

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota
General Orders and Bulletin
#8 – April 2017



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

General Orders Number 8 –April 2017

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

SPRING IS HERE – It is the Fourth and Final Quarter for the Year – 100% Membership Plus Is in Sight

Spring District Meeting Schedule:

- April 23 – District One – 2:00 pm – Canton – Jr. Vice Mary Kirkvold
- District Four – 2:00 pm – Webster – Guard Wanda Mix
- District Ten – 10:00 pm – Deadwood – President Karen Sharp
- April 30 – District Six – 2:00 pm – Faulkton – President Karen Sharp
- District Seven – 2:00 pm – Wagner – Conductress Donita Mullinix

For further details, contact your District Commander and/or District President. With these being the first meetings with the new redistricting, it is very important that each Auxiliary have at least one member in attendance at the meeting.

April Elections – Promptly send in Election Reports and Application to Install Officers to Department Secretary;

PRIOR To April 15 – Year-end Reports to Department Program Chairman;

PRIOR To April 22 – Delegate Fees to Department Treasurer Carol Gross – **REMEMBER ALL AUXILIARIES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY** Delegate Fees based on Membership count as of June 30, 2016, regardless of how many members you have or do not have attending the convention;

April 30 – Audit Reports due to Department Treasurer;

May -- Auxiliary Officer Installation;

May 15 – Deceased Member List to Chaplain Sandi Moss;

May 20 -- Deadline for EARLY Convention Registration and chance for Early Bird Drawing of \$50

Deadline for Convention Book Ads

Hospitality Night Fees to be Paid by All Candidates

See Prior General Orders and/or SDVFW.org website for forms;

We are all still anxiously waiting to hear whom our candidates for Department Guard are going to be. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any past or present Department officer. **NOW IS THE TIME!**

Information for the National Convention in New Orleans in July is now available online: vfwauxiliary.org

I believe we will have a nice delegation representing South Dakota. Please come join us.

This is the last formal General Orders for the year, but I will still be in contact mostly via email as we still have much work to do, especially MEMBERSHIP.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone for all your support and encouragement this past year. As I've said often, it has been a whirlwind of a year, and a great challenge, but an experience that I will treasure forever.

By Order Of:
Karen Sharp
SD VFW Auxiliary President

Attest:
Nancy Chester
SD VFW Auxiliary Secretary



KAREN'S FLUTTERS

April 2017

Here we are in our fourth and final quarter for the Auxiliary year. It is amazing at what we have accomplished as a team, but there is still much to be done.

MEMBERSHIP – As of March 31, we are at 95.20% with 5,783 paid members. The SD VFW is at 95.48% with 8,799 paid members. This is great, and I appreciate all your hard work, but we still need 292 paid members by June 30 to be 100% PLUS, which I know we can do. For every VFW member, the Auxiliary has a potential of 11 Auxiliary family members to recruit. Retain and Recruit – membership is our most important program. Without our membership, we cannot successfully serve our veterans. This is our purpose. We can do this as a team. Dues should be submitted to Treasurer Carol by June 20th to allow her time to submit the dues to National before our State Convention. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can reach our goal of 100% PLUS, please share. This is a TEAM effort. We have not had 100% in South Dakota for almost ten years. **NOW IS THE TIME!**

The District meeting schedule is in the General Orders. With the new redistricting, I strongly urge every Auxiliary to have at least one member at the District meeting. Auxiliaries joining a new District, please participate, and to the existing members of the District, I know you will extend a welcoming hand to the new members. The attending Department Officers will be at in attendance to help you through this most important meeting and offer suggestions for the new year.

Hospital volunteers – submit your volunteer hours to your VAVS Representative so that the VAVS Representative can get the hours to Leanne Payne. We want to make sure that everyone is recognized for his/her hard work that you do.

Please pay attention to the many deadlines that we have in the next two months. These deadlines are important so that everyone will be able to get the necessary reports and judging done on all levels. When submitting your reports, do not be afraid to BLOW YOUR OWN HORN. No one knows better than you all that you have done.

As I stated in the General Orders, we still have not heard from anyone with regard to the open position of Department Guard. Yes, it is a big commitment, but a most rewarding experience, and an adventure that you will never regret having taken. Please, please consider making this commitment. **NOW IS THE TIME!**

Commander Dennis has been dealing with some new health issues since the Legislative Conference. It made for some challenges while we were on the cruise and in Washington, DC, but with the help of so many VFW and Auxiliary members we conquered. Now, we are awaiting word for more doctor appointments, so that hopefully, we can get at least some of the issues resolved before the State and National Conventions. We both thank you all for your understanding. Our VFW and Auxiliary family is so very, very important and dear to us. We cannot begin to express our gratitude.

Karen

Wow the year has gone fast and it has been a great year! I hope all Auxiliaries have their year-end reports finished and sent to the proper department program chairmen. Even if you have nothing to report on in certain programs, it is still very important that you turn in all reports so our Department can have 100% reporting to National. If you are experiencing problems or have question please do not hesitate to contact the program chairmen or myself at anytime. I am best reached at my cell number, 605-517-0287, but I am getting a little better at emailing. My auxiliary usually has a tradition of picking one night that we all get together, we bring pot luck foods and work on the reports as a group and mail them all out the next morning. From this experience, I have learned that Mary Gonsor makes the best stuffed mushrooms ever. I am not sure how likely she is to travel, but you could sure plan your own auxiliary report planning night and see if she would bring them for potluck.

As you all know, saving money and conserving resources are important to all of us. Over the years, most of us have received binders, folders and other reusable items that are now filling our offices, closets and garages. We also have door knobs full of name badge holders from numerous conventions and conferences. Please consider recycling some of those items by bringing them to our Department Convention in Pierre this June. This would allow Department a great way to recycle, reuse and save a little money.

Along those same lines, our Ways & Means program will be experiencing some changes for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in serving on a Ways & Means committee, please contact me or plan to attend a brief committee meeting to be held following ritual practice in Gallery B & C on June 22nd at Convention. Bring your fundraising and money saving ideas with you.

Loyalty Day is coming up soon (May 1st). Make sure you do something to help to show your loyalty to our country as a group or on your own. Consider holding a brief program explaining Loyalty Day in your areas schools or have a small table at your local grocery stores or mall to hand out Loyalty Day information. Remember, the more often we as Auxiliary members are seen in public, the more often the public is likely to remember and support our veterans. If your Post holds or sponsors Memorial Day programs, please ask to be included and assist the Post with anything they might need. This is also a great time for Buddy Poppy distributions.

If your Auxiliary hasn't already discussed or donated to Department President Karen's special project, you still have time to do so. Need a quick and easy idea to earn funds? How about doing a no-bake Bake sale? There so many unique ways to try and raise money for this worthwhile project.

If you are one of the wonderful people that have agreed to be a committee chairman for my year, please bring your first set of General Orders and turn them in to me at Convention in Pierre.

As this year is approaching its end, I hope that your Auxiliaries are doing everything within their capabilities to serve our veterans. Although, I am sure we will be just as busy next year promoting veteran's issues and it will fly by just as quickly, I am excited to start "Accentuating the Positive" within our membership and get our year off to a great start.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Alm – Department Senior Vice President

National Certified Recruiter Trainer Update – April, 2017

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary is excited to announce that it has achieved more than 100 percent in membership for the second consecutive year. ***But South Dakota needs to keep pushing as we have not reached that wonderful number yet!***

Remember that everyone is a recruiter! Here are some tips (from Brian Sullivan, National Headquarters Membership Development Coordinator) on obtaining the necessary materials for a successful recruiting event.

Making sure that you have the necessary materials on hand will ensure that you are taking advantage of every member recruiting opportunity that arises.

*There are a number of recruitment tools that you can order – **for free** – from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters. These include the VFW Auxiliary Membership Brochure (includes membership application) and the VFW Auxiliary Facts Leaflet.*

Here are a few things to remember when you are preparing for an upcoming membership event and need to order recruiting supplies from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters:

- 1. Order your materials at least two (2) weeks in advance of your recruiting event. It can take 7-10 business days for an order to arrive after it is received and processed at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.*
- 2. To order your free membership recruitment materials, please fill out the VFW Auxiliary Order Form that is available at behind Member Login under "Program & Publicity Resources," "Publicity Tools & Press Releases," and e-mail the form to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters at info@vfwauxiliary.org.*
- 3. Be sure to order an appropriate amount for your recruiting event. Be prepared for every recruiting opportunity, but don't over-order. For example, if you recruit 25-50 members a year, do not order 150 brochures/applications as information on these materials may change over time. You may find yourself with outdated supplies.*

AND, as the school year comes to a close – don't forget to inform students and parents of our Scholarship program. Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen themes for 2017-18 have been released.

Voice of Democracy 2017-18 theme: ***American History: Our Hope for the Future***

Patriot's Pen 2017-18 theme: ***America's Gift to My Generation***

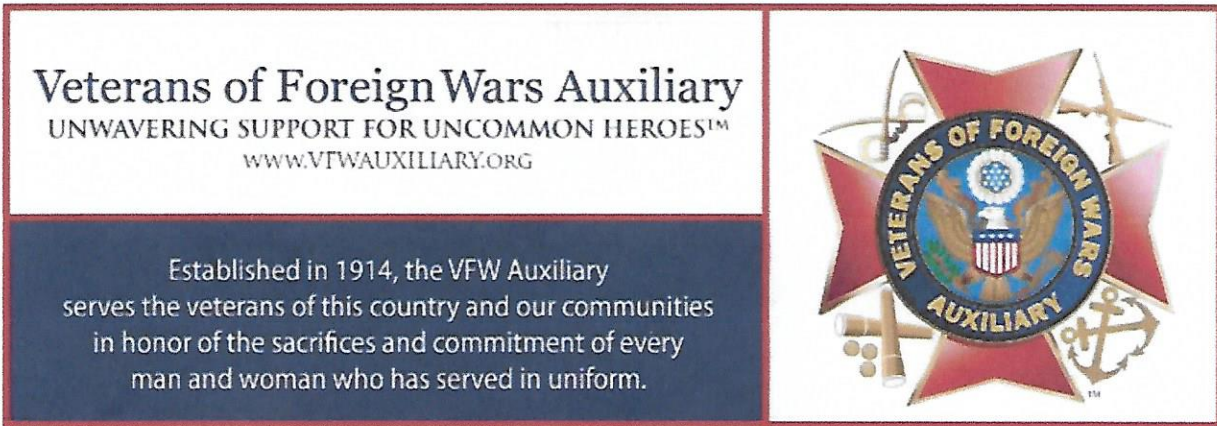
The entry forms and rules can be found on the VFW Auxiliary website – www.vfwauxiliary.org; then click on the heading *Scholarships* and then click on Patriot's Pen for the link to get the necessary forms.

Nancy Worth

SD National Certified Recruiter Trainer

Karen Sharp

From: "VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters" <cday@vfwauxiliary.org>
Date: Friday, March 31, 2017 3:33 PM
To: <daksharp@pie.midco.net>
Subject: NOTICE: Important Information about MALTA



Dear Karen,

NOTICE: Please read this memo and share it with your members!

Due to the transition from our current dues system to our new system, MALTA, National Headquarters needs to set deadlines for the following:

New Auxiliaries: For any new Auxiliary currently in process, it MUST be Instituted and completed Report of Institution and Report of Installation received at Auxiliary Headquarters by **May 31, 2017**. If these actions are not complete by that day, the process will be completed in August 2017.

Cancelling Auxiliaries: If a Department President wants to cancel an Auxiliary, it MUST be completed by **May 31, 2017**. If that action is not completed by that day, the process will be completed in August 2017.

Any orders received from the VFW for consolidations or cancellations will be completed by National Headquarters when received.

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Installation Reports:

Also due to the transition to MALTA and the ability for continuous annual members to pay their dues online, Auxiliaries MUST properly fill out their Installation reports the following way:

On the line where it asks for the dues amount, **insert the TOTAL AMOUNT charged one continuous annual member for one year.** This is the amount that will be shown online for a member to pay. (We understand this may include things like Health & Happiness and Cancer Care Plus payments.)

The amount shown for the dues minus National dues and Department dues is what the Auxiliary will receive. Any shortage in this amount is **COMPLETELY** the responsibility of the Auxiliary and must be collected by the Auxiliary's Treasurer.

For example, if \$25 is inputted for Auxiliary 1234 and a member pays online, National Headquarters will keep \$5, send Department X \$5 and send the remainder of \$15 to the Auxiliary.

~~This Warrant is an official document to be detached and retained by the VFW Auxiliary President.~~

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

REPORT OF INSTALLATION

Input online immediately per instructions from the Department Secretary/National Secretary-Treasurer.

OR send immediately to the Secretary, Department of _____
(Department)

(First and Last Name) (Email Address)
or mail to

(Street Address/PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

VFW Auxiliary Name _____ to Post No. _____ District _____

Meeting Place _____ Day of Week _____ Time (am/pm) _____

Date of Installation ____/____/____ (month/date/year) EIN # _____

Continuous Annual Dues \$ _____

President _____ Mem. ID No. _____ Email _____
First and Last Name

Address _____ Phone _____

Departments, you must also put the TOTAL AMOUNT charged by the Department for a continuous annual member. For Department Members at Large, insert the TOTAL AMOUNT charged for one continuous annual member.

For example, if a Department enters \$5 and a member pays \$25 online (per the Auxiliary's Installation Report), then National keeps \$5, the Department receives \$5 and the remainder goes to the Auxiliary. In the case of a Department Member at Large, National will keep \$10 of the amount entered by the Department and the remainder will go to the Department.

DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION REPORT 2017-2018



Department of _____
 _____ Date of Convention _____ Date of Inst _____
 _____ No. of Members _____ Dept. Dues _____ Dues-at-Large _____ (DAL)

Name	Address City/ State/Zip	AC/Phone	E-Mail

Loyally,

National Headquarters



VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th St., 10th Fl., Kansas City, MO 64111

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Way & Means General Order

It's time of year we are cleaning our piles. Throw this - Save this and oh! this could be used for the Way & Means we really need things for the table so anything someone might use as gifts for Shut-in. I'm adding from my piles glad it's winter last few days in mid Feb. to warm. Crafter come up with Idea - I'm doing Dish Cloth - Scrubber - Sewing hope I have more cold winter to get more done. Lovin' it.

See ya! in June

Marion

Way & Means Chairman

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
 2017 - 2018 Appointed Program Chairman

Please print clearly (use back if needed) and return to: Nancy Chester, PO Box 55, Fort Pierre, SD 57532; by **May 10, 2017**

or email to: nancysdvwla@pie.midco.net

Auxiliary Number and City

District#

President :

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Program	Name	Address	City, State, Zip	Home Phone#	Cell Phone#	Email
Veterans & Family Support						
Americanism						
Patriotic Instructor						
Hospital						
Legislative						
Membership						
Schorships						
Youth						

VFW Auxiliary Districts, Department of South Dakota
 2017 - 2018 Appointed Program Chairman

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Youth						

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DELEGATE FEES

To be completed by Auxiliary Treasurer and sent to Department Treasurer before convention.

Auxiliary No: _____ Town: _____

Membership: _____ as of _____
(date)

Your Auxiliary is allowed 1 delegate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof. Each Auxiliary should also remit for any member(s) from their Auxiliary who is serving as a Department Officer during the current year and also for any Past Department Presidents from their Auxiliary.

Number of delegates entitled _____ at \$1.50 \$ _____

Department Officer(s): (If any)

Name	Office Title
Name	Office Title
Name	Office Title
Name	Office Title

Total Department Officers _____ at \$1.50 \$ _____

Past Department President(s): (If any)

Name
Name
Name
Name

Total Past Department Presidents _____ at \$1.50 \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Mail to Department Treasurer before April 22, 2016:

Carol Gross, PO Box 657, Huron, SD 57350-0657

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
STANDING RULES
Updated January 29, 2017 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. State Veterans Service Officers meeting (whenever there is a meeting)
 - b. National President's visit
 - c. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration (C of A) Meetings
 - d. Department Convention
 - e. 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 Chairmen, 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.
- 4. Receipts for all hotel rooms must be submitted. Reimbursement is not to exceed Seventy Dollars (\$70) per night. (passed 1/29/17)

III. TRAVEL (General Fund) When mileage and/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) 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.

- 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. 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. Fifty Dollars (\$50) each – Voice of Democracy – remaining two (2) District winners;
4. Forty Dollars (\$40) – Each program chairman to be used at her/his discretion
 - a. Americanism
 - 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

E. State Fair – (taken from the State Fair Fund) 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. Dept. will pay for one (1) golf cart not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) yearly. Dept. will pay for one (1) round-trip mileage for an assistant chairmen and a week gate pass. Dept. will pay for one (1) round-trip mileage for Department President and a day gate pass.

F. 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;

G. 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.

H. 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: \$100 2nd place is awarded by PDC Daryl and Loretta Halling, as a personal award);
 - c. Fifty Dollars (\$50) – Third (3rd) place;
 - d. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) – Fourth (4th) through Fifth 5th)

I. Program Chairmen (General Fund) Each Program Chairmen shall be allowed up to Seventy Dollars (\$70) for supplies needed for their program.

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 a card in case of hospitalization of the VFW Department Commander, Auxiliary Department Officer, Program Chairman, VAVS representatives and deputy representatives, or Past Dept. Presidents.
4. 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.
5. 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 five (5) District Presidents to be distributed as conveniently as possible.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. National Representative – Department will pay registration fee for Fall C of A and Legislative/Midwinter C of A.

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 – Secretary – Thirty Dollars (\$30) for services rendered at the Department Convention and to prepare Department Convention minutes within two (2) weeks following the convention.
4. Stipend – Assistant Secretary – Ten Dollars (\$10) for services rendered at the Department Convention.
5. Stipend – Assistant Treasurer – Ten Dollars (\$10) for services rendered at the Department Convention.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Memorial Book prepared by Department Chaplain not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75).
9. Department Convention Committee to provide corsages and boutonnieres for the Auxiliary President, Commander, and National Representatives for Banquet.

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. 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 and only by request beginning the 2015-2016 year.
- 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 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 Chairmen 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)
- E. Financial Reports to the Council Members will be distributed before the Council of Administration meeting starts. (9/25/16)

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 donation)

- 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.
 - 2. Motel for two (2) nights when visits are more than one day. ** Redfield deleted as of 6/9/16.
- 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. ** Redfield deleted as of 6/9/16.
 - 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 (\$180.000);
 - 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);
 ** Redfield deleted as of 6/9/16.

- 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 – One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130)
 ** Redfield deleted as of 6/9/16.

If any of the sponsored veterans' facilities (Fort Meade VA, Royal C. Johnson VA, and Hot Springs VA, SD Veterans Home 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.

F. 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 voucher 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 – Five (5) Districts;
- D. Auxiliary Memorial Service – One (1) red rose for each deceased Past Department President and Past National President of current year.

Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016- 2017

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Tomorrow is Today – Now is the Time – Family-Support, Serve, Honor & Respect

Bulletin # 8

April 2017

April 13th is Purple Up Day! Show your support of your military kid by wearing purple all day. I would like to see all Auxiliary members in PURPLE Thursday April 13th- Please

Remember: Each and every one of us has the ability to make a difference in the life of a Veteran or his/her family .Every day –Ask yourself this question? What have I done to assist our Veterans and their families today?

Soldiers still need care packages, cards and coupons. As a family you can work to collect and/or donate some of these items, as well as write cards and letters to be sent to our troops overseas.

What is Family Assistance? Family Assistance provides a focal point of information through Six Essential Services. Family Assistance Centers are critical in providing help to all military families. This holds especially true for geographically dispersed families who are unable to access services at a local base, installation, or fort. In other words, Family Assistance personnel are the “Easy Button” for assistance and referral for families

How can members best support the VFW Post with this program? Remember that our communities can be involved in almost every aspect of our VFW and Auxiliary Program.

- Promote Buddy Poppies
- Assist with National Veterans Service and National Military Services
- Participate in Hospital volunteerism
- Participate in and receive VFW programs.

Ask your local groups to help: ROTC and Sea Cadet groups can post colors; Scouting groups can conduct flag awareness programs; young people can assist veterans with Buddy Poppy drives and promotions; they can assist with patriotic holiday activities such as placing flags on gravesites or singing to or reading to veterans in nursing homes or hospitals. We have available to us an endless resource of energy and activity. We have only to ask the youth of our community to get involved and we will reap the benefits.

Promotes VFW’s Veterans & Military Support Programs: The VFW’s Veteran & Military Support Programs serve active-duty and recently discharged members of the military

Buddy Poppy: Money received from the donations goes directly into the Relief Fund to assist veterans and their families. Write an article for your local newspaper to highlight this program. Think about using poppies for every season of the year in your decorations, contests, and promotions.

Turn in your volunteer hours so your auxiliary gets the credit for VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT.

As you know we had our Day County Coyote Hunt in February, 2017. It was great year for our Veterans and soldiers. We raised our goal this year. Thanks for all your hard work in making this happen. The 2017 Day County coyote hunt was a great success. The hunt began on Friday evening with the registration, great food, and the opening meeting. There were 23 teams registered and 20 teams participated. The weather was not always cooperative for the hunters, but everyone had a great time and stories to tell. At 1 PM on Sunday, hunters began to roll in, with anywhere from one to four coyotes, and some additional critters. Some teams were skunked, but they are all looking forward to next year. Once the weigh-ins and measurements were completed, the hunters took time to have some lunch and win some door prizes donated by local businesses, and VFW posts and Auxiliaries from across the state. The units we are helping are 153rd Huron, 153rd Parkston, 200th Pierre and the 196th from Sioux Falls and Rapid City Unit.

I received this via email from Deb Dodson, SD National Guard 155th Family Support chairman:

“Patti, Hope this finds all well in your world with another wonderful coyote hunt under your belt! I wanted to reach out and share once again thanks and appreciation for your support of the SD Ntl Guard 155 FRG. Your support was a contributing factor in our recent recognition (file attached) as the Superior FRG for Army National Guard for 2016. Thank you again! Deb”

I also received this email and wanted to share it with all of you.

“This is to say that Patti Mitchell, South Dakota VFW Auxiliary Veterans & Family Support Chairman, ROCKS!!I just received this message from Deb Dodson, SD National Guard 155th Family Support chairman: "Nancy, a quick note of thanks and appreciation/ We have received information that the SD National Guard 155th Family Readiness Group was awarded the Army NG Superior Family Readiness Group award for 2016! We will be attending award ceremony at the Pentagon next month. Your (VFW Auxiliary) support was a direct contributor to this recognition as we would not have been able to support our families as we did without your assistance...thank you! Deb. "The assistance provided was, in large part, the contribution made from the Day County Coyote Hunt facilitated by Patti Mitchell. You ROCK as does your support of South Dakota's soldiers and their families! Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Nancy Worth.”

Thank - you each and every one who had called or sent cards. When my brother Pat passed away March 1, 2017 in Sioux Falls.

Patti Mitchell, Chairman
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*VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Americanism General Orders
April 2017
Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
Now is the time: Family-Support-Serve-Honor and Respect*

Wow! I can't believe this is the last General Orders for this year. Where has the time gone! We have lots of things going on these next few months.

Loyalty Day is May 1st—I hope that you are hosting a Loyalty Day Banquet in your community. What a great way to get out and promote our program. You can have a short program on the White Table or the History of the Buddy Poppy. Invite the many volunteers in your community such as Firefighters, EMT's and Law Enforcement and honor them for the many hours they give to the communities. Include your volunteer youth organizations in your programs.

Memorial Day is just around the corner as well—Start making plans for your Memorial Day Program in your community. Get out and promote the program and encourage everyone to attend. The program is a very important part of Memorial Day. So many people think of Memorial Day as a three day weekend and forget the true meaning of the holiday. Encourage members of the community to attend your program and ceremony at the Cemeteries. The weekend is a busy weekend for all VFW members and Veterans with the placing of the American flags and Auxiliary flags on the graves and preparing for the program. The most amazing thing to see is all the American flags flying ever so proudly at the cemeteries and around your community. Remember to honor all Veterans this Memorial Day with those who have served and who are currently serving and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation.

I have received several year-end reports so far. Keep up the good work and get the reports in before April 15th. I look forward to reviewing all the reports and finding out what the Auxiliaries are doing in their communities. I hope to pass along some of the ideas to the other Auxiliaries. I look forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in June in Pierre and meeting everyone at the awards ceremony.

In closing I want to thank President Karen for asking me to be the Americanism Chairmen this year. It has been a learning experience and my passion for our great organization has grown during the year. I have made so many great friends and learned so much this past year. Thank you everyone for the hard work you do for the Auxiliary. We all have one thing in common and it is supporting our Veterans.

I look forward to what the next year has in store for us.

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VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL

Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes **Now is the Time: Family-Support-Serve-Honor and Respect** **Bulletin #8, April 2017**

Oh, how the year has flown by! This last bulletin has snuck right up as the year is coming to an end. It just doesn't seem possible that the convention is right around the corner. There really isn't a lot to say as everyone is winding down for the year. Just don't forget to send in your end of the year report. The form was in the last General Orders. I have already received several reports, thank you to those that are on the ball and getting things done in a timely fashion. If you do not get your report in – you will be receiving a call from me as I will be putting things together for my final report.

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!!

President Karen and I along with a nice little group, did you hospital visits to the VA in Sioux Falls and the Human Services in Yankton. Again, what learning experiences we did have!! As usual, we learned many new things. Thank you to all who helped.

Don't forget to encourage your Auxiliaries to send cards, visits, or a call to the VA facilities, hospital, or nursing home. Talk to the activities director at your local facility and see if they have any ideas for you or maybe you can help them with a party that they already have planned. If your area is like ours, there are several shut-in Veteran's that would love a visit.

Events coming up are Loyalty Day (May 1), Armed Forces Day (May 21), Memorial Day (May 30), and Flag Day (June 14).

Just because this is my last report, don't forget that the Veteran's Facilities still have their needs list that never stops.

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

Leanne Payne

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota

General Orders #8

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Tomorrow is Today – Now is the Time – Family-Support, Serve, Honor & Respect

We have accomplished so much but there is a lot more for us to do. Just because our Auxiliary year is drawing to a close, doesn't mean we quit. We are still the Party of the Veteran and, we still need to make sure that they get a fair shake from our Federal Government and our State Government! We need to stay united and keep working for the good of our Nation. We need to keep our eye on a great future and make sure that our Veterans do not slip through the cracks!!

Do not forget our 2017 PRIORITY GOALS which were listed in my last GO's. There are many Bills before Congress that will affect our Military and our Veterans. Please keep abreast of them and let our South Dakota representatives know what you think!

Our Congressional Representatives are:

Sen. John Thune - 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
<http://www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 224-2321

Sen. Mike Rounds – 502 Hart Senate Office Building
<http://www.rounds.senate.gov/content/contact-mike>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 224-5842

Rep. Kristi Noem – 2422 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
<http://noem.house.gov/index.cfm/email-kristi>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-2801

As members of the VFW Auxiliary and a partner with the VFW, we need to **stay** current and up to date on how the VFW is working across America to improve the quality of life for veterans, service members and their families. Every day the **VFW** posts and publishes information daily on their **Facebook** page and issues alerts as needed. Every day the **VFW** is on **Capitol Hill** and out in our communities making sure **your voice** and our **Veterans voices** are heard. Lets be sure that our voices are heard!! We need to make sure our Veterans get what they need, they fought to keep us free and now we fight for them!!!

Keep working for our Veterans. I am sure I will see many of you at Convention in June at Pierre, please introduce yourself. **Don't forget to get your Year End Report to me by 15 April.** Thank you for all you do. God bless you and God bless America.

Loyally,


Sandi Moss

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Unwavering Support for uncommon Heroes
Now is the Time Family: Support-Serve-Honor and Respect

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MEMBERSHIP - LEADERSHIP

National Membership and Leadership, Leona McDermott, said if you were at the Mid-Year, you would have heard her challenge for us to be 100% plus on or before June 30th, 2017.

We still have three months of our Membership left and the great part is that every single Auxiliary is capable of attaining 100% plus Membership.

The goal of our Membership program is to grow the organization, and in order to do that we must not only recruit new members but retain the members we have. I am asking every Auxiliary to make personal contact with each of your unpaid members to ensure we do not lose these members

Jan Endes, gave me this information, so will share it with you.

We are at 94.59 in paid Membership for 2017. We need 392 Members to pay their 2017 dues to make us 100% Plus.

The Third Quarterly Goal ends on April 30th, 2017, with the opportunity for our Department to earn \$400.00. As you know we need 100% Plus in Membership on or before June 30th, 2017.

Remember it is that 100% Plus in Membership that plays the most important role for our Department President reaching the Circle of Excellence, plus our Department earning an additional \$1000.00.

This is where each District stands: District 1 -- 90.69%; District 2 -- 92.54%; District 4 -- 97.10%; District 6 -- 94.54%; District 8 -- 100%, Congratulations; and District 10 -- 93.58%.

South Dakota is at 94.58%. We still have some work to do, as I said before make **personal contacts**.

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Department Membership Chairman 2016-2017
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SCHOLARSHIPS

UNWAVERING SUPPORT for UNCOMMON HEROES

NOW IS THE TIME: FAMILY, SUPPORT, SERVE, HONOR & RESPECT

GENERAL ORDERS #8

Where has this year gone? Soon it will be summer and hot. It has been a busy year, but a fun and interesting year. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. The Scholarship program for the 2016-2017 year is coming to an end. We just have the fun things left, AWARDS!

#1. An award will be given to each chairman in the four membership categories for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen program.

#2. An award will be given to each chairman in the 4 membership categories with the best promotion of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program.

#3. An award will be given to each chairman in the four membership categories that has an entry in the Young American Creative Art Program.

#4. An award will be given to the District Chairman that sends in their report to me on time.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES are e:

#1. 10 – 50 Members

#2. 51 – 110 Members

#3. 111 – 225 Members

#4. 226 plus Members.

Past Department Presidents Awards:

Neva Jean Corlett – Cash award for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy contest and the Patriot's Pen contest.

Nelda Jorgenson – Cash award for the best promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest.

The 2017 -2018 themes are out: VOD is **America's History: Our Hope for the Future**

Patriot's Pen is **America's Gift to My Generation**. The updated 2017-18 entry forms will be available online no later than April 1. The new deadline will be October 31 for both essays. So get the information to the schools as soon as possible. If you get it to the school before they are dismissed for the summer, the teachers will have time to work it into their schedule for the next year as well as the students can gather information on their essay during the summer.

I have received word that our Dept. VOD winner, Max Hawkins placed 15th in the nation at the National Convention in Washington, DC. Max was sponsored by the VFW Post 628 & Auxiliary in Sioux Falls.

Congratulations Max! Our Dept. Patriots Pen winner Avery Blackman placed 25th in the Nation at the National Convention. Avery was also sponsored by Post 628 & Auxiliary of Sioux Falls. Congratulations Avery.

REMEMBER: YEAR END REPORTS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15 TO ME: Donita Mullinix, 104 W. Lincoln St., Beresford, SD 57004.

Again I thank Karen for choosing me as the Scholarship Chairman. I have enjoyed it very much. I would also like to THANK all the Auxiliary Chairman for the hard work you have put into your scholarship programs. We have had a very successful year.

Loyally,

Donita Mullinix

Donita Mullinix,
VFW Auxiliary Dept. Scholarship Chairman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2016-2017

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-Tammy Chase, Department Chairman

Did you think about the impact you have when you involve the youth in your Auxiliary/Post?

What are some resources that members should be aware of for your Program?

4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school mentor programs, after school programs FFA, ROTC, place of worship youth groups. What do all of these have in common? YOUTH! Our youth are eager to partner with the VFW Auxiliary and VFW for betterment of our communities.

How can you involve families through this program?

Involvement of the ENTIRE family is the future of our organization. Let's focus on all youth and the community as a whole. Many families welcome the opportunity to volunteer not only to improve their community but also to teach their kids the importance of giving back. All you have to do is ask!

What is the #1 way to connect with your community through this program?

Community Activity Fairs: Invite Veterans who are residents, residents at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, National Guard members, Family Readiness Group (FRG), Veterans Service Officers (VSO), elected officials, anyone and everyone. This not only connects us but is an invaluable opportunity to show who we are and what we offer.

What are you most passionate about in this program?

Today's youth are the future of our nation! We should embrace the idea that we could have a direct impact on the life of a young person by demonstrating good citizenship and encouraging our youth to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities and Veterans.

Please remember to get your year-end reports (attached) in before April 15th. Also – Citations need to be to me so I can sign then get them to Headquarters before the 10th of April.

Respectfully,
Tammy Chase, 2016-2017 Youth Activities Chairman
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cbchase@venturecomm.net

Youth Activities

2016-2017 Year-End Report

Submit to Tammy Chase before April 15, 2017

Auxiliary #: _____ Chairman's Name: _____

Auxiliary City: _____ Chairman's Phone #: _____

1. Participation in and/or publicized Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations: Number of activities: _____

Descriptions: _____

2. Number of youth groups that you worked with during the year: _____

Estimated number of youth involved: _____

Descriptions: _____

3. Did you use the R.A.P (Random Acts of Patriotism) program: _____

Number of R.A.P cards distributed: _____

Number of R.A.P coins distributed: _____

Descriptions: _____

4. Number of youth recognized in communities for their academic, athletic, scouting or other accomplishments: _____(number)

Descriptions: _____

Return to: Tammy Chase, 45980 SD Hwy 10, Sisseton, SD 57262

605-698-7438 – cbchase@venturecomm.net

Date Received: _____