

## EBITES AND BYTES

August 2024

Welcome to August VFW AUXILIARY members.

I just returned from the National VFW post and auxiliary convention in Louisville Kentucky. It was a jam-packed week filled with training and meetings as well as a lot of reconnecting with members of the auxiliary from across the USA. The Patriot Parade on Tuesday and the parade of Presidents on Thursday morning was filled with a lot of patriot joy and fun. Past department President, Pam Vissia received Circle of Excellence on Saturday evening for the department. Everyone's hard work this past year helped her receive such a high and well deserved honor.

Department awards: National programs

Veterans and Family Support 1<sup>st</sup> place, Outstanding Performance award and Award #1 for awareness of military suicide and mental health, Tammy Chase, Chairman

Legislative: Award #1 1<sup>st</sup> place, for the best promotion of education of veteran Legislative issues.

2<sup>nd</sup> place Outstanding Performance award, Margaret Greenfield, Chairman

Mentoring For Leadership: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Outstanding Performance award, Nancy Worth, Chairman

Congratulations to all of you and thank you to all the program chairmen for all their hard work.

Upcoming special events:

August 13-15 National President Brenda Bryant, official visit to S.D. It will be held in Pierre and all members and family are welcome to attend. For more information check the website, [vfwauxsd.org](http://vfwauxsd.org)

September 7, National CAFÉ event in Lansing, Michigan at the National Veterans Home.

September 27-29, Fall Conference in Oacoma. More details to come.

All of the program chairmen will be providing training on their programs for this year as well as Nancy Chester, Treasurer training and Kim Vennard, Website training.

It will be well worth your time to attend the Saturday meeting and training. I hope to see many of the members at this event.

May you all have an amazing August. Remember to take pictures of all your special events you participate in and post on Historian and Media Relations page or email to Dani Bolte, or email to Kim Vennard for Official Department Facebook page or website.

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