

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
General Orders #7 “Providing Top Cover” January 1, 2019**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Department Commander and his staff extend New Year greetings to all comrades and sisters and their families.

1. Annual Membership: THIS IS IMPORTANT! Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars may expire December 31, 2018 unless you paid your dues in January 2018 through June 2019 then your dues are due in the month you paid them. For example, if you paid your dues in February of 2018, they will be due in February of 2019. All Officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members as soon as possible. Any Post that has an Officer who has not paid his or her dues should collect those dues immediately before their expiration date. Any Officer removed by reason of failure to pay current dues or by vote of the Post, shall not be eligible to serve in any Post Office in the same administrative year in which the officer is removed.

Remember any unpaid member who has let their membership expire, his or her Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance becomes void immediately. It is important for all Post Membership Teams to contact these members as soon as possible.

All Post Commanders should familiarize themselves with Section 220 of the National By-Laws on the election of new officers in the event of inactivity or vacancy in the VFW year.

2. Use of Post Relief Funds and Membership: The Department of South Dakota would like your help in taking care of membership dues of long-time members who cannot afford to pay their current dues. Many older veterans, especially our WW II Veterans may no longer realize their dues need to be paid. Check your local nursing homes for eligible veterans who may have been a member in past years. You can use your Post Relief Fund to pay these dues. It will help in our all-out effort to make the State of South Dakota 100% in membership for 2019.

3. Mid-Winter Meetings: District 1 Sun., January 20th 1 PM in Sioux Falls: Dep. Rep. Kenneth Payne
District 4 Sun., January 20th 2 PM in Watertown: Dep. Rep. Darwin Tolzin
District 6 Sun., February 10th 1 PM in Huron: Dep. Rep. Sean Johnson
District 7 Sun., February 13th 2 PM in Lake Andes: Dep. Rep. Kenneth Payne
District 10 Sun., January 13th 10 AM in Rapid City: Dep. Rep. Ken Moss

Other dates to remember:

January 14th there is a Buffalo Feed at Ft. Meade Hospital, with a tour available. Anyone planning on attending please let the state office know.

January 15th Visit and Buffalo Feed with the Director of State Home & Dom. At Hot Springs VA. Anyone planning on attending please let the state office know.

4. The Department Council of Administration, Legislative Conference, Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Banquet has been set for January 27th & 28th, 2018 at the AmericInn, in Ft. Pierre. See enclosed notice for registration, motels, schedule, etc.

5. Loyalty Day: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2019 Loyalty Day Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Post Commanders; try to plan your Loyalty Day Programs early.

6. Buddy Poppy: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2019 Buddy Poppy Chairperson and forward his/her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible and make plans for your 2018 distribution. Post Commanders,

this is a reminder that all Poppy orders should be in by April 15, 2019 to count in the “All State Post Commanders” ratings. Order blanks are on the VFW Website.

7. IRS Form 990: All Posts that enjoy tax exemption status are advised that they must answer all questions on the IRS Form 990. Submitting a copy of the Post Financial Statement in lieu of answering the individual questions is not acceptable. If the questions are not answered the IRS will return Form 990 to the Post. Report must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year.

9. Checks Sent to Department Headquarters: All checks sent to the Department Headquarters should be made out to “Department Of South Dakota VFW” and marked as to what purpose each check is for. Do not make checks payable to a special account.

10. The National Voice of Democracy Legislative Conference meeting will be March 2nd – 7th 2019 in Washington D.C, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, VA. The VOD parade of winners will take place at 6:00 pm on March 4th.

11. Sending in Material for General Orders: All Department Officers, State Chairpersons and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters by no later than the 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders.

OFFICIAL:

Darwin Tolzin
Darwin Tolzin, Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

BY ORDER OF:

Danny Frisby-Griffin
Danny Frisby-Griffin, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

8.3. 2019 Tournament Checklist Review and Recommendations

8.4. 2019 Tournament Host Sites Reveal

8.4.1. **Class AA (tentative)**

8.4.1.1. **Class AA 12U: 7/12-14/2019**

8.4.1.2. **Class AA 10U: 7/12-14/2019**

8.4.2. **Class A**

8.4.2.1. **Class A 16U: 8/2-4/2019: TBD** (Regions should be completed by **7/26**)

8.4.2.2. **Class A 14U: 7/19-21/2019: TBD** (Regions should be completed by **7/11**)

8.4.2.3. **Class A 12U: 7/12-14/2019: TBD**

8.4.2.4. **Class A 10U: 7/12-14/2019: TBD**

8.4.3. **Class B**

8.4.3.1. **Class B 16U: 8/2-4/2019: TBD** (Regions should be completed by **7/26**)

8.4.3.2. **Class B 14U: 7/19-21/2019: TBD** (Regions should be completed by **7/11**)

8.4.3.3. **Class B 12U: 7/12-14/2019: TBD**

8.4.3.4. **Class B 10U: 7/12-14/2019: TBD**

8.4.4. **2020** Tournament Dates

8.4.4.1. **Class AA, A and B 10U and 12U: 7/10-12/2020**

8.4.4.2. **Class A and B 14U: 7/17-19/2020** (Regions should be completed by **7/9**)

8.4.4.3. **Class A and B 16U: 7/31-8/2/2020** (Regions should be completed by **7/24**)

8.4.5. **2021** Tournament Dates

8.4.5.1. **Class AA, A and B 10U and 12U: 7/16-18/2021**

8.4.5.2. **Class A and B 14U: 7/23-25/2021** (Regions should be completed by **7/15**)

8.4.5.3. **Class A and B 16U: 8/6-8/2021** (Regions should be completed by **7/30**)

8.4.6. **2022** Tournament Dates

8.4.6.1. **Class AA, A and B 10U and 12U: 7/15-17/2022**

8.4.6.2. **Class A and B 14U: 7/22-24/2022** (Regions should be completed by **7/14**)

8.4.6.3. **Class A and B 16U: 8/5-7/2022** (Regions should be completed by **7/29**)

8.4.7. **2023** Tournament Dates

8.4.7.1. **Class AA, A and B 10U and 12U: 7/14-16/2023**

8.4.7.2. **Class A and B 14U: 7/21-23/2023** (Regions should be completed by **7/13**)

8.4.7.3. **Class A and B 16U: 8/4-6/2023** (Regions should be completed by **7/28**)

8.5. VFW Youth Baseball Grant Program Update: **2018** Webster, Selby and Dell Rapids

8.6. VFW Youth Baseball Community of the Year Recognition Update: **2018**—Madison; **2018** Friends of VFW Baseball Recognition: Chamberlain Baseball Association and Volga Baseball Association

8.7. VFW Youth Baseball Veterans Program Donation Program Update: 2018—SD Veterans Cemetery and VFW National Disaster Relief Fund

8.8. Any other new business

9. For the Good of VFW Youth Baseball

9.1. Remarks: Department of SD Commander, Danny Frisby-Griffin

10. Close

- 10.1. Minutes and updated rules: hopefully posted by **2/1/2019**
- 10.2. Next annual meeting: **1/19/2020 at 10 AM**
- 10.3. Update Sign-in/Contact list before leaving

Official:

By Order of:

Danny Frisby-Griffin,
Baseball Chairman
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Rob Lind,
Director of VFW Baseball Operations
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**SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND AUXILIARY**

**LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE / COUNCILS OF ADMINISTRATION
AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS BANQUET**

January 27th and January 28th, 2019

Sunday meetings will held at the AmericInn Teton Conference Center Fort Pierre

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2019

Registration Starts at 10:00 a.m. Foyer of the Teton Conference Center

The **VFW** will have the **Legislative Committee meeting** starting at 11:00 a.m. (Teton Conference Center)

The **Auxiliary** will have **Audit meeting** starting at 10:30 a.m. (Teton Conference Center)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **COUNCIL MEETING VFW and AUXILIARY** in the Teton Conference Center
(Walden & Scotty Room)

4:30 p.m. **JOINT SESSION** if required (Walden Room)

5:00 p.m. **Soup and Sandwich bar/social** served in Teton Conference Center (Leighen Room)

MONDAY, January 28th, 2019

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN AND TEACHERS BREAKFAST
BANQUET**

9:00 a.m. (upstairs Old VFW Building Pierre)

11:30 a.m. to done **VOD, Patriot's Pen and Teachers** visit the State Capital

Safe travels home!

REGISTRATION \$45.00

(Separate meals \$15.00 each)

(Includes Sunday Soup/Sandwich, Monday Breakfast Banquet & Helps with our guests' meals/lodging)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Department of South Dakota VFW

MAIL TO: Department of South Dakota VFW
5009 W12th St Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Attn: Crystal

NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

VFW/AUX #:

CITY:

Registration Amount:

Number of Extra Meals for :

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED:

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS. Ask for VFW rates.

Days Inn: 520 W. Sioux Ave. call 605-224-0411, Room fee \$55 (Military/gov rate) after Jan. 6th charges will go up

Governors Inn: 700 W. Sioux Ave. call 605 224 4200, Room fee \$74 (Veteran rate) after Jan. 8th charges will go up

Baymont Inn: 713 W. Sioux Ave. call 605-224-4140, Room fee \$65 sgl/\$70 dbl after Jan. 6th charges will go up

AmericInn: 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, Call 605-223-2358, Room fee \$119.99 after Jan. 1st charges will go up

Rooms are limited at the AmericInn: You should make reservations as soon as possible and especially before January 1st, 2019. Room rates may go up after that date for all rooms.

Fill out Registration Form for each individual attending the Conference.

VFW: Department officers authorized for reimbursement will only be covered for Sunday to Monday. Exceptions need to be coordinated with the Department Quartermaster.
