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### State Commander Ken Allred



VFW Kansas Website

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#### Less We Forget





## State Commander

Comrades,

I would like to thank all who made this year successful with all the problems that we have encountered this year. No one has faced what you have been thru this year and still accomplished our mission of taking care of Veterans.

To all who have guided me this year to include HQ Staff, State Officers, District Officers, Committee Chairman, Auxiliary President Jane Ryser and her Staff, I salute you. Lastly I would like to give credit to those members who attended all meetings and worked the programs you are the backbone of this great Organization and are the ones that make it stand out.

Ken Allred

Department of Kansas Commander





## State Sr. Vice Commander

Congratulations to all the Posts that have reached their goal in acquiring and maintaining 100% in membership. There are many Posts within the State that only need 10 or less members to make 100%, now is the time to work the program and not let these members fall by the wayside.

We are now coming near to the end of this fiscal year and we are close to our goal in obtaining 100% in membership in the Department. Each Post and District has designated Membership Chairman but it should not stop there. We as VFW Members of the Great State of Kansas should be working to increase and maintain the membership in our own Post and Districts and be proud of our accomplishments and to show all the Departments throughout the United States and National on what Kansas can do. We are hurting everyone and mostly ourselves in not reaching our goals. It has been two years since we last achieved 100% in the Department and we can accomplish this again by taking the time to reach out to our unpaid members. We know this Covid-19 epidemic has taken the wind out of our sails and restricted us from going out and working one on one but it should not stop us using the phone and reaching out. Sometimes it only takes that phone call and ask our members how they are and let them know they are not forgotten.

In Comradeship,  
Lee Hursey  
SVC



## State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

I would like to congratulate all the VFW Posts in the State of Kansas that have earned All State Honors for the 2020-2021 program year. Our membership across the state have excelled in their community service activities this past year despite all difficulties due to Covid 19 limitations and health issues. Well done Comrades! Although we are not accepting reports that will apply to the current program year, any reports that have been submitted since April 1<sup>st</sup> are being reviewed and if approved they will be applied to the 2021-2022 program year. Some of our posts have already submitted reports to get an early jump on next year.

I remind everyone that accurate reporting of post activities contributes to the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars \$ 350,000 grant we receive from the State of Kansas and administered by Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs. The Department employs seven service officers that work in the VA system which assist veterans across the state. Our State Legislature continues to fund this grant to support our activities and employ service officers because program reporting on our activities are reported to KCVF on a monthly basis throughout the year using our Community Service Reporting on our website.

James Ratcliff  
State Junior Vice Commander

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## State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

Wow, where did the time go? WE will be finishing up the years work in a little over a month at the Department Convention. It is imperative that we have a good turnout so we can complete the work, especially since we have holdover work to take care of from last year. By law changes and resolutions were not dealt with because there was no formal convention to transact this business. To be eligible for a Post to vote at the Department Convention, they must be in good standing, they must be properly bonded, they must be registered for the convention, have all of their audits to date turned in, have turned in an election report for the 2021-2022 year, and not owe the District,

Department, or National any money. If a post is delinquent in any of the above at Convention time, the members can bring proof of compliance with them or turn in the documents in arrears and/or pay the money owed at the convention. This will be accepted at any time by the Department Quartermaster until the end of the Convention.

Make sure your Qm and employee bonding are current and your quarterly audits are submitted to Department Headquarters. You would be surprised if you knew how many audits we get that were sent to National Headquarters. The employees at Department Headquarters work for you and are always willing to assist you if at all possible. We sincerely hope to see you at the Department Convention and work with you to continue to strengthen the Department of Kansas VFW.

In Respectful Comradeship

Herb Schwartzkopf  
Department of Ks. Adjutant/Quartermaster

## State Legislature

Comrades:

The 2021 Legislative session will soon be closed and a lot has been accomplished. You have proven that the squeaky wheel gets the grease as your calls and letters to your Kansas Legislators have resulted in some very good legislation being passed that will benefit Kansas veterans and their families.

Governor Kelly took the initiative to sign an executive order which covered HB 2020 which instructed the KCVAO Director to file application with the VA for a partial grant that would assist in the building of a Veterans Nursing Home in Northeast Kansas. **HB 2021 which would allow for the bonding to pay for the State's share of the Home** finally was passed into law.

HB 2066 which gives military spouses the ability to work in Kansas with temporary licenses once they have established residency.

**There are several other Veteran's bills on the docket so you might go on line to check them out and then contact your state legislator to urge them to help get those bills passed.**

**Lastly, please do not hesitate to send Thank You's to your legislators if they supported Veteran legislation, especially if that legislation was passed into law.** Remember, these letters are potential legislative reports on the Community Service reporting tool on the Kansas web site, [vfwks.org](http://vfwks.org).

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





## National Council Member for Kansas

Dear Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

It's really nice seeing that everything is getting back to normal. Looking forward on seeing everyone at the convention in June.

Here's a concern that I have and I need some help from both the VFW and Auxiliary membership. Throughout the year we insure that our membership continues to grow. Now our Post, District meetings and Department Conventions are not growing. Why is this happening? We are not staying in contact with our new members. This has got to STOP. Let's make them feel part of our family. It's time to start teaching and mentoring them.

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



## National Judge Advocate General

Comrades,

I want to thank you again for all of the support that you have given me over the past several years as your State Commander, National Council Member, Judge Advocate General, the various positions I have held at the State level. It has been an awesome journey and one that I am thankful for that I was allowed to represent the great Sunflower State, Kansas and the many comrades who supported me

along the way.

As, hopefully we get back to normal, things will be easier to help the veterans and their families not only in Kansas but the Nation as well. Remember always that **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS** than the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and it's Auxiliaries.

With that being said I pray that each and everyone and your families continue to stay safe at all times and continue the work that you have and will do for the Veterans of this great Nation, **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, In my opinion the Greatest Nation on Earth.

Thanks Again,  
Bobby Cox  
Judge Advocate General  
Kansas PSC  
Past Kansas National Council Member

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## State Chaplain

Another membership and programs year is about to close. The pandemic has interrupted our lives and programs in various ways. Therefore, as you take time to remember those who in the pandemic have been still serving please remember to recognize the job your Chaplains have been doing. Many times without any recognition and many times unnoticed what he/she has been doing behind the scenes. They have been busy serving to meet needs both physically and spiritually. Join me in saying "Thank You" to your Chaplains. "We appreciate your support and all that you do for our veterans and their families."

For those of you who have been actively serving during this pandemic, "Thank You". I pray this next year will be successful and time to rejoin with friends and to be able to get back to doing what the VFW does best in reaching out to our fellow veterans and their families.

I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me over the years.

Chaplain Jim



## 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](mailto: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  
Department Judge Advocate



## State Chief of Staff

As the weather continues to warm, flowers continue to bloom, the State is also beginning to open up. Sports have returned to schools and most social activities are less restricted and the community and state guidelines are now being allowed to come to an end. Your VFW has done a tremendous job of adhering to all the rules and restrictions set by the authorities while still serving our communities and our veterans. So many Posts throughout the state started doing things never done before to perform critical services for their communities during the last year. As we continue to transition back into what was our regular routine before covid, I wanted to give you all a big thank you. Unfortunately, the challenging times are not yet over so we must continue the good work, keep working in

the community, and continue checking on our veterans, many of them are still in need whether that be emotional or physical. It's vital that when a new member joins our ranks, we make them feel appreciated and welcome-get them involved immediately. Some Posts are struggling, I am seeing personal egos overriding our great relationships with our Auxiliaries ..Team Kansas means just that..WE are a TEAM ..let's work together during these difficult times. I continue to be proud being your State Chief of Staff.

Lynn Rolf Jr.  
State Chief of Staff  
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## State Surgeon

Comrades of the Dept. of Kansas,

As we are nearing the end of the 2020-2021 surgeon program year, I want to commend each one of you for your work you have done and the support you have given me as your Department Surgeon. These past 2 years have been highly informative and educational for me. You Department of Kansas Veterans are second to none.

Thank you to the post surgeons for doing an outstanding job at your level and the District Surgeons for the work you have done at your level. Until you comrades voted me in 2 years ago, I had no idea the work that Kansas VFW posts do serving our communities and each other. You Comrades are the best.

At the time of this newsletter, there is only one candidate that has announced their candidacy for surgeon for 2021-2022 and that is Comrade Terry Fletcher. To have a smooth transition in June, I am going to ask the District Surgeons to send the surgeons report to him as well. As others announce their candidacy, I will have them added as well.

As most of you know, I am a candidate for the Department of Kansas Jr. Vice Commander for 2021-2022. If I am elected, I will do my best to serve you as I have as Surgeon, VOD chair, and Emergency Services Chair. Thank you to those who have given me their support so far.

Hope to see everyone in Topeka in June.

James SARGE Langley  
Department Surgeon.



## State Inspector

Comrades,

I hope everyone is doing well.

There are Posts that have missing audits and bonds. I encourage each Post and District to submit audits on time. 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. 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.**

The District Inspectors along with myself are here to provide assistance, training, and support. Please reach out if we can assist you or answer any questions.

In comradeship,  
Vance Hill  
State Inspector  
State Emergency Services Director





## 7th District Commander

Another Year Around The Sun

It has been a pleasure serving you as your District 7 Commander this past year. However, you are still stuck with me as your new District 7 Junior Vice Commander. (Again) While I actually put a little humorous spin on this, it is actually a disturbing fact that displays the old and stubborn fact that we are rapidly declining in Membership and having difficulty finding new Comrades to fill our vacant positions. So we elect the same ones over again.

While I will gladly serve, as needed, it should be observed as a glaring reminder that we are in desperate need of new members. Every month we preach and shout out our desires and needs for new members and are for the most part, met with silence and a ho-hum attitude.

One more time Comrades! We need to gather ourselves and get serious about memberships. I know we are in rural areas that make membership more challenging, but it was just a few years ago that we broke the membership barrier by obtaining our 100% goal. Can we do it again? Sure, but not without your help. I used to think a goal of 100% membership was unobtainable. I was wrong. What changed? Mainly, a mindset that this goal is a reachable goal, and with the promotion of our programs, can and will be reached again.

We can blame a lot on Covid-19, but what will be our excuse this year. Covid-19 will be 2 years old, and going on 3 years old in 2022. Are we going to just sit and let this virus dictate our membership results? I hope not! So, lets end on a Positive Note! What can I do to get our membership back on the increase?

First, I would set a goal to bring my Post Reporting up to date and keep it that way all year. Why? Because if you are not aware of your Posts numbers and necessary qualifications, how can you inspire other members to care and get active?

Second, I recommend making the Public and Your Town aware of what Your Post does to help the Veterans in your community. How about the schools? Do they know and understand the value of a VFW Post in their town? (Scholarships, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and others)

Third, and last I would try and get my Post to conduct business correctly and in an orderly fashion. In all honesty, sitting around in a circle, discussing the government, politics, and religion and not holding a specific meeting, demeans the Post and opens the door for apathy and discouragement to come in. We all joined the VFW to help our Veterans, Promote Patriotism, and to keep the fires of Liberty burning brightly within our hearts.

**Isn't it time we re-stoked the flames of Sovereignty, and started our Nation Back to Where We Once Were?**

One Nation, Under God, and a Beacon of Light to the World. The world may have lost its way but our VFW Members have not. Like I said, **"One More Time," Our Nation Is Asking For Our Help.**

God Bless You. God Bless Our Veterans, and God Bless the United States of America!

God Bless You All,  
Terry Warner





## 2021 Department Elections

Section 517 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, Chaplain and if election is required by Department By-Laws the 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 Topeka on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

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 March 2021. 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



## KANSAS STATE BY-LAW CHANGES

### ARTICLE VI – DEPARTMENT FUNDS

**SEC. 3 (A)** Department Budget and Finance Committee shall be established to provide advice, counsel and assistance to the Department Quartermaster in preparation and maintenance of the budget. The Committee shall consist of **six (6)** members recommended by the Department Quartermaster and appointed by the Department Commander and approved by the Department Council of Administration. The members shall serve four (4) year terms, with one (1) **or two (2) members** being appointed each year. **To start this process of adding two (2) members to this committee, an additional four (4) year member will be added and an additional two (2) year member will be added** Any vacancies on the Committee by death or resignation shall be filled by the same procedure and for that unexpired term. Upon approval of this Article, the members of the current Budget and Finance Committee shall serve out their unexpired terms as members of the newly constituted Budget and Finance Committee. The **six** selected members shall have as qualifications a formal education or professional experience in the field of budgets, investments and/or financial concerns of operating a successful business.

**SEC 4: (A)** The **(6)** appointed members of the Department Budget and Finance Committee shall serve as Trustees of the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## KANSAS CONVENTION CORPORATION BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**SEC. 1:** The control, direction and management of the affairs and finances of the corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The number of **voting** Board of Directors shall be fixed at six **(6)** as follows:

- a. **The Department Commander (1) Sr, Vice in his absence, Jr. Vice in their absence.**
- b. Three (3) members elected by the Department Convention delegates; one for three (3) years, one for two (2) years, and one for one (1) year, with one selected each year for a three (3) year term.
- c. The Department **Adjutant/Quartermaster** shall be the secretary-treasurer and shall maintain under his/her control all funds of the corporation.
- d. The Department Chaplain shall be a **member and also** in charge of memorial ser-

vices.

### ARTICLE VI - FINANCE

**SEC. 2:** **A separate account in the amount up to \$20,000.00 shall be established and entitled "Department Convention Corporation" under the control of the Treasurer.**





2021  
**STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES**  
*ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY COMMITTEE MEETING*

**RESOLUTION/BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

*Chairman – Dallas Love / Vice – Bobby Cox*

Tom Poulter

Scott Nusz

Charlie Cravens

John Herrman

Richard Wahlmeier

Terry Warner

**RULES OF ORDER COMMITTEE**

*Chairman – Clyde Lindsey*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE &  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

*Chairman – Jim Ratcliff / Vice – Vance Hill*

Ken Romine

Doug Northcutt

Jay Boyle

Gerald Marvin

Michael White

Dale Nelson

David Calvin

**VETERANS SERVICE &  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Chairman – Lee Hursey / Vice – Pat Briggs*

Allen Barnes

Fred Churchill

Todd Schroeder

David Kennedy

Michael Holland

Jim Denison

Jim Jenkins

David Tinsley

Jim Langley

Lynn Rolf, Jr.

VFW Post 1254 presented certificates of appreciation  
to the AC Fire & EMS 3-17-21



VFW Post 6958 Sunday night for a hamburger feed to  
celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



## *State Convention National VFW Representative*



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

John Muckelbauer  
serves as the General  
Counsel of the

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.

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## State Convention National Auxiliary Representative

### Evelyn McCune

#### *Past National President*

Past National President Evelyn McCune of Davenport, Fla., is a Life Member of Fred E Ellis Auxiliary 2715 in McPherson, Kansas. She has belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary since 1967, when she joined through the eligibility of her late husband Darrel, a veteran of the Korean War.



Her previous service to the organization includes Auxiliary, District and Department President; National Safety Director; VFW National Home Board Director; National Cancer Aid & Research Director; and National Chairman for the Western Conference on the Rehabilitation, Membership, "Buddy"® Poppy and Legislative programs.

During her 2003-2004 term as National President, she encouraged members to do all they could for the troops fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the families they left behind. Auxiliaries, Posts and youth, as well as concerned community groups, donated thousands of items and more than \$9,000 to ship care packages from National Headquarters to troops. Staff Sgt. Felicia Parker, who sent the original request, returned after being in Iraq a year and was honored at the 2004 Mid-Year Conference with the **"Kindness, Love & Peace"** Award, which was named after the National President's theme.

On the home front, she and the VFW Commander-in-Chief presented *Operation Uplink™* phone cards and children's books to family centers at military bases around the country. She also welcomed soldiers home from Operation Iraqi Freedom when she joined other veterans' organizations for breakfast with President George W. Bush at the White House on Veterans Day.

In recognition of all veterans, she honored Rick Crawford with the **"American Patriot Award"** for his 13-year leadership of the veterans' homecoming festivities held each year in Branson, Mo. To honor him, and in memory of her late husband, she donated \$1,000 to purchase a tree for the Arlington Cemetery Tree Project.

She has two grown daughters and her husband, Don, has two grown sons; altogether they have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



## CANDIDATES FOR STATE CONVENTION



Lee Hursey for  
State Commander



James Ratcliff for  
Senior Vice Commander



James Langley  
Junior Vice Commander



Herb Schwartzkopf  
for Adj/Quartermaster



Terry Warner  
State Chaplain



Terry Fletcher  
State Surgeon

### 2021 VFW CONVENTION AD BOOK BOOSTER PAGE

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Please fill out the form below for **INDIVIDUAL NAMES, POSTS** and/or **AUXILIARIES** and **BUSINESSES**. This is a great way to support the State Convention. Deadline is April 15, 2021.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**


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James SARGE Langley

### ELIGIBILITY

KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD/  
UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVES.

1984-2004

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM  
2003-2004

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM  
EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

### VFW OFFICES HELD

DEPT SURGEON

DISTRICT COMMANDER

POST COMMANDER

POST QUARTERMASTER

### APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL BY-LAWS  
COMMITTEE

NATIONAL AIDE-DE-  
CAMP

EMERGENCY SERVICES  
CHAIRMAN

ASST. OFFICER OF THE  
DAY

VOD CHAIRMAN

### AWARDS

ALL-AMERICAN DISTRICT  
COMMANDER

ALL-STATE  
DISTRICT  
COMMANDER

ALL-STATE POST  
COMMANDER

ALL STATE  
POST QUARTERMASTER



**Terry Warner**  
**Post #3147**  
**CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN FOR 2021-2022**



I earned my eligibility to the Veterans of Foreign War by serving in Vietnam in 1966 – 1967 as a Diesel Mechanic.

I currently serve as Post #3147 Chaplain. I recently became a Life Member.

I am an ordained minister, (Since 1973), and a member of the National Association of Christian Ministers.

I am currently enrolled in a Chaplaincy Course through the National Association of Christian Ministers and should receive my Credentials in the next few months. (2021)

I am computer literate and use "Social Media" as a means of communication. However, I am also a "Face to Face" type person that likes helping members with computers and training.

I have the support of my wife, Arlene, of 48+ years and the La Crosse Post #3147, and the 7th District.

**I Would Appreciate Your Support and Vote For Department Chaplain.**

505 Washington Street, La Crosse, Kansas 67548

Email: [terry.vfw@gmail.com](mailto:terry.vfw@gmail.com)

Cell: 785-259-9193

*"It's time the VFW moves forward, but still honor, remember, and serve our Veterans."*

*Reverend Terry Warner*





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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MAIL THIS BOTTOM PART

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 24<sup>th</sup>

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 -





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Commander Lee Hursey & President Tessa Butcher



Saturday

July 10, 2021

11:30 a.m. – ??

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VFW & AUXILIARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You

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





March 16, 2021

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On behalf of the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, we would like to thank you for your recent much-needed support of the Winter Storm Uri disaster that left widespread damage across the State of Texas.

We expect that many veterans in the state will be asking for financial assistance and that is where the Department of Texas VFW Foundation Member Disaster Assistance will step in and take care of those needy veterans and their families.

Your generous donation of \$400.00 will be used to assist VFW Posts throughout the state that were impacted during the winter storm in February 2021. We want you to know that every dollar that was donated will help our VFW Posts repair the damages to their buildings and facilities.

Your proven commitment to support our Department of Texas VFW in times of disaster is truly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Richard "Dick" Shawver

State Commander  
Department of Texas VFW

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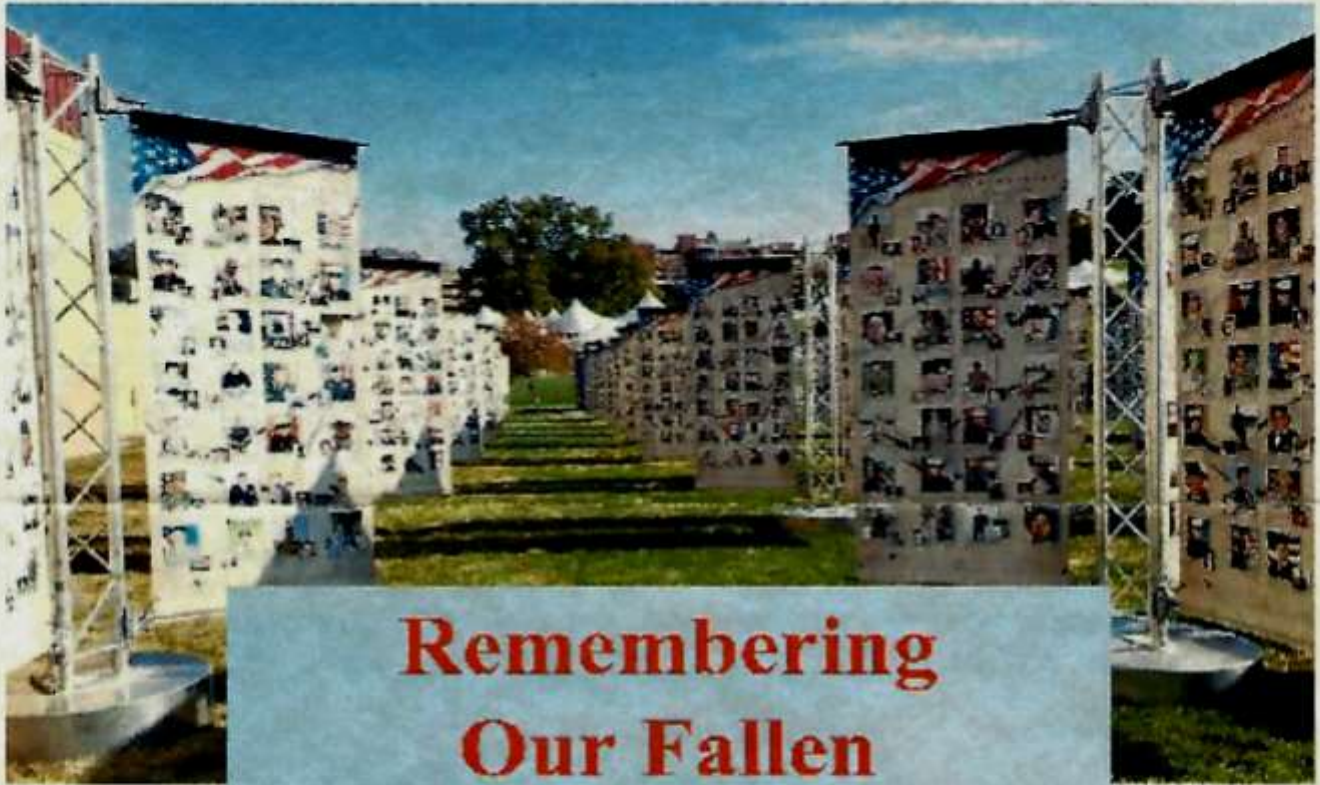
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Texas Holdem at the VFW every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Starts at 7. Food served most nights starting at 6. Check with post because of virus 620-624-7447

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





# Auxiliary News

## STATE PRESIDENT



Greetings Everyone!

This year is really going fast and it will be over before we know it. In February, Karol Goodin, Department Junior Vice President and I were driven by Bob Goodin, to Clearwater, Florida, to the National Mid-Year Conference. **Department President's night out was hosted by National President Sandra Onswedder**, who treated twenty eight Department Presidents to a Mystery Theater. The next night we were invited to a Masquerade Ball, which was very entertaining and a very good time. The highlight of the trip was a dinner cruise with everyone that attended the Mid-year conference. Needless to say, all of us enjoyed the trip very much.

I hope you watched the VFW Virtual Parade of Winners on April 1, 2021 on Facebook Live. It was Awesome! Congratulations to Department Winner Julia Hines!!

As this year comes to an end, please make sure that your Auxiliary has made the obligatory donations to Cancer Aid & Research, Health and Happiness, General Hospital Fund, National Military Services, National Home, youth, etc. These programs help us to maintain our non-profit status, **do not forget the National President's project as well as mine, Stars, Stripes, Support- Unmet Needs** to help our military and their families with food that is much needed.

I am so proud of the Department of Kansas, you have met all the goals we had set: installation reports submitted, bonds were paid, Auxiliary officer dues were paid by December 31, 2020, bi-annual reports were done. We have one more goal that needs to be achieved and that is 100% plus membership. Please keep on working on membership, ask friends, family and acquaintances to **join our great organization. Let's Make IT Happen for our Veterans!**

Congratulations to all newly elected Auxiliary and District officers! Wishing you the best, enjoy and have a fun and very successful year for 2021-2022.

Please encourage everyone to get out and come to Topeka to the Department Convention in June, it will be so good to see everyone again!!

Thank you,

Jane Ryser  
Department President



# Auxiliary News

## STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Wow! What a year. I don't think anyone could have anticipated how this last year would turn out. During an unprecedented time, our VFW Posts and Auxiliaries found new ways to hold meetings through Zoom. We were encouraged to think outside the box to promote our National Programs and even though we were unable to get into the VA Hospitals, we found other ways of supporting our Hospitalized Veterans by donating gift cards and taking up collections of newly purchased clothing to be taken and handed over to the facilities. I know **we're all looking forward to the time when we'll be able to get back to some semblance of normalcy.**

To my VFW & Auxiliary family - thank you for all you continue to do to fight for the rights of our veterans, **active-duty military and their families.** **Thank you to everyone who's attended a meal or event at the Post home to help support us.** Most events are done as fundraisers that

go back into our VFW Auxiliary National programs such as National Military Service and Veterans & Military Support Programs.

Now that some restrictions are beginning to be lifted, I can't wait to see what we accomplish this next year!

**"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision; the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."** – *Andrew Carnegie*

Loyally,

*Tessa Butcher*

Senior Vice, Department of Kansas

## STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



What a pleasure it has been to serve as your Auxiliary Department Jr. Vice President this past year. It has been a busy year, filled with a lot of events and activities. As we near the end of the year, Auxiliaries and Districts have elected their officers for next year. I want to congratulate and thank all those who have volunteered to lead at every level of this great organization.

Also, congratulations to those Auxiliaries who have reached 100% in Membership! We still need a little to get the Department to 100%, but I know you will keep working hard, because you do not give up!

You have worked hard within our Programs. It has not been easy this year to get into the communities, hospitals, and schools, but you have found ways to make it work, and have put in many hours to help our Veterans and families.

I hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in June. Stay safe and keep up the good work!

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.

