

Hello VFW Auxiliaries,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I wanted to introduce myself to the people that might not know me.

I am Dani Bolte, from the VFW Auxiliary Three Rivers Post #4726 in Brandon. I hope to expand on what Colleen and Toni have done in the past years as the Department Historian/Media Relations Chairman for South Dakota. Thank you, Colleen for asking me to be this great chairperson for our SD Auxiliary this year. I love taking pictures personally and posting for our chapter. I have big shoes to fill, and I am learning as I go. I am always available for questions either by phone or video chat. I would love to come to some of your events if I am available.

I am very interested in repurposing items. I would like to see each Auxiliary repurpose at least one item in their posts this year. At State Convention, our Auxiliary entered our Eagle of Remembrance in the Poppy Category 3 Competition. The eagle was made primarily of all repurposed items. We purchased the new poppies, dowels, clay nose and styrofoam. Otherwise, everything was made from items that Rhonda, Crystal or I had in our collections of craft items.



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TEAMWORK

Coming Together is
the Beginning.

Keeping Together
is Progress.

Working Together
is Success.

Best Team Ever!

Private Walter



Marine Danielson Seaman Bolte



I joined the VFW Auxiliary under my dad Jack Walter who served with the US Army in Korea from November 4th of 1954 to August 24 of 1956. My Dad really did not talk about his time being deployed often but he would show us the pictures and home movies that he took on occasion. Unfortunately, when we moved my parents to the lake all the videos were somehow lost. I have been busy working on my Ancestry family tree, and I cannot believe all my family members that served in the different branches of our military. My son Jonathan served four years with our US Navy. My sailor was on the USS Blue Ridge and USS Ronald Reagan Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. He was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. During this time is when I joined the Brandon Auxiliary.

I have a very busy personal life working full time for Bluepeak. I run an Airbnb at Mina Lake with my sister. I can be found in my gardens or scrapbooking if I am not at a lake or on vacation. My boyfriend Lance is a new VFW Three Rivers Post #4726 recruit. Lance and I love to travel and recently traveled to Vientiane Laos for my son Jonathan and Davahn's engagement party. We are anxiously awaiting her 90-day fiancé' visa approval. I will be arranging flowers hopefully for a fall wedding!

I cannot wait to see and hear how the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary do at National Convention! I hope to be able to go next year. I will be with my three children and two grandchildren during that time at our lake home.

Let's make this an amazing year! Teamwork is how we achieve all our goals. Please stay safe this summer. Always remember to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitos if you are outside enjoying our beautiful South Dakota landscapes.

Take care,

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