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**“Underway
Everyday for
Veterans”**



State Commander

Comrades,

Congratulations to all the Post who has achieved 100% in membership. To the Post that need 10 or less to acquire 100% status I encouraged you to make contact with your members. I have been following the membership through all of the Departments. In our last bulletin in November 2021 Kansas was listed 13th in standing. As of February 2022 just 3 months later we now stand at 24th within all of the Departments. I encourage all Post to set up time to make calls, knock on doors, send letters, and emails to reach out and collect membership.

If any of the members are planning to visit the Bob Dole Regional Medical Center, stop in at the office of the VFW Service Officers and greet Dustin Nichols our newest Assistant Service Officer. Presently he is in training to get accredited so he may assist our Veterans with their benefits.

Next month is March. Post are to accept nominations for Officers for the 2022-2023 year at their upcoming monthly membership meeting. If you accept a nomination or an appointment I applaud to for taking the responsibility for the position you are about to be elected or appointed to. Don't just take it for the sake of filling the position do it for the betterment of the Post. As an officer or Chairman, the membership of your Post looks up to you to help the Post succeed.

The next Department Convention will be in Hays, Kansas in June. Registration is now available on the Kansas VFW Website and is a fillable PDF. If you do not have internet capabilities contact one of your Post Officers to receive a copy. We will be electing a slew of new Officers. If you are interested in running for an office it is not too late to throw your name in and campaign. You can't get elected if you don't run. The April Bulletin is available for your announcement of your intentions.

In Comradeship,
Lee Hursey
Commander





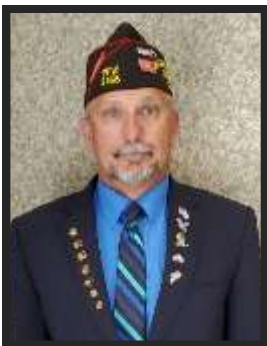
State Sr. Vice Commander

Comrades

This is the time of year that we must turn our attention to the legislative activity in the Kansas State House. On February 10, 2021 several of the Veteran Service Organizations in the state of Kansas participated in "Hill Day" to advance our legislative concerns and discuss several specific pieces of legislation currently being worked by the Legislature. On February 15, 2021 our State Adjutant/Quartermaster testified before the Veterans & Military Committee House Representatives on the VCAP Grant funding that has been authorized annually during the State Budget process by the State Legislature since 2006. The number of VFW members present at the time outnumbered the Committee members.

We are working to keep our membership better informed on the most current information we have on the legislative process. We will encourage members to contact their State legislators when support of specific legislation will have an impact on veterans in the state of Kansas. The Department of Kansas VFW has joined in with several VSOs in the state to improve our legislative efforts in a "Coalition of VSOs" to develop more effective efforts and advance specific legislative goals that we all support and show a united front to achieve the best possible outcomes for the veteran members of each of these organizations. In the coming weeks and months one goal of the State of Kansas VFW leadership is to enhance and improve the flow of this information to our Districts and Posts. I encourage each of you to voice your concerns and opinions to us so we can work for you developing this improved process.

Jim Ratcliff
Sr. Vice Commander
Dept. of Kansas VFW



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades of Kansas,

Where has time gone? We are close to wrapping up our VFW program year. And what a year it has been. I am so proud of the work you comrades have done in community service; nothing can keep TEAM KANSAS down. At the time of this newsletter, here are the stats for community service:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:	1195 reports
	13,614 hours
	91,064 veteran cost
VETERANS PROJECTS:	1170 reports
	13,009 hours
	31084 veteran cost
LEGESLATIVE:	198 reports
	2427 hours
	2338 veteran cost
YOUTH:	305 reports
	2674 hours
	21744 veteran cost
TOTAL MILEAGE:	252,912
TOTAL MEMBERS:	11,847

Keep up the awesome work for our Veterans and our communities that we are all committed to. Just a reminder that if you are going for All-State, each post needs 6 reports for each category.

Department Convention will be in Hays on June 9-12. Registration information was sent out by Department Headquarters. National Convention will be in Kansas City July 16-21, be sure your post gets a delegate registered.

I have truly enjoyed servicing you as your JVC and I will be a candidate for your SVC. Thank you for all your support, mentorship and friendship you have given me. See you all in Hays.

James SARGE Langley
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State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

Part of this article is redundant from the past, but needs to be said.

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 Bond, and your proof of insurance that also shows VFW State and National as co-insureds if your Post is not insured by Lockton Risk.

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!

At this time we only have ten Posts that are Community Service eligible for All-State. Do not confuse this with National VFW's Dashboard that shows Posts that are Community Service eligible for All American. The program requirements for each are vastly different and you could be eligible for one and not the other. If you have any questions as to whether your Post is qualified for All State and what you may or may not need to do so, contact me and I will let you know the documentation I have for your Post.

It will not be long before it is election time and the election reports need to be submitted to National. If you have problems with getting your election report submitted on line, contact me and I will assist you in that endeavor.

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:

The 2022 Kansas Legislature has started up and is in full swing. The main bills that we are tracking deal with trying to restore the funding for the Veterans Home in Northeast Kansas to the full amount originally planned for with room for expansion. Also on the docket are various bills that deal with sales tax exemptions for certain % disabled veterans and retiree's, plus the numerous license plate requests, along with the National Guard wanting full funding for college scholarships for all of their Kansas soldiers. There is also a bill floating through the State Senate that will keep Guardsmen from being deployed unless Congress declares War.

Your Kansas VFW is represented at the Veterans and Military Committee meetings on Tuesday and Thursday and also is represented at other Committee meetings when certain Bills that carry weight in the military community are being discussed/voted on. Your Kansas VFW will be presenting testimony on February 15th at the Veterans and Military Committee Meeting regarding the VCAP Grant Program's impact on Kansas Veterans and their families and how Kansas VFW has properly used this grant to benefit thousands of these Veterans and their families.

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. We will also communicate through the District Commanders the need for members to contact their legislators with their feelings on bills, especially those listed in the first paragraph above. We strive to represent your voice and feelings but the best way that can be done is for you to contact your State representative or Senator and give them your opinion. Remember, anonymous phone calls and letters are best left undone, as they are worthless. If you want to stand for or against a Bill or Resolution, give your name and let your voice be heard.

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

Welcome 2022

Greetings Everyone, Welcome to 2022. I think most of us are glad to see 2021 leave. However, always remember that there were good things that happened to people in 2021. We must always remain grateful for being alive, otherwise, life can very easily turn to a sarcastic attitude.

One thing is for certain; If you are still alive and on this earth, (where else would you be), God has a plan for you, and your life will not be very satisfying unless you submit your desires and lifestyle to Him.

That doesn't mean you lose your freedom, in fact, it's an open door to live life freer and more exciting than you have so far. If you are a VFW Member, more than likely, you have seen injustices and heart breaking scenes that still live in your mind. Christianity doesn't mean wiping out those painful memories but rather directing and channeling that experience to help someone less fortunate than yourself.

That means, as Veterans, we need to show compassion and love toward our brothers and sisters. It seems we have gotten into a lifestyle of sharp, critical, and hurtful comments fueled by our Social media platforms that let us say things without realizing the damage being done to another human being.

Everyone is yelling and screaming to an audience that is not listening. (Mainly because they are yelling and screaming back at us.) Thus, we are acting like small children that have not been taught respect for others.

Okay, you get the point. I understand. However, how do we break the cycle of destruction and crisis that has swept over the World?

Well, you start by stepping back and realize that the problem is Spiritual and not with an individual. I know it is hard to understand and even tougher to do but that is the only way. If the devil can get you fighting amongst yourselves, then all he has to do is fan the flames of hate and speech and watch us destroy ourselves along with our Country and World.

We currently have China, North Korea, Iran, Russia, and others plotting against us and we are shuffling the chairs on a Titanic ship that is about to sink.

It is totally necessary that we become the United States again and get back to our basic Christian beliefs and Morals before it is too late. It is totally necessary that we give up the old, outdated methods of what worked in the past and start exploring and implementing new ways to bring the VFW into the fore front. We must speak out, but we must speak in love and compassion for all human beings. It is totally necessary that we identify the enemy and realize that it is not an individual but a "ism" or idea or belief that is incompatible with the America that we used to know.

So, what is your plan? Keep arguing, griping, or complaining?

Or is it to get with other like minded Veterans and start taking this country back. We need to become active and start trimming this government back so it is forced to serve the people and the country like it was supposed to.

We need to get petitions started to initiate term limits. We need to quit trying to say we are "Non-Political" and using that as an excuse to be an inactive group. (You need not take sides to restore justice and equality and our American way of life. We only need to follow our Christian Morals and Standards that this Country was founded upon.)

We need to realize that no one person is going to turn anything around or change anything in congress. Again, I am reminding you that we are not fighting flesh and blood but Principalities, Powers, and Rulers In dark places.

Let's unite, Fellow Veterans, and make these last few days before Christ returns count for something.

God Bless You All,

Chaplain Terry Warner

Terry Warner, Dept. Chaplain

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State Chief of Staff

Comrades and Auxiliary

I hope you are all well and enjoying this February weather. Thanks to all who came to our mid-winter conference in Junction City and a big thank you to our host Post 8773. Amid our continued battle with the virus I ask you take care of yourself and family.

The Scout of the Year deadline is March 1st to the post and April 1st to be sent to the Department Chairman Vince Van Cleave.

Basically, we have 1 more month till the end of March to complete our programs, continue to work membership you have 4 more months until the end of June. This is now the 3rd year of the pandemic. Keep plugging along.

Again, contact me at lynnwrolfjr@gmail.com if I can assist you in any way.

Lynn Rolf Jr.
State Chief of Staff
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913-775-1998



2nd District Commander

Greetings Comrades and members of the Auxiliary,

First of all, I hope this letter finds everyone well and in good spirits. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your family. I know in many cases there is a great deal of discussion around the pandemic and vaccinations. My hope is we respect everyone's right to choose and support each other as we continue to work through these trying times.

As we stand today, District 2 is leading the department at this point with 93.95% and we are 155 members from being 100%. Today - 9 posts need 10 or less, 5 need 19 or less and Lenexa needs 34 (they are the second largest post in the state).

Congratulations to the DeSoto post for being the first post in the district to achieve 100%. Great job team. We can make this happen and if you or your post needs a list, some help calling or in general advice, please do not hesitate to reach out

to me or one of the other district officers and we will help any way we can. Be on the lookout for a date and time to do a district wide calling day. Likely in late February or early March.

The Spring District Meeting will be in DeSoto on April 9th at 10:00am. We will be nominating and electing new officers and chairpersons. We will need a Commander and Jr. Vice.

The Endowment Scholarship was due to the Department Headquarters by February 1st. Additionally, the Scout of the Year deadline is March 1st to the post and April 1st to be sent to Department Chairman Vince VanCleave.

Our District Ride Chairman Chris Stergos would also like to know if anyone from posts without a Riders Group would like to form a District group. As it stands, we have plenty of riders belonging to posts without groups – we can start a district group. I know specifically Ottawa and Overland Park have several riders. Let's discuss how we can use this effective tool for the district!

The Military Order of the Cootie group is the Honor Degree of the VFW and we have recently made it a floating Pup Tent and it is a combination of District 1 and District 2. We have members (57) – the Worst Pup Tent in the department (BOOO!) from the following posts; Posts 56, 6401, 846, 6654, 6401, 7397 & 10552. The focus of the Cooties is on the National Home for Children and the VA – the long-term care unit in Leavenworth is specifically our focus. We have been discussing how we can support the newly opened Fisher House in KCMO as well. Dues are \$20 per year and are always looking for new members – consider yourselves formally invited!!!

Aside from membership we have reached all of the requirements (with the exception of missing 2 post inspections) for All State and All American. We need to Recruit, Recruit, Recruit for you all to have the honor of being All State and All American – let's make it happen!!

The success of the VFW starts with you and whatever you can do to help would be fantastic. Thanks again for serving and staying "Committed 2 Veterans"!

Bruce Fischbach, District 2 Commander





5th District Commander

Greeting Comrades and members of the Auxiliary

This last weekend we had our Mid-Winter Convention. We had a great turn out. I would like to thank everyone that worked on this convention.

5th district is planning another coffee tour. The tour is going to be April 29, 30 and May 1. Hope to see a lot of the members of all the posts in 5th district.

We had our patriots pen and Voice of Democracy Awards banquet at the convention. I would like to thank all the winners.

Our membership is still down. There are some posts that are 100% and some just need 5 or 10 members to get 100%. We still need to work the membership program hard and see if this district can be 100%. I am proud of all the hard work everyone is doing to get members. With what is going on, it is tuff.

Hope everyone has a great new year, and will see you at State Convention.

John Hooker
State 5th District Commander



Kansas VFW members gathered at the State House of Representatives Veterans and Military Committee meeting to give support to Kansas VFW testimony on the importance of the VCAP Grant to Kansas Veterans. All six of Kansas VFW's Service officers were there plus six Past State Commanders and other VFW supporters.



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2022 CONVENTION
JUNE 10-12 - HAYS, KANSAS

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THE MOTEL LISTED BELOW FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS

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

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Hays, Kansas 67601
\$109.00 - \$129.00 + TAX
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2022 DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS V.F.W. CONVENTION - JUNE 10-12 - HAYS, KS

PRE-REGISTRATION & TICKETS **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 23, 2022**

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

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(**CIRCLE AFFILIATION**)

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

SPOUSE

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PRE-REGISTER BY MAY 23rd AND SAVE \$5.00 PER PACKET ONLY - SEND \$40.00

Number of

_____ Registration	\$ 15.00
_____ Saturday Banquet	\$ 25.00
_____ Dance	5.00
Packet per person	\$ 45.00

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DEPARTMENT OF KS, VFW
PO BOX 1008
TOPEKA, KS 66601-1008

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NO REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENTS

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - VFW & AUXILIARY REV 8-9-2021

June 9-12, 2022

****TENTATIVE SCHEDULE****

Thursday, June 9, 2022

- 8:30 PM - Budget & Finance Meeting –
- 6:30 PM - Auxiliary Audit –

Friday, June 10, 2022

- 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 - 10:30 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 – Buffet available at hotel
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - VFW Business Meeting –
 - (a) Assign Resolutions - Time & Place for meetings
 - (b) Introductions of guests
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Auxiliary Business Meeting –
 - (a) Auxiliary Credentials
 - (b) Opening Ceremony
 - (c) Nomination of Officers
 - (d) Candidates Forum
- 4:00 PM - Veterans Service Meeting –
- 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 11, 2022

- 8:00 AM - Memorial Service - VFW & Auxiliary –
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Registration –
- 8:00 AM - Buddy Poppy & Record Book on Display removed 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 – Buffet available at hotel
- 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 12, 2022

- 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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Department of Kansas, VFW
P.O. Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008
PH: 785-272-6463

This is a great way for Posts, Auxiliaries, individuals & businesses, to support the State Convention by advertising in the Annual State Convention Program Book.

Advertising space is provided in the 2022 VFW State Convention Souvenir Program Book. Advertising copy must reach Department Headquarters by **April 15, 2022**

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members

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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, 2022.

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District Voice of Democracy Winners



1st District
Kristi Mead
Jonathan Knapp
Robert Cooper



2nd District
Bruce Fischbach
Elizabeth Cross
Sheryl Gulley



3rd District
Norman Gentry
Jade Umlauf
Margaret Barnett



4th District
Allen Owens
Sandra Adams
Kathy McCandless



5th District
Michelle Pfautz
Elysse Ellis
John Hooker



6th District
Richard Wahlmeier
Bethany Rother
Kelma Burch



7th District
Karen Gilkey
Jenna Ratliff
Gerald Marvin



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)





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!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Mid-Winter Meeting in Junction City. We had two great days of meetings, training on MALTA and the Online Auxiliary Academy and even played a couple games to familiarize ourselves more with the Americanism and Mentoring for Leadership programs. Saturday night was the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet. It was such an honor to meet the winners from around the state of Kansas and recognize them for their achievements.

We are doing well on Membership, sitting at 94.30% and I'm sure will achieve 95% by the end of January. Our next goal will be to shoot for 97% by the end of February. At the time of writing this, we need 609 members to be 100%+, a goal that I know is achievable when we all work together to contact those unpaid members. We are so close to making our 2nd Qtr. gain goal that has been set by the National Membership Ambassador. We need 11 more new/rejoin members by the end of January and then we'll start working on the 3rd Qtr. goal, an additional 80 new or rejoin members.

Please remember that your Auxiliary has a required report due for Veterans and Family Support, Hospital and Americanism by March 31, 2022. Please do not send in a report with nothing on it. I'm sure each Auxiliary has done some kind of project, activity or given a donation that benefits veterans. Make sure your report it. Also remember that your report for the five programs of your Auxiliary's choosing is due by March 31, 2022 as well. Before long, we'll be electing new officers for our Districts and our Auxiliaries. Now is the time to start thinking about running for an office or taking on a program chairmanship.

Thank you for your continued support and service to our Organization. It's because of you that we are able to do what we do for our veterans, active-duty service members, their families and our communities. Stay safe and healthy and we'll see you at District Conventions in April.

Loyally,

Tessa Butcher
Department President

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone!

It was good to see so many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Junction City. We missed those of you who couldn't make it due to illness or weather. Auxiliary Program Chairmen presented much good information on their programs, and we had some fun learning through demonstrations.

We must continue to work on Membership in order to reach our goals, both for Department and National. But aside from goals, we must work our membership to be able to serve our Veterans, Families, and Communities.

Sr. Vice President's Conference is currently taking place in Kansas City, and I'm learning a lot of good information to be able to serve as your Department Auxiliary President next year.

I hope to be able to see many of you during your District meetings in April, where you will elect your officers for the upcoming year. I also look forward to seeing you at our Department Convention in June, to be held in Hays.

Thank you for all you do!
Stay safe and well!

Karol Goodin
Department of Kansas Senior Vice President

STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Brothers and Sisters!

Happy New Year! It was great to see everyone at the Mid Winter Conference in Junction City. The program chairs did a wonderful job updating us on the programs and reporting process. We had the opportunity to do some online tutorials for the Auxiliary Treasurers which were very informative. It is always a great pleasure to meet the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners and hear the winning essays. Keep pushing membership. Work those rejoins and get new members! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Convention!

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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.

