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State Commander Lee Hursey



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State Commander

Comrades,

We have just returned from our State Mid-Winter conference and what a success it was. I have heard nothing but good reports on how much everyone enjoyed the weekend including the Banquet and the meal served. Thanks to Headquarters, the Convention Corporation, Officers, Chairmen, and all the Members attending making it a successful Conference. National Representative the National Chief Council John Muckelbauer commented on how well the Conference went and how impressed he was on how well the membership gets along with each other with no animosities within the Department during the Conference.

The Voice of Democracy Banquet went very well and went without a hitch due to the leadership of our Master of Ceremonies Jr. Vice Commander Todd Hokanson. Congratulations to our Voice of Democracy State Winner Brianna Ball and to our State Patriot Pen Winner Katie Cooke. It will be my pleasure to escort Miss Ball to the podium at the Voice of Democracy Award Ceremony in Washington D.C. in March.

On January 15th your Veteran Service Officers as well as several Line Officers and other VFW members attended a meet and greet with the Kansas Legislators in Topeka in which we discussed the needs for Kansas Veterans. We discussed issues such as establishing the Veterans Benefit Lottery Game Fund and National Guard Benefit Lottery Game Fund, asking the Legislators to commit funds to a new Veterans Nursing Home in Northeast Kansas, and approve the requested budget increase to \$50,000.00 supporting the VCAP, as well other issues pertaining to Kansas Veterans. The VFW Membership present was very well received by the Legislators in attendance. Underway Everyday For Veterans

It was disappointing that we did not make 92% in our membership by January 1st set by the Commander in Chief. Though we missed that milestone we must not give up in achieving 100% by July 1, 2020. I encourage all members to participate in recruiting and retaining members of your Post. We achieved this 100% milestone last year and I know we can repeat it again this year. It just takes just a small amount of time to contact these members and the results are great not only for your Post but for your District and Department as well. Let's make it happen....Go Team Kansas.

In Comradeship,
Lee Hursey
Commander





State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

Congratulations to all posts in the state who entered entries in the state programs this year, your hard work at the grass roots level is what makes these programs beneficial to our communities. By the time you read this all the programs will be finished with the exception of Community Service and Record books.

With the above being said it is the time to shift all our resources to membership. The state is currently in 16th place in the National standings at 91.29%. I know we can do better, we owe it to ourselves, our state, and Commander to improve. I challenge all to sign up a new member, bring in a reinstate, or just get a current member to update there dues.

Thank You,

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State Jr. Vice Commander

Hello Team Kansas,

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and New Year's holidays with family and friends.

As we start in 2020, I look forward to a great year. We are almost finished with the 2019 -2020 Community Service Reporting year. It will end on March 31st. Those that are going for "All-State" remember to get your Community Service record books to Department HQ by **APRIL 10**, so they can be judged. Keep reporting all the great work you do in your communities. Information is used to help us receive our grant money for Kansas.

Thank you to all those that attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Topeka. We, as your Department HQ Officers and Staff, would like to "Thank You" for all the significant and positive comments we received for this year's VOD and PP banquet. It was great fun to watch and hear the Patriot Pen and the Voice of Democracy winners read their speeches. We want to encourage those of you that did not attend to think about attending next year.

Remember, we can't help you if you don't ask.

Thank you

Todd L. Hokanson

State Jr Vice Commander.





State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

Thanks to all who attended and all who in anyway helped make the 2020 Kansas Mid-Winter Conference a success!

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. This could make your Post ineligible for All State competition.

Thanks to all of the Post, District, and Department Chairpersons who worked diligently to make the different programs a success for your Post, District, and Department. There can be only one State winner in each division of the programs, but all who participated are true winners. They are making a difference in their communities.

In the blink of an eye, Post officer nominations will be at the March meeting with further nominations and elections of Post officers completed at the April meeting. Make sure your election report is filled out immediately and sent online via the National VFW website, or if you are not computer literate, send a hard copy to Kansas VFW Hq and we will submit it for you. It is imperative that you check the addresses and phone numbers of each officer, elected or appointed, because we use that information for the Post roster book.

Make sure that you have completed the proper programs and other projects necessary to be eligible for All State, especially being 100% in membership and purchasing the proper amount of Poppies, by March 31, 2020, to ensure your Post could be an All State Post.

Also, make sure you have rewarded that member in your Post or District that has worked diligently for the success of these entities by nominating them for either the Wayne E. Richards or Elmer L. Jenkins awards, plus do not hesitate to nominate an Auxiliary member for the Esther McComb award who has done likewise. These applications will be emailed out soon and/or can be found on the Kansas website, vfwks.org. Kansas VFW Chaplain of the Year nominations need to be to Kansas VFW Chaplain Jim Jenkins by March 1, 2020.

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:

Thanks to those that attended the Kansas American Legion Legislative meeting and party on January 15th at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. You did an excellent job discussing the legislative issues coming forward to be discussed and voted on by the 2020 Kansas Legislature.

Your Kansas VFW is represented on Tuesday and Thursday of each week at the Kansas House of Representatives Veterans and Military Committee meeting. So far this year, no bills have come to this committee, but rest assured, if some do, those that have asked to be notified when a vote or a hearing will be held on a particular bill, they will be notified.

Several Kansas VFW members have been working with their area legislators to get passage of a bill that would produce at least one new Veteran's Home in Kansas, specifically Northeast Kansas. As of yet, this has not yet been accomplished. We are also working with this committee to ensure that the Kansas VCAP Grant be kept in good working order. This grant pays the salaries of our Service Office staffs and covers the necessary equipment and supplies. When you attend a Town Hall meeting, thank your Kansas legislators for continuing this extremely important 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

Greetings to all. It has been a pleasure to meet Comrades, Sisters and Brothers from all over the State of Kansas to learn more about you and what you have been doing for our Veterans and Active Military.

I am ever reminded about the alarming rate of suicides among our Veterans and Military members (20-22 per day). We can take an active role in assisting in educating others about recognizing the Five Signs that may indicate one is in danger of taking that fatal step. Personality Change (not feeling like oneself), Agitated, Withdrawn, Not caring for oneself, or Feeling Hopeless. We can be used to encourage these individuals to seek care.

The VA has several different courses of action to work with individuals to help them. We can encourage them to check in with us and then to engage them in activities with us and help them to relax. Making sure they are not alone and that we care.

Save the Hotline phone number in your contacts: 1-800-273-8255. (Veterans then dial 1 to access someone who specializes in helping veterans).

Remember that God is Good and not only cares about every detail of their lives but ours as well. God can use us to make a difference. May God continue to Bless all of us in our efforts.

Chaplain Jim

Jim Jenkins, National Chaplain / Kansas State Chaplain



State Inspector

Comrades,

We are moving quickly through our program year and have achieved many goals we have set for ourselves. The State Inspection Program is in good shape although with Tax season approaching and spring elections around the corner it is important to keep an eye on the calendar.

IRS Form 990 filings for taxes are due on the 15th day of 5th month after the end of your tax year. For most posts in the state that would be December 31st making your tax filings due NLT May 15, 2020. I encourage all Posts to strive to maintain vote eligibility for District and State Conventions. Ensure that any monies due to Department or National are paid before these elections, especially per capita dues. Every post is required to file a Form 990 regardless of income. Minimum income exclusions are no longer recognized by the IRS due to change in laws and internal regulations over the past few years. At a minimum file the "post card" type 990.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I may assist you with any issues. The State Inspection Program is intended to provide assistance, training, and support to the Post.

James Ratcliff
State Inspector





National Council Member

Comrades,

I believe that a lot of good info was passed out at our Mid Winter in Topeka. As has been said before if you want to learn something you can .

Congratulations to all the VOD and PP contestants who took the time and effort to enter what I think is one of the best programs that the VFW has to offer to the youth of Kansas. WE all need to encourage more students to invest a little time to enter these worthwhile programs.

Not only can they learn they can pass it on to the peers. Great way for all of us to mentor the youth of our communities.

From all the comrades who announced their intentions to seek offices sounds to me like we have a great future in the Ks. VFW. I wish all well in their endeavors.

Remember the hat doesn't make the person the person makes the hat. Show everyone by your commitment and acts that the hat was placed on the right comrade.

Next June Convention in Manhattan let's really make it great as it is our 100th convention.

It has really been my privilege and honor to have served as your National Council Member. I thank the Dept. of Ks. For allowing me to do this. Hopefully in July at the National Convention I will be able to represent the Dept. again as the National Judge Advocate General.

Thanking you for the endorsement made at the Mid- Winter as your candidate for this high office at the National Level.

Bob Cox

KSNCM





State Chief of Staff

Comrades, brothers, and sisters of The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary;

We are in the new year already. What a great Department Mid Winter Conference and VOD banquet. The attendance was pretty good and it is always good to see everyone. Some I hadn't seen for a time. It was a success, because of our amazing Headquarters Staff and Convention Corporation. Thanks for another great meeting.

Coming up will be Spring Conventions and election of officers, at the Post and District level. Lets help and support our new officers.

Don't forget membership and updating the list with new and deceased members along with reinstate, very important to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In a few months will be the Department Convention. We need to push getting ads for the convention.

"Remember Everyone Deployed"

Wear RED on Friday

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael B Holland

State Chief of Staff

Dept. of Kansas



State Surgeon

Comrades,

This year has gone by so fast. May I say that it has been a very educational year. You Comrades do an amazing job out in our communities. I have much respect for each and every one of you, especially you post and district surgeons. You guys ROCK!!!

Just a couple of issues that have popped up. I had fat fingers and deleted an entire district's info. I am working with that district surgeon to get the info back. There are a few post that are not sending info to the district surgeon. Please, please send your post information to them. Lastly, received some post reports from 2016-2017 year. Everyone should have the 2019-2020 forms by now.

I am a candidate for Department Surgeon 2020-2021. I appreciate all the support from you comrades and look forward to serving you in the future. Hope to see everyone in Manhattan at the Department Convention 2020.

James SARGE Langley
Department Surgeon
VFW Post 3166 Cmdr.
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1st District Commander

Greetings Comrades,

Well, we have made it into the new year. I hope that every one had a great holiday season and everyone has recovered from the exciting win of the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Victory. Way To Go Chiefs.

With that being said, it's time to get back to the basics of getting things done within the VFW, there are still many things that need to get accomplished before we have leadership change in June. There are several posts within the district that still need to get their quarterly audits into Dept. We also have posts that need to get Buddy Poppies ordered and keep working on our membership.

Now is our time to get up in the rankings within the Dept. to show the other districts that District 1 is a great district. I encourage you all to get out and push as hard as you can and get the numbers up. Remember my motto at the beginning, "Strength is in the numbers, the higher the numbers, the stronger we are". I encourage all leadership at post level to get your officers headed in the right direction. Lets make 2020 a great year and end it with a bang.

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael Hare

District One Commander

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3rd District Commander

The Mid-Winter Conference was a success in my opinion. It's always great socializing with other post & headquarters members in the state. The VOD & PP banquet is one of my favorite things. I would hope in the

future we would have more members in attendance. Although sometimes things can get a little long and drawn out, I have never attended a department function that I didn't learn something. I am a firm believer that if you are elected to a position you should do the best job you can....Don't just wear the hat. I am looking forward to the June convention in Manhattan. Hope to see you there.

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 working the VFW programs and working membership very hard this year!

We had a great turnout for the Department Mid-Winter, and the 5th District January meeting. We need to now fully concentrate on membership. I strongly encourage each Post to hold recruiting events. The 5th Dist. Team is here to support you on this. Please let us know when you are holding recruiting drives and we will make every effort to assist with 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 would also like to congratulate all the program winners throughout the District. Let us know when you are holding your awards presentations and we will do our best to attend and support your Post.

In comradeship,

Vance Hill

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Post Commander, Brian Coleman presents a donation to Open Door Shelter, Director, Mickie Davies on behalf of William Leroy Talbott V.F.W. Post 8773.



Guest Speaker Phyllis Fitzgerald, City Commissioner, Junction City, Kansas talks to members and guests about her experience with the VFW.

V.F.W. Post 8773 Post Commander, Brian Coleman and V.F.W. Post 8773 Auxiliary, President, Beverly Johnson lead the way to the serving line



Master of Ceremonies, Comrade Jamal Benjamin opens the 73rd Anniversary Celebration activities

V.F.W. Post 8773 Post Commander, Brian Coleman addresses members and guests





7th District Commander

Hello comrades and sisters,

Just completed Department and District Mid Winter meetings and presented awards for programs completed. Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Teacher (K-5; 6-8; 9-12), Firefighter, Law Enforcement and EMT.

District 7 is 60 members short of 100%. Will need to really work hard to hit 100% this year. They are there, we just need to find them.

Community Service Program needs a lot of work from some Post's. Don't forget we are here for you. Call me or one of the other District Officers to get our help.

Audits and Bonds are still missing in a couple of Posts. Again call, Email or write one of the District Officers for help.

I would like to thank District 7 for getting us in a position to send the District Commander to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately I can not attend due to some medical procedures that I have put off way to long and had them scheduled before I knew we won.

Thanks for your continued support. Thanks to Garden City for a great Mid Winter and meal. See all of you in Liberal on Saturday April 18, 2020 at 10:00am for our District Convention, Memorial Service and Election of new officers.

Gerald Marvin
District 7 Commander





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Leavenworth
Assistant Service
Officer — Allen
Barnes
Assistant Service
Officer —
David Hughes



Robert Dole VA
Medical Center
Wichita
State Veteran
Service Officer —
David Kennedy,
Assistant Service Of-
ficer —
Todd Schroeder,
Office Assistant
Stefannie Wurdeman



Colmery-O'Neal VA
Medical Center
Topeka
Assistant Service
Officer —
David Tinsley,
Office Assistant
Jessica Kats



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2020 CONVENTION
JUNE 12-14 - MANHATTAN, KANSAS

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PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS *MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 25, 2020*

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SPOUSE

VFW/////AUX POST # _____ TITLE _____

PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 24TH AND SAVE \$5.00 PER PACKET ONLY - SEND \$35.00

Number of

_____ Registration \$ 15.00

_____ Saturday Banquet \$ 25.00

Packet per person \$ 40.00

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - VFW & AUXILIARY

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June 11-14, 2020

****TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****

Thursday, June 11, 2020

- 6:30 PM - Budget & Finance Meeting – **Conference Room II**
- 6:30 PM - Auxiliary Audit – **Executive Boardroom**

Friday, June 12, 2020

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration – **Lobby**
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Auxiliary Council Meeting – **Regency A**
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING** – Auxiliary Floor Practice – **Regency A**
- 10:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book Displays – **Conference Room IV**
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Convention Corporation Meeting – **Conference Room V**
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Resolution Meeting – **Regency B**
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Rules of Order Committee – **Regency B**
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - VFW Council Meeting – **Regency B**
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch – Buffet at Hotel, \$10.00 CASH ONLY
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - VFW Business Meeting – **Regency B**
 - (a) Assign Resolutions - Time & Place for meetings
 - (b) Introductions of guests
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BUSINESS MEETING** - Veterans Service Meeting – **Regency B**
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Regency A**
 - (a) Auxiliary Credentials
 - (b) Opening Ceremony
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- 5:00 PM - Hospital Workshop – **Conference Room II & III**
- 6:00 PM - VFW District Caucuses – **District Commander's Choice**
- 6:30 PM - Past State Auxiliary Presidents Dinner – **Conference Room V**

Saturday, June 13, 2020

- 8:00 AM - Memorial Service - VFW & Auxiliary – **Regency B**
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Registration – **Lobby**
- 8:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book on Display by 12:00 Noon – **Conference Room IV**
- 9:00 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Regency A**
 - (a) Business Meeting Reconvenes
 - (b) Committee Reports
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting – **Regency B**
 - (a) Committee Reports
 - (b) Introduction of guests
- 11:30 AM - Past State Commanders Luncheon – **Restaurant**
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch – Buffet at Hotel, \$10.00 CASH ONLY
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Regency A**
 - (a) Committee Reports Resume
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - VFW Business Meeting – **Regency B**
 - (a) Other unfinished business
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 3:00 PM - Awards – **Regency B**
- 6:30 PM - Convention Banquet – **Regency Ballroom**

Sunday, June 14, 2020

- 7:30 AM - Past Commanders Club Breakfast – **Tallgrass Room**
- 9:00 AM - Closing of Auxiliary Credentials – **Regency A**
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting – **Regency B**
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- 9:15 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting – **Regency A**
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS**
 - Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting – **Regency A**
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF VFW OFFICERS**
 - Endowment Association Meeting – **Conference Room II**
 - Convention Corporation Meeting – **Conference Room IV**
- 11:00 AM - Lunch – *on your own*
- 12:00 PM - VFW Department Council of Administration & Luncheon – **Conference Room V**



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**





**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE OF THE UNITED STATES
GRAND OF KANSAS**

**Scratch Me # 6
Grand Convention**

To ALL: Grand Officers

Grand Auxiliary Officers

Past Grand Commanders

Past Grand Auxiliary Presidents

Seam Squirrels

Local Auxiliary Presidents

Scratch Me Pup Tent #6 and Auxiliary are honored to host the Grand of Kansas Convention on May 9, 2020. All MOC & MOCA activities will be held at VFW Post 8773, 1215 South Washington Street Junction City, Ks.66441.

Schedule of events:

MOC Saturday May 09, 2020

09:00- 11:00 Registration

10:00 Audit

1030 Memorial Service

11:00 Auction

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Scratch

17:30 Banquet

18:30 Installation of Officers

MOCA Saturday May 09,2020

9-11 am Registration

10 am Audit

1030 Memorial Service

11 am Auction

12 pm Lunch

1 pm Meeting

5:30 pm Banquet

6:30 pm Installation of Officers

The cost for registration prior to May 9th will be \$25.00 per person or \$ 30.00 on May 9th Please make advance registration checks payable to MOC Pup Tent #6 and send to William "B.J" Carter - 1244 Pershing Drive Junction city, KS 66441.

Motel Rooms: 1 single bed in room \$46.29, 2 beds in a room \$54.39 a night. Those prices include tax. They also have handicapped rooms. The Motel is Woodspring Suites on 311 East Ash Street in Junction City. Right behind IHOP. IHOP will give a 15% discount on food to you if you stay at that motel. Call 785-762-2221 for reservations. It has an in-suite kitchen, and free wifi. I have inspected the rooms and they are very nice, and they are not far from the V.F.W. 8773.

Lewis O. Young

Seam Squirrel

Linda Vinson

President Aux. # 6



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Auxiliary News

STATE PRESIDENT



Brothers & Sisters:

Thank you to each of you that braved the weather and made the trip to Topeka for our Mid-Winter Conference. We had a great time! We had training, program updates, National Guard Candidates and the best part of the weekend was the VOD banquet. The District winners were so nice to meet and they make us proud realizing they are our leaders of the future.

I pray we will have more in attendance at the June Department Convention. The weather should be better for us as we go to Manhattan.

Membership is on the right track. We need to continue our hard work and keep those members coming in and keeping them to attain our 100%+. Every member is a recruiter and everyone knows someone who could be a potential member. Ask yourself why you joined the VFW Auxiliary 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 experience and why they should become members. As of this writing we are at 94.12%. We only need 671 members to be 100%. GO TEAM KANSAS!

It was brought to our attention the Hospital General Fund is not being donated to too keep up with our budget for each facility. PLEASE look at your donations and see if you can send a few more dollars for the Hospital General Fund. All the veterans in those facilities can be helped with your donations. Thank you!

Plan to attend your Winter District Meetings! In April we all will be voting on our upcoming leadership for 2020-2021. Please think about running for an officer position or even a program chairmanship or encourage others to fill all of our positions. You have many mentors out there that would be happy to assist you if needed.

Our program chairs noted a lot of them were not 100% reporting with the fall reports so PLEASE, PLEASE get those spring reports into our District and Department Program Chairs on time.

“Honor our Veterans” Gail Vance, Department of Kansas VFW Auxiliary President

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Greetings to All,

With time moving so fast, we still have so much to do before this year comes to an end. Bi-annual reports are due on March 31, 2020, so we all must get busy so we have lots to report! Your hard work is so appreciated and be assured, it does make a difference!

Membership is a big factor now because we need those members to assist our veterans and their families, so please sign up those lapsed members or talk to others and just ask if they are eligible to join. You don't know until you ask!

Please respond to any **VFW Legislative Alerts** that you may receive, just press that button and you have contacted your legislators to help our veterans, and then when the bill passes you can be proud that you helped.

Keep up the good work and work those programs, they all connect together in some way to help our veterans and their families!

God Bless Everyone!

Jane Ryser

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.

