

# PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

VFW AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter...

I just got back from National President Sandi Kriebel's homecoming in Baltimore/Hanover MD. When I started writing this, I realized that I just got back from another trip in the last publication and the next will be the same. That is not ALL I do is travel 😊. It was a great

homecoming for Sandi. We toured Ft. McHenry which is where our National Anthem became a part of history! It was truly breathtaking seeing the Chesapeake

Bay area. We also attended the America's Freedom Café at Gettysburg where the Civil War took place. It was such a short visit there that I will be going back someday. Our National President visited Bismarck, ND Aug. 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a full itinerary. We

welcomed her with an aisle on honor. She was able to see the State Capitol, tour the Heritage Center, painted on canvas a picture of a barn with a flag hanging from the front. We also took a trolley ride to Fort Abraham Lincoln and did a tour of General Custer's house. From there we

went to the Veteran's cemetery. We ended the evening on the Missouri River with a sunset cruise. It was a beautiful evening. Each event was well attended

and I want to thank everyone from the Posts and Auxiliaries from around the state who attended these events to meet and talk with President Sandi.

Now, onto the good stuff! Many of you were able to attend the fall workshop. I truly enjoyed the events. There was

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



**Believe! You CAN do it!**

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 Kriebel

**"BELIEVE – We CAN Do It"**

National Commander

BJ Lawrence

great discussions and great interaction. It was way too short! We didn't fit everything in! There was a lot of work that went into this and I want to keep it coming! I want to be able to give you as much information and training as possible! As part of the Fall Workshop, I mentioned that there would be prizes, one for the person who traveled the farthest and the other was the Auxiliary who had the most members in attendance. Alice from Fort Berthold won that esteemed prize. The Auxiliary with the most attendees was.... wait for it... West Fargo. They will receive their prizes at

### **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 4pm 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 tailgating party (INDOORS) for all

the upcoming district meetings.

#### **WHAT'S NEXT ON THE DOCKET?**

District meetings. Please keep a watch on the dates and times for these since the initial locations and times may have been changed since the initial publication! District Presidents- challenge your auxiliaries to see how many people can attend and have a prize! I am truly looking forward to coming to see each of you.

So, since nobody has any goals or aspirations for the year, I guess I am done, right? NOPE! Not happening! I will not give up on what we are

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 should come with "did you know" tips as well as questions that can be played in games Friday eve! It could be considered a mini-freedom festival. Saturday morning, we will open at 8:15 am with an overview of the Council of Administration and procedures. All members are welcome to attend to hear about the council and how to get on here. The

here to do – to serve our active duty military and our veterans.

Are you getting all of your questions answered? Are your suggestions being heard? If all is well, great! Then we, as a State, are in good shape!

This is GREAT to hear, and I support you, your auxiliaries and your districts, in your endeavors. If there is anything that you need from the line officers, District Presidents or the Department Chairpersons, please let them know.

And, THANK YOU. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the organization.

council will meet promptly at 8:30a.m.

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. There will be entertainment after the dinner as well. Stick around!

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? 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 11-12<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!

In the Spirit of Changing YOUR World....

*Wendy Dannenfelzer*

Department President 2018-2019