

Happy July Everyone,

I am going to be your Historian and Public Relations Director for the year 2025/2026. I would like to get more chapters involved in promoting their projects on Facebook, other social media, in your local papers and more.

I joined the Brandon VFW Auxiliary under my dad Jack Walter. I remember watching all his videos from Korea. I remember my dad had an older gentleman that he was close to him tell him "Jack, you need to go home and find yourself a good catholic woman". He went home and that is exactly what he did. I am the youngest of 5 children and I grew up on a farm outside of Groton. We went to church every week. Today, I went to Mass at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls. There was a young family with 5 kids in front of me. It was very distracting but made me think about all the wonderful memories that I had made with my parents and siblings. I heard numerous times that when I was very little, I would run in between my siblings in our front pew. I had corrective shoes so they would make a lot of noise. My parents sat one on each end of the pew. My parents could not catch me. Yesterday, one of the little boys left the pew before mass was over. I tapped the child's mom on the shoulder since she did not see what was going on. Boy did she have her hands full. People used to make mean comments about why we had so many kids. If it was up to my dad, I would have had a younger sibling, but my mom said that 5 was enough. I wear my sisters' old clothes often or my mom sewed me many beautiful outfits. I have kept some of them today. I recently took my sewing machines in to be fixed; they are both done. I will see which one runs better and give the other to my niece that has 3 sons under the age of 4. My niece could use it if she ever had a spare moment.

Congratulations to all award winners from the convention. I present the Historian/Media Relations award present to Amanda Schwarz and Deb Faley, Chairs from V FW Auxiliary Post #2038 Pierre, SD



Kentucky Derby Lunch at State Convention.



Fun and memories were made at our Department of SD State Convention in Pierre. The Kentucky Derby lunch was a good time. It was great to see all the great Derby hats and outfits. Our Gold Star Family dined with us. We all need to remember all those families that have made the ultimate sacrifice. The silent auction was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that donated or purchased the items.

I can always be reached for questions at danibolte@sio.midco.net, message me on Facebook or text to me at 6057591993.

Let's make this last day rock for President Colleen.

Take care,

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