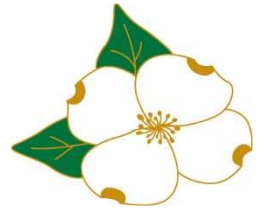




VFW Auxiliary
Department of Missouri
May/June Newsletter



Message from Department President Judi Linneberger

The 2023-2024 year is at an end. Program reports closed April 15, but do not stop doing projects for our Veterans. Start reporting them at the completion of a project like normal. The 24-25 Chairmen are handling the reports made after April 15.

May is installation of Officers in the Auxiliaries. Please enter the installation report in MALTA and send a paper copy to Jackie.

Our Convention is June 6-8 in Springfield. We hope to have a successful convention, with the awards in all Programs and the official start of the new year with the installation of officers on Saturday evening. Our National Representative for the convention is National Conductor Kim Harney. Please come and get acquainted with her. She is nice and down to earth.

The 2023-24 year was filled with traveling. District Meetings, The CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event) in Utah, The Fall Conference and Banquet in Springfield, the Big Ten Conference in Itasca, Illinois. The National Home Trip, The National President's Visit, the Winter Conference in Columbia, The National Winter Conference was a cruise to Cozumel and a Perfect Day at Coco Bay, the Washington Voice of Democracy Winners presentation and Legislative Conference. Whew, doesn't look like much on paper but a lot of time and miles were racked up.

The Voice of Democracy Department winners' presentation was amazing. Walking in with Commander Charles and our Department Winner, Katie, was a once in a life time experience. Katie by the way took 13th in the nation. We are extremely proud of her. Pictures on reverse.

The Legislative conference was one of my favorite things of the year. Going to Capital hill and seeing where the offices of our legislators are was an eye opener. No, their offices are not in the Capital building, it was a walking marathon. The VFW members took good care of those of us from the Auxiliary that went with them. Being in the room when VFW Commander Sarmiento spoke was amazing.

Lastly, a HUGE Thank You to Jackie Davis, Amy Jo Lett, Patti Burge, Anita Crowell, Coletta Williams, Vickie Garcia and Betty Arnold. Without your help I couldn't have made it through the year. To my District 18 Sisters and Brothers, you are all amazing and thank you for all the support I received from you.

My year may be over but the friendships I have and have made are forever. AND....."Show Me Teamwork....as we serve our Veterans" by "Banding Together for our Veterans"



First Row: The Missouri Voice of Democracy winner Katelyn Wright escorted by Department Commander Charles Williams and Department President Judi Linneberger. Katelyn had her picture taken with the Commander in Chief Duane Sarmiento and National President Carla Martinez. Second Row: VFW and Auxiliary at the DC Capital. Below they are with Senator Josh Hawley.

