS GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD OR ADVANCE DEPOSIT**  
**HOTEL ROOM RATE DEADLINE DECEMBER 27, 2019**

### CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL

1717 SW Topeka Blvd  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

**(785) 431-7200**

**(1 PERSON) \$89.00 + Tax**

**(2 PEOPLE) \$99.00 + Tax**

**TRIPLE & QUAD Additional \$10.00 EACH**

**INCLUDES 2 BREAKFAST TICKETS PER ROOM**

ONLINE LINK

<http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=2602889&hotelID=13576>

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

### TICKET RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 3, 2020

#### 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 hours PRIOR CONFIRMED CANCELLATION by calling:**  
**VFW State Headquarters ( 785-272-6463 )**

DATE REC \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \_\_\_\_\_ CA/CK # \_\_\_\_\_ REG # \_\_\_\_\_



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**VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**  
**TOPEKA, KANSAS JANUARY 10-12, 2020**  
**\*\*\*\*\* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\***

**ALL VFW AND AUXILIARY MEETINGS HELD AT THE HOTEL**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020**

2:30 PM	BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	TICKET PICK-UP – <i><b>Emerald Foyer</b></i>
3:00 PM	AUXILIARY AUDIT – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
4:00 PM	CONVENTION CORPORATION MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
4:30 PM	AUXILIARY FLOOR PRACTICE – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
5:00 PM	VETERANS SERVICE MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
6:00 PM	ENDOWMENT MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
7:00 PM	MALTA TRAINING – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i> - <i><b>Post 1650 Open</b></i>

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**

7:30 AM	ONLINE AUXILIARY ACADEMY VIDEOS – <i><b>Emerald I - II</b></i>
8:30 AM	AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i> <i><b>Immediately following Auxiliary Council Meeting</b></i>
	AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TICKET PICK-UP – <i><b>Emerald Foyer</b></i>
9:00 AM	VFW COUNCIL MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i> <i><b>Immediately following VFW Council Meeting</b></i>
	VFW CONFERENCE MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
11:30 AM	LUNCH - <i><b>On your own</b></i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	SECRETARY'S TRAINING (Q & A) INCLUDES INSTALLATION REPORTS AND DELEGATES FOR DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL CONVENTION – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
1:00 PM	AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
1:00 PM	VFW CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i> <i><b>Immediately following VFW Conference Meeting</b></i>
	PAST COMMANDER'S CLUB MEETING – <i><b>Emerald III-V</b></i>
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	OPEN DISCUSSION ON AUXILIARY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS, Q & A – <i><b>Emerald I &amp; II</b></i>
5:45 PM	VOD INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT WINNERS – <i><b>PARTY DECK</b></i>
6:30 PM	VOD BANQUET – <i><b>Emerald Ballroom</b></i>
8:00 PM	DANCE - <i><b>Post 1650</b></i>

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



**TICKET RESERVATIONS**



# KANSAS VFW SERVICE OFFICES



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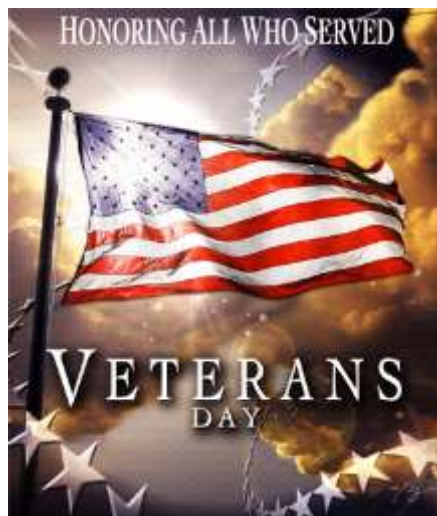


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# Veteran's Day



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# To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad

Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

# THANK YOU!





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 News

## STATE PRESIDENT



Aloha!!! “Serving our Veterans with Aloha”!

We Have been busy since last bulletin. The State Fair was very successful this year. We went for the signing of the POW/MIA Proclamation, gave out flag magnets, poppies and best of all information and applications. Have great ideas for next year.

“Thank you to Everyone” for helping make National President Peggy’s visit to Kansas so wonderful! Without all of your help it wouldn’t be a success. It was great having her in Kansas over Eisenhower Vigil. She was honored to get the 30 year pin we received this year. The Salina VFW Riders and the American

Legion Riders escorted her on Saturday morning around Salina and then when we arrived at #1432 VFW Post she was very impressed and loved the Honor Guard standing to honor her. Thank you! VFW and Auxiliary, our Department is awesome!

Be sure to get out and vote on November 5th! Remember to vote in “honor of our veterans”.

As I am writing this it is an “Honor” to be able to go to Western Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Look forward to a report soon.

“Thank you Veterans”! Without you the Auxiliary would not be here to support you. We do appreciate all you did, all you are still doing for our Veterans and their families.

This year is going fast so be positive and continue to work our membership. Those annual dues and new members are very important to our Auxiliary and VFW. Our Membership chairman, Marsha LaRosh has a purple plan for us when we go 100% plus. Look in our Sunflower Express to see her plan. It will be hard, but I will be honored to wear purple to our Department Convention. Let’s all Ignite a spark in our Auxiliaries by Inviting possible new members, Including all members, and Investing in the greatest organization ever!!

“Honor our Veterans”

Gail Vance, Department of Kansas VFW Auxiliary President

# Auxiliary News

## STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Membership is a top priority right now and we can all be out there recruiting new members. It is very important to keep up our membership and to keep our auxiliaries strong. As I have been visiting the auxiliaries and posts in our great state, I see good things happening! It means so much to all of us to see people respecting one another and getting along!

**The National President's visit was very interesting and a great time was had by all of us!** Some of the auxiliaries that we visited were so excited to meet our National President, for the reason that there had never been a National President visit to their Post before, it was really special to see how the members eagerly welcomed her and she really enjoyed visiting with all of the members.

Please remember to donate to the National Home Health and Happiness fund, and the General Hospital fund, these are ways to get credit for program participation. Working together with our VFW Posts on events such as Buddy Poppy distribution, Outreach programs and recruiting events will keep the lines open for communication.

**Remember our Veterans on "Veterans Day!"** Please let them know how much we appreciate them and thank them for all they have given.

Thank you for all you do!

Jane Ryser

Department Sr. Vice President



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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.

