

**First Vice President Report**  
**July 15, 2025**

- Spring Conference, held April 26<sup>th</sup> had 97 attendees between in person and Zoom. We had three of our very knowledgeable volunteer instructors show us what is new on the FamilySearch website. Theresa Liewer, Sheri Snodgrass, and Stacy Weaver were our presenters.
- Survey results from conference overwhelmingly tell us we have great volunteer instructors. While we have had some upgrades in the conference room, lighting was mentioned in surveys and we were already planning that upgrade for the coming year. Sound quality was an issue for some people and we learned what we needed to do to correct that for next time.
- In surveys, people offered suggestions for future classes; military research and hands-on classes stood out as two we can address before the end of the year. Our Military Research Primer will offer great help leading up to Fall Conference; you may have ancestors who served time in the military and not even know it yet. The education committee is also looking to schedule some hands-on free courses providing assistance with various genealogy website maneuvering.
- We have 2 paid classes scheduled at this time:
  - Military Research Primer to be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4 people registered so far.
  - Cherokee Indian Research to be held November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Conference will be held October 18<sup>th</sup> with regional speaker, Tina Beaird. At this time, we have 8 people registered but it's still rather early to see typical registration numbers. Our topics that day are as follows:
  - Unlocking the Treasures Within Midwest Archives and Repositories
  - Family History Resources from the Library of Congress  
Military Records at the U.S. National Archives
  - Spirit of St.Louis: Military & Civilian Records at the National Personnel Records Center

Respectfully submitted,

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