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State Commander Michael B. Holland



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State Commander

Comrades and Brothers and Sisters of the KANSAS VFW and Auxiliary. National Convention was certainly exciting and interesting. Some new stuff is coming down the road, and a few changes. Change can be good, and a necessity in an organization that wants to grow and continue to serve our Veterans. Team Kansas was well represented.

We had a great COA/SOI in Parsons. Everyone worked as a team. There was a lot of good information put out in the School of Instruction, and the attendance was great. That's how the Department KANSAS VFW and Auxiliary will prosper, by working together as a team.

"Team Kansas" Without the cooperation of Headquarters staff, Convention Corp and Post #704, Parsons, it would not have been a success! So again, great job and Thank you!

Don't forget, Membership, it's a necessity to the VFW.

Hopefully our programs are in full swing, let's work them and see if we can finish on time.

Remember Everyone Deployed, wear "RED" on Friday's.

No One Does More for Veterans

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael B Holland
Commander
Dept of Kansas





State Sr. Vice Commander

I can't believe that this year is almost over as being your State Jr. Vice Commander. We have accomplished a lot this year concerning the Community Service Program. As you team up with your State Jr. Vice Commander, Lee Hursey, don't forget to "Report All Community Service" and "WHO BENEFITED FROM IT".

At this time I would like to "Thank You Comrades" for giving me the opportunity to be your "State Sr. Vice Commander" for 2017-2018. As your State Sr. Vice Commander I'm responsible for "TEAM KANSAS MEMBERSHIP". Let us not forget that Membership drives the budget for the Department of Kansas.

There are Three Things that I would like for you to think about on a daily basis: (1. VFW and Auxiliary equals "Team Kansas", (2. Membership, Membership, Membership and (3. Communicate, Communicate, Communicate.

I'm Looking Forward To A Very Successful Year. This is Very Important As Well: 1. I CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU DON'T ASK, THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM and "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS".

Patrick M. Briggs

State Senior Vice Commander

Department of Kansas



State Jr. Vice Commander

Comrades,

Now we are at the beginning of the New Year we must continue to move forward, carry on, and maintain our excellence in helping our communities through our devoted services. As we complete a service by helping in the Community, with our Government, our Youth, or with Veterans Services, take a moment make a note to yourself to report your activities to your Community Services Chairmen within your Post. Our Chairmen cannot make assumptions on what we do, and as you make your reports don't forget to include on who benefitted.

Again Comrades thank you again for believing in me and allowing me to work for you as your State Jr. Vice Commander. Working with you in the past has been a pleasure and I look forward in working with you in the future.

In Comradeship,
Lee Hursey
State Jr. Vice Commander





State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Comrades:

I know the reports you get from the State Quartermaster are repetitive and like a broken record, but the Quartermasters job IS a repetitive job; doing the same things over and over again.

Please throw away all old Bond Applications and use only the one mailed to you that was designed by Tallman Insurance Company, the company that underwrites the VFW Bonding. These applications need to be filled out completely and returned to Kansas VFW Hq with the payee on your check listed as Kansas VFW. When you are bonding your Quartermaster, that position is bonded and if the quartermaster is replaced, you need to submit the name of the new quartermaster to Hq, but no money unless the amount of the

bond is increased. As for a bartender, bar manager, bingo chairman, or etc., that employee must make individual application and when paid for, that position is bonded so if the person in that bonded position is replaced, the replacement has to fill out an application, but no additional funds need to be remitted that year unless the amount of the bond is increased. If you add additional employees, then they must make an application and be paid for. Bonds may be increased at any time during the year by making application for additional bonding. (except the last month before renewing ex: August 2018). When bonds are increased, you pay only for the amount of the increase. Bonds may not be decreased during the bonding year, (September 1 through August 31).

The employees at Kansas VFW headquarters work for you! If you are having trouble with programs, audits, or other problems pertaining to the VFW, contact us and we will do our best to assist you.

In Comradeship

Herb Schwartzkopf

State Legislative Report

Comrades:

We are closely monitoring the Kansas Governor situation, so we can make the proper contacts when/if a change is made.

Continue to work with your State Senators and Representatives on veterans issues and we will get you information on proposed bills that effect veterans and their families as the 2018 session nears.

Save the date of January 17, 2018, to attend the American Legion Legislative Tribute, where you can meet face to face with your legislators and meet legislators from neighboring districts.

Make sure that you attend town hall meetings held by State Legislators and U.S Senators and Representatives. Make sure you take time to introduce yourself before or after the meeting so they know you personally and yes, "Wear your VFW cover", so they know whom you represent. Remember, it is your right to disagree, but do so respectfully!

In Comradeship

Herb Schwartzkopf





State Chaplain

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers, I thank you all for your continual support. Thanks to all who took part in our annual Memorial Service. We continue to experience the death of many from within our ranks. My deepest sympathy and condolences go forth to those families and friends who lost their loved one. May it be a tribute and honor to those who have gone on before us. We have many who are experiencing sickness and weakness. Our Prayers go out for you. May we continue to reach out to them and encourage them and their families. Post and Auxiliary Chaplains should be informed of any who are sick or have lost loved ones. Our Chaplains can be a positive impact on our Communities on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Psalms 127 verse one "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it". Be mindful that with God all things are possible. Therefore, with faith in God, prayer and lot of hard work with God on our side, we can accomplish great things this next year for Department of Kansas VFW and Auxiliary. I am praying that our new-year will go well.

God Bless,
Chaplain Jim
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State Inspector

Comrades,

I feel privileged to be chosen as State Inspector again this year, and am looking forward to serving you this year. The State overall did a great job in submitting all required reports but overall numbers went down due to a select few posts. I hope we can improve in all areas this year. Some changes will affect a small minority of posts and that will be covered at the School of Instruction in Parsons. By the time you read this you should have submitted your June Audit, Non-Profit Forms, and Post Bonds.

Looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting new ones in Parsons. My number is (316) 721-3630 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Ken Allred
State Inspector





State Judge Advocate

Well State Convention has come and gone and I want to wish all the new officers at all levels the best of luck in the next year.

I would also like to remind all that if I can be of any assistance to you please don't hesitate to contact me. Email, Snail Mail, Phone in person what ever way works for you.

Thanks to all of you who have given me the opportunity to serve as your Judge Advocate one more year. Hopefully over the last 4 yrs I have been of some assistance to some of you. I will continue to do so if I can.

National Convention will be over when this is published and I hope all those that attended came away with some new information to help them better understand the goals of the VFW.

Remember to order your new By-Laws and Manuel of Procedure from the VFW store to ensure that you will be up to date on the changes made at National Convention .

Every officer at any level should have one or one that is available to them so that they will be able to better perform their duties as officers. All levels of Judge Advocate should have one so that when called up on to do so they will have the right information available to them.to assist who ever is asking a question.

At this time National is coming down with special orders to those posts that have not sent in a election report and are suspending them for up to 90 days. If you are one of these please send one in ASAP. When a post is put on suspension that means that all activity of the Post ceases until such time that the reason for suspension is taken care of. Canteens MAY NOT operate while under suspension because it is controlled by the post. Auxiliary may continue their mission of helping veterans because they are governed by a different set of By-Laws and do not fall under the suspension of the post. PLEASE, PLEASE. RECTIFY THE PROBLEM QUICKLY

Bob Cox
State JAG

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

National Council Member

Comrades of Kansas VFW.

As your National Council Member I hopefully will have more to report to you after the National Convention and Council of Administration meetings.

Positive things I hope to better are ability to serve all veterans in the way that they deserve.
Better VA support and helpfulness toward improved care for all veterans and families of veterans ..
Education Assistance
Youth development

Will Know more when National Convention is over.

Will have more at our Mid-Summer in Parsons.

Watch the heat and be safe in all your travels and adventures over the remainder of this year. If you do ride a motorcycle remember ride SAFE, HAVE FUN and watch for the other guy because sometimes they forget that there are a lot of people on 2 wheels or trikes on the roads.

Bob Cox
KSNCM

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS





State Surgeon

David Ebersole



Chief of Staff

Marla Urban



Past State Commander

Thank you to Team Kansas for the wonderful year. Congratulations to Team Kansas Auxiliary for reaching 100% plus for 2016-2017. Team Kansas VFW fell short of 100% by 436 members. We need to start now to get Team Kansas VFW and Auxiliary over 100% for 2017-2018. Our contribution is one new member for Post 3147 that should get our Post to 100% for the first time in over 20 years. It is each members responsibility to recruit new or reinstated members for both organizations. We had 39 Posts and District 5 reach 100% or more for 2016-2017. **Don't forget the life member grace period that runs from July 1 to August 31 2017. All deceased life members reported will not count against your Post for the 2017-2018 year. Check your Post roster and clear these deceased members from the rolls.**

Thanks for all the great memories enjoyed during Post visits, District meetings, Department Mid-Summer, Department Mid-Winter and Department Convention. We sure had a great time of fellowship, teaching, learning and moving our organization forward. Hope to see all of you at Mid-Summer School of Instruction in Parsons, Kansas August 11-13, 2017.

Thanks to all of Team Kansas VFW/Auxiliary
Gerald Marvin, 2016-2017
Past Commander Department of Kansas





1st District Commander

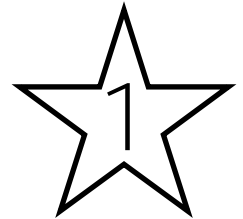
Comrades

My name is Larry Albright. I'm your new District 1 Commander for 2017-2018. I earned my eligibility to the VFW by serving in Kosovo in 2001 and Iraq in 2003-2004. I spent 18 years in the Army. I plan on this being a good year. We will start off busy for a few months. We have the state SOI August 11-13 in Parsons. Then comes District SOI in Holton August 26 at 10:30. September thru November myself, District Senior Vice or District Junior Vice will be inspecting your post. October 7 will be our fall District meeting at 11:00 in Tonganoxie. I hope to send out e-mails at least once a month if not more. I would like to thank all the posts for making my time as the Senior Vice great and we really hit the membership hard. We came up 6 members

short last I knew of 100%.

I hope we can start working hard on membership earlier this year. Our Community Service was good and I would like to see it stay on the same level.

Larry Albright
District Commander



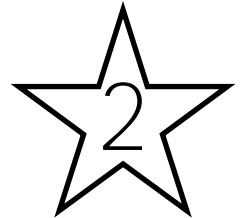
2nd District Commander

Comrades, first off I would like to say that I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you as your District 2 Commander for the coming year. Through the years I have had the privilege to serve you in several different roles. But, I must admit, to represent District 2 as your Commander makes me want to stand that much taller and try that much harder. I would like to thank all the outstanding District Commanders that have served before me and I'll try my best to fill your shoes. I will no doubt continue to look to you for guidance and mentoring so "thank you" in advance. It's really not about me though, it is about all of us! We all have to look back at the great members and mentors that lead the way, no matter what role they played, to make our VFW Posts the great Posts they are today. Would they look at you and say "job well done"? We need to ask ourselves

if we are all doing what we really should be doing to fill their shoes and keep them standing tall!

I look forward to a great year and thank you all for all that you do in support of our Veterans, Families and Communities!

Dave Cuba
District 2 Commander



3rd District Commander

As your newly elected commander- I am looking forward to working with all newly installed District officers and comrades plus the Auxiliary and their members, and the new State Commander Michael B. Holland.

I am asking all Team Kansas Comrades and Auxiliary members to work together on membership, because it is a team effort for the state to grow.

Hope to see all at the Mid-Summer School of Instruction in Parsons, Kansas on August 11-13, 2017. Plus the District meeting on August 27th in Columbus, Kansas.

Together we all served. THANK YOU

Henry A. Gatewood
3rd District Commander





4th District Commander

Hello Comrades and Auxiliary Members

First I would like to Congratulate Marvin Ketterer, Past District Commander, for a great year as the 4th District Commander. His dedication to District was instrumental in the strong and successful completion of the 2016-2017 year. As a District, we finished our membership year with 98.21% = 3130 members out of 3187. We had 7 Posts with over 100% for the year, 4 Post made "All-State" and 1 Post made "All-American". Thank you, Marvin!

We will be busy in the 4th District as we work together as TEAM 4th DISTRICT. We look forward to visiting the events at Post, District, and Department levels.

With the New VFW Year starting we want to congratulate the NEW Post, District, and Department VFW Officers and Auxiliary Officers for the 2017-2018 year. We look forward to helping everyone. GO TEAM KANSAS!!!

Many of us know what it means to be on a TEAM and achieve great things, like State Championships in sports. Running on a relay team and winning together as a team. Here is the true definition of TEAM from Wikipedia: **A team is a group of people linked in a common purpose. Human teams are especially appropriate for conducting tasks that are high in complexity and have many interdependent subtasks.**

So what does this mean for us as members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars? We need to WORK TOGETHER as a TEAM to become stronger at taking care of our Veterans, their families, and our communities. We must help those Posts that are having trouble and WANT to become successful to keep the Post / Auxiliary alive in their towns. We in the 4th District are going to be helping every Post in the District to become noticeable, successful, and show the communities that we are here to stay.

We will be at the Department Mid Summer School of Instruction in Parsons, Ks on August 11-13. Then 4th District will have our Mid Summer School of Instruction in Abilene, Ks for the first time in the history of Post 3279 on August 19. Then everyone is invited to come out for the 4th District WTB Picnic at Tuttle Creek on August 26.

We are looking forward to a great year. We wish everyone a great year. If you need any assistance please contact me or any of the 4th District Officers.

GO TEAM KANSAS!!!!
Todd Hokanson
4th District Commander



5th District Commander

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members,

Congratulations to all Department Officers both VFW and Auxiliary I wish you much success this year.

I want to thank all my Comrades in the 5th District for electing me and allowing me to be your 5th District Commander.

The 5th District had a good year last year on Membership. We ended the year at 100.20% "Job well done". I look forward to working with all of you to continue that success.

Department School of Instruction will be 11-13 of August at Post 704 in Parsons. Our 5th District School of Instruction will be on Sunday 20 August at 9:00AM at Hutchinson Post 1361. Please do not underestimate the importance of these meetings. These are where you will get the information and dates on all our programs.

In Comradeship,
Terry Fletcher
5th District Commander





7th District Commander

7th District Comrades,

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP. Our district was last in membership. We know that when it comes to picking times for certain events and picking dates for conventions, it all has do with MEMBERSHIP. We need to hit the streets and doors and go out and get those unpaids. I know that there are those that have been undeliverable for a long time. Those will eventually fall off of our rosters. But till they do we must go out and make up for those undeliverables.

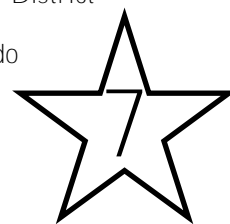
Our post inspection campaign will be kicking off soon, hopefully most of them we can pick up at our SOI IN RANSON ON 27 AUGUST 17 AT 10:00 AM.

Programs are already in high gear so get out into the schools, Firehouses, PD and SO stations, Scout troops and those applications COMPLETED, and submitted within the time frame for that program.

Eisenhower vigil is 13-14 OCTOBER Abilene. Due to our Membership, our time to stand is on 14 Oct from 0300-0503. If you have questions on uniforms and procedures feel free to call, text or email me.

Last but no way least: We must never forget what our purpose is as a member of the VFW. I know as District Commanders we read off DO NOT LET PETTY JEALOUSLY get in the way of our deliberations. We are here for the VETERANS, SPOUSE, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS, ORPHANS, of VETERANS. If you do not feel that way, maybe a gut check is in order. If you ever need anything from me or my District Staff, do not hesitate to give me a holler. Let's have a great year.

Jim Langley
7th District Commander



VIETNAM VETERANS / 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION WELCOME HOME CEREMONY 2017

- WHEN: 3 P.M. AUG. 23, 2017
2:30 P.M. – VETERANS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONY
- WHERE: BUILDING 837
- SPEAKER: MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH MARTIN
- RSVP: 1ST LT. STEPHANIE PREEKETT AT 785.240.3866 OR EMAIL RILEYWELCOMEHOME@GMAIL.COM



The red poppy is an internationally recognized symbol of remembrance for veteran sacrifice and since 1922 the VFW has honored the memory of veterans who paid the ultimate price for our freedom with the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy.

In support of the Buddy Poppy program, the VFW is joining the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission in announcing the launch of a great new grassroots awareness and fundraising program, called the WWI Poppy Program. This program aims to raise awareness of WWI and the sacrifices made by veterans.



Participate in this program today by purchasing a World War I Poppy Kit from the WWI Centennial Commission. Each kit contains 60 poppy seed packets that will spark awareness and conversation about the WWI Centennial as it honors the legacy of the 4.7 million American veterans that served during WWI.

The WWI Poppy Program is an opportunity to not only raise awareness, but also to raise funds for your Post or Department alongside your Buddy Poppy distribution. The World War I Poppy Kits can be purchased for \$64.99 and each seed packet can be distributed for donations to support your Post programs and community projects! For more information on the WWI Poppy Program and to order your Poppy Kits, visit ww1cc.org/poppy.

For questions regarding VFW’s involvement with the WWI Poppy Program, please contact VFW Director of Programs Lynn Rolf at LRolf@vfw.org.

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





Heartland Honor Flight, June 15-17th, 2017. Eldon Smith Post 1360 Phillipsburg Post Quartermaster.



TSC supporting veterans in McPherson, KS. Bob Cox and Tom Sheridan presenting appreciation citation.

We would like to THANK NORMAN GENTRY for his continued help with the Hospitality Room at National Convention. The time and hard work are truly appreciated.



Top Left: Commander Michael B Holland and Judy Holland at National Convention before parade.

Bottom Right: Memorial Service at New Orleans National Convention.

Bottom Left: VFW Mental Wellness Campaign Seminar at New Orleans National Convention.





V.F.W. of Kansas

Thank you for the honor of being named 2017 Scout of the Year and for the \$300 scholarship award. I am truly honored and grateful to receive this honor and monetary award. Thank you for your service to the country. I do appreciate this honor.

Matt Van Dyke

State Chairman Vincent VanCleave presenting Kansas Scout of the Year award to Matthew VanDyke. He was sponsored by Post 8871 Plainville and received a \$300 scholarship.

Thank You cards from Endowment Scholarship winners

Dear Kansas VFW,

My name is Megan Schwister and I was a recipient of your endowment association scholarship. I have been receiving your assistance throughout the last four years as I furthered my education at Butler County Community College and Kansas State University. I recently graduated in May with my Bachelor's in Agribusiness and started my career as an Administrative Coordinator for the Kansas Livestock Association. I was able to achieve my goal of being one of the first of my family to receive their four year degree and graduate with a 3.5 GPA. I wanted to send you this quick note with one final "Thank You" for the huge role your scholarship played in my educational career. Your assistance made all the difference and I can not thank you enough for your support. Thank you once again for everything over the last four years.

Sincerely, Megan Schwister

Scholarship Committee,

I cannot express my gratitude enough for being chosen as a recipient of the Endowment scholarship. Thank you for helping me reach one step closer to my goal!

Thanks Again,
Dalton Oliver
Smith Center, KS

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation to my education by awarding me a VFW Endowment Scholarship. I am very appreciative and your generosity allows me to focus on my future at the University of Kansas. I am excited to begin this new chapter of my life. Again, thank you for your support and I am truly honored.

Sincerely,
Jackson Bismore

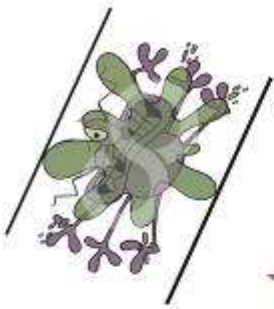


FIRST ANNUAL

VFW RIDER'S GROUP

POST 3166

LIBERAL, KANSAS



LAST SPLATTER RUN

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

REGISTRATION AT NOON

Entry fee: \$35 person
Additional target \$10

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES
TARGET AND MEAL

FIRST BIKE OUT AT 2:00
LAST BIKE IN AT 5:15

Measuring starts at 5:30



BIKES AND CAGES WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
JIM "SARGE" LANGLEY
620-544-1786





Congratulations to Todd Hokanson (Post 3279 - Abilene) and Steve Davis (Post 56 - Leavenworth) for achieving All-American. Certificates presented by 2017-2018 State Commander Michael B. Holland.



Congratulations to Bob Cooper of Post 9271 Tonganoxie, (pictured with 5th District Commander Terry Fletcher). Bob won the 2017 Jeep Renegade in the state raffle. Thanks to all who participated in the fundraiser.



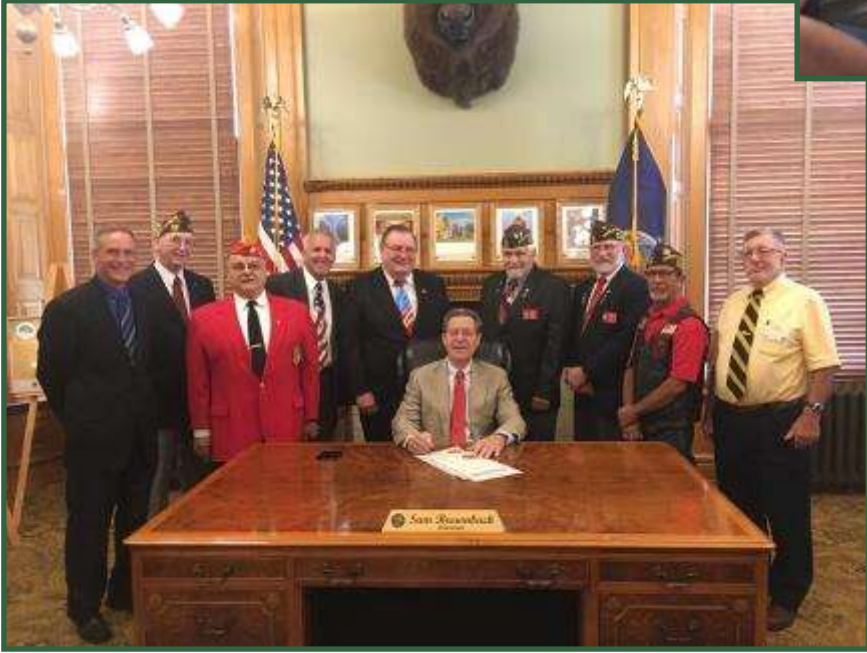
← State Commander Michael B. Holland presents certificate to Bill Shippey State Assistant Service Officer at the VA in Leavenworth, KS. Bill is retiring after 10 years of service to veterans and his community. THANK YOU BILL!!



🏠 Ready for Town Hall meeting at Robert Dole VA Hospital in Wichita KS.







Wanted to pass on a wonderful article about Marcella Storey. Marcella is a very active Wichita Memorial VFW Post 3115 Auxiliary member. She performs duties as treasurer, running our monthly breakfast, and most notably runs our post shuffle board tournament every Friday evening. She is affectionately know by all here as the "shuffleboard sheriff". As you can also see in the article attached she is and has been very active in the VA and DAV for more years than some are old. She is loved and treasured by all here at Post 3115 and an excellent role model for all auxiliary and post members to emulate. Thank you Marcella for your dedication and passion for what you do.



Auxiliary News

STATE PRESIDENT



Maren Farr
Auxiliary State President

Thank you auxiliary members for electing me to be your president this year. The National Convention and School of Instruction was a lot of fun. Thank you especially to Parsons VFW 704 Post and Auxiliary for all their work. Sherri Anderson, Auxiliary President deserves special recognition for all the extra work she did.

My main goal this year is 100% plus in membership. It is important to not only recruit new members, but work the continuous membership list and encourage these members to pay their dues. A reason to mentor new members is because older members (like me) will not be here forever. Or we may be in a rest home and unable to participate in the Auxiliary.

The VFW auxiliary has taught me to serve our veterans and community as a team. We can accomplish so much more working together.

Auxiliary News

STATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Kansas is off to a great start for 2017-2018! I had the pleasure of going to National Convention in New Orleans to see our 2016-2017 Department President Loretta Bargeman inducted into the very first Circle of Excellence. Loretta will be the first to tell you that it was the hard work of Kansas Auxiliary members that got her into that Circle. Now we need a repeat in 2017-2018 and we can all meet at National Convention in Kansas City to see Department President Maren Farr, representing all of our great Auxiliaries, inducted into the Circle of Excellence. We had a fantastic School of Instruction in Parsons the week-end of 11-13 August. If you were not able to attend I highly recommend you make plans to attend your District School of Instruction to learn about the 2017-2018 Programs as well as the new computer system (MALTA). You will be amazed at what you can do on the MALTA system; pay your dues, update your address, and track your National Delegate Status. Auxiliary Treasurers will be able to process and pay dues,

print out rosters, dues letters, and mailing labels. Please be patient as the software engineers work out the "bugs", it will be well worth the wait. In the meantime, check out the MALTA videos on the National website under the On Line Auxiliary Academy. Something new this year is the Family Freedom Festival which is a family-friendly, all-ages opportunity for your Post and Auxiliary to show your community what the Post/Auxiliary offers and how you positively impact your community. This event provides an opportunity to promote patriotism in your community, connect families of veterans and active-duty military with Posts/Auxiliaries, create awareness of and support for legislative initiatives, increase membership for the Post/Auxiliary, and provide youth with scholarship information. Take advantage of the toolkit available on the National website under Program and Publicity Resources, then team up with your Post to sponsor a Family Freedom Festival. I look forward to traveling around Kansas this year to District meetings and Auxiliary events so I hope to see you soon!!!

Kristi Meid
 Department Sr Vice President
 Dept of KS VFW Auxiliary

STATE JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Comrades, Brothers and Sisters:

Wow we had a great Department School of Instruction at Parsons! Hopefully you all will attend your District School of Instructions to get the information you will need for this year.

I am honored to be your Department Auxiliary Jr. Vice President for 2017-2018. We are members of a wonderful organization where we get to help our Veterans.

I would like to "Thank You" for your support and electing me your Jr. Vice President.

Looking forward to a great year!

Thank you,

Gail Vance

2017-2018 Department Officers

* changes from roster book



2017-2018
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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.

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