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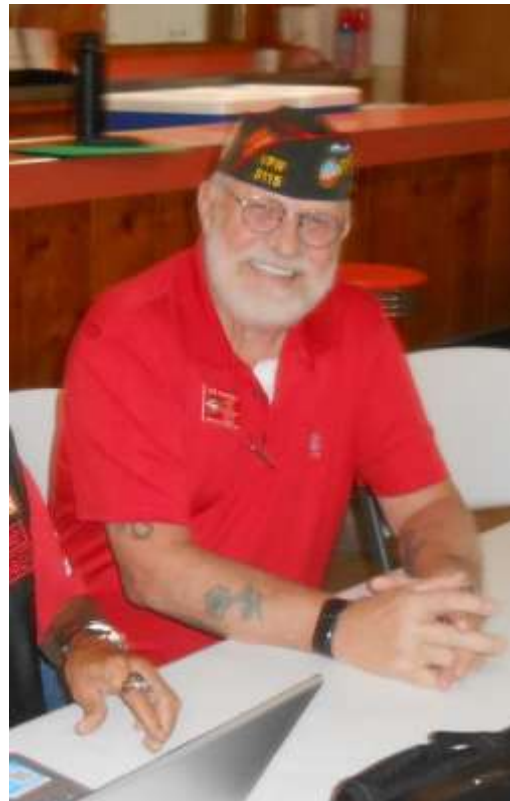
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**“Underway
Everyday for
Veterans”**





State Commander

Comrades,

The Post Surgeons report on the State website has been updated and modified to reflect the new hourly compensation for your volunteer hours. I encourage all the Post Surgeons to download and place the file on your desk top for easy access for your monthly reports. For those who does not have access to the website please contact the State Surgeon Terry Fletcher for the new forms. Remember your Post will get credit even if you submit a blank report. Also you may report your Hospital activates on you Community Service report now. National is mandating that Post must increase their

Community Service 10% over last year to qualify for All-American.

All Post need to assure that your Post Adjutant logs into the National website to enter your respective activities for Nationals All-American program on the All-American Dashboard. The Post Adjutant is required to enter verification on the Post Social Page, Partnering Events, Action Corp, Voice of Democracy, and Patriots Pen activities.

Congratulations to all the Post that are 100% in membership. Your hard work is paying off. There are many Post in the State that are 10 or less in achieving 100%. Now is the time to work the membership. Your reinstates is the place to start. Currently at this writing Kansas is 13th in the nation regarding all the other Departments. In past years Kansas does well in the beginning but starts to lag further and further behind as the year proceeds. We need to keep up the momentum in our membership as we go forward into the year and move to the top 10 as we are capable.

Registration forms for the Department Mid-Winter Conference being held in Junction City in January are now available. The District Voice of Democracy winners will be honored at the banquet which will be on Saturday Night. The National Jr. Vice Commander Duane Sarmiento is scheduled to be the National representative during the weekend.

I ask everyone to attend your Post, District, and State meetings if you can. Start with getting involved with your Post. Don't just rely on the Officers and the select few volunteers, they need your help to make your Post successful. Ask yourself why did I join the VFW? Was it to help your fellow Veteran or just sit back and watch the others? Post within the State are losing their Home Post and losing their Charter because the member's attitude seems that they don't care. Don't let it happen to you. Fight to keep your Post alive.

This is the last bulletin for the year the next one will come out after the Mid-Winter. If your Post has any news worthy items and or pictures please submit them to Headquarters for publication.

In Comradeship,
Lee Hursey
Commander





State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades and Auxiliary Members,

The Department of Kansas is doing pretty well in the membership arena respective to our position among the other Departments in the VFW. I still find myself searching for the best way to reply to potential members that inevitably ask “What Can the VFW Do For Me?” I believe the absolute most important program we have for protecting veterans rights and benefits is the VFW Legislative programs at all levels. The Department of Kansas has a strong record in working with local, state, and federal level Legislators to advocate for our veterans.

All of us within this organization have an obligation to “push our brand” as the most effective VSO in the legislative arena. I encourage members to reach out to our National Legislative Representative Bruce Fischbach and State Legislative Representative Herb Schwartzkopf and keep abreast of the legislative activities information they have available to them. Include information about our legislative successes and current legislation we are advocating for in your presentations and discussion when recruiting new members.

I encourage our posts to take advantage of the programs and assistance that can be offered by the National Organization. [Corey Hunt, Associate Director – Post Development and Revitalization VFW National Headquarters \(816.968.2788\)](#) is a good source to aid in this endeavor.

Jim Ratcliff
Sr. Vice Commander
Dept. of Kansas VFW



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

Freshly back from JVC training in KC. It was a very informative 3 days of training. Finally got to put a face to the names of those I have communicated with via phone or email. We have a great staff at National Headquarters that are willing to lend a hand whenever it is needed.

I put a challenge out last quarter for you to keep me busy with reports, you comrades definitely held me to my word. Thank you for all that each and everyone of you do for the Department of Kansas.

Just a couple of things I would like to address. For the most part the reports have been very well written and all the information present. However, there are some that are extremely vague and I have to try to picture what is being reported. Please take the time to put a little more information into those reports. Please remember, if it benefits the post, it is not reportable. If you did a POW/MIA ceremony in September, get a report to Fred Churchill, I am sure he would appreciate it.

A couple big events coming in November; Election day Nov 2 and Veterans Day on the 11th. Get out and vote and have or attend programs on OUR DAY. Plan now for the Mid-Winter in Junction City on Jan 14-16 as we select our VOD and PP winners that will represent Kansas in Washington. Wishing each and every one of you best. See you in Junction City in January.

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State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

Top of the list: We still have some Posts that are not yet bonded or have shown proof of bond. You do not have to be bonded through VFW/Tallman Insurance Company, but we do need to have on file your proof of insurance that also shows VFW State and National as co-insureds.

We also have several Posts that are in the arrears for sending in their quarterly audits. Your audits are proof to District, State, and National officers that your Post is in good running condition. Missing audits only lead those same officers to thinking otherwise. Please, assist us with showing that all Posts in the State of Kansas VFW are strong and vibrant! Get your audits submitted on time! Thank You!

Please, especially if you are new to the Quartermaster or Adjutant position or any new elected or appointed position and you do not understand what your job description may be, contact us and we will do our best to assist you or find someone that can.

Do not hesitate to visit our Kansas VFW Website which is vfwks.org where you can find out information on all of the programs, file a Community Service report, fill out a Post Surgeon's report, fill out a Post audit and find audit training, and many helpful other resources.

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

In Respectful Comradeship
Herb Schwartzkopf
Department of Ks. Adjutant/Quartermaster

Legislative

Comrades:

By the time you read this you will have completed a most important Patriotic "Duty", and that is voting. My local newspaper always has at the top of the Front Page, "Free Men Have Duties as well as Rights"! This especially holds true in the military community where Veterans have fought and died for those rights to be available for all Americans, generation after generation.

Once you have voted, inform your Community Service Chairman so he can record it along with all other Post members whom have voted and then report it under the Legislative category on the Community Service reporting tool on the Kansas VFW Web Site, ksvfw.org

We will keep you updated as the Legislature starts up in early 2022 and will enlist your help when Veteran Legislation comes to the forefront.

We will email the District Commanders to disseminate among their District comrades any legislative information that needs to be passed on that we are made aware of.

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

Patrick Briggs
Past State Commander
National Counsel of Administration Committee Member



State Chaplain

The God of All Comfort

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; (4) Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

For the past several years, our society, morals, and ethnics have been mixed up and presenting a very confusing message. The old days of God, Country, and Patriotism has been discarded for a new “godless” social agenda.

Long held truths have been discarded and disposed of and our National Monuments are currently under attack as we try and change, and even erase our factual history. We are seeing the destructive attempt to rewrite and cancel everything this country has been founded and established on.

Even our founding documents state that, “That we are a Christian Nation and our rights come from Almighty God.”

Consequently, we are thrown into a controversy that we did not want to participate in but cannot afford to ignore. It’s time to get active and make an effort to turn this erroneous agenda against us and fight back.

It is time we stood up and say, “Enough!” How do we do that? Let me speak to our Chaplains first. Our fear of God must return. And return quickly because our time on this earth is running out sooner than you think.

However, our first step must be repentance and a change of heart from us. Our fight is not against a person, but is against the principalities and powers and spiritual strongholds. If you are calling people names and wishing and praying for their demise, you are in the wrong. If you are not praying for our leaders, you are in the wrong. (1 Timothy 2:1-2, Jeremiah 29:7)

We cannot afford to fight the wrong enemy. So, what should I pray?

Pray for our President and Vice President to see the error of their ways and repent and give their hearts to God. Then the Holy Spirit can lead and direct their steps. Otherwise, they are incapable of following God’s instructions.

Pray and write our Congressman and Senators and remind them that our God given rights and privileges are the results of the Blessings and the Love of God that were bestowed upon us.

Also, develop a “Spirit of Gratitude and Love” toward others. We, especially s Chaplains, should show a “Spirit of Compassion” toward our Veterans. In other words, lead by example.

Keep visiting [The Chaplain’s Corner](#) web page for articles and guidance to help you be an active and a caring Chaplain.

If you are not a Chaplain, your prayers for our Chaplain’s would be greatly appreciated. At least, pray for our leaders and pray to have their hearts changed so we can start turning back some of this wickedness and sin.

Remember, it is not the person or individual causing all of this, it is a spirit of anti-Christianity and the battle must be fought on a spiritual basis.

God Bless You All,
Terry Warner, Dept. Chaplain





State Judge Advocate

Greetings to the VFW and Auxiliary of the State of Kansas,

I have decided not to run for reelection for the post of Department Judge Advocate and Past National Judge Advocate Bob Cox has decided to run for the position and has my complete support, please consider voting for him in June. I am running for the Veteran Service Committee currently held by James Denison, if you feel I would do a good job I would appreciate your support,

Things are moving along in the State of Kansas, I have not been contacted lately but I am always available if you need my input. I have my By-Laws available and will try to get you an answer quickly.

As always if questions arise and you want my input, do not hesitate to contact me.

Dallas Love, State Judge Advocate, 2021 - 2022



State Chief of Staff

Greetings from your Chief of Staff. It's my honor again to serve Commander Lee and all our members again during the upcoming year. With recent events I want to say a few words from an old Vietnam Vet who saw and suffered our withdraw from Vietnam in 1975.

To all of our comrades, especially active duty, veterans and military families that served in Afghanistan, lost loved ones and left a part of yourself in Afghanistan, please please know, your service mattered. The Majority of your countrymen and women will forever be grateful. I know I am grateful for you. Reach out to your battle buddies if you need to talk and may need any help whatsoever.

Let's have a banner year, work membership, work our VFW Programs, get along in your Posts--let's show everyone we are working to serve our veterans all over the state. Be safe .. be proud and I wish you success in the upcoming year.

Lynn Rolf Jr.
State Chief of Staff
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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.

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.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter in January.

In comradeship,
Vance Hill
State Inspector
State Emergency Services Director



3rd District Commander

3rd district had a nice turn out for our fall meeting. Thank you to all who attended!

Our district mid-winter meeting will be Jan 29th at 10 am in Columbus. Please send in your reports each month.

We all need to work membership both continuous and new members.

Have a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Norman Gentry
State 3rd District Commander
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4th District Commander

Comrades,

If you didn't make it to the 4th District Fall Convention, you really missed out! First off, a HUGE Thank You to Commander Harry Green and his Abilene Post for hosting. They put on an Incredible lunch!! Much appreciated, Commander!

There were a few Staffing changes

Your newly elected 4th District Chaplain is Ed Mueller (Herington).

Your newly appointed 4th District Surgeon is Dave Ebersol (Herington).

There were a few other Chairmanships that needed a boost-

Newly appointed are:

POW/MIA— Scott Hayes (Abilene)

Collegiate Veterans and Employment Programs—Tara Fields (Abilene)

Veterans and Military Support Programs—Colleen Crippen (Abilene)

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all of you who have stepped up to the plate and are ready to swing for the fences!

Have a Wonderful Day, You Legends!!

Allen Owens

State 4th District Commander

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To whom it may concern -

Thank you for your consideration & generosity in granting me the \$2,000 VFW Endowment Scholarship. I look forward to achieving my goals & giving back to the community. Again, thank you for funding me this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Halle Hall





Mid-Winter Conference National Representative

Duane Sarmiento
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Duane Sarmiento was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on Aug. 3, 2021, at the 122nd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

He served in the United States Navy from 1988 to 1997, and the United States Naval Reserve from 2002 to 2006, earning his VFW eligibility by serving in Operations Desert Shield/Storm. In recognition of his service, he received the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, the Saudi Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, Kuwait Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait and numerous other medals and ribbons. In 2003, he earned the title of the Naval Reserve Center Sailor of the Year at Fort Dix.



Duane joined the VFW in 1990 at Post 5579 in Gibbstown, New Jersey, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of New Jersey Commander from 2018 to 2019. On the national level, he has served on the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, General Resolutions Committee, as Special Aide-De-Camp, and as Inspector General from 2019 to 2020.

He retired as a police officer with the Greenwich Township Police Department and Gloucester County Sheriff's Department in New Jersey. Duane was the director of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County, New Jersey, retiring after 10 years of services.

He is also a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 57.

Duane and his wife, Ellen, reside in Gibbstown, New Jersey.

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Mid-Winter Conference National Representative



Jane Ryser

National District Council Member Area 13 2021-2023

Jane Ryser of Clyde, Kansas represents Kansas and Colorado on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary between National Conventions.

A Life Member of San Lo-Leyte Auxiliary 7515 in Clyde, Kansas, she joined on the eligibility of her late-husband Michael D. Purves, who served in the U. S. Army from 1968-1971 in Vietnam.

Jane has served the organization in many capacities, including as Auxiliary, District, and Department (state) President, serving as Auxiliary President for 11 years.

Jane is also a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.



VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

V.F.W. Post 8773 Hosting

Junction City, Kansas

January 14-16, 2022

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE THE HOTEL LISTED BELOW

(Please state this is for the VFW Mid-Winter Meeting)

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

TICKET RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 7, 2022

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NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

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

(CIRCLE AFFILIATION)

VFW / AUX / POST # _____ TITLE _____

SPOUSE

VFW / AUX / POST # _____ TITLE _____

Number of

_____ Registration \$ 5.00

_____ Saturday Banquet \$ 25.00

_____ Saturday Dance \$ 5.00

Packet per person \$ 35.00

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P.O. BOX 1008
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VFW State Headquarters (785-272-6463)

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VFW MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS JANUARY 14-16, 2022
******* TENTATIVE SCHEDULE *******

ALL VFW AND AUXILIARY MEETINGS HELD AT THE HOTEL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	DISTRICT PRESIDENT/DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN MEETING - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	AUXILIARY AUDIT - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
2:30 PM -	BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i>
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	TICKET PICK-UP - <i>Foyer</i>
4:00 PM -	CONVENTION CORPORATION MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i>
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	AUXILIARY FLOOR PRACTICE - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
5:00 PM -	VETERANS SERVICE MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i>
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	AUXILIARY HOSPITAL WORKSHOP - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
6:00 PM -	ENDOWMENT MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i> - <i>Post 8773 Open</i>
7:45 PM -	AUXILIARY COUNCIL MEETING - <i>Cottonwood A</i>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

7:30 AM -	PAST COMMANDER'S CLUB BREAKFAST - <i>Cottonwood C</i>
8:00 AM -	AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING CIRCLE OF ACHIEVEMENT/REPORTING REVIEW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN REPORTS MALTA TRAINING - - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TICKET PICK-UP - <i>Foyer</i>
9:00 AM -	VFW COUNCIL MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i> <i>Immediately following VFW Council Meeting</i> VFW CONFERENCE MEETING - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i>
11:30 AM -	LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN
12:30 PM -	AUXILIARY CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES - <i>Cottonwood A</i> DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN REPORTS CONTINUE ONLINE AUXILIARY ACADEMY/RESOURCE TRAINING
1:00 PM -	VFW CONFERENCE MEETING RESUMES - <i>Cottonwood D-E-F</i>
3:45 PM -	CLOSING CEREMONIES - <i>Cottonwood A</i>
5:45 PM -	VOD INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT WINNERS - <i>Sunflower Room</i>
6:30 PM -	VOD BANQUET - <i>Cottonwood B & C</i>
8:00 PM -	DANCE - <i>Post 8773</i>

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



VFW post 3166 will be raffling off this John Wayne commemorative 32-40 rifle. Drawing will be on the last day of our gun show on January 16, 2022.

TICKETS ARE:

1-\$20

6-\$100



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)



If your Post would like to purchase Red Friday short sleeve or long 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



Greetings to all my VFW & Auxiliary family!

What a year we've had so far. I've enjoyed my travels to six of the Districts this year and have enjoyed hearing about everything your Posts and Auxiliaries are doing within the community. Keep up the great work! We really are stronger when we stand together as "One Team" and we've proven that we can accomplish anything when we focus on "One Goal" – and that's "Making a Difference" in the lives of our veterans, active-duty service members, their families and our communities.

It was great working the Kansas State Fair side-by-side with the VFW to promote membership within our organization and scholarship opportunities for the youth. Thank you to all who donated Buddy Poppies for the Poppy Drive.

We had perfect weather during the National President's Visit to Kansas. I personally want to say thank you to each and every VFW and Auxiliary member who came out to visit with Jean Hamil while she was here. Her one request was that she wanted to meet with as many VFW & Auxiliary members as possible during her visit and thanks to all of you – we were able to make it happen!

Membership is something that every member works, and we are doing a great job! Congratulations on achieving the goals set by National for the 1st Quarter! We achieved well over 80 new/rejoin members and also exceeded our 50% retention goal! Now it's on to our next goal of 80 new/rejoin and 75% retention by January 31st! We've also got our own "monthly challenge" that will help ensure if made that we achieve over 100% in membership! Our next monthly goal is to achieve 90% by the end of November and I know that by working together – we will do it!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Junction City in January when we'll get to gather again in fellowship at the Department Mid-Winter Meeting and recognize our future leaders at the VOD Banquet.

Be blessed this Holiday Season – and I'll see you in the New Year!

Loyally,
Tessa Butcher
Department President

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone – as I write this, it is 47 degrees, with the wind blowing from the North at 32 mph. This gal is not ready for winter!

We had a wonderful time in early October welcoming our National President, Jean Hamil, to Kansas. We visited several Posts and Auxiliaries and were welcomed with good food and conversation. Thank you to everyone who travelled with us and opened your Posts.

Fall District meetings have been completed. Auxiliaries gave their Program reports, and had trainings on Healthy Auxiliaries, Legislative matters, and proper completion of Membership applications.

We are continuing to work hard on Membership. Our National Ambassador has set lofty goals for all Departments, and we are proud to say that Kansas did meet and exceed their first quarter goals. Thank you to all of you that have already paid your annual dues! I challenge you to get out there and recruit, recruit, recruit....

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!
Karol Goodin
Dept. Sr. Vice President

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Mike McCandless
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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.

