

PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

VFW AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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The 2nd Chapter...

I just got back from National Convention in Kansas City. I truly enjoy going to see old friends, make new ones and get re-energized. I am not much of a country music fan but seeing Trace Adkins was entertaining. The Patriotic Rally was great, and we were blessed to listen to Sailor Jerry

from MN and to the Army's Six String Band. It has been a while since I have seen an installation of our National President, Sandi Kreibel from the Dept. of Maryland. She will do

amazing things, as well our Commander in Chief, BJ Lawrence from the Dept. of New Mexico.

There are many exciting events this year and I hope that you can attend many of these. The National President will be

here August 21-22nd and we will be painting, going to Fort Lincoln/Veteran's Cemetery and taking a sunset cruise on the Missouri river. This is for all Post and Auxiliary members, present and future. Families are welcome at all of these events, but you will need to register!

“CHANGE YOUR WORLD
-INCLUDE THE VETERANS!”



Believe! You CAN do it!

I have not received any of your goals as an Auxiliary, District or for the Department. If I don't know your goals, how can I help support all of

you? Please take a moment to discuss the direction you want to see over the next year! How can WE make a difference? Remember, send these to me so that we all can work on these **with** you!

Motto:

“Change YOUR World -
Include the Veterans”

Colors: Silver and Blue

Symbol: The World

Project:

Service Dogs for America

State Commander:

Darcy Medicine Stone

National President:

Sandi Kreibel

“BELIEVE – We CAN Do It”

National Commander

BJ Lawrence

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Sandi Kriebel is scheduled to visit the Bismarck/Mandan area on Tuesday August 21-23rd. Our main events will be a night of painting at the Theo Art school, a trip to Fort Lincoln and the Veteran's Cemetery (via the trolley – or you can meet us there) and then a sunset cruise on the Missouri river. Review this General Information to find the full schedule and itinerary of events!

Fall Workshop is coming fast! There has been a schedule change and the Auxiliary Council

of Administration will be meeting at 9am with the training to follow. There will be prizes for those who travel the farthest, bring the most members and a few others to be announced! Bring an open mind and your ideas! We will be breaking into the programs groups and all chairpersons are expected to attend to discuss your area with me. I will need the program chairpersons to lead the discussions and present on the outcomes.

BELIEVE - WE CAN DO IT!!!

CONTINUING TO EMBARK ON THE JOURNEY

As we prepare for our year together, I want us all to start with the end in mind. What does this mean? Be ready to review the year-end reports at fall workshop! Do you know where you are going, what to record, what to keep (pictures, articles, tv news feeds etc.) and you forget things that have been done throughout the year? You have to be organized going into the year to be successful at the end!

Things to keep your eyes open for:

Spirit of America Award!!!

An outstanding or unique project of service to our veterans, military and their families or community! Anyone is eligible!! Nomination forms are available at www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources

Have an event coming up?

Need help manning the booth or greeting people? Call me! Let me know when the date of the event, the time and location. I will see if I can come out and work your booth or attend your event!

Need training for yourself or others?

Let me know your ideas so that we can cater to YOUR needs!

Mid-Winter Convention and the Homecoming for the Department President and State Commander January 11-12th in Bismarck. There will be a tailgating party on Friday evening (indoors!) and Council meeting on Saturday, followed by an afternoon of training! Mark your calendars!

In the Spirit of Changing YOUR World....

Wendy Dannenfelzer

Department President 2018-2019