



**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**General Orders #9  
“Providing Top Cover”**

**March 1, 2019**

- 1. Absence of the Commander:** During the period of March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, several of The Department Officers will be in Washington, D.C. attending the Legislative Conference/Voice of Democracy Awards Presentation. During this period, anyone having any questions and/or needing assistance is to contact the State Office, 605-332-7441.
- 2. Special Notice:** 2019-2020 There will be a joint theme this year for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen is: “What Makes America Great?”
- 3. March is “Membership Quota Month”.** All State and District Officers are asked to assist Posts in membership. If your Post hasn’t had a membership team working, now is the time to help organize and join in on the recruiting of members.
- 4. Audit Reports: THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Has your Post sent in its last Audit Report yet? Maybe some of the previous audit reports are delinquent. Catch them up to date, as they are very important.
- 5. Special Olympics:** Post donations to the Special Olympics Fund are hereby requested to help with the 2019 Special Olympics Program. Posts are asked to be generous and to send their donations to VFW Department headquarters. Our goal this year is \$2,500. Thank You to those Posts that have already sent in their donations.
- 6. Post Elections:** Attention is called to Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure, Nomination Election, Installation, of Officers and Term of Office. Posts will conduct the Election of Officers in accordance with the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Post Officers shall be nominated in March and shall be elected in April. Nominations shall remain open until the Post is ready to vote.  
*\*Remember that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June if you have not submitted your election report you will receive a letter from the Commander-in-Chief suspending your Post until the election report is sent. At that time the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter and establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business must be overseen by the established committee includes any meetings, any disposition of property, any financial transactions, etc. This is an inconvenience for all persons concerned. PLEASE submit you Election Reports timely. (March nominate; April elections; May installation; June take office when Department Commander does.)*
- 7. Installation of Officers:** Attention is called to Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure. The Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that of Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting. An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause may be installed at any regular or special meeting prior to the

Department convention. If not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year except that three trustees shall initially be elected for terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years and thereafter one (1) trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

**8. District Commanders:** Attention is called to Section 417, Page 21 of National By-Laws. The elected District officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention or Spring Meeting. Nomination, election and installation shall be in a manner prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. The District Commander will be installed again at the Department Convention in June 2019 as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

**9. Ritual Changes:** Several changes or modifications were made to the 2018 National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual that members need to know about. The one addressed here is a change authorized in the Order of Business – Posts. Section 1004, page 113 and 114 of the Manual of Procedure lists two orders of business for Posts. One being the Traditional and the one added called Order of Business Contemporary we will address the Contemporary. It is shortened up and is approved for Post usage. However, you can use discretion at the Post and modify to meet your needs. The approved order is:

1. Call to order 2. Check dues cards 3. Roll call of officers 4. Read, refer membership applications 5. Read minutes 6. Quartermaster's report. 7. Report of Service Officer. 8. Report on Comrades or the families of Comrades in distress. 9. Committee reports. 10. Unfinished Business. 11. New business. 12. Good of the order. 13. Close meeting.  
The options that you have are to satisfy your needs for a successful meeting.

**10. Community Service Record Books:** Attention Post Commanders and Community Service Chairpersons. Less than 60 days remain in this year's contest for Community Service Record Books. All Community Service projects completed during the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, should be included when making your Post/Auxiliary Record Book. Record Books must be received by April 18, 2019 and are to be sent to State Chairman, Barb McKean, 504 S Wallace St., Parkston, SD 57366. A Community Record Book form may be downloaded from the Department Web site - [sdvfw.org](http://sdvfw.org).

**11. Buddy Poppies:** All Posts are reminded to order their Buddy Poppies and poppy supplies and to complete arrangements for their year's poppy distribution. Order forms may be downloaded from the Department Web site - [sdvfw.org](http://sdvfw.org).

**12. Department Convention:** The 2019 Department Convention will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Madison, hosted by Post 2638. For more convention information, i.e.: registration, motel information, convention schedule, etc., go to the Home Page at the Department web site - [sdvfw.org](http://sdvfw.org).

**13. Convention Ads:** All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office and any others are reminded that the deadline for Ads in the 2019 Convention Booklet is due by May 6th, 2019. Ads need to be in camera ready or submitted in digital format. Convention book ad submission form may be downloaded from the Department web site - [sdvfw.org](http://sdvfw.org).

14. **National Citations:** To qualify for the National Citations that are presented at the Department Convention, Posts must have reported projects in each of the following programs: Youth, Safety, Community Service and Citizenship Education (Americanism) and reports need to be into the State Chairman Barb McKean, 504 S Wallace St., Parkston, SD 57366, by March 20, 2019. The deadline date to get the information to National is April 1, 2019.

15. **Memorial Day:** The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223-Commemorative Dates. Each Post shall properly observe commemorative dates, as prescribed in the Ritual and Manual of Procedure. Please plan a suitable observance in your Community. Place American Flags at the gravesites of departed comrades of your Post and Veterans of your Community. Remember to report details of these events in your Community Service Report. Memorial Day report form may be downloaded from the Department web site - [sdvfw.org](http://sdvfw.org).

16. **Peace Officer Memorial Day:** The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on May 15, 2019. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

17. **Spring District Meetings:** See separate sheet on meeting places, dates and times.

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

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### SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

District #1: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #4: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #6: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #7: Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM at Mitchell Post #2750 (Department Rep: TBD)

District #10: Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM at Custer Post #3442 (Department Rep: TBD)

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota  
State Commander**

Greeting Comrades,

Spring is just around the corner but I can't see it with all the snow we've gotten this winter. We also get to spring forward with our clocks. This is a great reminder to not only change the batteries in your smoke detectors but reach out to all your veterans to ensure they survived the winter and snow. There are a lot of activities coming up we need to get ready for including the process of electing our next leaders at all levels across the Department of SD VFW. Please encourage new members to come to meetings, events, luncheons, coffee or whatever it takes to get them involved directly helping our veterans and communities.

I'll be visiting with our Commander-in-Chief while in DC during the National Legislative Session and VOD/PP Awards Program. We had a very exhaustive discussion in February concerning membership and I fully expect the conversation on what and how we are doing to be discussed in more detail since we're currently in 51<sup>st</sup> place out of 52 departments with 89%. The benchmark of 92% was supposed to have been accomplished by 12/31/2018.

As I mentioned last month, we really do understand that there are many important programs that must be completed for us to continue serving our veterans, but it all starts with membership. Be on the lookout for membership incentive programs from the Department Membership Chairman and District Membership Captains. Thank you for all your effort and energy!

Attached to these general orders are the latest 89<sup>th</sup> Convention schedule, ads form and registration information. The latest information can always be found our website;  
<http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-convention>.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to hearing from you.

State Commander, Danny "Wham-O" Frisby-Griffin  
[Danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com](mailto:Danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com)

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**Senior Vice Commander  
Sean David Johnson**

Hello Comrades,

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the beautiful crisp white snow that we have. It seems that the snow just falls and falls, running out of places to put it. The city has to pay to haul it away, again nowhere to put it. There sure is good Ice fishing and snowmobiling and skiing. Kids are out making snow forts, sledding down hills throwing snowballs.

I want to remind you to make sure that you check your sewer pipes and chimney flue pipes make sure they are not iced over and need to be cleared. You do not want carbon monoxide or sewer gas build up in your house. If you have an odor coming from a drain and its dry pour some water into the drain.

I want to thank all of the members who are diligently working on membership, you are going to make a difference so keep on working hard, we still have until the end of June. I know that subscription dues affect us but we just need to buckle down and keep with it, it will work out.

I need to get your posts to turn in Veteran's Day & Memorial Day reports. We want to give you credit so please get them in. I encourage everyone to get the rest of your reports in to the appropriate people for credit, Community Service, Hospital Safety, and Audit. We also look forward to seeing your Community Service Books.

Hope You Enjoy March.

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**Jr. Vice Commander  
Cody Mangold**

Fellow Veterans,

Another month has passed us by but, this one was a short one. Again, I will push MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. As of 2/23/19 we are sitting at 89.32%. I was informed we are sitting 989 members short of what is needed to reach 100%. We can do this together as we are a South Dakota VFW Team and all care about veterans and veteran's benefits. We have accomplished so many great things and assuredly we will continue to do so. Membership at the National level equates to influence especially in the political arena where numbers matter. With higher numbers people in the legislature will be more open to listen to our needs as a VFW.

Staying within the guidelines of the Department Membership Program 2018-2019 established by Commander Frisby-Griffin encouraging Life Members and LEGACY Life Members we are putting together an incentive program that will run through May 31, 2019. Remember, this is in addition to the Commanders Program. Commencing 1 March 2019 any member that is recruited as a REINSTATE or NEW MEMBER the first 25 members will have their name put in a drawing for a Life Membership to be held as soon as the number reaches 25. In addition, if the recruiter does not qualify for any cash award offered in the Commanders Program, they will receive a monetary \$25 award. The incentive will continue until the next 50 members are recruited which at this point will be 74 names and then another Life Membership will be given. The recruiter of that person will receive \$50 if they do not qualify for other membership incentive awards. We will continue in groups of 50 until 31 May 2019 is reached. Good luck to all and thank you for keeping recruiting front and center.

I believe in all of you and know you will go out and get some comrades to come back and join our great organization that looks out and cares for the veterans. I want to continue to thank you all for your hard work and your devotion to the Veterans of the Foreign Wars.

Cody Mangold  
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**State Judge Advocate  
Barbara McKean**

I want to encourage all veterans eligible for the VFW to try and attend your posts next monthly VFW meeting. If you've been on the fence about joining a post, now is the time to reach out and see what we are all about. The VFW as an organization is only as strong as our numbers represent! Every veteran matters-**YOU** matter! Now is the time to get involved, we need you!

If for any reason, you're not happy with your towns post, reach out to your neighboring town's post. **Be the change you want to see happen!** Help your post grow and succeed! We can help. We want you to belong to a military support family, like the VFW can provide.

Overall, great job on your reporting using the community service report. All posts that are submitting these reports, I can tell you are putting forth the effort to submit a good product. Thank you! For those posts who are not submitting reports, it is not to late! If you need guidance or help, let me know, that is what I'm here for. I'll help you any way I can.

**Community service reports:**

There is so much to record on this report, most falling into a specific quarter. **Once recorded, do not record duplicate information on the next quarter.** Many entries on this report have submission due dates. *Make sure you have reported all numbers for VOD, Patriots Pen, Teacher of the year, LE, etc. Also, report number of Poppies ordered, amount sold. You should have reported Memorial Day, Veterans' Day by now. Your Donations on 2<sup>nd</sup> page should also be reported by now. Please review all 3 quarters and only submit new information, not previously submitted.*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter's reports are due. **Community Service Reports rcvd for the 3rd Qtr: (as of 21 Feb)**

**Dist. 1:** Brandon, Elk Point, Vermillion

**Dist. 4:** Brookings, Madison, Webster

**Dist. 6:** Aberdeen, Gettysburg, Pierre

**Dist. 7:** Armour, Burke, Lake Andes, Marty, Mitchell, Parkston, Tyndall, Wagner

**Dist. 10:** Custer, Deadwood, Newell, Rapid City (Auxiliary report only)

**MEMBERSHIP!** Please personally reach out to all expired and due members and encourage them to renew their membership. If you don't have access to the on-line membership account, Cody Mangold know and he'll get you a list of names from your post. Come up with some new and innovative recruiting tools or incentives.

Barbara McKean

State Judge Advocate

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**Surgeon  
Colin Reisner**

Comrades,

The reporting quarter ended on January 31<sup>st</sup>. I regret to inform everyone that as of today, February 20<sup>th</sup>, I have only received 19 reports; that is a whopping 35% of the posts reporting. I have been preaching that we need to send these reports in for various reasons, but I continue to receive only the same few from the same posts every quarter. We all know that the posts not reporting are most likely doing hospital and/or safety work, but the reporting is just not there. Below you will find the posts that have sent me a report thus far. I truly hope I will see more reports come in over the next few weeks.

**District 1:** Brandon, Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton

**District 4:** Brookings, Madison, Watertown

**District 6:** Aberdeen, Gettysburg, Huron

**District 7:** Armour, Burke, Chamberlain, Lake Andes, Marty, Parkston, Wagner

**District 10:** Custer, Deadwood, Rapid City

Sgt. Colin G. Reisner USA (Ret)

“Our Country, Not Ourselves”

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**State Chaplain  
Mike Boxa**

Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Post elections are this time of year. I pray we get wise diligent leaders into position. There is a lot of stagnant members, as well as contrary members. All this hinders growth, productivity, JOY!!! An Organization just can't function properly, let alone have success with lukewarm argumentative members. Let's mean business and know what we stand for.

We look at God's Word in **Isiah. 5:5-6,** <sup>5</sup> **And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:** <sup>6</sup> **And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.** The verses declare about the penalty, laziness and not demonstrating gratitude for the ones trying to accomplish things. You will get bad fruit, crops, oppression. Even the Righteous will just have but to cry. You get this when you all don't pitch in for the good of the team.

With elections coming, not only consider, do we have enough to hold the position, consider the outcome from the one that takes the position. We are reminded **Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.** Admonish out of love and if that person still doesn't get it, they should not be in the position. **1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:** This means, we are just as guilty with good intentions as not.

State Convention is coming up. I will need a little help and direction with the Memorial Program. I request a piano player. Singer is welcome too. The two songs I have in mind are the Soldier Farewell song and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. I would ask someone to contact me. I am working on my program now. Also modifying the flower arrangement for the deceased Past Dept. Commanders. I will print a list and plan on labeling all the flowers with our honorable names. Several passed this past year.

Keep our Organization in prayer for success and endurance. Pray for our sick and troubled. Keep our Jr Vice uplifted and let's pick up on the membership pace. Our QMs and Commanders did it two in a row. Certainly, the figures couldn't have changed that much. Let's get it done! I am available for any membership fundraiser entertainment. An event can cover the cost of a few members. VIOLA! And all members and AUX, extend the hand, not the hatchet! We are to be loving.

***Be there for one another!!***

Warmest Regards,

Mike Boxa

[SDvfwChaplin2@outlook.com](mailto:SDvfwChaplin2@outlook.com)

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## **VFW Auxiliary Chairman for Buddy Poppy / VFW National Home for Children**

Now that Legislative Session is over, we are moving closer to State Convention in June. So please don't forget the challenge to all posts and auxiliaries to do a Buddy Poppy Display for it. Do it as partners with your post or the auxiliary can do it alone. But let's see just how many we can come up with.

There are three categories for the Poppy Display contest.

1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, poster display, campaign promotions, etc.)
2. Memorial or Inspirational Display (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country.
3. Artistic or Decorative use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques.

At least one poppy must be in original form and color with label attached. Post name, number, city or state (including shape of state) may NOT be visible on display.

Buddy Poppy Chairman's Guide can be viewed from [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources)

We are asking to pre-register your Poppy Display this year, so we know how much room we will need. So here is a form to fill out and send to me by:

Name of Post or Auxiliary:

Category you're entering in:

Number of poppies:

Send to:

**Department of South Dakota  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention  
Thursday, June 13 thru Sunday, June 16 2019  
Madison, SD**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration	Science Center (SC)
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Post/District Quartermaster Meeting/Training	Nicky's
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	District Commanders (old/new) Lunch	Nicky's
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	Science Center (SC) 135
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Committee Meetings	SC Conf Rms 132 & 133
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner	On your own
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Award Presenters Meeting	Tunheim Classroom Building (TCB) 203
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Joint VFW/Aux Awards Presentations	TCB 203

**Friday, June 14, 2019 (Flag Day)**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Past Dept. Chief of Staff Breakfast	2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Diner
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration	Science Center
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Opening VFW Business Meeting	SC 135
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Coffee Break	Science Center
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Joint Memorial Service	TCB 203
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	On your own
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session (awards/guests)	TCB 203
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner	On your own
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Old School Hospitality Night (cash bar)	VFW Post 2638
8:00 PM -	Entertainment	VFW post 2638

**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

8:00 AM - 11:30 PM	VFW Business Meeting	SC 135
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Coffee Break	Science Center
11:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	On your own
11:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Past Dept. Commander Luncheon	Prime Time Tavern
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	VFW Business Meeting & Incoming Officer Pics	SC 135
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Joint Installation of Officers	TCB 203
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Close Convention	SC 135
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Social Hours (cash bar)	Dakota Prairie Playhouse
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention Banquet	Dakota Prairie Playhouse

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Council of Administration Meeting ( <b>new</b> )	SC 135
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Mandatory</b> District Commanders Meeting	Science Center Conf Rms

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Convention  
Thursday, June 13 thru Sunday, June 16, 2019  
Madison, SD**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration	VFW Post 2638 or DSU Science Center (10 AM)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Council of Administration Meeting	VFW Post 2638
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Officers and Chairman's Luncheon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Diner
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Luncheon	On your own
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Officer March Practice, Flag & Banner Practice, Ritual Practice	VFW Post 2638
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Opening Auxiliary Business Meeting	VFW Post 2638
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner	On your own
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Past Department President's Dinner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Diner
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Award Presenters Meeting	Tunheim Classroom Building
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Joint VFW/Aux Awards Presentations	(TCB) 203

**Friday, June 14, 2019 (Flag Day)**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration	Science Center
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Auxiliary Business Meeting	VFW Post 2638
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Joint Memorial Service	TCB 203
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	On your own
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon	Nicky's
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Joint Opening Session	TCB 203
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner	On your own
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Old School Hospitality Night (cash bar)	VFW Post 2638
8:00 PM -	Entertainment	VFW post 2638

**Saturday, June 15, 2019**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Aux Business Meeting	VFW Post 2638
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Coffee Break	VFW Post 2638
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	On your Own
1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Aux Business Meeting & Close Convention	VFW Post 2638
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Joint Installation of Officers	TCB 203
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Social Hours (cash bar)	Dakota Prairie Playhouse
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Convention Banquet	Dakota Prairie Playhouse

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

8:30 AM – Until Done	Council of Administration Meeting (new)	VFW Post 2638
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**Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary  
Convention Registration for the Department of South Dakota  
June 13-16, 2019**

**\*\* Please use one form for each individual registration\*\***

Registration for Convention will be **\$80** per member prior to **May 20, 2019**, and **\$100** after **May 20, 2019**.

Individual banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for **\$40**. This **will also** include a name badge for the Hospitality Night. You can purchase these tickets in advance by informing us on your registration form. **Cut-off time for additional banquet tickets will be 4 PM Friday June 14, 2019.**

Those who have registered by **May 20, 2019**, will have their name entered into an "**Early Bird Drawing.**" Two drawings will be made at the Convention for \$50 each. So, get your registration in by **May 20, 2019** to possibly be a winner.

Name badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and banquet. Events will be held at Dakota State University, Ronald Westby VFW Post 2638 (510 S Washington Ave), Nicky's, Second Street Diner and Prime Time.

PRINT Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Membership:

Auxiliary

Post

Post or Auxiliary Location:

Post #:

**Please list the title you want on your badge if you hold an elected office at the Post, Auxiliary, District, or Department level:**

**VFW Past Department Commanders and District Commanders, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, Luncheon \$25.00 by May 20, 2019.**

**VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chairman Luncheon \$15.00 by May 20, 2019.**

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon \$18.00 by May 20, 2019.**

PRINT Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Auxiliary City, Name & Number

Are you a:

Gold Star Mother

Gold Star Family Member

Past Department President

45 Plus Member:

Years

Make checks payable to: **VFW Post 2638 Convention Fund**

**Mail Registration and Checks to:**

VFW Post 2638 Convention Fund

510 S Washington Ave

Madison, SD 57042

**Any requested refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**

**Convention Registration:**

**VFW Past Department Commander & District CC Lunch:**

**Auxiliary Officer & Chairman Lunch:**

**Gold Star Family & 45 yrs. + Lunch:**

**Non-Member Banquet Ticket:**

**Total:**

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask to see if they have SD VFW Convention or military/veteran rates.** Rates listed do not include tax.

**ALL VFW Council of Administration Officers and other individuals who are vouchered (until the facility is full) will reside in the Dakota State University Court Yard Dorm as a guest of the Department of South Dakota. Please contact Crystal or Darwin at 605.332.7441 or [vfwsd@aol.com](mailto:vfwsd@aol.com) with the following information by May 15, 2019: name, genders, check-in/out date and any limitations (ie. mobility, sight, etc.). The Department will work with the DSU Summer Conferencing Staff for room assignments.**

**AmericInn:** 504 10<sup>th</sup> St SE, Madison SD – 605.256.3076 -- \$89.99 for STD Room and \$94.99 for Suite  
**A Block of 30 rooms are available at AmericInn “SD VFW Convention”.**

**Super 8:** 219 N Highland, Madison SD – 605.256.6931 -- approximately \$60.00  
**A Block of 20 rooms are available at Super 8.**

**Camp Lakodia (lodging and camping, 7.8 Miles):** 45156 235<sup>th</sup> St, Madison SD – 877.525.6342 – approximately \$80/bed and RV – 30 AMPS 3 nights approximately \$110

**The Lakes Lodge (11 miles),** 20 Golf Dr, Wentworth SD – 605.483.3544 – Approximately \$110

**Prairie Village (camping, 4 miles),** 45205 SD Hwy 34, Madison – 605.256.3644 – Electrical sites \$21/night and non-electrical sites (dry lot) \$17/night

**Lake Herman State Park (camping, 5 miles),** 23409 Statem Park Dr, Madison – 605.256.5003 – Campsites: electrical \$21/night, non-electrical \$17/night; Cabins: \$45/night

There are numerous hotels/motels in Brookings, Sioux Falls and a couple in Howard if required.

# 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Ads

Department of South Dakota VFW Convention — Madison, SD, June 13 - 16, 2019

**Order Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **VFW or Aux. Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Black & White Ads:**

Full Page—7.5W x 10H: \$150.00  
Half Page—7.5W x 4.75H: \$75.00  
Quarter Page—3.5W x 4.75H: \$50.00  
Business Card—3.5W x 2.25H: \$35.00

## **Color Ads — Inside Pages:**

Full Page—7.5W x 10H: \$200.00  
Half Page—7.5W x 4.75H: \$125.00  
Quarter Page—3.5W x 4.75H: \$80.00  
Business Card—3.5W x 2.25H: \$45.00

## **Color Ads — Cover Pages:**

Full Page—7.5W x 10H: \$250.00 (Only 3 available)

## **Make Payments to: VFW Post 2638 — Convention Fund**

**ALL** ads must be submitted electronically (jpeg) by **May 6, 2019** to [coordinator@chamberofmadisonsd.com](mailto:coordinator@chamberofmadisonsd.com)

**All payments**, send to:  
**VFW Post 2638 Convention**  
510 S Washington Ave  
Madison, SD 57042

All ads need to be submitted in digital format no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, May 6, 2019**

**(Please make a copy for your Customer Order Receipt)**



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. / Lot # City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / YYYY MM / YYYY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

### QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 -2011)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Location _____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	Dates _____

**Payment Authorization** - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

### ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW	Post # _____	FORMER MEMBER # _____
TRANSFER from Post # _____	State _____	to Post # _____
RECRUITER _____	ID# _____	
(Please print)		
QUARTERMASTER _____	(Signature)	

<b>Life Member Options</b>		
AGE as of DECEMBER 31 <sup>st</sup>	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

**Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions:** You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Member Service Center at 1-833-VFW-VETS or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

**Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions:** The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

**Delinquencies will be handled as follows:** Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

**VFW PLEDGE** I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

**I attest** that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	Committee Member	Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

# South Dakota as of Monday, February 25, 2019

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention	N/R %
South Dakota	628	1	952	5	4	135	1096	1348	81.30%	1		SIOUX FALLS	SD	2	397	38.54%	0.82 %
South Dakota	791	1	307	1	1	87	396	392	101.02%	2		YANKTON	SD	2	99	90.91%	1.02 %
South Dakota	915	1	44	0	0	9	53	57	92.98%	9		ELK POINT	SD	0	19	52.63%	0.00 %
South Dakota	2821	1	35	0	0	8	43	50	86.00%	10		PARKER	SD	0	16	56.25%	0.00 %
South Dakota	2975	1	60	0	0	14	74	83	89.15%	8		BERESFORD	SD	0	20	65.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3061	1	57	0	0	8	65	83	78.31%	8		VERMILLION	SD	1	28	42.86%	1.20 %
South Dakota	3164	1	109	0	0	22	131	152	86.18%	5		CANTON	SD	0	40	62.50%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3728	1	29	0	0	3	32	42	76.19%	10		FREEMAN	SD	0	9	44.44%	0.00 %
South Dakota	4726	1	109	1	0	18	128	123	104.06%	6		BRANDON	SD	5	25	76.00%	4.88 %
South Dakota	5770	1	17	0	0	2	19	28	67.85%	10		CROOKS	SD	0	6	50.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6149	1	39	2	0	15	56	62	90.32%	9		ALCESTER	SD	0	19	78.95%	3.23 %
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1758</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>2420</b>	<b>86.48%</b>	<b>3</b>				<b>10</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>0.99 %</b>
South Dakota	750	4	328	0	0	79	407	485	83.91%	2		WATERTOWN	SD	1	152	50.66%	0.21 %
South Dakota	2118	4	192	3	1	57	253	287	88.15%	3		BROOKINGS	SD	2	93	63.44%	2.09 %
South Dakota	2638	4	127	7	0	27	161	180	89.44%	5		MADISON	SD	0	55	67.27%	3.89 %
South Dakota	3342	4	153	2	0	4	159	169	94.08%	5		SISSETON	SD	1	22	54.55%	1.78 %
South Dakota	3351	4	36	0	0	3	39	42	92.85%	10		FLANDREAU	SD	0	6	50.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3486	4	132	0	0	22	154	158	97.46%	5		MILBANK	SD	0	26	92.31%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3507	4	58	1	0	22	81	86	94.18%	8		BRITTON	SD	0	32	75.00%	1.16 %
South Dakota	4690	4	83	1	0	28	112	132	84.84%	6		WEBSTER	SD	0	49	65.31%	0.76 %
South Dakota	5022	4	7	0	0	2	9	13	69.23%	10		SUMMIT	SD	0	7	28.57%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6361	4	19	0	0	5	24	26	92.30%	10		GOODWIN	SD	0	6	83.33%	0.00 %
South Dakota	10632	4	12	0	0	2	14	13	107.69%	10		DELL RAPIDS	SD	0	2	100.00%	0.00 %
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>1591</b>	<b>88.81%</b>	<b>4</b>				<b>4</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>1.19 %</b>
South Dakota	17	6	230	4	0	103	337	440	76.59%	2		ABERDEEN	SD	0	217	56.68%	0.91 %
South Dakota	1776	6	152	0	0	32	184	194	94.84%	4		HURON	SD	0	39	87.18%	0.00 %
South Dakota	2038	6	239	1	0	24	264	281	93.95%	3		PIERRE	SD	1	43	62.79%	0.71 %
South Dakota	2741	6	17	0	0	5	22	24	91.66%	10		MOBRIDGE	SD	0	7	71.43%	0.00 %
South Dakota	2755	6	85	0	0	17	102	115	88.69%	6		REDFIELD	SD	0	28	67.86%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3179	6	46	0	0	6	52	63	82.53%	9		FAULKTON	SD	0	13	61.54%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3214	6	67	0	0	9	76	79	96.20%	8		MILLER	SD	0	12	66.67%	0.00 %
South Dakota	5126	6	66	0	0	7	73	74	98.64%	8		EUREKA	SD	0	9	77.78%	0.00 %
South Dakota	5548	6	32	0	0	15	47	52	90.38%	9		WESSINGTON SPGS	SD	0	19	84.21%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6481	6	16	0	0	4	20	29	68.96%	10		TURTON	SD	0	13	53.85%	0.00 %
South Dakota	8530	6	55	0	0	8	63	65	96.92%	9		GETTYSBURG	SD	1	12	91.67%	1.54 %



<b>District Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>87.57%</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>0.49 %</b>	
South Dakota	1353	7	12	0	0	0	12	15	80.00%	10		MARTY	SD	0	0	100.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	2750	7	140	3	0	49	192	218	88.07%	4		MITCHELL	SD	3	96	62.50%	2.75 %
South Dakota	2966	7	60	0	1	11	72	80	90.00%	8		SCOTLAND	SD	0	18	61.11%	1.25 %
South Dakota	3239	7	31	0	0	8	39	41	95.12%	10		LAKE ANDES	SD	0	8	100.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3298	7	66	0	1	16	83	78	106.41%	8		PARKSTON	SD	3	20	90.00%	5.13 %
South Dakota	4674	7	120	0	0	7	127	135	94.07%	6		WINNER	SD	0	18	50.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6436	7	33	0	0	1	34	33	103.03%	10		CHAMBERLAIN	SD	0	2	100.00%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6554	7	66	1	0	6	73	83	87.95%	8		PLANKINTON	SD	0	16	56.25%	1.20 %
South Dakota	6895	7	53	0	0	8	61	67	91.04%	9		TYNDALL	SD	0	15	66.67%	0.00 %
South Dakota	6897	7	29	0	0	16	45	47	95.74%	10		ARMOUR	SD	0	18	88.89%	0.00 %
South Dakota	7319	7	102	0	0	14	116	136	85.29%	6		WAGNER	SD	1	36	41.67%	0.74 %
South Dakota	9950	7	89	0	0	21	110	110	100.00%	7		BURKE	SD	0	21	100.00%	0.00 %
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>92.42%</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>7</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>1.25 %</b>
South Dakota	1273	10	824	13	1	71	909	1007	90.26%	1		RAPID CITY	SD	5	168	45.83%	1.89 %
South Dakota	2730	10	157	3	1	30	191	193	98.96%	4		STURGIS	SD	0	44	79.55%	2.07 %
South Dakota	2969	10	15	1	0	10	26	27	96.29%	10		LEMMON	SD	0	12	83.33%	3.70 %
South Dakota	3312	10	84	0	0	5	89	100	89.00%	7		BELLE FOURCHE	SD	0	11	54.55%	0.00 %
South Dakota	3442	10	357	3	1	71	432	427	101.17%	2		CUSTER	SD	4	94	80.85%	1.87 %
South Dakota	5751	10	21	0	0	2	23	25	92.00%	10		FAITH	SD	0	3	66.67%	0.00 %
South Dakota	5807	10	52	0	0	4	56	57	98.24%	9		NEWELL	SD	0	7	71.43%	0.00 %
South Dakota	5860	10	104	0	6	35	145	141	102.83%	6		SPEARFISH	SD	0	34	100.00%	4.26 %
South Dakota	5969	10	217	10	2	30	259	253	102.37%	3		DEADWOOD	SD	1	54	57.41%	5.14 %
South Dakota	9120	10	37	0	0	5	42	43	97.67%	10		QUINN	SD	0	6	83.33%	0.00 %
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2172</b>	<b>2273</b>	<b>95.55%</b>	<b>3</b>				<b>10</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>2.24 %</b>
South Dakota	15043	99	204	15	0	29	248	359	69.08%	2		SIOUX FALLS	SD	5		%	5.57 %
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>69.08%</b>	<b>6</b>				<b>5</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>5.57 %</b>
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>6783</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>8130</b>	<b>9102</b>	<b>89.32%</b>					<b>38</b>		<b>%</b>	<b>1.47 %</b>