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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
Nancy Worth, President
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**Advocates for Veterans
& Their Families**

VFW Auxiliary
SOUTH DAKOTA
2015-2016

CORRECTIONS:

Lemmon Auxiliary #2969 new Secretary (due to the passing of Ortha Gilpin) is:

Ethel Bender
307 Third Avenue W
Lemmon, SD 57638

VFW Store Announces Price Increases

The following products should be ordered now as costs will increase effective **September 1, 2016:**

<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Catalog Page</u>	<u>Current Cost</u>
2491	Altar Cloth		89	\$ 18.00
3601	Gavel	10 inch	90	\$ 19.95
3316	Seal Stamp	self-inking	90	\$ 19.95
3318	Auxiliary Stamp	self-inking	90	\$ 24.95
3319	Address Stamp	self-inking	90	\$ 24.95
3321	Desk Stamp	embossing	90	\$ 57.95
3320	Hand Stamp	embossing	90	\$ 57.95
2473	Embroidered Banner	3 X 5 foot	88	\$875.00
2571	Printed Banner	3 X 5 foot	88	\$213.00

To order, call 1-800-921-2606 or visit www.vfwstore.org



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota

General Orders Number 7, March, 2016

Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. South Dakota Membership is currently at 94.69% - so very close to the March 31 goal of 95% (and \$500 for the Department). Please call all annual members who have not yet paid their dues to see if they want to continue to be a member of our great organization. Dues not received by June 30, 2016 (at National Headquarters) will terminate the membership. After June 30, 2016, those prior members will need to reapply for membership and prove their eligibility.
2. ATTENTION AUXILIARY PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: Year-End Reports from your Auxiliary are due to the Department Chairmen before April 15, 2016. All report forms are included in this mailing. The Department Chairmen are required to have 100% reporting, so please send in or email your report before the deadline. If not received, expect a call from the Department Chairman to take the information over the phone. The Department Chairmen must compile their information from your reports to pass onto National Headquarters. So please be on time.
3. **The Outstanding Hospital Volunteer National Award application is due March 1** to Hospital Chairman, Leanne Payne. She will submit one application for further competition March 15, 2016. The application is included in this mailing.
3. South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary State Convention will be held June 9-12, 2016 at The Lodge at Deadwood. Registration form, hotel information, Advertising Form, and Hospitality Night form (for those seeking Department office) are included in this mailing.
4. Members are encouraged to check out the Benefits available to members. On the National website, www.vfwauxiliary.org click the Benefits tab to see what all is available. In particular, check out the Insurance Plans which includes Cancer Insurance (now available to individuals vs the entire Auxiliary needing to participate).
5. VFW & Auxiliary National Convention will be held July 23-28, 2016 in Charlotte NC. Registration, housing and tentative event schedule are available on the National website www.vfwauxiliary.org. The National Convention packets will no longer be mailed. ONLY Convention attendees will receive packets. Do not register unless you plan to attend.
6. Remember to check out the Program Blogs on the National website for program suggestions and how to get members and youth involved. There are also resources available to Auxiliaries and members

under the Programs tab; some titles are – Treasurer Tools, Tax Training for Treasurers, and Secretary Tips.

7. The VFW Auxiliary Online Academy (available on the National website, behind Login) has a number of new videos available to assist leaders and members:

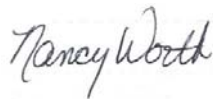
“Local Auxiliary Treasurers and Trustees Training”; “990 Filings”; “VFW Auxiliary Branding Center”; “2016 Podium Edition Bylaws & Ritual: A Guided Tour”.

8. Department Treasurer, Carol Gross, has included information in this mailing regarding Auxiliary tax information. PLEASE take her message to heart as not filing the IRS 990N can negatively affect any fundraising events your Auxiliary does.

9. Department Chaplain, Mary Kirkvold, has included the Deceased Members Form in this mailing. The form is due to Mary not later than May 1, 2016 in order for the names of these deceased members to appear in the Memorial Service remembrance booklet.

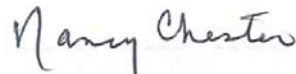
10. Ways and Means: Items are needed for the upcoming State Convention Ways and Means table. Chairman, Marion Grant, is looking for baked items along with new and gently used items for this fundraiser. Supplies for the table are running very low.

By Order of:



Nancy J. Worth
Department President

Attest:



Nancy Chester
Department Secretary

Remembering Our Promise



March, 2016

We are anxiously waiting to hear how South Dakota's Patriots' Pen and Voice of Democracy representative do at the National level. We wish the best of luck to Patriots' Pen winner Rachel Richenbach of Rapid City and Voice of Democracy winner Austin Lentsch of Pierre.

Commander Mike and I will escort Austin during the Parade of Winners in Washington, DC on February 29th. This ceremony will be live streamed beginning at 6:00pm (EST) on www.vfw.org/vfwdc2016.

I made my official visits to Fort Meade VA, Hot Springs VA and Veterans' Home and Sioux Falls VA in January. Thank you to Hospital Chairman, Leanne Payne, VAVS Representatives Diane Ward, Carrie Alm and Mary Kirkvold for assisting with these visits.

The South Dakota Legislative Conference held at the AmericInn in Fort Pierre was held January 31 – February 1. Our National Representatives for the Conference were Vickie Rosse, National District 23 Councilmember and Thomas Tradewell, Past National Commander. It was a pleasure to welcome Vickie Rosse back to South Dakota in her National position. Council of Administration Meeting Minutes and updated Standing Rules are published in this mailing. Attendance was wonderful and we all enjoyed hosting our District winners for Voice of Democracy and the top three Patriots' Pen winners.

What an honor to represent South Dakota at the National Mid-Winter Conference in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Traveling along from South Dakota were: Vickie Rosse, National District 23 Councilmember; Karen Sharp, Sr. Vice President and (daughter-in-law, Laurel); Jan Endes, Chief of Staff; Donita Mullinix, Department Guard (& husband, Tarzan); Nelda Jorgensen, Department Americanism Chair; and Deb Fahey, Christmas Tree Chair. All Department Presidents were treated to a lavish lobster and steak or red snapper for the 'Night on the Town'. There were two cocktail parties on the beautiful white sand beach and time to enjoy things like a tour of Santa Domingo and zip-lining.

The February 11th National Council Meeting covered upcoming proposed changes for the VFW Auxiliary – at this point, there are seven (7) resolutions to come up for vote at National Convention. These will be published in the National Magazine soon. National Convention will include an introduction to the new software now in place at National Headquarters. Homecoming reception for In-Coming National President, Colette Bishop, and her first National Council will be held immediately following the Convention on Thursday, July 28th.

Auxiliary Audits are of high importance to continue as an Auxiliary. If the required Audits are not received by Department, Carol Gross, National Headquarters will pull the Auxiliary Charter. Remember, this is not a Department decision – it is a National Headquarters decision; the Auxiliary must decide to comply with the requirements.

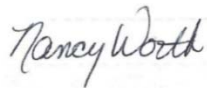
As we approach our annual elections, please be aware of the need to mentor those who follow you in the VFW Auxiliary. President should mentor Sr. Vice President; Sr. Vice President should mentor Jr. Vice President; Jr. Vice President should mentor Chaplain; Chaplain should mentor Conductress; and Conductress should mentor Guard. This applies to all levels of our organization – be a mentor to our members.

Included in this mailing are the Program Year-End Reports. Yes, the deadlines aren't until April 15th, but Auxiliaries must have these submitted to the Department Chairmen to allow them plenty of time to compile the information for reports to National Headquarters.

And, as always, we need to remember why we are members of the best veterans' service organization – for the Veterans, not for our own “bragging rights”.

Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans & Their Families.

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VFW Auxiliary South Dakota
2015-2016 Department President

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>District #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Department Representatives</u>
1	Yankton	Sunday, April 3 @ 2:00 pm	State President
8	Winner		State Sr. Vice President
2	Brookings	Saturday, April 9 @ noon	State Guard
4	Sisseton	Sunday, April 10 @ 2:00pm	State Conductress
6	Faulkton		State President
10	Custer	Sunday, April 24 @ 10:00am	State Chaplain
7	Wagner	Sunday, May 1 @ 2:00pm	State President

AUXILIARY NO.: _____

NAME and TOWN: _____

DISTRICT NO.: _____

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

DISTRICT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

For registration to District Meeting: One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for **each fifteen (15) members** or fraction the Auxiliary thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election of Delegates. Elections are to be held at a regular Auxiliary meeting not less than thirty (30) days before the District Meeting is held. The Auxiliary Secretary shall forward the list to the **District Secretary**. (Article III, Section 303)

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Mail to **District Secretary** PRIOR to March 24, 2016

Cares & Concerns

We have lost a couple of good people this past week.

Susan Knapp of Hot Springs, SD passed away on Feb. 18, 2016. She was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Clayton VanHouten Auxiliary 1640 in Hot Springs.

Committal services will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016, at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD, with Pastor Gary Jacobsen officiating.

A coffee get together will be held 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2016, at The Canyon Cottage at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home, Hot Springs. All family and friends are invited.

Sympathy cards can be sent to:

Susan Knapp Family
PO Box 173, Hot Springs, SD 57747



Below is the obituary for Susan.

Susan Lea Knapp

(July 2, 1947 - February 18, 2016)

Susan Lea Knapp, age 68, passed away on February 18, 2016, at her home in Hot Springs, SD.

Susan was born the oldest of eight children, on July 2, 1947, in Waseca, MN, to William C. and Zona L. (Dunsmore) Nielsen. Her brother Chris was taken early in life due to polio. She grew up with an outstanding work ethic from being raised on a farm and carried that with her to the Hot Springs VAMC where she retired after 30 years of work. Susan believed that community service was tantamount and dedicated many years to the DAVA, VFW Auxiliary, and the Hot Springs Ambulance Service. Susan spent 37 years as an Emergency Medical Technician in South Dakota she instilled the same value of being an EMT to all of her children and fellow EMT's.

The lives she touched and saved leave so many names it would be impossible to list. She had many friends but called all of them family. Susan was always proud of her children but more so than with her grandchildren, Caitlin & Shelby Hills, Christopher Knapp, Taylor & Zona Hatch, Nicole Groethe, and Hannah Nielsen. She shared a 50 year marriage with Phillip, who worked alongside her to build an ambulance service this community could be proud of. She will be missed by so many and forgotten by none.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip G. Knapp of Hot Springs; daughters, Kara (Robert) Hatch of Rapid City, SD; Krista Knapp of Breckenridge, CO; son, John (Shannon) Nielsen of Frankville, IA; brother, Patrick (Mary) Nielsen of Sterling, CO; sisters, Betty (Patrick) Bucholz of Bakersfield, CA; Nora (Eddie) Psotta of Greeley, CO; Edie Nielsen of Sterling, CO; 7 grandchildren and her close friend, Delila (Matt) Hughes.

Arrangements are being made with Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home

Ronald

Walker

(August 31, 1929 - February 21, 2016)

Ronald Walker, 86 of Spearfish, passed away on February 21, 2016 at Ft. Meade VA Medical Center.

Ron was a member of the Queen City Post 5860 in Spearfish, SD. He's also the husband of Past Department President Jan Walker. We will keep you informed of funeral arrangements. Please keep Ron's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy cards can be sent to:
Ronald Walker Family
508 E. Michigan St. Apt. M24
Spearfish, SD 57783

Arrangements are pending with Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Crematory Service of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com

Karen Sharp—Our Dept. Sr. Vice President Karen Sharp has recently undergone sinus surgery. She is doing well; but as we all know, recovery is never fast enough! You can send your get well cards to her at: PO Box 1133, Fort Pierre, SD 57532

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VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Passing along this information for all those interested in taking advantage of the stream live for Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon.

Across the country, more than 500 VFW members are preparing to convene in Washington, D.C., for the annual VFW Legislative Conference February 28 – March 3, 2016. The annual conference amplifies the voices of the nearly 1.7 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliaries, reminding lawmakers of the promises they've made to America's service members.

The VFW will again stream live from this year's conference. Log on to www.vfw.org/VFWDC2016 to watch on Monday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. (EST) for the **Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners**.

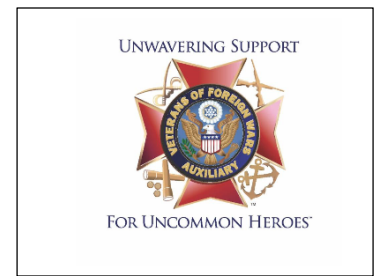
On March 2, VFW National Commander John A. Biedrzycki Jr. will testify before a special joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, where he will lay out the VFW's legislative agenda for the year. The delayed streaming of the commander-in-chief's testimony will be on Wednesday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)

Wishing safe travels to our South Dakota delegation and South Dakota's State Voice of Democracy winner, Austin Lentsch from Pierre, SD. **Good Luck, Austin!**



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota
Karen Sharp, Sr. Vice**

Bulletin #7 – March 2016



SPRING IS ON ITS WAY – SPRING IS ON ITS WAY – SPRING IS ON ITS WAY

It was good to see such a nice turnout for our Mid-winter/Legislative Conference in Fort Pierre. Since it was held a week earlier than usual, there were some changes in the schedule. Please let your Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary leaders know what you liked or didn't like. Your input is important, and will be considered when planning for next year.

I along with six (6) other Auxiliary members and two (2) potential members recently attended the National Mid-winter Conference in the Dominican Republic. It was my first National Mid-winter Conference, which I found very educational and informative. We worked hard, played hard and made it through all the airports with little delay. Next year's conference will be a five-day Caribbean cruise in late February 2017, and there is already information available if that sounds interesting to you.

I have no doubt that SD will achieve its next membership goal of 95% by the end of March and 100% by June 30th. These are not just numbers; it is literally cash in the bank for the Department, so we all need to keep working hard to make these goals a reality. National is going to propose a life-membership increase of 38.46% to 100%. When this will pass or when it will be implemented is yet unknown, but it could be within this coming year. Always encourage life membership, whether it is a new member or someone converting to life membership.

There will be at least six (6) other proposals to be presented at the National Convention. Regularly check the VFW Auxiliary website (vfwauxiliary.org) and the national magazine to keep up to date on what is going to be proposed, so that you can let the SD delegates know how you want them to vote. The line officers will also try their best to keep you informed.

You can now register online for the National Convention in July and also the Celebrate America's Freedom Event -- Mt. Rushmore, September 17, 2016. Also check the website for the coming year's Program Book as it will not be put out in a published format.

Check your audits and other transmittals to make sure that your Auxiliary is up to date, so that your Auxiliary is in good standing and will be able to vote at the State and National Convention. Help your Auxiliary officers out with transmittal dates for elections, delegates, etc.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact an Auxiliary line officer. We all are ready and willing to help.

Karen Sharp

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
Council of Administration Minutes
January 31, 2016

President Nancy Worth called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Guard Donita Mullinex reported the badges were checked at the door. Opening Ceremonies were conducted according to ritual. Secretary Nancy Chester took Roll Call of Officers. All Council members were present except Historian Jennifer Little and Past Department Presidents on Council Neta Peterka and Vickie Williams.

Roll Call of Past Department Presidents: present were , Marva Barge, Nancy Chester, Thelma Dittman, Nancy Fickholm, Imogene Ellis, Jan Endes, Carol Gross, Mary Hammond, Connie Heggstad, Nelda Jorgenson, Sharon Mitchell, Mildred Ratigan, Vicki Rosse, Janice Vreim and Clara Wiedemer.

Roll Call of Auxiliaries: present were District 1 – Alcester 1, Canton 2, Beresford 2; District 2 – Brookings 7, Madison 1, Sioux Falls 4; District 4 – Goodwin 1, Milbank 2; District 6 – Aberdeen 2, Redfield 1, Huron 1; District 7 – Plankinton 1; District 8 – Pierre 12, Winner 2; District 10 – Custer 3, Sturgis 1, Rapid City 4, Deadwood 2.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Mary Kirkvold and Pledge of Allegiance by Patriotic Instructor Nelda Jorgenson with singing of the National Anthem by all.

President Worth presented National Councilmember Vicki Rosse as Department Representative. She is from Brookings, South Dakota and immediate South Dakota Past Department President.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting: Junior Vice Carrie Alm motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting since they were in General Orders. Conductress Sandi Moss 2nd. Motion Carried.

Reading of Official and other communications – Secretary Chester read Communication from 1) State of South Dakota - Dennis Dugaard Gov for participating in Christmas Around the World at the Capitol 2) Avera Walking Forward Group for cancer donation and 3) a thank you from Kay Rypinski for all who went to the retreat.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carol Gross gave treasurer's report. Many auxiliaries are late with reports due January 31, 2016. Those auxiliaries are subject to having their charter pulled by National Headquarters if they do not come into compliance.

Audit Report: Janice Vreim gave report. Junior Vice President Carrie Alm motioned to accept the Audit Report. District #4 President Sharon Wellnitz 2nd. Motion Carried.

Budget Report: Budget Chair Janice Vreim gave budget report. Junior Vice President Alm asked about Miscellaneous Income definition. Misc Information - we get a percentage of funds sent into National for cards/labels/calendars as miscellaneous income.

President Worth asked all first time Legislative attendees to be recognized: Wanda Nix - Brookings, Cindy Williamson - Canton and Sue Jones - Pierre.

President Worth introduced Jan Endes, National Recruiter Trainer who will give training Monday at 9:30.

Reports of Committees, standing and special:

Veterans & Family Support – Patti Mitchell had nothing on Buddy Poppies but would like to see the meaning more widely publicized. President Worth explained that a Sioux Falls High School is now putting together Buddy Poppies due to lack of veterans with ability to do so. Mitchell reported that the 152 from Wagner and Rapid City will be coming home within the month. The Annual Day County Coyote Hunt will be held in February with proceeds going to South Dakota units and thanked everyone for their help. Mitchell was presented a National Outstanding Department Buddy Poppy Chariman Award for the 2014-2015 program year.

Americanism – Nelda Jorgenson reminded us of opportunities to get into schools to teach and remember home schools, 4H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc to give short program. Adults are not immune to learning Patriotism and Americanism. Fly the flag. Jorgenson shared the Red Skelton what the pledge means.

Extension/Chief of Staff/National Recruiter Trainer – Jan Endes passed out a Health Checkup for Auxiliaries. Each District has at least one bachelor post and she encouraged we try to start an Auxiliary in each of them. There is a National Award offered for Auxiliaries in each Department for the best use of National Headquarters public information informing or revitalizing an Auxiliary and for a member who uses the National Headquarters public information. For the Auxiliary President Judging Committee - get your Auxiliary President information turned in before deadline - forms are available today.

Hospital – Leanne Payne reported trying to get volunteers to get awards. Seeing is believing at Hot Springs, Fort Meade, and Sioux Falls. They are all fabulous. Baby afghans are needed at Sioux Falls (about 40), pastel, and light weight. Needs lists for each of the hospitals was available. The new wards at Hot Springs and Sioux Falls are now open.

Legislative - no chairman was present. 8 am on Monday is the joint meeting with the VFW to present legislative issues to the group before the legislative mixture Monday evening.

Membership - Carrie Alm stated the Department was 90% by December 31 and is working on being 95% by March 31, 2016. We are at 93.91% now. She encouraged us to promote getting male members into the Auxiliary, we presently have 57 male members in South Dakota. We need 381 members to make 100%.

Scholarship - Sandi Moss. the VOD and Patriots Pen Banquet will be Monday. 29 Posts and 27 Auxiliaries participated in Patriots Pen with 1940 students participating and 94 Post entries advancing. VOD had 33 Posts and 32 Auxiliaries with all 7 districts participating. 942 students took part and 61 students advanced. Patriotic Art has had misuse of American Flag - use the flag code book to guide artists. Remember the home school students. Patriotic Art is due in March.

Youth Activities - Mary Kirkvold said the ROTC presented flags at the veteran's banquet in Sioux Falls and helped with the monthly breakfast. Random Acts of Patriotism coins are available in sets of 100 for \$35. Year end reports are due in the Chairman's hands by April 15, 2016.

Chaplain Report - Mary Kirkvold has sent some cards.

Audit Committee - Junior Vice President Alm presented handout and made a motion to approve. District #4 President Sharon Wellnitz 2nd. Motion Carried.

Capitol Christmas Tree – Deb Fahey reported the Christmas Around the World was the theme and we had 500 ornaments on the tree. She described the tree and that each town had the names of their veterans listed in frames at the bottom of the tree. She asked everyone to pick up their photos before leaving.

SD Veterans Support Council - Kay Rypinski had brochure handouts and read the membership requirements for the SDVSC - only organizations are members. The council maintains the Avenue of Flags at the BHNC. They have three 25' flag poles with external halyards for sale at \$1000 each - these were a mistake as internal halyards are used at BHNC.

President Worth thanked Senior Vice President Karen Sharp for setting up the Legislative Meeting. There are 48 Auxiliary members and 44 Post members registered. September 17, 2016 Mount Rushmore will be visited by the National President and other Auxiliary members from across the United States as a Cafe Event.

District# 8 President, Nancy Chester reminded attendees of the silent auction items on the back table - funds go 1/2 to the State President's project - VFW National Home and 1/2 to the National President's project - VFW National Home.

Junior Vice President Alm gave information on the 2016 State Convention to be held June 9-12, 2016 at The Lodge in Dedwood. District# 10 is sponsoring the convention this year so there is more help available than in past years when one town sponsored the event. First forms are due by May 19, 2016.

Podium books are available from Treasurer, Carol Gross.

Unfinished Business:

Senior Vice President Sharp said that at the Fall COA it was noted that the President's Special Project was deleted in 2012. Article 1 Department as D which read "Each year the incoming Department President may chose a fundraising project as her Special Project. The project should state what the funds raised will be used for." Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to put Article 1 D back in as was in past with "may". 2nd by Conductress Moss. Motion carried.

New Business:

VFW National Headquarters had funds returned due to bad bank information. If your local Auxiliary did not get a refund on your life memberships check your ACH for your location.

July 23-27 is the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Conductress Moss made a motion to pay for three Delegates to attend the National Convention. Motion died for lack of a 2nd.

New Charters don't have the anniversary date of the original Charter. Please note the date on your original Charter and send that date to President Worth. Old Charters can be placed behind the new Charter in the same frame. President Worth asked District Presidents to present new Charters at the Spring District meeting.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order:

Vicki Rosse, Brookings Auxiliary and National Representative spoke of the four meetings 1) Pittsburg, PA where bills were paid, 2) Anchorage, Alaska which was the National Presidents Homecoming and where an increase in pay for National Officers was voted on 3) Punta Cana, Dominican Republic where an increase in life memberships of 50-100% is going to be discussed and 4) Charlotte, North Carolina which will be the National Convention immediately followed on July 28 by the National President's reception.

In October Representative Rosse was in Michigan and learned a lot about the state functions.

The 2016 Priority Goals are on the website.

VOD 2016 - 2017 theme is "My Responsibility to America" and 2016 - 2017 Patriots Pen theme is "The America I Believe In"

Volunteer of Year for Hospital nominations is closing March 1st.

There is money available for Departments that make goals. 93.91% of membership \$300; \$500 if 95%.

Certificates for 100% membership were given to Brandon, Milbank, Freeman, Deadwood, and Belle Fourche. The national membership has 465,000 paid members or 94% at this time.

There is a new member pin available for anyone signing up 5 new members. 20 new members gets an acknowledgement at National Convention; 40 new members receives a gift from the National President. Three months in a row Group 6 has held the #1 ranking.

National Certified Recruiter Trainer - State can help supplement this position as National doesn't fund.

President Worth presented Representative Rosse with a gift. She then made the following closing remarks:

Carrie Alm has patches available for sale.

Karen Sharp has shirts and jewelry for the National President visit for sale.

Pamphlets are available and Deb Fahey is taking orders for new Auxiliary jewelry.

Caskets and urns are now available to spouses.

Big 10 will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Prices are going up 10% September 1, 2016 for seals, banners, etc.

Remember all the member benefits - cancer grant; credit card; VFWA magazine, VFWA benefits

Be sure to use the latest Cancer Grant as this is the only acceptable form.

Relief Fund is a restricted fund - be sure to follow the proper distribution of funds.

Dates to remember:

February 9-15 National Midwinter Conference in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Feb 14 Four Chaplains Event in Sturgis

Feb 14-20 National Salute to Vets

Feb 15 Deadline for Continuing Education Scholarship

Feb 15 President's Day

Feb 28-March 3 Washington DC National VOD Winner Announced
 March 1 Hospital Volunteer of the Year deadline
 March 3 Patriotic Art Contest entries due to local Auxiliary
 April Auxiliary election of Officers
 Delegate fees are due to Dept. Treasurer, Carol Gross
 District Spring Meetings per schedule
 April 15 Chairman Reports are due to Department Chairmen
 April 30 Audit Report Due
 May Military Appreciation Month
 Installation of Auxiliary Officers
 May 1 Loyalty Day
 May 1 Due date for Auxiliary Presidents year-end report to Jan Endes
 May 1 Due date for District Presidents year-end report to Neta Peterka
 May 8 Mother's Day
 May 30 Memorial Day - VFW sponsoring at BHNC
 June 9-12 Department Convention, The Lodge at Deadwood

Closing Ceremonies: Were conducted according to ritual. The next meeting will be the Department Convention in Deadwood June 9-12, 2016.

Loyally Submitted,
 Nancy Chester, Department Secretary

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
STANDING RULES
Updated January 31, 2016 COA

I. DEPARTMENT

- A. Budget Committee shall consist of five members: Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Chaplain, and one (1) Past Department President as Chairman, and one other appointed by the incoming Department President. The Department Treasurer shall prepare the budget for the next year. The committee shall meet prior to the Department Convention to establish the budget for the next year. Notification of time and place of meeting to be sent out by the Budget Chairman. Such budget shall be approved at the first Council Meeting immediately following Department Convention.
- B. Auxiliary Presidents' Judging Committee: The Chairman and Committee (not to consist of more than three [3] members) shall be appointed by the incoming Department President. The committee will prepare the judging criteria and publish in the first General Orders mailing. The Committee shall examine the reports of Auxiliary Presidents submitted at the end of the year. The committee shall serve as the "Judging Committee" to select the winners in the "All-State President" competition.
- C. Mileage shall be allowed for the purpose of exchange of paraphernalia from the retiring President, Secretary, and Treasurer to the incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- D. Each year the incoming President may chose a fundraising project as her/his Special Project. The project should state what the funds raised will be used for.
- E. Mileage of thirty (30) cents per mile shall be allowed for all travel as set out in these Standing Rules from home station to destination and return. (6/6/2012)
- F. Hotel expense: Any Department Officer at the direction of the Department President, who travels more than 200 miles one way to an official function shall be reimbursed not to exceed \$70 for one night, should she/he choose to stay overnight. If adverse weather conditions occur and safety becomes a factor, it is at the discretion of the officer to make the decision to spend the night.
- G. Receipts for all vouchers expenses are required (including hotel) by everyone.

II. MILEAGE AND EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICER

A. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

- 1. Mileage to attend:
 - a. One (1) day at the Fair
 - b. State Veterans Service Officers meeting (whenever there is a meeting)
 - c. National President's visit
 - d. Fall and one other Council of Administration (C of A) Meeting
 - e. Department Convention
 - f. Memorial Day Ceremony at National Cemetery

2. District Meetings: Mileage for President or her/his representative to make two (2) official visits per year to each District and the District Mid-winter meetings.
3. Budget Committee: Mileage and motel shall be allowed for the Budget Committee and Treasurer to set up the proposed budget in spring before Department Convention. (General Fund)

B. MILEAGE ALL OTHERS (GENERAL FUND)

1. Council of Administration Members, All Program Chairman, Patriotic Instructor and Budget Chairman.
 - a. To Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
 - b. To Department Convention (outgoing and incoming)
 - c. Exceptions:
 - 1.1 Ways and Means Chairman to Fall Council of Administration and Department Convention.
 - 1.2 Hospital Chairman funds taken from the Hospital Fund.
 - 1.3 District President Judging Chairman and Auxiliary Presidents Judging Chairman to Fall Council of Administration and Department Convention.
2. Department Convention Chairman
 - a. Three (3) planning trips to Convention City
 - b. Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meeting
 - c. Department Convention
3. Department Historian
 - a. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
 - b. Department Convention
 - c. National President's visit to South Dakota (if requested by Department President)
4. Color Bearers, Flag Bearer, Banner Bearer, Musician, Asst. Musician, Soloist, Asst. Soloist, Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, Asst. Conductress, and Asst. Guard.
 - a. Department Convention.
5. District Presidents
 - a. When traveling on orders from the Department President
 - b. The outgoing District President will be paid round trip mileage if she/he attends the C of A meeting just before the Department Convention. The incoming District President will be paid round trip mileage if she/he attends the C of A meeting immediately following Department Convention. If a continuous District President, she/he must attend both C of A meetings at Department Convention to receive round trip mileage; otherwise, she/he will only receive one-way mileage.
6. Miscellaneous Mileage (General Fund)
 - a. To designated member of organization, appointed by the President, for on (1) trip to Institute an auxiliary and one (1) trip for a return visit within three (3) months after Institution for the purpose of instruction.
 - b. To Chief of Staff or a representative appointed by the President to visit a Post, if they are interested in forming an Auxiliary.
 - c. To Chief of Staff or a representative appointed by the President for trips to assist Auxiliaries who are having difficulties.

- d. To Audit Committee members and Department Treasurer to and from point of audit (Includes: Dept. Jr. Vice President, Dept. Chaplain, one (1) Council Member) each year for periods ending June 30 and December 31.
- e. To Convention Credentials Committee Chairman-to and from Department Convention.

C. HOTEL ALLOWANCES (General Fund)

- 1. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
 - a. Department President – her/his share, not to exceed one (1) night for Fall and two (2) nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings.
 - b. Department Secretary – her/his share, not to exceed one (1) night for Fall and two nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings.
 - c. Department Treasurer – her/his share, not to exceed two (2) nights for Fall and two (2) nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings
- 2. Department Convention
 - a. Department President – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
 - b. Department Secretary – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
 - c.. Department Treasurer – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
- 3. State Veterans Service Officers Conference: (If there is one)
 - a. Department President – hotel shall be allowed.

III. TRAVEL (General Fund) When mileage or airfare is utilized, the least amount will be paid. Airfare shall include baggage fee for one (1) bag. Round-trip mileage from home to airport to home will be paid.

A. National Convention

- 1. Department President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed five (5) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 3. Immediate Past Department President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.

B. Big Ten Conference

- 1. President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed two (2) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 3. Junior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.

- C. Midwinter Conference
 - 1. President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed four (4) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
 - 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.

- D. Community Service/VOD Convention, Washington, DC
 - 1. President will be allowed up to Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) expenses to attend the Conference.

IV. ALLOTMENT

- A. President – Fifty Dollars (\$50) each month while in office.
- B. Secretary – Fifty Dollars (\$50) each month while in office.
- C. Treasurer – One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month while in office.

Monthly vouchers to be submitted to Treasurer by end of each month to receive payment.

V. FUNDS AND RECEIPTS

- A. Special Funds: The Department Council of Administration or Department Convention may, from time-to-time, establish special funds for specified purposes. A special fund may be either permanent or temporary and shall consist of all monies received with the understanding that said fund is dedicated to the purpose indicated.
- B. All Department awards (not personal) received from the National VFW Auxiliary shall go into the General Fund.

VI. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES (General Fund)

- A. All expenditures, either authorized or payments made shall, at all times, be made within and governed by the provision of the Department Budget.
- B. Vouchers and an itemized bill of purchases shall be submitted to the Department President for approval before the Department Treasurer will make payment. All bills shall be submitted for payment before or during the Department Convention for current year expenditures. All vouchers must be submitted to Department Treasurer no less than one (1) month after the event covered by the vouchers.
- C. All parties receiving funds for hotel, airfare, ground travel, etc., shall send receipts of same to the Department Treasurer to be attached to vouchers supporting claim for payment or reimbursement.
- D. All expenses incurred, not covered by the budget, shall be submitted to the Budget

Committee for approval and voted on by the Council of Administration.

E. Authorized Awards

1. Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) – Membership Award – determined by Department Membership Chairman;
2. Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) – Voice of Democracy – Third Place Department Winner;
3. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each – Voice of Democracy – remaining four (4) District winners;
4. Forty Dollars (\$40) – Each program chairman to be used at her/his discretion
 - a. Americanism, taken from the Americanism Fund.
 - b. Legislative
 - c. Youth Activities
 - d. Hospital
5. Fifty Dollars (\$50) each program chairman to be used at her/his discretion.
 - a. Scholarship Program
 - b. Veterans and Family Support/National Veterans Service

F. State Fair – Dept. will pay one (1) round-trip mileage for Auxiliary Chairman, and week gate pass, camping fee and parking fee for both VFW and Auxiliary Chairman be allowed (taken from State Fair Fund). Department will pay for one (1) golf cart not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) yearly if VFW does not pay.

G. Contingencies

1. President – One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Department Treasurer;
2. Senior Vice President – Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;
3. Secretary – Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;
4. Treasurer – One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;

H. Veterans and Family Support Scholarship Program

1. Annual Scholarship – Three Hundred Dollars (\$300);
2. Criteria – Same as existing Continuing Education Scholarship from National, including time frame for entries.

I. Americanism Fund

1. One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175) – Patriotic Art Contest (1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25);
2. Patriots Pen Contest – cash awards
 - a. Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) - 1st Place;
 - b. (*NOTE: 2nd place is awarded by PDC Daryl and Loretta Hailing, as a personal award*);
 - c. Fifty Dollars (\$50) – Third (3rd) place;
 - d. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) – Fourth (4th) through Seventh (7th)

J. Miscellaneous (General Fund)

1. Delegates to Big Ten Conference – Five (5) are allowed from each Department. Each delegate to receive Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses. Designated delegates are: Department President, Department Sr. Vice, Department Jr. Vice, Membership Chairman (if not one of top three officers) and one (1) to be selected by the Council of Administration with consideration given to any member who may hold an office in the Big Ten Conference.
2. Department Chaplain is responsible to send a memorial in deceased person's name to benefit a VFW or Auxiliary Program not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) in case of the death of:
Department Officer elected or appointed, Program Chairman, including VAVS and deputy representatives, Past Dept. President of the VFW Auxiliary (includes husband, wife, child, mother, and father), VFW Dept. Commander, VFW line officers. NOTE: In case of the death of a Past Dept. President, her/his spouse, the Department President shall notify the President of the Past Presidents' Club.
The President is noted by two asterisks (**) on the roster.
3. The Department Chaplain is responsible to send remembrance, not to exceed (NTE) Fifteen Dollars (\$15). In case of hospitalization of the VFW Department Commander, Auxiliary Department Officer, Program Chairman, VAVS representatives and deputy representatives, or Past Dept. Presidents.
4. Greetings to other Patriotic Organizations shall not exceed Ten Dollars (\$10) per organization.
5. A love token not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20) shall be given each year from the Department for the National President's gift at the National Convention.
6. The Department shall purchase a combined Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual each year National Headquarters publishes revisions to be presented to the incoming Department President, Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Conductress, Guard, Chief-of-Staff, Musician and all seven (7) District Presidents.
7. Corsages/boutonnieres shall be provided (as deemed appropriate) by the Department to the Department President at the Big Ten Conference and Mid-Winter Conference banquets. The Dept. Sr. Vice President is responsible for the ordering corsages (working with Dept. Treasurer) for the Big Ten and Mid-Winter Conference banquets if: the Department has a National Council Member, National Director/Ambassador or Big Ten Officer/Chairman.
8. Thirty Dollars (\$30) shall be allowed from Department Funds to purchase a gift and/or flowers to be presented to the outgoing Department President immediately following the National President's luncheon/dinner at National Convention. Incoming Dept. Sr. Vice President shall be responsible for purchase of gift and ensure all at Convention know location and time of luncheon/dinner, so they can be present for the presentation.
9. Funds shall be allowed for four (4) first place All-State Presidents and four (4) runner-up awards. President to select awards to be presented. The four (4) membership categories are: 10-50; 51-110; 111-225; and 226 and over.

K. MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES (Department Convention Fund)

1. The Department Convention Registration – The Department shall pay for the Department President and National Representative.
2. The Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon fee – The Department shall pay for two (2) lunches per Gold Star Family in attendance, the Department President and the National Representative.
3. Stipend – Assistant Secretary – Ten Dollars (\$10 for services rendered at the Department Convention.
4. Stipend – Secretary – Thirty Dollars (\$30) for services rendered at the Department Convention and to prepare Department Convention minutes within two (2) weeks following the convention.
5. Stipend – Soloist/Assistant Soloist – Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be allowed for soloist at Dept. Convention. If soloist and assistant soloist both provide services, the Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be divided between them - Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each.
6. Stipend – Musician/Assistant Musician – Fifty Dollars (\$50) for services rendered at Dept. Convention. If Musician and Assistant Musician each provide services, the Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be divided between them – Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each.
7. Memorial Book prepared by Department Chaplain not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75).
8. Department Convention Committee to purchase corsages and boutonnieres for the Auxiliary President, Commander, and National Representatives to identify them throughout the convention.

VII. MAILING

- A. The Department Secretary in office shall prepare the Auxiliary roster as soon as possible after election of Auxiliary Officers in April of each year. The completed roster shall be provided to the incoming Dept. President for inclusion in her/his first General Orders. On the Past Dept. Presidents Roster, identify President of Past Presidents' Club with two (2) asterisks (**).
- B. Beginning with the 2015-16 year, the Department Roster and Auxiliary Roster, all General Orders, Standing Rules, Special Orders, memorandum or bulletins, shall be emailed and posted on the Department SD VFW website (www.sdvfw.org) to all Auxiliary Department Officers, District Presidents, Dept. Chairman, all Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries, Past Dept. Presidents, National Auxiliary Council Member #23, VFW Dept. Commander, Sr. and Jr. Vice Commanders, Adjutant, VFW Dept. Headquarters, and VFW National Council Member. One (1) printed copy will be mailed to each Auxiliary President for distribution within the Auxiliary only by request or request by email only.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Dept. Secretary to update, make any corrections or additions of the Standing Rules each year.

D. An updated electronic version (of the Standing Rules) shall stay in the possession of the VFW Auxiliary
Department of SD
Standing Rules 2016 as of January 31, 2016

Dept. Secretary and emailed to Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, and the President.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Department President may appoint an Assistant Treasurer, who may sign checks in the event the Department Treasurer is disabled. Before implementing, National Headquarters must approve the process.
- B. The outgoing Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall prepare an inventory of the property in her/his possession that belongs to the Department. The inventory will be included in the convention Officers and Chairman Report Booklet. This inventory shall be turned over to the incoming Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. Department will pay dues for the National SD Veterans Cemetery Support Council Chariman and Alternate, appointed by the Department President. Dues are \$25.00 for the primary and \$25.00 for the alternate.
- D. Member-at-Large dues will be Forty Dollars (\$40). (Resolution passed 6/16/2007)

IX. DISTRICT FUNDS

- A. Mileage to and from District meetings and one inspection to each auxiliary in the District to be paid to the District President upon submitting a voucher at rate approved by District.
- B. Each District shall purchase from District Funds, Bylaws and Rituals for all officers it deems necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the District (Department will provide to Bylaws and Ritual to District President).

X. HOSPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES (\$1.25 per member obligation)

- A. Department President
 - 1. One (1) official visit (mileage) each year to each VA and State Hospital where there is a VAVS representative or Department Hospital representative: Ft. Meade, Royal C. Johnson; Hot Springs VA and South Dakota Veterans Home, Human Services Center-Yankton, and Redfield.
 - 2. Motel for two (2) nights when visits are more than one day.
- B. Department Hospital Chairman
 - 1. One (1) official visit (mileage) each year to each VA and State Hospital where there is a VAVS representative or Department Hospital representative: Ft. Meade, Royal C. Johnson, Hot Springs VA and SD Veterans home, Human Services Center-Yankton, and Redfield.

2. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration meetings (mileage). Conduct Training Workshop for VAVS, Department Hospital representatives and/or Deputies at the Fall Council of Administration Meeting.
 3. Department Convention (mileage) to and from.
 4. Motel for two (2) nights to make hospital visits when more than one day.
- C. All VAVS, Department Hospital Representatives and/or Deputies
1. Fall Council of Administration meeting to participate in Hospital Chairman's Workshop and meeting (mileage) Note: Either/rep or deputy paid to come. Only one paid for each facility.
 2. Department Convention – to and from – must attend the convention meeting the day that the Hospital Program awards are given in order to receive mileage to convention.
- D. Allotment – VAVS and Department Hospital Representative Criteria established to qualify for stipend.
1. Must plan and carry out an activity each month at facility;
 2. Must submit monthly report of completed activity;
 3. Must attend the Fall Council of Administration Hospital Workshop
 4. Established Stipend per year:
 - a. Ft. Meade – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
 - b. Royal C. Johnson – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
 - c. Hot Springs VA – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
 - d. SD Veterans Home – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
 - e. Yankton Human Services – One Hundred Eight Dollars (\$180.00) (Shared);
 - f. Redfield – Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).
- E. Monthly allowance for activities at facilities:
1. Ft. Meade – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
 2. Royal C. Johnson – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
 3. Hot Springs VA – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
 4. SD Veterans Home – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
 5. Yankton Human Services Center – Ninety-three and 75/100 Dollars (\$93.75)
 6. Redfield – Thirty-seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$37.50).

If any of the sponsored veterans' facilities (Fort Meade VA, Royal C. Johnson VA, Hot Springs VA, SD Veterans Home and Yankton Human Services) find they are in need of a special purchase to benefit veteran residents, the VAVS or hospital representative will request a letter of need be sent to the Department President and Treasurer with details of the need and the cost involved. As Canteen Books are needed by the above mentioned facilities, VAVS or hospital representatives will purchase the books and make them available to VA or hospital staff.

G. SPECIAL DONATIONS

1. Auxiliaries are encouraged to send more Hospital donations to the Department Treasurer, clearly marked to which facility funds are designated and if for a special purpose;
2. The Treasurer will include on the monthly report to VAVS or Dept. Hospital Rep. the amount of special donations and which auxiliary made the donation;

3. The Representative will then request the funds from the Department Treasurer using a vouchers and advising how the money will be spent.
4. The Representative is required to send a thank you to the auxiliary making the special donation(s).

XI. – MISCELLANEOUS – Convention Memorial Service (Convention Fund)

- A. VFW Memorial Service – A yellow rose shall be placed representing all deceased Auxiliary Members;
- B. VFW Memorial Service – Green Wreath;
- C. Auxiliary Memorial Service – One white carnation shall be placed for deceased members in each District – Seven (7) Districts;
- D. Auxiliary Memorial Service – One (1) red rose for each deceased Past Department President and Past National President of current year.

TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016

31-Dec-15

FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DIS BURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED FUND	ENDING BALANCE
2015 DUES		\$4,985.63			\$4,985.63
LIFE MEMBER DUES RESERVE		\$20.82			\$20.82
DUES RESERVE		\$4,985.62			\$4,985.62
LIFE MEMBERSHIP		\$16,210.00	\$16,210.00		\$0.00
GENERAL FUND	\$47,837.58	\$16,346.13	\$25,021.43		\$39,102.28
HOSPITAL FUND	(\$1,704.75)	10,580.95	\$5,100.38		\$3,775.82
WAYS & MEANS		\$6,244.15	\$236.50		\$6,007.65
CANCER AID AND RESEARCH		\$12,113.80	\$12,113.80		\$0.00
AMERICANISM FUND	29.90	\$332.65		-	\$362.55
CANTEEN BOOKS	(\$31.65)	\$0.00			(\$31.65)
VFW PARK & CHAPEL	\$25.00	\$25.00		-	\$50.00
VETERANS & MILITARY SCHOLAR	\$4.20	\$322.75		-	\$326.95
DEPT. DELEGATE FEES		\$0.00			\$0.00
EXTENSION & EXPANSION				-	-
SPECIAL OLYMPICS		\$919.75			\$919.75
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT		\$5,219.40	\$5,219.40		\$0.00
YOUTH ESSAY	-			-	-
PRES. SPECIAL PROJECT	\$196.50	\$2,156.46			\$2,352.96
NATIONAL HOME PINS				-	-
STATE FAIR	1,199.24	\$1,320.00	\$977.12		\$1,542.12
TOTAL	\$47,556.02	\$81,783.11	\$64,878.63	\$0.00	\$64,460.50

DAKOTALAND FEDERAL CREDIT	\$64,746.10
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$1,078.75
DAKOTALAND OS CHECKS	\$1,364.35
TOTAL	\$64,460.50

BALANCE LAST AUDIT	\$47,556.02
TOTAL RECEIPT!	\$81,783.11
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$64,878.63
TRANSFERRED FUNDS	
BOOK BALANCE 630.02	\$64,460.50

CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$64,460.50
CD SHORT TERM GENERAL (4)	\$117,455.78
DAKOTALAND SAVINGS ACCOUN	\$5.00
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	\$ 181,921.28

	\$ 116,670.06		\$785.72		\$ 117,455.78
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DATE: _____

AUDIT CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

DEPARTMENT TREASURER

DATE

**DEPARTMENT TREASURERS' INFORMATION
AUDIT REPORT FORM FOR SOUTH DAKOTA**

FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2015

ROLL FORWARD BY FUND PER BOOKS

CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND

GENERAL FUND - CASH & INVESTMENTS

Balance Last Audit	\$156,231.02	
+ Receipts	\$82,568.83	
- Disbursements	<u>\$65,640.01</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$173,159.84	(A)

DUES RESERVE FUND: \$

Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	
+ Receipts	\$4,985.62	
- Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$4,985.62	(A)

PASS THROUGH FUND:

CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	
+ Receipts	\$12,113.80	
- Disbursements	<u>\$12,113.80</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$0.00	(A)

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

HOSPITAL FUND

Balance Last Audit	(\$1,704.75)	
+ Receipts	\$10,580.95	
- Disbursements	<u>\$5,100.38</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$3,775.82	(A)

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUND

Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	
+ Receipts	\$0.00	
- Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$0.00	(A)

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$181,921.28 (A's)

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance per Bank Statement	\$64,746.10
Deposits in Transit (attach list)	\$1,078.75
- Outstanding Checks (attach list)	\$1,364.35
+ Interest	\$0.00
- Bank Service Charges	
Other Reconciling Items	
Balance per Books	<u>\$64,460.50</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance Last Audit	\$5.00
+ Deposits	\$0.00
- Withdrawals	\$0.00
+ Interest	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance this Audit	\$5.00

INVESTMENTS (attach list)

(e.g. Certificates of Deposit,
U.S. Treasury Bills/Notes, etc.)

Balance Last Audit	\$116,670.06
+ Purchases	\$785.72
Balance this Audit	<u>117,455.78</u>

TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS \$181,921.28

We certify that we have audited the Department's books including the books of the VAVS Representatives for the period referenced above and have found them to be correct.

Chairman Signature _____ Date _____

Committee Member Signature _____ Date _____

Committee Member Signature _____ Date _____

*Signed copy on
file with Treasurer*

**DEPT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BUDGET REPORT
7/1/2015 to 12/31/2015**

2015-5016 BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Janice Vreim, Chairman

Karen Sharp, Carrie Alm, Mary Kirkvold

12/31/2015

Vickie Rosse

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Department dues transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$5,369.50	\$4,985.63	\$383.87
Department dues (less 50% for dues reserve)	\$5,369.50	\$4,985.62	\$383.88
Life member dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$3,950.00	\$20.82	\$3,929.18
Life member dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)	\$3,950.00	\$20.83	\$3,929.17
Discount	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Awards	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$300.00
Ways and Means	\$6,500.00	\$6,244.15	\$255.85
Transfer funds from previous years credit	\$3,426.28	\$0.00	\$3,426.28
Interest (checking)	\$30.00	\$16.22	\$13.78
Interest (savings)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Misc. Income	\$9,256.25	\$1,100.26	\$8,155.99
Interest (Short term CD's)	<u>\$1,233.97</u>	<u>\$785.72</u>	<u>\$448.25</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$40,240.50</u>	<u>\$18,859.25</u>	<u>\$21,381.25</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT			
Stipend	\$599.95	\$300.00	\$299.95
Travel & Motel	2,600.00	\$1,838.14	\$761.86
Telephone	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Postage	\$90.00	\$7.35	\$82.65
Hospital Mileage/Motel	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,839.95</u>	<u>\$2,145.49</u>	<u>\$1,694.46</u>
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY			
Stipend	\$599.95	\$300.00	\$299.95
Dues Mailing	\$900.00	\$249.10	\$650.90
Postage and Printing GO's	\$812.00	\$388.38	\$423.62
Supplies	\$750.00	\$445.78	\$304.22
Printing Official Information	\$976.00	\$328.80	\$647.20
Telephone	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$4,062.95</u>	<u>\$1,712.06</u>	<u>\$2,350.89</u>
DEPARTMENT TREASURER			
Stipend	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Telephone	\$240.00	\$100.00	\$140.00
Internet Connection	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Supplies	\$850.00	\$342.34	\$507.66
Audit	\$500.00	\$575.80	(\$75.80)
Postage	\$250.00	\$127.90	\$122.10
Income Tax Service	\$450.50	\$371.00	\$79.50
Insurance	\$129.00	\$0.00	\$129.00
Bond	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$624.00</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$4,604.50</u>	<u>\$2,921.04</u>	<u>\$1,683.46</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
CHIEF OF STAFF			
Travel	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
Postage & Telephone	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$81.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$81.00</u>
NATIONAL CONVENTION			
	<u>Pittsburgh</u>		
President Air Fare	\$572.00	\$572.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Sr Vice President Air Fare	\$694.20	\$690.89	\$3.31
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Immediate Past President Air Fair	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Expenses for the three	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel	\$372.50	\$339.72	\$32.78
National President's Love Token	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,768.70</u>	<u>\$2,712.61</u>	<u>\$56.09</u>
BIG 10 CONFERENCE			
	<u>Bettendorf</u>		
Dues	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
President's Air Fare	\$435.00	\$245.10	\$189.90
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$463.00	\$0.00	\$463.00
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr Vice President's Air Fare	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses for five (\$200 each)	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$200.00
President's Hotel	<u>\$208.00</u>	<u>\$144.48</u>	<u>\$63.52</u>
Total	<u>\$2,716.00</u>	<u>\$1,339.58</u>	<u>\$1,376.42</u>
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE			
	<u>Dominican Republic</u>		
President's Air Fare	\$765.70	\$0.00	\$765.70
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$765.20	\$0.00	\$765.20
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Expenses for two (\$200 each)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Hotel	<u>\$372.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$372.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,353.40</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,353.40</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION- VOD			
President	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
CHAIRMEN EXPENSES			
Membership Awards	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Program Awards	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Chairman Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Gifts, Memorials, & Flowers	\$300.00	\$74.08	\$225.92
Contingency Fund - for President	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Contingency Fund - for Vice President	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Contingency Fund - for Secretary	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Contingency Fund - for Treasurer	\$1,800.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00

Overseas Veteran		<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,325.00</u>	<u>\$674.08</u>	<u>\$4,650.92</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Council & convention & Legislative Mileage	\$10,500.00	\$2,171.40	\$8,328.60
President's Hotel for two Council Meetings	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Secretary's Hotel for two Council Meetings	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Treasurer's Hotel for two Council Meetings	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Four All-State President's Awards	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
National President's Visit	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Past President's Jewel	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$49.00
Department Storage	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
VOD Awards	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Trainer/Recruiter	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contingency Fund	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Total	<u>\$13,489.00</u>	<u>\$2,371.40</u>

<u>STATE CONVENTION</u>			
President's Hotel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Secretary's Hotel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Treasurer's Hotel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Total	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$40,240.50</u>	<u>\$13,876.26</u>	<u>\$26,364.24</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUDGET</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Delegate Fees	<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$777.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$777.00</u>

<u>EXPENSES:</u>		<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Registration National Rep	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Registratin Department President	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
National Representative	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Department President	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Gold Star Mothers	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Assistant Secretary	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Secretary Convention Minutes	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Musician-Asst Musician Token	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Soloist & Asst - love token	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Memorial Flowers	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Gift - National Representative	\$75.00	\$41.18	\$33.82
Gift - Pres., Sec., Treas.	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Misc (Bylaws, Rituals, Etc)	\$175.00	\$173.50	\$1.50
Convention Booklets	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$214.68</u>	<u>\$562.32</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)**HOSPITAL BUDGET****INCOME****Donations from Auxiliaries****PROJECTED****\$12,190.00****RECEIVED****\$10,580.95****BALANCE****\$1,609.05****EXPENSES:**

Monthly Allowances (6 Hospitals X 12 mos)

\$8,775.00

USED

\$5,100.38

BALANCE

\$3,674.62

Stipends

\$915.00

\$0.00

\$915.00

VAVS Reps & Chairman's Travel Expenses

\$500.00

\$0.00

\$500.00

Other Miscellaneous for the Hospitals

\$2,000.00\$0.00\$2,000.00

TOTAL

\$12,190.00**\$5,100.38****\$7,089.62****AMERICANISM****Income****\$675.00****RECEIVED****\$332.65****BALANCE****\$342.35****Expenses:****USED****BALANCE**

Youth Essay (Patriots Pen)

\$400.00

\$0.00

\$400.00

Patriotic Art Contest

\$175.00

\$0.00

\$175.00

Promotion and Postage

\$100.00\$0.00\$100.00

TOTAL

\$675.00**\$0.00****\$675.00****VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP****INCOME**

Donations from Auxiliaries

\$350.00**RECEIVED**\$323.35**BALANCE**\$26.65

TOTAL

\$350.00**\$323.35****\$26.65****EXPENSES**

Scholarship Awards

\$350.00**USED**

\$0.00

BALANCE\$350.00

TOTAL

\$350.00**\$0.00****\$350.00**_____
Janice Vreim, Chairman_____
Karen Sharp, Member_____
Carrie Alm, Member_____
Mary Kirkvold, Member_____
Vickie Rosse, Member

DISTRICT #7	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
MITCHELL #2750							
114 MEMBERS	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$11.40	\$5.70	\$5.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
TOTAL	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	877.19%	420.00%	420.00%	
SCOTLAND 2966 (97 Members)	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LAKE ANDES 3239 (92 Members)	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
TOTAL	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PARKSTON 3298 (38 Members)	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
TOTAL	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PLANKINTON 6554 (94 Members)	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
TOTAL	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	1376.59%	100.00%	100.00%	
TYNDALL 6895 (47 Members)	\$94.00	\$58.75	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
This Month:							
BAL FORWARD	\$99.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$99.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
Current % =	105.31%	118.21%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
WAGNER 7319 (106 Members)	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
TOTAL	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
Current % =	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100%	\$100.00	100.00%	

DISTRICT #8	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS .50	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
WINNER 4674 (361 Members)	\$722.00	\$451.25	\$361.00	\$36.10	\$18.05	\$18.05	
This Month:							\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
TOTAL	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
Current % =	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	
PIERRE 2038 (307 Members)	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
This Month:							\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
BURKE 9950 (115 Members)	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$11.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
This Month:							\$10.00
BAL. FORWARD	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$261.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$261.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	2273.91%	100.00%	100.00%	

AUXILIARY TREASURERS

Dear Treasurers:

It has come to my attention that some auxiliaries have not filed the Form 990N for their income tax. ALL Auxiliaries are REQUIRED to file income tax every year. This is not up for debate, but must be done!

Form 990N is done completely online only. It cannot be filed by paper and sent. Those who did not file by November 15, 2015 for the 2015 auxiliary year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) will be required to file the longer form by paper. If you do not file for a period of 3 years, you will lose your non-profit status, and must pay the IRS a fine of \$400.00 and file a request to be able to file the 990N as a non-profit organization once again. (This is a lengthy endeavor, and is very complicated.) Otherwise your auxiliary will be required to file the longer form every year, and will not be considered a non-profit auxiliary, meaning you will have to pay income tax on all your income.

For general information, the Form 990N is very easy to file. You must go online, give them your EIN number and name of your organization (ex: Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US Auxiliary Dept of SD Auxiliary #1111, but you will have to insert your own auxiliary #) The form will ask if your auxiliary has income less than \$50,000.00 for the year. Then there are just 4 or 5 general questions to answer, and you are finished. Should take less than 5 minutes! And, if you do this on a timely basis each year, there is NO cost to you or your auxiliary.

As Dept Treasurer, I have been required to furnish the names and #'s of every auxiliary in the state of SD, the names of the treasurers, and their addresses to the IRS. And, I am required to do this every year. If you have not filed your 990N, I am assuming you will be contacted by mail from the IRS. They do not send communications through e-mail at all.

I have enclosed some of the information available with this letter. Please, Treasurers, do not ignore this. It is required of each of you.

Thank you for everything you do for the auxiliaries, your districts, and for your Department!

Carol Gross, Dept Treasurer



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You have requested an option that requires you to login.

Please enter your login ID and password:

Login ID

Password

NOTE: Your password is case sensitive

If you do not remember your login ID: For tax exempt organizations, your login ID starts with the EIN of your organization (without the dash/hyphen) plus two digits. The two digits are placed at the end of the EIN and are 01 for the first person who prepares the organization's 990-N (e-postcard). That login ID does not change until a new person takes over preparing the Form 990-N. The new person would obtain their own login ID - which will end with 02. So for EIN 55-5555555, the first login ID would be 5555555501. The Login ID for the second person who prepares the Form 990-N would be 5555555502. The Login ID for the person after that would be 5555555503 and so on. **If the same person prepares the Form 990-N each year, their login ID does not change from year to year.**

Reset Password:

If you know your Login ID, but do not remember your password, enter your Login ID above and click the 'Reset Password' button. The system will send a one-time password to the email address we have on file for you. The next time you log in you will be required to change your password.

Reset my password (Enter your Login ID above first).

If you do not have a login ID and password, please click the *Request Login ID* button

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This website supports the following Windows based browsers:

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- Firefox (v1.0 or newer)
- Netscape (v6.2 or newer)

This website supports the following MAC based browser:

- Firefox

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c) You must have JavaScript enabled to use this website.

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- Select Internet Options from the drop-down list.
- Select the Security tab.
- Click on the Custom Level button.
- Scroll down to the section called Scripting.
- Verify that Active scripting is enabled. If it is not, then click the circle next to Enable. Click OK.
- Click Yes.
- Click OK to close the second window.
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- c) The IRS Instructions will appear much more quickly if you leave the Help window open after you've opened it the first time. The browser window will automatically fill with the appropriate help text when you click on the  help symbol.

General e-Postcard requirements

- a) Your e-Postcard must be for tax year 2007 (or later).
- b) Your e-Postcard cannot be an amended e-Postcard.
- c) Your organization must not be a private foundation.
- d) For 2010 tax year your organization must normally have gross receipts of \$50,000 or less. For 2009 or earlier tax years your organization must normally have gross receipts of \$25,000 or less.
- e) If your organization is a 509(a)(3) supporting organization, it's gross receipts must normally be \$5,000 or less and it must only support religious organizations.

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STEP 2: [Create your Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

Once you have a login ID, you can access the system and create your e-Postcard. Click the link above to begin the process.

STEP 3: [Submit your Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

Once you complete your e-Postcard, click the "Submit Filing to IRS" button.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
Convention Registration for the Department of South Dakota
June 9 -12, 2016
The Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Ln., Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

Registration for Convention will be **\$75** per member prior to **May 12, 2016**, and **\$85** after **May 13, 2016**.

Those who have registered by **May 12, 2016**, 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 12, 2016** to possible be a winner. Individual banquet tickets will be sold to nonmembers only for \$40.00 each. This will include a name badge. Name badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and banquet. Cut off time for Banquet Tickets will be 4:00pm on June 10, 2016.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: ____ Auxiliary ____ Post. Post or Auxiliary # & Location: _____

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

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chairman Luncheon** June 9, 2016 at 11:00am – 1:00pm. Located at The Lodge at Deadwood. Deadline for Form and **\$16.00** is **May 19, 2016**.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Past Department President's Dinner** June 9, 2016 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Located at The Lodge at Deadwood. Deadline for Form and **\$30.00** is **May 19, 2016**.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon** June 10, 2016 at 10:45am – 12:15pm located at The Lodge at Deadwood. Deadline for Form and **\$20.00** is **May 19, 2016**.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Auxiliary City, Name & Number _____

Registration Form: **VFW Past Department Commanders and District Commanders (old & new) Luncheon** June 11, 2016 at 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Located at The Lodge at Deadwood. Deadline for Form and **\$16.00** is May 19, 2016.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a: Gold Star Mother ____ Gold Star Family Member ____
 Past Department President ____
 45 Plus Member ____ Years ____

Make checks payable to: VFW Post #2730 Convention Fund
 VFW & A Convention 2016
 1507 Jackson St.
 Sturgis, SD 57785

Any requested refunds will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

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

Conv. Reg. ____ \$ _____
Aux. Off. & Chm. Lunch ____ \$ _____
Gold Star Family ____ \$ _____
PDP Dinner ____ \$ _____
VFW PDC & District Com. Lunch ____ \$ _____
Total ____ \$ _____

YOUR MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask for VFW Convention rates. Rates listed do not include tax.

The Lodge at Deadwood: 100 Pine Crest Ln. Call 605-584-4800, \$149.00 until 5/8/2016.

Comfort Inn & Suites: (Gulches of Fun) 225 Cliff St. Call 605-578-7550, \$119.00.

Mineral Palace: 601 Main St. Call 605-578-2036, \$115.00 (Wed. & Thurs.) \$140.00 (Fri. & Sat.)

First Gold: 270 Main St. Call 605-578-9777, 15% discount on rooms to VFW members.

A block of 40 rooms are available at The Lodge at Deadwood. You are required to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement.

VFW & Auxiliary Convention Ads

Department of South Dakota Convention – Deadwood, June 9-12, 2016

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

Black & White Ads:	Color Ads – Inside Pages:	Color Ads – Cover Pages:
Full Page (\$125.00) _____	Full Page (\$200.00) _____	Full Page (\$250.00) _____
Half Page (\$75.00) _____	Half Page (\$125.00) _____	
Quarter Page (\$50.00) _____	Quarter Page (\$90.00) _____	
Business Card (\$35.00) _____	Business Card (\$50.00) _____	
Signature Ads.....\$5.00		

Make Payments to: VFW Post 2730 – Convention Book Ads
Color ads must be submitted electronically to littlegirlz3@msn.com
For camera-ready black & white ads only and all payments, send to:
Paha Sapa Post 2730
1507 Jackson St.
Sturgis, SD 57785-1244

All ads need to be camera-ready or submitted in digital format no later than
4:00 pm on Friday, May 13, 2016

(Customer Order Receipt below – cut along line)

Date of order: _____

Order received from: _____
Contact: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Black & White Ads:	Color Ads – Inside Pages:	Color Ads – Cover Pages:
Full Page (\$125.00) _____	Full Page (\$200.00) _____	Full Page (\$250.00) _____
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Quarter Page (\$50.00) _____	Quarter Page (\$90.00) _____	
Business Card (\$35.00) _____	Business Card (\$50.00) _____	
Signature Ads.....\$5.00		

VFW or Aux. Representative: _____
Payment Amount Received: _____

Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota

Hospitality Night

Annual Convention – 2016

Friday, June 10

6:30pm – 8:30pm Food and Open Bar

VFW Post #5969

10 Pine Street

Deadwood, South Dakota

Convention Badges Required

Cost \$75.00 per candidate

Make checks payable to: VFW Post #2730 Convention Fund

Send to: VFW & A Convention 2016
1507 Jackson St.
Sturgis, SD 57785

PRINT Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please circle what you need:

Electricity: YES NO Paper plate size preference: SMALL LARGE

Plastic ware needed: KNIVES SPOONS FORKS

Anything else you need for your table?

If you have questions or concerns about Hospitality Night, please contact:

Rollin Sieveke Phone Number: 605-722-9914

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S JUDGING—2015-2016

Our Department President Nancy's theme is "*Remembering Our Promise—Advocates for Veterans & Their Families*" National President Francisca's theme is "*Our Veterans—Now and Forever.*" With these in mind as Auxiliary President, please provide the leadership to your members to attain those goals in your Auxiliary, your community and your support of our troops and veterans.

Please read the following thoroughly. To make reporting much easier for you, we are NOT requesting paragraphs by the President on what she did to help in each program. However, we are requesting a paragraph report as to what YOU did for Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Make a Difference Day and Loyalty Day. We also want a one paragraph report as to what was done for Veterans and Family Support.

ATTENTION: There are changes in our Programs this year. Please read the Chairmen's Bulletins carefully to understand and respond accordingly as some have been modified and expanded.

Membership Categories:

The Auxiliary President's judging will be divided into four (4) membership categories. These Categories are:

Category 1	10-50 members
Category 2	51-110 members
Category 3	111-225 members
Category 4	226 plus members

Awards

- 1. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$25 cash award from Department.**
- 2. The second place winner in each category will receive a \$10 cash award from Department.**
- 3. The Schat-Hammond-Seymour Awards –**

Past Department Presidents Joyce Schat, Mary Hammond and Connie Seymour will present a \$50 Cash Award to the Captain of the Team and \$25 Cash Award to the Co-Captain of the Team. These two awards are to be chosen from the four First Place Winners.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND REVIEW IT OFTEN.

Keep a record of what you are doing to complete programs to simplify your year-end report due on May 1, 2016.

NOTE: Check your report to make certain everything is reported. **DO NOT** send copies of your Chairmen's reports with your President's report form.

LADIES AUXILIARY VW, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

JUDGING CRITERIA

Membership Criteria

- A. Auxiliary Presidents will be judged on the following point system. The figure used for 100% membership will be based on June 30, 2015 membership in each of the four membership categories.

6 points if 100% in Category 1 by September 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 2 by October 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 3 by November 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 4 by December 1, 2015
5 points if 100% one month later than listed date
4 points if 100% two months later
3 points if 100% three months later
2 points if 100% four months or more later

- B. 1 point for each **life** member by April 30, 2016, **if** 100% membership is attained. The number of rejoined members in your auxiliary for 2016 will be used as a tiebreaker if needed. (Rejoined is any member who renews following a year or more lapse in membership.)

Reporting and Donation Criteria

- C. One (1) point for each program chairman sending in year-end report to Department Chairman by listed deadline. This will be checked with the Program Chairmen.

- E. Department Obligations are based on June 30, 2015 membership

5 points for quota if met in August
4 points for quota if met in September
3 points for quota if met in October
2 points for quota if met in November
1 point for quota met in December

- F. 1 point for each audit report sent in on time.

- G. 1 point for participating in each of the following: (If as President she participates in the four ‘special days’ ie. Veterans Day, we are asking for a one paragraph written report)

Veterans Day Activity
Make a Difference Day
Loyalty Day
Memorial Day Activity

Participating in Department President’s
Project
Donation to National Military Services

- H. Number of meetings you presided over (July through April –10 maximum)

I. 1 point for each of the following projects that your Auxiliary completed:

Americanism
Hospital/VAVS
Legislative

Scholarships
Youth Activities
Veterans and Family Support

J. Department Projects—1 point for participation in each:

State Fair (worked or your Auxiliary made a donation)
Christmas Tree or any Veterans Christmas Activity

K. 1 point for President attending each of the following: Fall Council of Administration; Spring Council/Legislative Conference, and District Meetings.

NOTE: Do Not add your own points. The judges will do that for you. **DO** check your report to make certain everything is reported.

READ ALL THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN’S BULLETINS. KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOUR AUXILIARY FOR EACH PROGRAM. Keep in close contact with your Chairmen to see that they understand their programs and are promoting and reporting them.

As President, you will receive from National Headquarters a National Program booklet **if you register** for the National Convention. This book is a wealth of information describing each program that your Auxiliary should participate in during the year. We encourage you to register, read the booklet and share the information with your Auxiliary chairmen.

The success of your Auxiliary depends, to a great extent, on your role as Auxiliary President. Please read and re-read the General Orders and bulletins to better assist your Program Chairmen. As Auxiliary President, your role is one of the most important of our organization.

Thank you for your service as President to our Ladies Auxiliary VFW

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS' JUDGING—2015-2016 YEAR END REPORT

Auxiliary Name _____ Number _____ City _____

Auxiliary President _____

Number of New Members _____ Number of Rejoined Members _____ (Used as tie breaker)

1. Did you send all four audits to Department Treasurer on time? _____
2. Did all Year End Reports get sent in on time? _____
3. Number of Auxiliary meetings that you presided over? _____ (July through April, **maximum 10 points**)
4. What month did your Auxiliary send in your quota for Department donations? _____
5. Number of District Meetings you attended? _____ (Maximum 2 points)

Please answer the following either Y or N

6. Did **you** attend Fall Council _____ Spring/Legislative Council _____
7. Did **you** participate or Auxiliary send a donation to Department State Fair Program? _____
8. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in Auxiliary Capitol Christmas Tree Program or a Veterans Christmas Activity? _____
9. Did **you** actively participate (ceremony, program or activity) in the following?
Veterans' Day _____ Make a Difference Day _____ Loyalty Day _____ Memorial Day _____
(One paragraph on each of the above to be included)
10. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in the Department President's Project? _____
11. Did **your** Auxiliary complete the following projects? Americanism _____ Hospital/VAVS _____
Legislative _____ Scholarships _____ Voice of Democracy _____ Patriots' Pen _____
Patriotic Art _____ Veterans & Family Support _____ Youth Activities _____
(One paragraph report on Veterans & Family Support to be included)

Your assistance is vital in meeting President Nancy's goal of 100% participation. You and your Auxiliary are the backbone of this organization. We wish you a most successful year—your success is the basis for a successful District and Department. God Bless each of you.

If you have any questions, PLEASE contact me. Home phone 605-452-3270 Email: tendes@goldenwest.net

DEADLINE: May 1, 2016. Your report must be postmarked before and in my (Jan) hands by May 1, 2016, so mail a few days prior to deadline.

Send to: Jan Endes
26422 278th Ave.
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Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota

Department President's Theme: **Remembering Our Promise**

National President's Theme: **"Our Veterans – Now and Forever"**

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015-2016 by Patti Mitchell

General Orders Bulletin #6

March, 2016

It's all about the "Buddy"® POPPY..... The little red flower that makes a big impact! No symbol, other than the Cross of Malta, so identifies with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This little flower has served our cause well since 1922 when it was first introduced in a campaign by the VFW was using live flowers imported from France to the paper flowers we use today that are assembled by veterans. The purpose and importance has never changed. This flower makes an impact everywhere it goes, from its assembly by veterans, to the collection of donations for the Relief Fund, to its distribution to the public, to the use in displays. It can be used in so many ways and at every event you have!

Buddy Poppy: Here are some important things to consider when preparing for your Buddy Poppy distribution: Identify potential volunteers within your Post and Auxiliary and gather them together for an informational meeting explaining the purpose of the Buddy Poppy campaign. Choose high traffic areas and determine the number of workers you need to cover the locations. Ideal locations include storefronts, office or factory entrances and recreational areas. Make sure you get permission from the business owners before setting up shop. Post flyers around town in key areas such as the Post Office, coffee shops, gas stations, etc. It will let people know when and where they can get a Buddy Poppy. Remind your volunteers that they are not "selling" Buddy Poppies, but distributing them with the hope of getting donations. Sell coat hanger wreaths made out of Poppies. Use a child-sized wire coat hanger and bend it into a circle. Straighten the hook to make a ground stake. Wind the stems of about 50 Poppies around the wire to complete your wreath. Popular around Memorial Day. Make a "Wall of Remembrance" at your Post. Patrons can request a Poppy in honor of a loved one who has died. Their name gets placed on the wall with a Poppy hanging next to it. Honorees' names can be typed on note cards with the Poppies stapled to them. The red memorial flower that represents the Buddy Poppy is made by disabled or hospitalized Veterans. The money collected from the Buddy Poppy drives must be placed in your relief fund and only used to help our Veterans and their families. You can have a Buddy Poppy drive any time, but most are held around Veterans Day or in May. Talk to local youth groups and ask them to help with your Poppy Drive. Explain to the youths where our Buddy Poppy comes from and how they benefit our Veterans.

Every day the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are supporting our troops around the world. Our members offer support in so many ways: Sending care packages to deployed troops - Hosting send-off and welcome-home events - Assisting military families get through long deployments - And the list goes on and on.

We know how important troop support is because all of our members have been there. This is why the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) was created. It is the outstretched hand between the VFW and the local military, offering support around the world. Since 2005, MAP has sponsored events supporting more than 1.8 million service members and their families.

A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program. Through Adopt-a-Unit, VFW Posts and Auxiliaries adopt hundreds of military units around the world. The goal of this program is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military. Here is some basic information about Adopt-a-Unit and how to get the funds you may need to do this great work:

- Who can Adopt-a-Unit? VFW Posts - VFW Auxiliaries - Joint effort of both organizations
- Why should you Adopt-a-Unit? To support your local military members & families - To help connect military members with the network of resources the VFW has available - To help you recruit new members
- How do you find a military unit to adopt? Contact your local National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty units - Access the "Find a Unit Flyer" which is available at www.vfw.org/troopsupport - Speak with other VFW Posts & Veterans Service Organizations who may have information
 - Contact a local Family Readiness Group
- When should you Adopt-a-Unit? There's no time like the present! Our military members & families need you now more than ever. Your assistance is important whether they are home or deployed overseas.
- Where to get answers to Adopt-a-Unit questions? Call the Military Assistance Program office at 816-756-3390 or email at map@vfw.org
- How can you apply to Adopt-a-Unit? Submit an Adopt-a-Unit Application to the MAP Office. Find the form online at www.vfw.org/troopsupport.
- What's a MAP grant? It is financial assistance given to a VFW Post or Auxiliary for troop support activities to build relationships and provide information to their local military about VFW programs and services.
- Who can apply for a MAP grant? VFW Departments, Post and Auxiliaries that desire to support their local military.
- What kind of events can MAP Grant funds be used for? Common events include, but are not limited to: Family Days – Picnics – Festivals - Welcome Home and Deployment Ceremonies - Holidays Events

Turn in your volunteer: hours each month so your Auxiliary get the credit for VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015-2016

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VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
Veterans & Family Support
2015-2016 Year-End Report

Auxiliary #: _____ Name & Town: _____ District #: _____

Chairman's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary host/co-host with your Post fundraising activities for National Veterans Service? _____ Briefly describe the event(s): _____

2. Did your Auxiliary host/co-host with your Post fundraising activities for VFW Veterans & Military Support Programs? _____ Briefly describe the event(s): _____

3. Did your Auxiliary provide aid to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families? (i.e., meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.)? _____ Total donations: \$ _____

Number of veterans/military personnel assisted: _____

4. Did your Auxiliary promote and/or make donations to the VFW National Home for Children (Commander Mike & President Nancy's project)? _____ Amount donated: \$ _____

5. Did your Auxiliary promote or use the Buddy Poppy throughout the year? _____ How many Buddy Poppy drives were held by your Auxiliary? _____ Briefly describe the best way your Auxiliary promoted the Buddy Poppy program: _____

6. Did your Auxiliary participate in and/or sponsor events or projects for homeless veterans? _____ Briefly describe your project(s): _____

7. Did your Auxiliary promote the Help-A-Hero Scholarship? _____

8. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Nat'l. Home Military & Veteran Family Helpline? _____

Submit by April 15, 2016 to:

Patti Mitchell, 888 Slowacki Ave., Grenville, SD 57236; pattimitchell4@hotmail.com



AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF SD March 2016 Bulletin 7

**National President Francisca Guilford's Theme
"OUR VETERANS-- NOW & FOREVER"
Department President Nancy Worth's Theme
"REMEMBERING OUR PROMISE; ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES"**

We had a very informative Legislative Conference held in Ft. Pierre. Enjoyed seeing everyone again and visiting with many of you, your Auxiliaries are doing so much in promoting Americanism. Thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do. Enclosed you will find my YEAR END REPORT form which is due to me by April 15, that means in my hands by that date not mailed on that date. I also have a deadline to get my yearend report to President Nancy, then she needs to get her report into National. I know every Auxiliary has done something for Americanism, no matter how many projects you have done, each one is important to report. We want President Nancy to be one of the Outstanding Presidents and much of that depends on you as well as the chairman receiving awards at National Convention.

Did you know the Girl Scouts were founded on March 12, 1912? Check to see if a new flag is needed by any units. You could even help them to celebrate by presenting them a cake, decorated in red, white and blue and present them with small flags.

Now is the time to be planning for Loyalty Day on May 1st. which is a day that we are proud of our freedom, our heritage and our Country. We need to educate our youth on what Loyalty means. You can hold a parade, a program in your post home with the VFW. Invite firefighters and police officers. Be sure and ask your Mayor for a proclamation and have him come and read it for you. Also start planning for Memorial Day, to remember all our loved ones.

My Ambassador Mary Stroud gives many ideas throughout the year and you can go to the website and get all of her information. There are so many things for us to do to help a veteran or his or her families, shovel snow, get groceries, take to Dr. appointments, house work, deliver meals, present meals to the homeless, and the list goes on.

A citizen may fly the American Flag every day when weather permits, especially on Holidays and special occasions. The rule is from sunrise to sunset, may be flown at night but always lighted. Flags are displayed on or near administration buildings of every Public institution or near a Polling place on election days, in or near schools.

Please Auxiliary Presidents remind your auxiliary chairman that crunch time is fast approaching. You do not want the Dept. Chairman to be calling you as President for the yearend information, so make it easy on yourself! Just a reminder, thank you.

**Nelda Jorgenson, Americanism Chairman
1626 Cedar Dr. Aberdeen, SD 57401
605-225-7060, cell 380-6734 Email- nktikijorg@nvc.net**

GOD BLESS AMERICA

*"America the Beautiful"
May it always stay that way,
But to keep "Old Glory" flying
There's a price that we must pay
For everything worth having
Demands work and sacrifice,
And Freedom is a gift from God
That commands the highest price
For all our wealth and progress
Are as worthless as can be
Without the Faith the made us great
And kept our Country free
Nor can our nation hope to live
Unto itself alone,
For the problems of our neighbors
Must today, become our own
And with it hard to understand
The complexities of war
Each one of us must realize
That we are fighting for
The principles of freedom
And the decency of man
And as a Christian Nation
We're committed to God's Plan
And a land of liberty
And a Great God-fearing nation
We must protect our honor
And fulfill our obligation
So in these times of crises
Let us offer no resistance
In giving help to those who need
Our strength and our assistance
And "the Stars and Stripes forever"
Will remain a symbol of
A rich and mighty nation
Built on faith and truth and love.*

Helen Steiner Rice

AMERICANISM

*A - is for advantages, we have so many more;
Because we are Americans, let's give thanks therefore.
M - is for Majority decision by the most;
That's the rules we follow, from coast to rugged coast.
E - is for Education, available to all;
So every last American, stands up straight and tall.
R - is for Religion, we worship as we will;
A right we'll always cherish and let no evil kill.
I - is for Independence, that our Fathers once declared;
Our Nation rose to greatness, because these brave men dared.
C - is for Citizenship, of which we should be proud,
So let's proclaim it daily and do it long and loud.
A - is for Assembly, to gather as we might;
That's another privilege, another precious right.
N - is for News, a press that's always free
A Sentinel on watch, to guard our liberty.
I - is for Impartial, Equal Justice for us all;
Law - the same for everyone, the great, the poor, the small.
S - is for our speech, though others disagree;
You may still express yourself, because our speech is free.
M - is for our Motto, and that is why we say;
"IN GOD WE TRUST", to live the good American way.*

Author Unknown

VFW Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
Americanism Yearend Report
2015-2016

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

1. Did your Auxiliary conduct special program on a patriotic Holiday? _____ If so, please describe the program

of members involved _____ volunteer hours _____ number community present _____

2. Did your Auxiliary participate in or sponsor a POW/MIA program _____
Give details _____

Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2"X 3" or larger) _____

3. Number of American flags presented (at least 2"X 3" or larger) _____

4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Smart/ Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award? _____

5. Number of certificates your Auxiliary presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying of the U.S., POW/MIA flags or other displays of American Pride. _____

6. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through the media? _____ If so, how was this accomplished?

7. How many Auxiliaries promoted Military Suicide Awareness? _____

Needs to be to me by April 15th so you need to have it in the mail prior to this date.

Please use the back if needed for more explanation or attach a page.

My awards will be based on these questions.

Nelda Jorgenson, 1626 Cedar Dr. Aberdeen, SD 57401 or e-mail nktikjorg@nvc.net

Hospital & VAVS Program
VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of South Dakota
“Our Veterans – Now and Forever”
“Remembering Our Promise; Advocates for Veterans & Their Families”
Bulletin #7, March 2016

President Nancy and I, along with several others, made our visits to the VA Hospitals and Veterans Home. WOW! is the way to start. As a first time visitor, it was an incredible experience and most informative!! We started with the Ft. Meade VA. We were most impressed with the new wing of the hospital which will open later this spring. It will have 3 new operating rooms along with all the things that go with it – private rooms for pre-op, waiting rooms, medical procedure rooms, etc. Listening to the leadership members talk about all the happenings was above and beyond what I could image – very impressive.

The next day was on to the new State Veterans Home in Hot Springs – you have to see to believe. We toured the old Home several years ago and have watched as the new was being built. It is the most high tech nursing home you have seen, really!! The couples apartments are large, have plenty of room and have bigger closets than we have in our house!! The bathrooms are fabulous as they are in all the rooms. Each room has their own bathroom with everything you would need in it. The kitchens for each pod is a kitchen we would each like in our homes. The main kitchen has a mixture of old and new, again with large ovens, frigs, etc. The 'sitting' rooms with several TV's, tables for cards/games, lounging chairs are color coordinated with their neighborhood. Down the hall is Main Street just like we have – Post Office, barber shop/beauty salon, library, chapel (Yes, they can call it a chapel), etc.

On to the VA Hospital was just the contrast. It is an old building, over 100 years old, with the native sand stone structure. I fell in love with the incline halls to transport patients from one place to another.

Each of these places provided a buffalo lunch which were outstanding and visiting with the residents added to the learning experience.

Down the road we visited VA Hospital in Sioux Falls. The wall that you see when you walk in is a must see! It has been years since I was there, so many changes and this was one of them. Again, they are doing some remodeling and their new PRIVATE rooms are just as nice as any hospital that I have seen – large, private bath, etc.

This whole experience was very humbling.

We did learn that the VA Hospital Volunteer services in Hot Springs have several needs that we have NOT addressed before:

- Coats, larger sizes for men and women
- Clothing of all kinds and sizes
- Shoes
- Toiletries
- Bedding of all sizes; sheets, blankets, towels, etc.
- Dishes except for cups
- Things needed to set up homes when you have nothing, such as small appliances: toasters, coffee pots, electric frying pans, pots and pans, etc.

Fort Meade VA Medical Center is not accepting knitted/crocheted blankets, bars of soap, outdated magazines and suits at this time.

They do need:

- Men's t-shirts and underwear is sizes – small, medium and large
- Hard soled slippers
- Personal care items such as: full size shave cream
- Travel size body wash, denture adhesive, tooth paste and tooth brushes
- DVD's documentaries
- Movies based on local region
- Coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener, stir sticks
- Word puzzle and other activity books
- Cookies and coffee for waiting room at the Rapid City clinic

"Here is our wish list for the SF VA:

*funds for the annual Women Veterans Conference to be held October 14, 2016 this year; funding is used for the noon meal, pens, and notepads; we have 150-200 in attendance coming from across our service area. It is an amazing site to have that many women Veterans in one location. We provide education, but really, it is a celebratory event recognizing the women Veterans for their service (they are often so invisible)

*Kuerig coffee maker for the WH Clinic waiting room – would then need coffee supplies for it

* small refrigerator for staff breakroom

*bottled water for Veterans in WH Clinic – a case per month

* multi-CD CD player – relaxing CD's or funds so we can purchase CD's

*knitted and crocheted baby blankets (white or light pastel colors); about 40 Veterans using VA deliver babies per year. VA pays for the prenatal care and delivery; we don't provide it onsite. We follow these women during the pregnancy and send a small token of congratulations when the baby arrives. A nice touch is for the donor to pin a small note on the blanket as to which organization it is from or who made it.

We are having a retreat for women Veterans February 26 because it is Heart Awareness month and heart disease is the number 1 killer of women Veterans. At the retreat, the women will learn and practice yoga, have a lunch of heart-healthy foods prepared for them, learn from a speaker on toxic relationships (and how they can hurt your heart), and learn a meditative relaxation exercise that they can use at home. We have funding already for this event. However, that is something we host each February. This year, funds are being used for the meal, for journals (each woman will get one to write her goals to improve her heart health and journal about the journey to keeping the goals), and yoga mats for each participant to take home. This is an ongoing need, like the conference."

Charlotte McGrath, Women Veteran Program Manager, SF VA Health Care System

Now, back to the Veterans in nursing homes, local hospitals, or that are home bound, don't forget that St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner followed very closely with Easter. Please send them a card or stop in for a visit.

Since I have not done a project for the year – Auxiliary members, let's have those 40 baby blankets by convention time!! I truly believe that we can make this happen. Bring them to convention or send with your delegate.

My awards for this year are as follows:

#1 is to the Auxiliary with the best event that they sponsored for our Hospitalized Veterans.

#2 is for the best activity in a nursing home for Veterans.

#3 will go to the Auxiliary that best promoted Military Suicide Awareness.

Don't forget to get those reports in by April 15!!

Don't forget that volunteering is number one!! Visit veterans, most importantly – SMILE!!!

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Hospital Report 2015 – 2016 Year-End Report

1. Number of auxiliary members volunteering in all VA facilities and non-VA facilities. Number of Volunteer's _____ Total hours _____

2. Number of new volunteers recruited. Adults _____ Youth _____

3. How did your Auxiliary use publicity and/or media to recruit volunteer's?

4. Total amount spent on all Hospital projects this year _____

5. How did you promote Military Suicide Awareness this year?

6. How many members were involved? _____ Total hours _____

7. Please list any unusual activities that you provided at a hospital for Veterans or at a nursing home.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

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Must be received by March 15, 2016, to: Grace Matz, National Hospital Ambassador

**“OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER”
NATIONAL AWARD IN EACH MEMBERSHIP GROUP**

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

The Department Hospital Chairman should select ONE “Outstanding Hospital Volunteer” from the Department, complete this form and return it to the National Director so it is received by March 15, 2016. The “Hospital Volunteer” may be any Ladies Auxiliary member who serves as a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer in any medical facility in your Department (VAMC, military, community, children's hospital, nursing home, therapy center or clinic). VAVS Representatives and Deputies are also eligible to be considered as Outstanding Hospital Volunteer. Volunteer hours at VA and non-VA facilities may be combined for award purposes.

THE VOLUNTEER MUST SERVE FROM March 1, 2015, THROUGH February 28, 2016.

NAME OF OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER: _____

ADDRESS: _____
CITY STATE ZIP

LADIES AUXILIARY NAME & NUMBER: _____
(WHERE MEMBERSHIP IS HELD)

MEDICAL FACILITY WHERE SHE SERVES: _____

1. How long has she been a Ladies Auxiliary VFW Hospital Volunteer? _____

2. Number of hours served from 3/1/15 to 2/28/16? _____

3. Total hours served as Hospital Volunteer (lifetime hours)? _____

4. What weekly or monthly Hospital programs has she participated in? _____

5. What are her volunteer assignments? _____

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON “WHY THIS LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBER IS AN OUTSTANDING HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER”.

SIGNED: _____ DEPARTMENT OF _____
(DEPARTMENT HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN)

MEMBERSHIP GROUP _____

RECEIVED BY NATIONAL DIRECTOR _____
DATE

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota

LEGISLATIVE

“Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Bulletin #7

February 2016



2016 Priority Goals

The VFW’s legislative initiatives center on quality of life and health initiatives for all the nation's veterans, past and present. The list below details the VFW’s 2016 legislative priority goals, with some details. It may look overwhelming – pick a few and focus on them.

BUDGET

- End budget sequestration.
- Adjust budget caps to reflect the growing demand on DOD and VA services.
- Provide sufficient funding for all VA budget accounts.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Pass meaningful accountability legislation.
- Develop standardized staffing models and hiring practices throughout VA.
- Design Performance Measures that capture VA employees’ quality of work not just quantity.

HEALTH CARE

- Expand timely access to direct VA health care through appropriate staffing models for each health care specialty, patient density thresholds for each VA medical facility, and a modular capital infrastructure that enables VA to adjust to changes in the veteran population.
- Reform and improve VA’s Care in the Community process to ensure veterans have the choice to receive timely and seamless access to high-quality care in their communities when VA health care is not readily available. However, VA must remain the guarantor and coordinator of health care for all enrolled veterans.
- Consolidate all current non-VA care models into a single model.
- Modernize VA’s scheduling system to ensure VA’s scheduling process is seamless, veteran centric, and not susceptible to data manipulation.
- Expand the current caregiver benefits to those who care for severely injured, ill, and wounded veterans of all eras.
- Strengthen VA and DOD mental health programs to ensure service members and veterans who suffer from mental health conditions have access to robust mental health care services.
- Expand women’s health care services to all VA medical centers to ensure the growing number of women veterans have access to gender-specific services.
- Authorize VA to receive reimbursement for non-service connected health care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.
- Ensure veterans who were exposed to toxic substances receive care and benefits for all associated health conditions.
- Properly fund homeless veterans programs to ensure the Administration is able to meet its goal of ending veterans’ homelessness.
- Increase funding for VA research on the effects of Traumatic Brain Injury, how combat related injuries affect men and women veterans, and whether descendants of veterans who were exposed to toxic substances suffer from adverse health conditions associated with such exposures.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- Fully fund the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) so that they can sustain the necessary workforce and IT systems to ensure claims are completed in an accurate and timely manner.
- Hold VBA accountable for the backlog of all claims and appeals, not just the compensation and pension claims that they define as their “workload.”

- Ensure that VA exercise its authority to accept private medical evidence when processing disability compensation claims.
- Provide veterans the option to receive more timely appeal decisions by instituting the Fully Developed Appeals initiative.
- Demand that VA reverse its current policy that prevents veterans from submitting informal claims for benefits.
- Insist that VA improve its notification letter so veterans can understand the evidence used in making their rating decision.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

- Conduct discharge reviews for veterans who suffer from PTSD/TBI and who were discharged under Other Than Honorable conditions.
- Congress must properly fund homeless veterans programs to ensure VA can reach its goal of ending veteran homelessness.
- Improve Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment by removing the 12-year delimiting period and tracking veterans' employment placement for at least 12 months post job placement.
- Ensure the Transition Assistance Program curricula meets the needs of service members and all veterans at all phases of the transition process.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- Protect the integrity and future sustainability of veterans' education benefits.
- Invest in developing small business opportunities for veterans.
- Ensure service members receive civilian credentials or academic credit for the professional training they receive during service.
- Insist that the federal government meets its veteran hiring and contracting obligation.

DEFENSE & HOMELAND SECURITY

- Fully support U.S. troops and their mission to fight the war on terrorism, as well as to protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world.
- Halt the development and/or proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Fully fund and deploy a U.S. missile defense system.
- Secure America's borders.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

- Ensure DOD maintains a quality and comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone to a quality all-volunteer force.
- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE to ensure service members and their families have timely access to high-quality health care.
- Protect service members' and their family members' on-base quality of life programs.
- Pass full concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.
- Eliminate the SBP/DIC offset for surviving military retiree spouses.

POW/MIA

- Achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Ensure Congress fully funds the POW/MIA Accounting mission.
- Insist the U.S. government keeps POW/MIA recovery a national priority.

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**LEGISLATIVE
Year-End Report
2015-2016**

This report must be received by Department Chairman by **April 15, 2016**.

Auxiliary Name: _____ Auxiliary #: _____

Chairman's Name: _____

Chairman's Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

<p><u>2015-2016 Priority Goals</u> VA Health Care Military Quality of Life Defense & Homeland Security Veterans Educations & Employment Suicide and Homelessness VA Compensation & Benefits POW/MIA Seamless Transition</p>
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1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Priority Goals?

2. How did your Auxiliary encourage members to communicate with legislators on
Veteran's issues? _____

3. How many members subscribed to "Checkpoint Newsletter"? _____

4. How many members signed up for the VFW Washington Weekly? _____

5. How did your Auxiliary communicate pending legislation and special legislative
alerts? _____

6. Total number of contacts made by members personally to legislators on Veterans
issues:

a. Personal contacts:	_____	d. Letters:	_____
b. Phone calls:	_____	e. E-mails:	_____
c. Faxes:	_____	f. Texts:	_____

7. Describe how your Auxiliary promoted VFW Priority Goals, contacting elected
officials and meeting with candidates. _____

Send to: Tammy Chase, Legislative Chairman
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Membership

Team Means Together Everyone Achieves More! – Author Unknown

General Orders #7

March 2016

I am so excited to share with you that I am sure we will make our 95% by the end of March as we are only in need of 34 more members to hit that goal! As a group, we are doing great! I have no doubt with the availability of male members that we will make this goal with ease. If we make the goal by March 31st, the Department will receive \$500. The “Fourth Quarter” Goal is to reach 100+% by May 31st, 2016 and Department will receive \$1000. This will be positively encouraged as membership week is April 10-16.

A wonderful idea for membership week promotion is in the March VFW Auxiliary magazine on page 7. Jane Loucks, a National Certified Recruiter Trainer from our neighboring Montana, gives a detailed explanation of the “Fly your Flag Proudly” promotion. It gives both the VFW and Auxiliary positive exposure, while also leading you to potential new members. Don't forget....there is a reward for the best idea of how to promote membership week that is submitted to me. I sure hope that some of you will submit ideas, as I don't want to have to eat the whole box of chocolates to myself. If you are looking for ideas, you can always call me and I will help you brainstorm what will work well in your community.

Are you having a good response from potential male members? There are so many male family members out there that would probably be happy to help in the service of their veterans, but you have to ask! They all have talents that would be beneficial to our organization and are happy to share them with you.

You don't just have to focus on our male members, there are hundreds of eligible family members of our veterans that would be happy and proud to be a part of our organization. Get out there and keep asking!

Please remember to get your names of any members that have brought in five or more members this year. This makes them eligible for the “No Excuse, I Recruit” pin offered by National and they can be put in the drawing for the topaz bracelet.

As, always, I am happy to assist any of you or your auxiliaries in reaching your goals this year and I know that we can get Department to 100% with a full team effort. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas or just to chat at 605-517-0287 or littlegirlz3@msn.com. (I am serious about this....you can call me.....questions, ideas, suggestions, just to chat.....I am kind of lonely!)

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Alm

Department Membership Chairman 2015-16

SCHOLARSHIPS

General Orders #7 – March 2016

“Our Veterans – Now and Forever” – National President Francisca

“Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans for Veterans & Their Families”
Department President Nancy

I can't believe this will be my last General Orders as Scholarship Chairman, the year has one fast!! We had a great Legislative Conference in Pierre with a wonderful luncheon for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners.

Austin Lynch, from Pierre, was the Voice of Democracy Winner representing District #8. Austin will be traveling to our Nation's capitol representing South Dakota, we wish him well. His speech was outstanding.

Rachel Richenbach entered the contest representing Rapid City and placed first in District 10 as Patriot's Pen Winner. Rachel read her entry and it was wonderful – I think we have a future Voice of Democracy entrant. All of the entries in these two programs were really good and typified youth who have a good vision for America and know what freedom means to them.

We still have one Scholarship Program to complete. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest does not close until March 31st. Participants, in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12, must present their entries to a local Auxiliary by that date. I must receive the entries by April 15th in order to have them judged and get the winning entry to National by May 5th! The First Place at National level will earn \$10,000 a plaque and airfare plus two nights lodging to attend the Auxiliary National Convention. The first-place art will be featured on the cover of the Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the Auxiliary website. Second Place is \$5,000, and Third Place is \$2,500 and will be featured in the Auxiliary VFW Magazine and on the website. Fourth Place is awarded \$1,500 and Fifth Place is awarded \$500! I know we have many talented kids in South Dakota. I sent out many Flag Etiquette books this year, please make sure your judges are aware of the proper use of the flag, we have had to disqualify entries when they failed to adhere to the guidelines. I am excited about this program and have my judges already lined up!!

There is a copy of the Year End Report in this General Orders. Please fill the form out and mail it to me prior to **15 April**. Remember our work isn't finished until the paperwork is done! Paperwork is a very important part of all of our programs and help President Nancy on her journey to becoming an Outstanding President!

We have two Awards being given by two of our Past Department Presidents. Neva Jean Corlett is giving a Cash Award for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests. Nelda Jorgenson is giving a Cash Award for the best promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest.

I also have four personal awards. An Award to each Chairman in the three membership categories for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program. An Award to each Chairman in the above categories with the best promotion of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program. An Award to each chairman that has an entry in the Young American Creative Art Program. And an Award to the District Chairman that sends in her report to me.

Thank You for all your hard work this year, it has been a pleasure working this Program with you. When your reports are in to me your year will be over, however, I know that many of you love this program and will chair Scholarships again next year. It is never too early to get the subjects out for these programs. The subject for the Voice of Democracy Scholarship for 2016-2017 will be "My Responsibility to America" and the Patriot's Pen subject is "The America I Believe In'.

Loyally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandi Moss".

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SCHOLARSHIPS
2015-2016 YEAR - END REPORT
Submit Report to Department Chairman by 15 April 2016

AUXILIARY NAME, NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____
Chariman's Name _____ City _____

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in promoting this contest?
2. Did your Auxiliary submit an entry? ___ Number of students submitting and entry.
3. Number of members involved _____ Dollar amount awarded by your Auxiliary to the participants _____.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Continuing Education Scholarship? _____
2. What did you do to promote this program? _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes ___ No ___
 2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? Yes ___ No ___
- Number of members involved _____
Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes ___ No ___
 2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? Yes ___ No ___
- Number of members involved _____
Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

Please use back of sheet if needed.

Please let me know how you promoted all of these programs. Include articles, pictures, copies of anything that shows how hard I know you worked promoting the Scholarship Programs within your Community.

Did you co-host or host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in these contests?

Due to **Sandi Moss, Scholarship Chairman** before **15 April 2016**. I will accept E-mail entries to: **kslmoss@outlook.com** or send to **10577 Dogwood Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702**. Please call me if you have any questions, **605-341-0442** or **605-431-6897**.

National Theme: "Our Veterans - Now and Forever
S.D.Department Theme: "Remembering Our Promise, Advocating
for the Veterans & Their Families"

Bulletin 7

February 2016

This is an abbreviated version of the explanation of Youth Activities:

You are the key to making all our programs a success - you are very important.

Open your mind to new ideas, new things renew hope for our organization.

Understanding the programs you are promoting is vital. Every member can help & learn about the program, watch for changes and do not be afraid to ask questions.

There is no time like the present to start working on the programs we offer. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today - deadlines are important.

How are you going to inspire the youth of today to participate in the many programs offered by the VFW Auxiliary?

Appointed Chairman are very important - you need to be enthusiastic, approachable, friendly, knowledgeable (or willing to learn), outgoing, organized, assessable, willing and able to do the work needed. Then - each program will be successful!!!

Chances are you can visit the Veterans at the VA Hospital or Nursing homes as another program.

Tomorrow never comes...so today,will get it done.

Ideas, innovations, inspiration, dedication and motivation from everyone will get the cooperation and participation need to make our programs successful!

Veterans and their families are counting on us each and every day. Show them we care!!

Inspire those around you. Keep a positive "we can" attitude and people will want to work with and for you. Lead by setting the example you want to see in other members.

Together we can accomplish great things. Remember there is no "I" in "Team" and all who are willing to help should be given that opportunity. How will you shine?

Is your auxiliary ready for new members, including male members? Open your doors and welcome Veterans and families.

Every opportunity we are given to let people know what we are all about is important. Remember don't change to change. Change to make a positive difference!

Seeing that YEAR-END REPORTS are completed by every Auxiliary will give us 100% participation. Remember, YOU are the Key to our success!!!!

Loyally
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**Youth Activities
Year-End Report**

Submit to Department Chairman by April 15, 2016

Auxiliary #: _____ **Auxiliary Name & Location:** _____

Aux. Chairman's Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

1. Which projects did your auxiliary sponsor? (List the # sponsored and how assisted)

Scouting _____ 4-H _____

Sports groups _____

2. How did you publicize your Youth Activities? _____

3. Did your Youth Activities include helping with Auxiliary projects? _____ How? _____

Visiting and/or volunteering at VA facilities or community nursing homes where veterans reside? _____ How? _____

Buddy Poppy distribution? _____

Participate in the VFW & Auxiliary Scholarship Programs? _____

4. Did your auxiliary utilize the R.A.P. (Random Act of Patriotism) coins or cards? _____

Number of each handed out and how they were used: Coins _____ Cards _____

5. Number of different youth groups your Auxiliary worked with during the year: _____

Estimated number of youth involved: _____

6. Did your Auxiliary utilize the Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Certificates? _____

How many certificates were presented to youth groups? _____

How were these presentations publicized? _____

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