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Ken Allred

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Less We Forget





State Commander

Comrades,

‘Tis the time of year for reflections on the past year and planning for the new year. With all the tribulations that has happened over the last year it’s been amazing that the mission of this organization has been met and exceeded in some cases. None of this could of been accomplished without the dedication of those at the Post level. I would like to thank each and everyone who worked to make this happen a Hearty Thank You.

With nominations and elections just around the corner, I would like to remind all members to chose those who lead you with care, for they are the ones who will represent you during the year. Remember also the State Convention will be held June 18-20 2021 in Topeka, registration forms are on the State Web Site.

Last but not least is membership we are starting to backslide going from being in the top 15 for a good part of the reporting year to in the low twenties now. We need to get back up to where we belong.

Ken Allred
Department of Kansas Commander





State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

First of all I would like to congratulate all the Post that have achieved 100% in membership. As we come to the half way point of the 2020-2021 year and coming to the end of January we are presently standing at 91.33% for the Department in membership and only needing 1,529 members to reach our goal of 100%. Every day with your commitment to the membership program these numbers increase in percentages as well as lowering numbers needed to reach our goal.

We are well aware of this Covid-19 virus is still making personal one on one visitations for recruiting difficult. For extra tools for you to use in your recruiting endeavors the National Website has posted information to aide and assist in your recruiting and retention with training videos and webinars that are available on their Training & Support page.

Retain the members already in your Post. You have their information. Contact them. Ask your annual members if they would consider paying their dues early. Talk to you annual members about Life Membership and push the Legacy Life Member Program, so your Post can still be honored by their memory.

We all are recruiters and must help our Post, Districts, and Department with membership. Without the members support it's possible to lose all you have gained.

We are here to serve and help you in any way we can.

Lee Hursey
Sr. Vice Commander



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

The Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars is striving to move through the difficulties that have been facing us all for almost a year. Covid 19 is still an issue that dictates how we can interact, be safe, and still do all we can to serve all veterans to meet their needs and be a voice to those that can act on these concerns and protect veterans benefits. My responsibilities as Community Service Director is to provide assistance to any member or VFW Post that requests it and to review all Community Service Reports submitted on the Department of Kansas website.

The State leadership is well aware of the challenges faced by the Districts and Posts as they endeavor to serve veterans in general and look out for the welfare of their comrades in the local communities. I for one am proud to be a part of this great organization and am continually amazed by how much many of you across the state accomplish. As of this morning I have reviewed and approved 1225 individual CS Reports submitted to the Department. The breadth and width of what has been accomplished by our membership since April 1, 2020 is truly commendable when all our challenges this year are taken into consideration.

I would also like to hand out a very special Thank You and "Job Well Done" to the Department of Kansas VFW Service Officers and V.A.V.S personnel for meeting all challenges and difficulties that have faced and overcome to serve our fellow veterans in need with extraordinary professionalism and knowledge. David Kennedy, Todd Schroeder, David Tinsley, Allen Barnes, David Hughes, "Big" Mike Petersen, Bill Gale, Roy Taylor, and Todd Askins embody the slogan "No One Does More for Veterans" on a daily basis.

James Ratcliff,
State Jr. Vice Commander





State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

It seems like time is really flying amidst this pandemic and you think you are really accomplishing the tasks set before you and you suddenly realize you are further behind. That being said, we, the staff at Kansas VFW Hq are here to assist you to the best of our abilities to help you accomplish your goals and endeavors involving Kansas VFW.

Nearly all programs have been completed and if you are trying to achieve All State status, all programs involving All State competition must be completed by March 31, 2021, with the exception of membership. If there are any of the twelve slots left after the initial judging in April, then they are on a first come first serve basis based on reaching 100% in membership if you have all other programs met by March 31. If you have any doubt as to where you stand, contact me and I will show you what we have your Post down for.

As of this date, only five Posts are Community Service eligible for All state out of 113. Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your community service reports. If at all possible these reports should be reported within the first week following the completion of the project being reported.

Make sure your Qm and employee bonding are current and your quarterly audits are submitted to Department Hq. You would be surprised if you knew how many audits we get that were sent to National Hq.

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 Legislature

Comrades:

Once the 2021 Kansas Legislative session got started it really took off. The major bills we anticipated will need your help to get passed. Write or email your Kansas legislator and ask him to support them when they come up for a floor vote in the House or Senate.

HB 2020 and SB 109 each require the Director of the KCVAO to file an initial application for a VA state Veterans Home Construction grant and HB2021 and SB 110 if passed, would provide the funding for this home. Members of Kansas VFW have been working with Legislators for several years to get this done, let's make it happen this year!

If you have the capabilities, go on line and track the progress of these and other bills.

Please, if you have any questions on these bills or other Kansas state legislation, contact Hq and we will do our best to answer your questions.

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
Department Legislative Chairman





State Chaplain

The unknown frightens many of us. Not knowing what tomorrow will bring. Will it be good or bad? These thoughts are common to each of us. How do we prepare? Do we stay home not letting anyone in or out? In fear of not having enough do we begin to hoard items? Do we try to control every person and thing in our lives? In short, our fears can lead us to act in ways we normally would not and unhealthy for us both physically and mentally. So, what is the answer? Acknowledge God and let Him take control of the situation. Say to God: "You are my refuge and my fortress. In you I will trust. I realize your faithfulness is a protective shield. God will give His angels charge concerning me, to guard me in all my ways. Therefore, I will answer when God calls and He will be with me in my troubles; God will show me His Salvation." Psalm 91. May God grant you victory over your fears. God Bless.

Jim Jenkins
Department Chaplain



National Judge Advocate General

Comrades,

We are at a very sad moment for our country. Whether you are a Republican or Democrat or Independent we must all work together to overcome the division of our great nation THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

If we don't work together we as a nation are a thing of the past and in my opinion the greatest on the face of the earth. Please as brothers and sisters in arms let's work to make this happen.

We all worked together as a soldier, airman, marine, navy, coastguardsman to defeat some of the worlds worst persons possible and I know that if we remain a band of brothers we can overcome any obstacle in our way.

Bobby Cox
PSC
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS





State Judge Advocate

Thank you for electing me to the post of Department Judge Advocate, I may not have all the answers but I know comrades that will help me get to the best interpretation of the National By-Laws. Do not hesitate to contact me by either email (loved518@live.com) or phone (316-518-7170) be sure to leave message.

The National Commander-In-Chief has issued General Orders No. 1. This was sent out via vmail, ensure all posts are complying to this order. To all the newly elected Commanders and Officers at all levels, congratulations, now follow the By-Laws and have a great year.

Dallas Love,
State Judge Advocate



State Surgeon

Comrades of the Dept. of Kansas,

This year has been extremely difficult and trying to the Dept. Of Kansas VFW. From meetings and conventions being cancelled to the loss of comrades that still had knowledge and wisdom to pass along to up-and-coming officers in our great state. Kansas VFW has and always will persevere through adversity.

Hats off to all the post's that are, despite covid-19 restrictions, continue to do the jobs at the post level. You could easily throw your hands up and say no I am not risking it, but you continue filling out the Surgeon reports and getting them in. I appreciate every one of you.

Everyone be safe and healthy. Hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in Topeka 18-20 June 2021.

James SARGE Langley
Department Surgeon.





State Chief of Staff

Hello Comrades,

Here's to a happy and healthy 2021 to everyone reading this! I'm sure you all are with me when I say I hope the New Year brings in a very new year. We are halfway through the 2021 membership year and I know this again is not a normal year .. keep plugging and do your best. Seems the Posts that are called upon to perform or assist with various community activities, such as parades, Memorial Day Remembrances, recurring festivities, and other local events do pretty well in membership overall. Some Posts have been participating in these various functions for years while others are fairly new to the opportunity. It might help your Post, and membership to periodically visit with city councils, police departments, or attend town meetings to determine if assistance is needed during these events. Of course, volunteers are always an issue but if the resources are available, getting our name in front of the public has always been beneficial. I enjoy hearing from everyone across the state, and look forward to further conversations about all that concerns our Veterans and family members. YOUR CoS is hear to listen, serve, and help all that I can. Thank you for belonging to The VFW.

In Comradeship,

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Past State Commander

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Always Remember VFW's "TEAM KANSAS" work is NEVER DONE and what we have done in the past shows it throughout this Great Organization. I am a Strong Believer that "2021 is Our Year". We need to continue telling our story in our communities, telling them what the VFW is all about, the Programs that are available and why our mission is so important. Your service and hard work has proven what it takes to build a "20/20 Vision for Veterans". (NO ONE DOES MORE

FOR VETERANS)

On June 18-20, 2021 at our 2021 Convention in Topeka we will be nominating Comrades that are interested in filling those positions that are available for 2021-2022. If You are one of those Comrades, "PLEASE", GET OUT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS and let membership know what your goals are for the FUTURE in Kansas VFW.

Remember Comrades, Sisters and Brothers: Wear Those Mask, Wash Those Hands (20 Seconds) and Stay The 6ft. apart and remain in small groups. Thanks for doing this, WE CAN BEAT THIS COVID 19 IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

Patrick M. Briggs
 Past State Commander
 National Counsel of Administration Committee Member





4th District Commander

Comrades:

It has been my honor to be your District Commander for the 2020-2021 year. Here is to a new year for all of us. Last year was difficult for all of us. As we move forward in this year I encourage you to remember that this is a special year for our veteran community. Operation Desert Storm began 30 years ago Sunday. ... January 17, 2021, reach out to those veterans that you know were a part of this.

This year will also mark the 20th anniversary of the war on terror, including America's undeclared conflict in Afghanistan. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the war on terror, including America's undeclared conflict in Afghanistan. After that war's original moniker Operation Infinite Justice, was nixed for offending Muslim sensibilities, the Pentagon rebranded it Operation Enduring Freedom. Despite neither a clear victory, nor the slightest evidence that enduring freedom had ever been imposed on that country, "U.S. combat operations in Afghanistan ended according to the Defense Department, in 2014. In reality, that combat simply continued under a new name, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and grinds on to this very day.

Like the 2003 invasion of Iraq, known as Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel failed to live up to their names. Nor did any of the monikers slapped on America's post-9/11 wars ever catch the public imagination; the battlefields spread from Afghanistan and Iraq to Yemen, Somalia, the Philippines, Libya, Syria, Niger, and Burkina Faso.

I would also ask each of you to get out in the community and do your best to show our support with community events and awareness of what the VFW does, not only for our Veterans and their families, but the community. Reach out to your Active Duty Units, Reserve and National Guard units. Not only for membership but also support. If they deploy send them care packages. I'm sure we all remember what it was like to get those!

Daniel Watkins
4th District Commander



7th District Commander

Greetings 7th District, What a year 2020 turned out to be! All of us had high hopes that 2020 would be the year that everything sort of came together. Instead, most everything fell apart, broke, or just plain quit working. We are forced to quarantine on a virus, unlike in the past, where we quarantined the sick and not the well.

So, now what? Well, if we don't lay out our plans, and structure our programs, we will probably stay just like we are. That would not be acceptable. We must do a few basic things to keep ourselves ahead of the curve.

First, we must draw closer to God and make sure we are staying on course to help our Veterans and their Families. Second, we must continue to build on the VFW programs and projects that got us where we are today.

Sure it is difficult to forge on under these conditions. A Chinese proverb says, "Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid of just standing still." We must not let that happen.

Also, without preaching, let me just say that a "Person" is not the reason for our maladies. It is the Spirit behind the Person that steers the ship of destiny. The Bible says, "We wrestle not with flesh and blood (People), but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12)

So before you blast someone on Social Media, ask yourself if what you are doing will further the cause of building a stronger and more unified VFW or will the posting and raving cause the individual to be driven away from our wonderful organization.

If our VFW Programs and our help to Veteran Families is to succeed, it will be through love and charity and a personal effort to help that person.

So, for the remaining of this year, let's be the one to steer the ship back to its original course. Remember, the winds of life blow on everyone, but it is the setting of your sail that determines the destination.

God Bless You All,
Terry Warner



Recipients of EMT, Law Enforcement, & Firefighter Awards

Emergency Medical Technician:

Dist. 3 Post 704 Randy Grimmett

Law Enforcement:

Dist. 3 Post 1254 Kelsey Horinek

Firefighter:

Dist. 5 Post 7253 Frank Long

Recipients of Teacher Awards

Elementary:

Dist. 1 Post 3084 Angela Tillery

Middle School:

Dist. 2 Post 6401 Matt Little

High School:

Dist. 1 Post 56 Wayne Cogdill



Some Pictures from Robin Ray's Funeral



Correction for Roster Book:

State Judge Advocate
Dallas Love's phone # is 316-518-7170

My apologies for this mistake in the roster



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2021 CONVENTION
JUNE 18-20 - TOPEKA, 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 28, 2021 *****

CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL

1717 SW Topeka Blvd
Topeka, Kansas 66612

\$99.00 - \$109.00 + TAX

(785) 431-7200

ONLINE RESERVATION LINK

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/13576?groupID=3182998>

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2021 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS V.F.W. CONVENTION - JUNE 18-20 - TOPEKA, KS

PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS *MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 31, 2021*

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 # _____

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - VFW & AUXILIARY

REV 12-30-2020

June 17-20, 2021

****TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****

Thursday, June 17, 2021

- 6:30 PM - Budget & Finance Meeting -
- 6:30 PM - Auxiliary Audit -

Friday, June 18, 2021

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration -
- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Auxiliary Council Meeting -
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING - Auxiliary Floor Practice -**
- 10:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book Displays -
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Convention Corporation Meeting -
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Resolution Meeting -
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Rules of Order Committee -
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - VFW Council Meeting -
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch -
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - VFW Business Meeting -
 - (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 -**
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting -
 - (a) Auxiliary Credentials
 - (b) Opening Ceremony
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- 5:00 PM - Hospital Workshop -
- 6:00 PM - VFW District Caucuses - District Commander's Choice
- 6:30 PM - Past State Auxiliary Presidents Dinner -

Saturday, June 19, 2021

- 8:00 AM - Memorial Service - VFW & Auxiliary -
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Registration -
- 8:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book on Display by 12:00 Noon -
- 9:00 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting -
 - (a) Business Meeting Reconvenes
 - (b) Committee Reports
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting -
 - (a) Committee Reports
 - (b) Introduction of guests
- 11:30 AM - Past State Commanders Luncheon -
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch -
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting -
 - (a) Committee Reports Resume
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - VFW Business Meeting -
 - (a) Other unfinished business
 - (b) Nomination of Officers
- 3:00 PM - Awards -
- 6:30 PM - Convention Banquet -

Sunday, June 20, 2021

- 8:00 AM - Past Commanders Club -
- 9:00 AM - Closing of Auxiliary Credentials -
- 9:00 AM - VFW Business Meeting -
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- 9:15 AM - Auxiliary Business Meeting -
 - (a) Nomination, Election & Installation of Officers
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY OFFICERS**
 - Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting -
- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF VFW OFFICERS**
 - Endowment Association Meeting -
- 11:00 AM - Convention Corporation Meeting -
- 11:00 AM - Lunch - *on your own*
- 12:00 PM - VFW Department Council of Administration & Luncheon -



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 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)



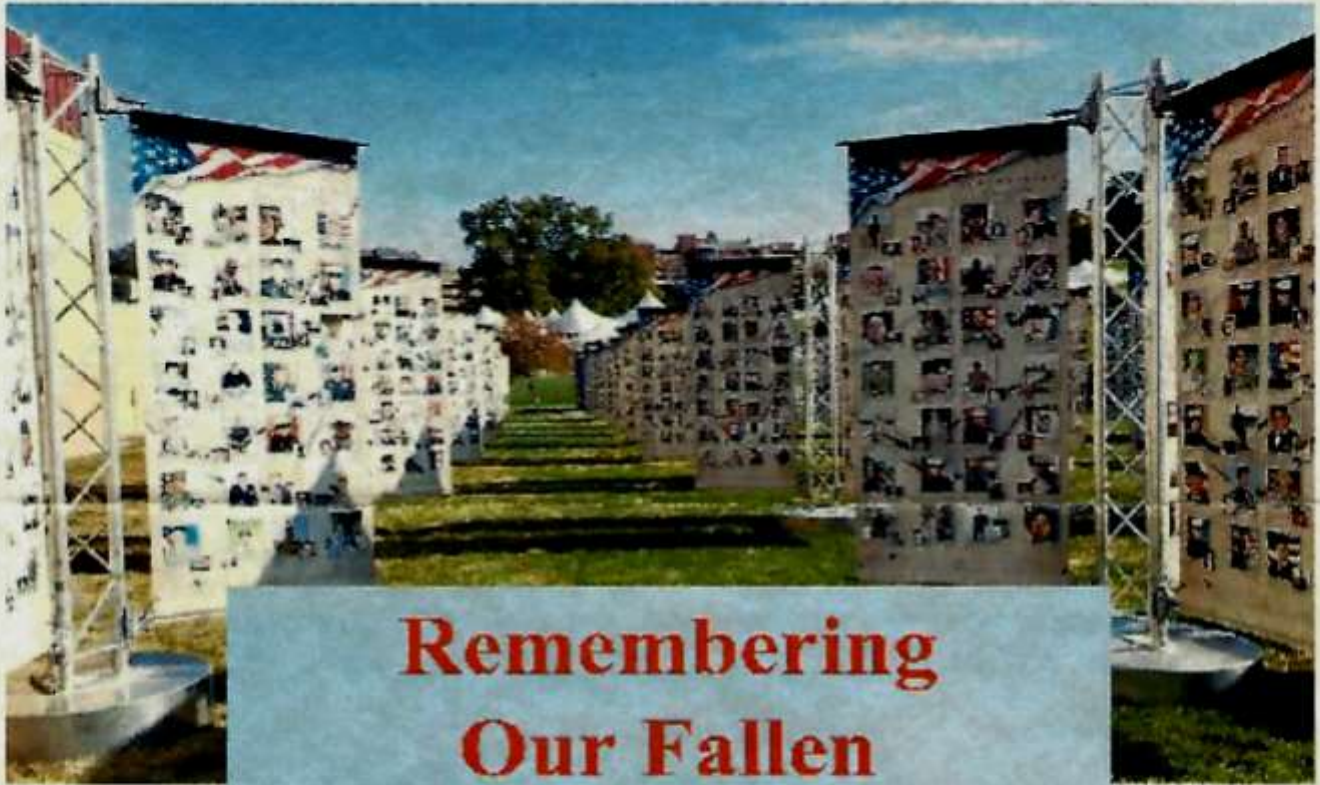
OVERLAND PARK, KS IS DESIGNATED A "PURPLE HEART CITY"!

At a city council meeting on November 2nd, Overland Park Mayor Carl Gerlach announced the city's designation as a "Purple Heart City." The event was spearheaded by former council president Lt.Col. David White with the full support of VFW Post 846 and Auxiliary, American Legion 370, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The outside of City Hall glowed with purple lights for the occasion. Regular-size metal signs are posted around the city, and a large sign was presented to VFW Post 846. It is an honor for Overland Park to recognize its Purple Heart recipients.



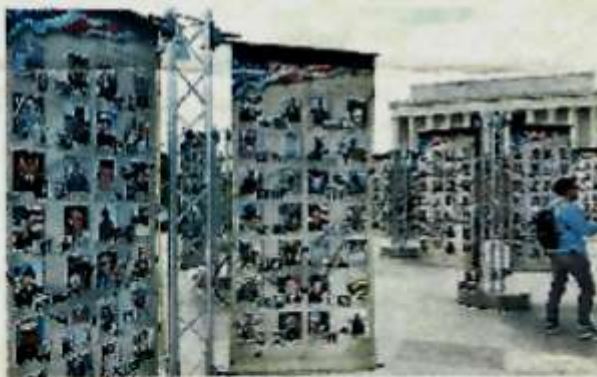
The original Purple Heart —
Badge of Military Merit —
was created and authorized by
Gen. George Washington on
August 7, 1782, at Newburgh,
New York.





Remembering Our Fallen

A Photo Exhibit of Those Who
Lost Their Lives in the Global
War on Terrorism



Museum of the
Kansas National
Guard

125 SE Airport Dr.
Topeka, KS

Noon-Wed, June 9 thru 6 pm Mon, June 14
Free Admission

Patriotic Productions, Omaha, NE.



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. Check with post because of virus 620-624-7447

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



Auxiliary News

STATE PRESIDENT



We are officially at the halfway mark of this Program year, and we can take pride in the dedication and services that our members have provided everyday in “Making it Happen for our Veterans!” We have had to create new ways of doing things, to model our lives through the trials and tribulations of COVID-19.

Thank you each and every member for remaining on the course and not giving up our primary goals. Remember it is very important to be safe and take precautions while executing our programs and projects, both indoors and when outside. Wear your mask and social distance. Together, we will get through this if we take care of each other. I know that we have missed each other: that sense of community, belonging and purpose that our meetings and events provide. Here is hoping that this year will bring new inspiration, warmth and enthusiasm for serving our mission and more togetherness when we can do it safely.

Here is to a wonderful and promising new calendar year. We have much to look forward to and much to accomplish for our veterans, service members, and their families.

I am very grateful to represent you, the members. I know we will have cause to celebrate these successes, together, hopefully, in the months to come.

Thank you for all you do!
Stay safe and be healthy,

Jane Ryser
Department President
VFW Auxiliary

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Tessa Butcher
Department of Kansas Sr. Vice President

STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone!

Sincerely,
Karol Goodin
Department Jr-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.

