

EBITES AND BYTES

SEPTEMBER 2024

September has arrived after a busy summer for many of us. National Convention ended August 1st and on August 13th National President Brenda Bryant arrived in Pierre S.D. for her official visit. She arrived at the Pierre airport and after checking in to her hotel had a chance to refresh and then off to dinner at the Silver Spur with 20 auxiliary and post member present. On Wednesday the morning began at the State Capital with a parade of flags greeting her followed by a tour of the capital, grounds and monuments. Lunch was a casual affair and then off to the Farr Mansion for a tour by the current owner. An informational history lesson of the mansion and tour was a fun time for all the attendees. That evening beginning at 6pm many members of the VFW post and auxiliary, American Legion Post and Auxiliary and DAV Post and Auxiliary as well as special guests met at the American Legion for a Barbeque Hamburger and Brat dinner grilled by Commander Glynis in the pouring rain as well as salads, watermelon and desserts furnished by auxiliary members. Following the amazing dinner for about 40 guests several presentations were made starting with Deb Fahey explaining the Christmas Tree Program at the Capital and presenting President Brenda with a special ornament. Several other gifts were presented to Brenda and then a presentation on the Veterans Pheasant Hunt at Gettysburg was presented as well as a talk about Quilts of valor and the River City Transportation program to take veterans to appointments. The presentations were very interesting and enjoyed by all attendees. President Brenda departed S.D. telling me that she loved how well all the veteran's organizations worked together and that she was happy to see Commander Glynis and me working together including grilling in the rain. August ended with me attending the Veterans Day Program at the S.D. State Fair in Huron S.D. The program was well attended and a great way to honor veterans.

September 7: CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event) at the National Home in Michigan. The day will include a program, parade of states around the grounds, tour of the grounds, and lunch.

September 11: Patriot Day.

September 15: District 10 meeting at Sturgis

September 17: Constitution Day

September 20: National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognized

September 27-29: Department of S.D. VFW POST AND AUXILIARY Fall Council in Oacoma at Cedar Shores Resort. Saturday the 28th will start with Council of Administration Meeting at 9am followed at 1pm with Program Training including all programs, Treasurer, Website and my special project TAPS. Please try to attend as you will receive a lot of information you can use this year.

September 29: Gold Star Mother and Family Day

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