VFW Auxiliary Department of Utah June 9, 2024

Dear Auxiliary Presidents and Members;

Wow! Is this day really here? First and foremost, I am honored to be selected as your VFW Auxiliary Department President. Next, yikes! Who put me in charge?

Expect new expectations from this year! I hear members talk of many memories of fun times, working together and bonds that last a lifetime. Let's do that! And let's have some fun while we're at it.

About me; I am spouse to retired Utah ARMY National Guard 1SG Heath Silcox. His career spanned 27 years. His service included 2 tours for OEF/OIF/OND. We have been married just shy of 12 years. He is truly my Hero.

Together we have 4 kids and lots of pets (they vary according to when you ask me because I might have gotten an itch that month!). We enjoy traveling, camping, water activities and serving our Veterans.

I work full time for the Utah National Guard Family programs. It's been my dream job since I learned it was a thing. I am grateful everyday for the Soldiers & Families I get to support and the knowledge I gain to support Veterans around the state.

We often talk about our "why". My why has always been serving and honoring our Veterans. This year I intend to get back to serving. I'll be asking a lot to support this, in turn, I hope this will remind our members of "why" they likely joined. I am excited to be alongside a Department Commander James Sheppard, who supports our efforts and will encourage our VFW members to continue to serve Veterans and support the Auxiliary along the way!

Let's make fun memories, work together and build lifetime bonds! And most of all, Support My Heroes!

Thank you for ALL you each do to support our Veterans!

Amber Silcox VFW Department of Utah Auxiliary President

