

I always knew working with people and helping those in need was something I enjoyed. Visiting the elderly shut-ins in my grandmother's neighborhood gave me so much joy. When our youth group began candy striping at the local nursing home, I was one of the first to volunteer. So, it wasn't surprising to my mom that at the age of 16, I wanted to be a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, where the possibilities of helping others were endless.

During high school, I volunteered as a student teacher in a Special Education classroom and knew this was going to be my life career. I earned my teaching degree and spent 28 years helping children succeed. Being a mentor for many new teachers allowed me to always feel the excitement of being an educator.

Now that I am retired, I continue volunteering. Currently, I am a member of the MOCA, Fleet Reserve, Hawk Point Boosters and treasurer for my local group of retired teachers.

My parents taught me to always hold God and Country close to my heart and, to share what you have with others. Because of them I also know our Veterans are special people who should be treated with respect for their selfless service.

God put me on a pathway of volunteering and being the voice for those less fortunate. I may be a small-town country girl, but I believe I will be an asset as a voice for our Veterans and their families on a higher level.



**The Veterans  
of  
Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of Missouri**  
*proudly presents*



**Brenda Bryant**

for the office of  
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Convention

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## National:

- ✓ Big Ten Conference Safety Chairman
- ✓ Big Ten Conference Membership Chairman
- ✓ National Voice of Democracy Director
- ✓ National Historian
- ✓ National District Council Member #5
- ✓ National Appeals and Grievance Committee
- ✓ Big Ten Membership and Leadership Coach
- ✓ National Aide de camp (twice)
- ✓ National Membership Achievement Award (twice)
- ✓ 2017/18 President of the Past National Councilmen

## Department:

- ✓ All Department Line Officer positions leading to President.
- ✓ President 1995/96 Runner up President of the year

Chairmanships held:

Americanism, Audit Committee, Budget Chairman, Cancer Aid & Research, Extension,



Brenda Bryant joined VFW Auxiliary 7560, as a charter member under the eligibility of her father, Herman Stuck, a Korean War Veteran. She later transferred to VFW Auxiliary 2180 in Warrenton, MO. Brenda is currently a 43-year member of the VFW Auxiliary.

In 2004, Brenda married her sole mate, Wayne Bryant, a Vietnam War Veteran. Their family consist of four children, and some amazing grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Brenda retired as a Special Education teacher after 28 years of working with children that had Learning and Behavior Disabilities. Currently she serves on the City Board as an Alderman, helping to improve her hometown.

## Department Continued:

Historian, Hospital, Jr. Girls, Legislative, Membership, Political Action Committee, Rehabilitation, Safety, Voice of Democracy, Youth Activities, and Department Web Master. (Winning many plates and runner up.)

## District:

- ✓ All District Line Officer positions leading to President.
- ✓ District President – winning outstanding President
- ✓ Treasurer 2010 till now
- ✓ Many Chairmanships

## Auxiliary:

- ✓ Auxiliary President three years – winning outstanding Auxiliary President
- ✓ Auxiliary Treasurer 2014 till now
- ✓ Many Chairmanships

Life Member of the National Home  
Life Member of the VFW Auxiliary