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State Commander Lee Hursey



Due to the Coronavirus this bulletin is a condensed version of our normal bulletin. Sorry everyone!!



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The Department State Convention in Manhattan has been cancelled. If you would like a refund for your ad or registration monies please contact Headquarters by May 31st by phone 272-6463 or email bkeeper@ksvfw.org and we will refund you. Thanks to all for their support and patience during these trying times.





State Commander

Comrades,

Congratulations to all the new elected and appointed Post and District Officers. It has been challenging these past few months with Post closing their doors temporarily due to this Corona Virus going around. Meetings have been very successful using tele/video conferencing. If you have not elected your Officers yet you may keep your current Officers in place just send in your election report to National. When the time comes elect your Officers and then submit a new election report.

Next month we were scheduled to have our 100th Department Convention in Manhattan, Ks. With a heavy heart I am sad to announce that the Department Convention has been cancelled. I **will be holding a “pro forma” Convention on June 2nd and declaring all positions vacant. At that time the Sr. Vice Commander will assume the duties as Commander and his new council will elect new Offices from nominations submitted by the new council shortly after per Executive Order #2 as stated by the Commander in Chief. If you would like to have a member nominated please contact your new incoming Department Council Member to submit the name for nomination. All registration monies will be returned along with monies for the Banquet and Ads in the Convention Book if you so desire.**

With the Governor’s stay at home directive we have to opportunity to work membership at home by phone. Congratulations to all the Post that have achieved 100% in membership and to all the Post that worked extra hard to acquire the elite status of an All-State Post.

Even though this year is about over remember Membership is ongoing, Commanders of their respective Post should insure that their Membership Chairman stay on top of the Post membership and contact members to keep them in good standing and work on the unpaid. **Membership is the key to a healthy Post. Mentor your new member’s, get them involved, invite them to the District and State meetings, The Eisenhower Vigil, State Fair, Commanders Picnic’s, and other activities your Post is involved in. These new members we bring in is the future of your Post and we need them to survive.**

Again I thank everyone in helping me to have a successful year as your Department **Commander this couldn’t have happen without all of your help. It took teamwork and the Membership of Kansas stood up and made it happen. UNDERWAY EVERY DAY FOR VETERANS**

In Comradeship,

Lee Hursey





State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

I hope this finds you and your families in good health. I know there have been trying times but continue the good work you have been doing this year.

Membership has been down this year, but we still have time to make a final drive to reach 100%. With many comrades and family members on furlough or laid off and most of us in the state in a lock down situation, now is the time to check in on **friends you haven't seen around your post lately and if they are not presently members or have not renewed, find out why.** If due to a financial crisis post relief funds can be used to pay their membership.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for making it a very enjoyable year as your Senior Vice Commander. It has been a pleasurable experience over the past year.

Ken Allred
Sr Vice Commander



State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

With the initial judging of All State awards on April 14, 2020, there were six Posts that were awarded All State on that date. Since then one more Post has qualified for All State leaving five spots left to be decided with eight Posts eligible to fill those spots and only lacking the 100% membership goal. They have until June 30, 2020, or when the spots have been filled, whichever comes first.

Now is the time for your Post to really shine in your community amidst this pandemic of Covid-19. Your Post could be the fore runner in assisting the elderly and shut-ins by delivering their groceries or doing errands for them that the laws will allow you to do.

Do not forget that April is the month that the election of Post officers takes place. If your Post is unable to elect your Post officers due to the pandemic, take a look at the relaxed guidelines that National VFW has disseminated **and see if that will assist you in your Post's election.** **When you have completed your election, submit it online on OMS or mail/email/call it in to Department Hq. and I will assist you in getting it submitted through OMS.**

At this time we are still planning on going to Manhattan June 12 through 14, 2020, for the 100th Convention of the Department of Kansas VFW. Should Covid-19 prevent or alter this, your Convention Corporation has several possibilities on the drawing board so that Kansas VFW can elect/install the 2020-2021 officers and conduct the business of the Department. We will do our best to notify our membership diligently and quickly on changes caused by Covid-19, so you will be able to make the best possible decisions for you and your Post.

The employees at Department Hq. work for you and are always willing to assist you if at all possible.

In Respectful Comradeship

Herb Schwartzkopf

Department of Ks. Adjutant/Quartermaster





State Jr. Vice Commander

Team Kansas,

Great job on reporting your Community Service Report. Some Post still needs to add Community Service Reports each month or as they complete them so that they don't have to dump it on the Jr. Vice Commanders at the last minute. Remember that our Community Service reports are used to help us as a Dept to receive our grant money. At the end of each month, The JVC has to turn in the numbers for that month of our Veteran Community Service reports for that month. Some of you still wait until the next month to input information. Example. Post A has been submitting its Community Service Reports for the month of February. They completed a total of 12 Vet Projects, 24 hours, and 254 miles. Great that information can not be counted in the Report that the JVC turns in. Next Exam-

information for February. Because the EOM report has been turned in at the end of February for all Veteran Service Projects by all Post in the Dept, Post B's information will never count or help us because it was inputted into the system in March. This is why we ask all Posts to input your Community Service reports as they are conducted or before the month ends so that it will count for that month.

I want to thank everyone for the support not only as your JVC but ever since I became a Post Commander in 2013. I have enjoyed making new friends and helping others become members and leaders in the VFW. Attached is my letter explaining my decision not to run for Sr. Vice Commander because of a Job Transfer to Amarillo, Tx. I will full fill my responsibility as JVC until Dept Elections are conducted.

You may still contact me for anything. You can call 785-263-7321 or email me at herbs52@gmail.com.

Thank you
Todd L. Hokanson
Dept of Kansas
Jr. Vice Commander.

Dear Comrades,

We all know that our lives are full of changes and that we take the opportunities for change and we either accept or reject them. Current events certainly have shown us many types of change! I have recently been confronted with an opportunity for change that has forced me to make a difficult decision on behalf of my family.

*There are still several of us who are members of the Department of Kansas that have full-time jobs. We put our priorities as God, family, jobs, and extra activities (VFW, AL, DAV, sports-officiating, etc.). When God speaks, we are to listen and follow His guidance. **My family and I have been doing that for years, and we are prepared once again to listen to God's calling.***

*Since I retired from the Army in 2010, I have been trying to find a good job I would enjoy that would meet the needs of my family and help us prepare for our future. I looked to find one on Ft. Riley and other surrounding areas to keep me living here. As most of you know, in October 2017, I began working with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), at the Manhattan Airport. I was initially hired as a part-time and in March 2019, I was able to go to full time. Once I was full time, life started to improve for my family and I. We continued to pray, asking God if He wanted us to stay in Kansas and what job He would open for me, and I continued to look for jobs to improve our situation. To date, I have applied for well over 20 jobs in the surrounding areas, have interviewed several times and have not been accepted for any of the jobs. However, that has recently changed. On Friday, March 13th, I received a formal invitation to transfer as a Supervisor with the TSA to the Amarillo, TX airport. I asked some questions and my wife and I prayed, asking God if this is where He wanted us to go. We talked and thought it over. I also sought counsel from mentors in the VFW and those in my personal life. After this whole process, **I have decided that God's plans are better than our plans, and so I have accepted the job in Amarillo, TX.***

This was a very hard decision to make with all that is going on in the world, in our country and our state. However, I believe when we put our priorities of life in proper order, things work out for the best. This has been an incredible seven years, and I regretfully announce that I am not running for Sr. Vice Commander for the Department of Kansas for the 2020 – 2021 year.

Comrades, I have enjoyed meeting each of you, getting to know many of you, and working with you. I know the State of Kansas VFW team is going to continue to do great things! I look forward to keeping in touch with you and cheering you on. Thank you for all that you've poured into me and thank you for understanding the priority of taking care of my family. I am grateful and blessed to call you my comrades and friends.

Todd L. Hokanson





State Chaplain

Greetings to all,

I appreciate the support you have given to me these past years. To have served as not only as your State Chaplain but National as well. It all began in 2003 when LD Minor (a WWII vet from Dodge City), challenged me to take steps to become the State Chaplain. The journey has been a blessing and I have appreciated to get to know many of you from all over the State of Kansas.

The role of a Chaplain is much more than offering the Prayers in the meeting. It involves getting involved in the lives of our members and being there when there is a need. I encourage you to support your Chaplain and realize they can be an asset for your Post within your community.

I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention. I pray that by the time you read this we are on the downside of the COVID-19 threat and able to resume normal activities. God Bless America.

Chaplain Jim Jenkins.



State Inspector

Comrades,

The last few weeks have been very trying for all Americans, but especially for the elderly or infirmed. This is even more so for our older veterans or those veterans in long term care facilities or just hospitalized due to an illness. VA Medical Centers are limiting access and in some cases have prevented VFW Service Officers from working in the facility and not being able to access computers to work cases at home. National and State

VFW leadership have worked to resolve or assist with such issues.

COVID-19 has forced us to find novel ways to continue our services and programs that specifically benefit veterans. I encourage members to speak to those among us are trying to use VA services, are dealing with disability claims or have felt denied services during this time. Lets be their voice to Administrators, providers and National and State Legislators. Speak to those service officers that you know and ask for specifics on how we can help the Service Officers and their veteran clients. When things begin to relax, let us double down on our efforts to visit hospitalized and long term care veterans. Socialize during visits, offer care packages, deliver cards and letters, be a friend and an advocate.

James Ratcliff
State Inspector





National Council Member

Comrades and Sisters,

Wow what a way to start spring. Stay away from people so that you don't spread the corona-virus bug to anyone.

If we will all remember that it is for everyone's best interest to try and comply with the directives put forth by the President ,state officials and local plus the orders by our National Commander to help with this very bad situation.

As a Veterans organization we should be used to following orders and directives, so please do what you can to help.

I know that the State of Kansas VFW is doing it's best to follow the directives and still doing what we can to abide by our by-laws and thank you for that.

At the Washington Conference CoA meeting one of the issues that was presented to us was maybe doing away with the VOD Parade of winners in Washington D.C. and just bringing the top 5 winners to the National Convention to award the winner the scholarship money there and the other state winners be presented their checks at the various state conventions.

After pros and cons on this issue it was tabled until the convention in Reno.

Your input into this issue would very much be appreciated and hopefully at the State Convention we can come up with what the comrades and sisters would like for me to do about this.

Again as we all work together we will overcome the set backs that have come our way.

The STORM THE HILL mission went well again with our congressional leaders and hopefully they will see things our way and do what is right for all veterans of all eras.

My thanks to Cheyne Worley for his work in making this happen for the Kansas delegation .

A lot of walking but was well worth it .

Those attending with our group anyway were Myself, Cheyne Worley, Commander Lee, Jr. Vice Hokanson, Chaplain Jim Jenkins, and with Jerry Moran John Muckelbauer who was able to break away from other duties to attend.

Thanks to all who went with us.

As you heard at the Mid winter I am a candidate for National Judge Advocate and hopefully will have your support .

As I have said in the past it has been my honor to have served the state of Kansas on the National Council of Administration.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Again WE WILL GET THRU THIS SET BACK.

Check on your neighbors and your family to see if there is anything that you maybe able to help with grocery shopping etc.

Happy Trails to all

Bob Cox
KSNCM

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.





State Chief of Staff

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

Is this not an unbelievable time in our history? We've never seen anything like it before. This is when we have to work together without being together. We all need to take all the precautions necessary to help ourselves and our neighbors, by staying home as much as possible. Avoiding crowds and practice social distancing.

I realize this is something that you all already know, just a little reminder.

We can still work on reports, recruiting, community service, (when possible).

Earlier we had a teleconference call with the Veterans Service Committee from Headquarters.

Our post has been closed, since the Executive Order was issued, but we are doing what we can.

Hopefully everyone will get through this safely and we all can be together again, in the near future. Haven't heard anything yet about State Convention or National Convention.

Remember to wear "RED" on Fridays,

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael B Holland
State Chief of Staff
Dept. of Kansas



2020 Department Elections

Section 516 of our National By-laws and Manual of Procedure states, in part: (a) The elective officers of each Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and Chaplain.

In addition to those offices required by our National By-laws to be elected at our annual Department Convention, we will also be electing one 5 year member of the VFW Endowment Association, one 3 year member of the Board of Directors for the Convention Corporation and one 5 year member for the Veterans Service Committee.

Department elections will be held at the State Convention in Manhattan on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Delegate voting strength of a Post is determined by one delegate for each thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of the end of April 2020. Additionally, Past Commanders-in-Chief, National Council Members, the Department Commander, all Past Department Commanders (who are members in good standing of Posts within the Department), all elected officers of the Department, the Chief of Staff, the Inspector, all District Commanders and all Post Commanders, shall be entitled to one vote. Any individual possessing more than one qualification to vote at the Department Convention shall have no more than one vote.

Any Post in arrears for National or Department dues, poppy money, supply money, or other financial obligations, failing to have their Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws, failing to ensure the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709 or failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit or Post Election Report shall be deprived of all representation at Department Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

The following officers are elected positions to be filled.

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Quartermaster

Judge Advocate

Surgeon

Chaplain

Convention Corporation – 3 year

Endowment Association – 5 year

Veterans Service Committee – 5 year

National Council Member



Candidates for 2020-2021



James Ratcliff, State Inspector 2018-2020
Candidate for Department of Kansas



Junior Vice Commander 2020-2021



I am announcing my candidacy for the position of Commander Department of Kansas VFW. With the knowledge I have gained during the last two years as Junior and Senior Vice Commander and my other positions held thru the years, I am fully qualified to this position.

Comrades,
Our State Jr. Vice Commander has accepted a job offer in Amarillo, Texas and will be moving soon.

As a Sr. Vice Commander (2018-2019) I visited Topeka no less than 9 times and traveled more than 14,450 miles throughout the State and country representing the Department.

That being said I believe it would be extremely difficult for one living out of State to properly fulfill their duties for which they were elected.

So with that I am declaring my candidacy for Sr. Vice Commander (2020-2021). With my passed experience I would be able to ease the burden of the Commander and be available help train the newly elected Jr. Vice Commander.

I feel we need to keep the continuity within our State Department and make it run as smooth as possible.

Lee Hursey
State Commander
Department of Kansas VFW
316-644-4441 cmd@vfwks.org

I believe we are in a pivotal situation dealing with important issues facing our membership and veterans in general. **Increasing our organization's membership and building stronger, more viable posts to meet these challenges are the key to being in a strong position to deal with the difficult issues veterans face today.** We have posts that are struggling with organizational issues and meeting key requirements to protect the Post and its officers regarding regulations and taxing authorities. Although the Mission Act and Blue Water Navy Act have become law, there are developing issues with implementation that require us to remain vigilant in these areas.

Our state legislature has shown strong support for many **veteran's issues within the State of Kansas, but it still** requires constant attention on our part by meeting with state legislators at every opportunity. It is also important that we take every opportunity to get out and talk to veterans across the state to get an idea of the issues that 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. I have attended VA and Legislative Town Hall meetings around the state in each of the last six years and have been vocal about the issues facing veterans to protect their rights, benefits, and legacy.



I am a candidate for National Judge Advocate and hopefully will have your support .
As I have said in the past it has been my honor to have served the state of Kansas on the National Council of Administration.
Thank you for the opportunity.
Bob Cox



PATRICK BRIGGS
Candidate for
National Council
Member
2020-2024

Served Eligible Veterans / Total Service in Area 27 years / Served 2002-08 Member Post 2112

District 7
District Commander Post 2016

Department
All American State Commander 2016-2018
Student Veterans of America 2013-2014

National Appointments
Currently National Veterans and Military Support Committee (2 year term)
Finance and Internal Organization Committee 2016
VFW Programs Committee 2017
General Resolutions Committee 2017
Special Relocating Camp 2012-15
National Relocating Camp 2016-2018/2019-21

Numerous Activity Awards

If elected I will represent the requests of the Department of Kansas membership

Thank you for your consideration



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



VFW 3RD District

Golf Tournament

4-Person Scramble

Coffeyville Country Club

Date: **JUNE 20 & 21, 2020**

Tee Off 9 AM Sat. & Sun.



Contact Persons:

Dale Simon – 302-420-9088

Jim Schoonover - 620-252-9334

Entry Fee: \$300.00 / Team \$315.00 if using a Credit Card

(Includes one mulligan on Saturday)

(Limited to first 36 paid teams)

Make Check Payable To: VFW Post 1022

Saturday Night Dinner Time: 6:00 PM at VFW – Sunday following play will be awards & Food at the VFW

Flights based on number of entries.

No Alcoholic beverages to be carried-on, must be purchased in the Club House

No Substitutions, only players on Saturday will be allowed to play on Sunday.

CART RENTAL IS \$40.00 PER DAY...PLEASE FILL IN BELOW IF YOU NEED CARTS.

Due to limited cart rentals the VFW has to bring in carts for the Tournament. If you do not reserve one, there won't be one available. VFW needs to know how many due to the fact we must make arrangements for the carts to be delivered. If you order a cart you will need to include the rental charge in the entry fee. \$40.00 per cart per day. Please fill in and email contact. Thank You.

If you bring your own cart, please pay the Coffeyville Country Club a \$10.00 Trail Fee per day.

See Lester at CCC

Mail to: VFW Post 1022....1714 West 8th.... Coffeyville, Ks, 67337

Team Captain _____ Phone _____

Player Name _____

Player Name _____

Player Name _____

Email _____

_____ Number of carts for both days _____

(\$80.00 total for both days if you rent one cart, \$160.00 total for both days if you rent two carts.



KANSAS VFW SERVICE OFFICES



Dwight Eisenhower
VA Medical Center
Leavenworth
Assistant Service
Officer — Allen
Barnes
Assistant Service
Officer —
David Hughes



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



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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

YOU MUST TELEPHONE
THE MOTEL LISTED BELOW FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

(Please state this is for the VFW Department Convention to receive our group rates)

***** RESERVATIONS DEADLINE MAY 19, 2020 *****

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON
530 RICHARDS DR
\$93.00 + TAX
1-888-627-8649 OR 1-785-539-5311

SAVE THIS TOP PART

MAIL THIS BOTTOM PART

2020 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS V.F.W. CONVENTION - JUNE 12-14 - MANHATTAN, KS

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

PLEASE REGISTER BY COUPLE (2 WITH SAME LAST NAME) OR 1 INDIVIDUAL PER FORM

PRINT NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
Last First

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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

(CIRCLE AFFILIATION)

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

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

MAIL CHECK & REQUEST TO:

DEPARTMENT OF KS, VFW

PO BOX 1008

TOPEKA, KS 66601-1008

REFUNDS ONLY when CONFIRMED CANCELLATION with DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS by MAY 24th

NO REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENTS

REC HQ'S _____ PAID _____ CHECK # _____ REG # _____



DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - VFW & AUXILIARY

REV 8-2-2018

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**



Auxiliary News

STATE PRESIDENT



Greetings Auxiliary Members:

I wish to thank everyone for all you do for our great organization. Your hard work is very appreciated and all of it makes a great difference.

In these trying times, please do not forget to reach out to our veterans and their caregivers by being there with phone calls, text messages and e-mails. By just asking if there is anything that you could help them with, even if it is to go get some supplies, will help someone have a better day and let them know that someone really cares. You can help their state of mind and physical well being by just having a conversation with them and breaking up a mundane day and providing them a sense of connection to the outside world. Go back in a few days and check on them so you

can keep the connection going, by doing so you have gained a new friend and so have they! Just take the time to care!

Hope you all stay safe and well and hopefully we will meet again soon!

Thank you for all you do for our veterans!

God Bless!

Jane Ryser

Department 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.

