

# PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

VFW AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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### The 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter...

I recently attended Western Conference in Vancouver, WA. There were over 300 attendees. The Department was represented by myself and my sister from Florida. There was great training and discussions. All of the National Line Officers were there, and they all played an integral part to teach us about building on our foundation. President Sandi's goal is to mentor and train when and where needed. And that is what I have been putting together so that we all expand our knowledge about the organization. I am looking forward to Mid-Winter and I have a number of training opportunities to cover on Saturday afternoon. I hope you all have made your reservations 😊.

Mid-winter ramping up. I the no host tailgating evening! games and Saturday will be a Pre-Administration 8:15-8:30 with Administration promptly at joint session 10am with the

**"CHANGE YOUR WORLD  
-INCLUDE THE VETERANS!"**



**Believe! You CAN do it!**

activities are am excited for social party Friday There will be trivia! morning there Council of training from the Council of starting 8:30. The will begin at luncheon and awards banquet for the VOD, Patriots Pen and the teacher of the year awards. Saturday evening will start out with the social, with ceremonies to start at 6:30 with the posting of the colors and the missing man ceremony. We will conclude the evening with a Dancers and the final ceremonies to conclude the weekend's events.

### WHAT HAVE I DONE?

Fall activities: I was able to attend all the district meetings. Each district has so much to offer! There are so many opportunities to work

### 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

with each other and learn from each other, but I find that we don't SWAP ideas! SWAP means "Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects". The national ambassadors have been receiving these from auxiliaries around the country and have been sharing them with others. Do you have a project you need to share with others? You may think its all proprietary in nature, but I see it as helping out ALL veterans, military and their families. You all reach a different segment of people, so sharing your ideas is beneficial. There will be time to do that at the mid-winter! I was also able to attend the R.O.S.S. (Remembering Our Serving Soldiers) event in West Fargo. There were a lot of silent auction items and other festivities throughout the day. There was a great Post and Auxiliary turnout as well as the various units that assisted in the set-up and take down. I hope that the rest of the evening went well after my departure 😊

### **CONTINUING TO EMBARK ON THE JOURNEY**

#### **Mid-Winter Convention**

I am excited for the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention. We will start off Friday with the Auxiliary audit at 3:30pm (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) at the Ramada hotel in Bismarck. **ALL line officers should be in attendance.** (please let me know if you are not able to be there) Immediately following the audit, I want to take a half hour to talk with the line officers, the District Presidents and the Department Program Chair people. I want to set the tone for the weekend and inform you all, and the members on our progress.

Friday evening there will be a Mini Freedom Festival with booths for poppy distribution ideas, programs information available

## **VETERANS DAY**

**Veteran's Day activities were held around the state celebrating 100 years since WWI ended and the treaty was signed. It was amazing to attend the one in Bismarck.**

and a sample membership table! The no host social tailgating party will be INDOORS for all to attend. Families and friends are welcome! **Sport your favorite team attire** and come into the festivities. There will be games and challenges and I look forward to kicking back with all of you and learning some things. Each of the Program Chairpersons need to come with "did you know" tips as well as questions that can be played in trivia games Friday eve!

Saturday morning, we will open at 8:15 am with an overview of the Council of Administration and procedures. (*business casual attire*) All members are welcome to attend to hear about the council and how to get on here. The council will meet promptly at 8:30a.m.

**I think there more Veterans present than community members. I was humbled to be in a room full of men and women who have served this fine country so that we can exercise the freedoms each**

**SILENT AUCTION** will be held! Bring your items and your wallets! There will be many items available to bid on!

Saturday after the awards lunch, we will go back into a council meeting (if needed), and then TRAINING!!! I LOVE training and I want to provide as much of the basics to you! I have a great team and we have great mentors, but this is a way to ask questions that have been looming. No question is a stupid question! I sometimes throw in a question just to get the discussion going!

Saturday evening social will start around 5pm with the dinner at 6:30. *Cocktail attire please.* There will be entertainment after the dinner as well. Stick around!

**one of you and your families sacrificed. So, THANK YOU. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we all can sleep peacefully at night. May God Bless you all and May God bless the United States of America!**

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](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources)

**Have an event coming up?**

Need help manning the booth or greeting people? Let your District and Department officers know!  
Let us know the date of the event, the time and location. Perhaps one (or more) of us can come out and work your booth or attend your event!

**TRAINING at Mid-Winter**

Training opportunities:

- What is the Council of Administration and how can I be a part of that?
- How to Audit the books
- How to conduct a successful inspection (or prepare for one)
- How to make your Auxiliary great again!

**Mid-Winter Convention and the Homecoming** for the Department President and State Commander  
January 11-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**“Begin with the End in Mind” – Stephen Covey**

Have your Auxiliaries gone through your year-end reports? Have you identified the events that will tap into each area of the reports so that you can complete it fully? Are you going to be able to answer these as being completed? Will you have supporting documentation to send in with the reports (i.e. Pictures, newspaper articles, links to TV publicity and more). Make sure that you all take time to review these now so that you know what has been done and what needs to be done so that we have 100% participation.

In the Spirit of Changing YOUR World....

*Wendy Dannenfelzer*

Department President 2018-2019