

# Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary

Department of South Dakota General Orders and

Bulletins #2- August, 2018

*Hats off to Veterans!*



*Air Force*



*Coast Guard*



*Navy*



*Marines*



*Army*

*Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.*

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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

### DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

General Orders Number 1 – August 2018

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

- 1. Circle of Excellence:** Just as last year this program replaces the National Award for outstanding Department President. This allows all Department Presidents the opportunity to join the circle of Excellence by completing certain goals for the year. The requirements for this year can be found in these General Orders.
- 2. New Programs:** Two additional programs have been added for 2018-2019. Buddy Poppy/National Home for Children and Historian/Media Relations. Be sure to appoint chairmen for these programs.
- 3. Spirit of America:** This is a new National Award which will be given for “Outstanding or Unique Project of service to our Veterans, Military, their Families or Community”. We all have outstanding or unique projects which would qualify. Eligible participants, Awards, and submission guidelines are included in these General Orders.
- 4. Building on the VFW Foundation:** This is a team effort. Our “Foundation is our members. It is who we are”. National is asking each Department to make an all out effort to rebuild and train each District and Auxiliary on the “Building on the VFW Foundation” guidelines. Everyone plays a role in building a strong foundation and building. Each General Order will contain a small section on how each level of the organization builds and strengthens the foundation and creates a successful Organization. Additional information can be found at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org).
- 5. Membership:** August is already upon us. Please be working on your membership recruiting and retention for 2018-2019. We have all of the skills and tools to make this a great year. Thanks to all of the Recruiter training we have received. Remember, members are our “foundation”.
- 6. President and treasurer Bonds for Auxiliaries and Districts:** The Bond Applications is available online. Those without email can find the Bond Applications in the Treasurer’s Kit. Be sure to complete the applications and mail them with a check (earmarked Bond)  
**IMMEDIATELY** TO: Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary National Headquarters, 406 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. Kansas City, MO. 64111. Remember President and Treasurers are **required** to be bonded per section 814.

- 7. National Presidents visit:** National President Sandi Kriebel will be arriving in Sioux Falls on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:05 PM. Please attend the Isle of Honor with your Color Guard Flags. The Visit agenda and hotel information is included with these General Orders.
- 8. Upcoming Events Reminder:** Auxiliary Retreat at the Roost August 23-26, 2018. Please send pictures to Sue Jones for the State Fair in Huron August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. District Day at the fair is included in these general orders.
- 9. Department and Auxiliary Roster:** The complete Roster is included in these General Orders. Please review for accuracy and notify Department Secretary, Cindy Williamson, with corrections. Cindy's email is [williamson2663@gmail.com](mailto:williamson2663@gmail.com) or mail to 214 N Wicker St. Canton, SD. 57013. Text or call 605-321-4959.
- 10. General Orders:** One (1) copy of the General orders will be mailed to each Auxiliary Secretary, unless they are requested to be directed differently. The cost for each to be mailed at first class rate will exceed our budget for this year. We do not qualify for a bulk rate mailing, and postage has been increased. We are looking for a creative solution to reduce our cost in mailing. If you can print the general orders for your auxiliary and would be willing to discontinue receiving the General Orders via the US Postal Service, please notify Department Secretary Cindy Williamson. Thank you to those Auxiliaries who have already contacted us to discontinue their mailing.

# Mary's

## Notes

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August 2018

I just returned from the National Convention. We had a great time and I would like to thank all the line officers for being there. I would also like to extend a special thank you to all the Past Department Presidents that attended. Congratulations to Patti Mitchell who won an award for her hard work as the SD Veterans and Family support chairman. Pictures and video will be posted to the VFW Auxiliary – Department of South Dakota face book page. I can't wait for all of you to learn more about Building on the Auxiliary foundation during training in Oacoma.

Congratulations to Vicki Rosse our National Hospital Ambassador. We wish her a very successful year.

The National President Sandi Kribel will be visiting Sioux Falls, SD on August 13-15. The Flags of Honor will be at the Sioux Falls Airport at 5:05 PM, when she arrives. Please meet at the airport at 4:30. Please bring your Flag Bearer Flags. Itinerary is in this General Orders.

State Fair time is rapidly approaching and will begin the end of this month on August 30<sup>th</sup> and run through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. District Presidents please work with your Auxiliary's for coverage on the assigned District day at the fair included in these General Orders. As a reminder if you have pictures please send them to Sue Jones. We want to show all the great things we do all over the state. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to give Cindy Williamson a "Big Thank You", for designing my front page of the General orders.

Thank you for all you do!

**Mary Kirkvold**  
**Department of South Dakota**  
**Auxiliary President 2018-2019**

# Circle of Excellence

**W**elcome to the Circle of Excellence. **There is no longer an Outstanding Department President Award. Instead, every Department President will have the opportunity to join the Circle of Excellence.** The criteria are below. National Headquarters will be tracking this information.

Consider this a checklist for the year of important items and deadlines that must be met. Membership is an important factor and will be encouraged by the Conference Membership Coaches, who will be working with Department Membership Chairmen to achieve the membership portion of the Circle of Excellence criteria.

## Criteria for entering the Circle of Excellence:

### 1. Growth in Membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ 100% Plus by June 30, 2019, based on June 30, 2018 final membership statistics.

### 2. Comply with Bylaws/Administrative Follow-Through:

\_\_\_\_\_ All Installation Reports received at National Headquarters by July 31 or request a suspension by that date for time to mentor and rebuild the Auxiliary.

\_\_\_\_\_ All Auxiliaries must be bonded by August 31. If not, the Department must send a request for a suspension by that date for time to mentor and rebuild the Auxiliary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Must have submitted a Council-approved Audit and Budget by October 1 or request for an extension before that date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Department, District and Auxiliary Officers (Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers) dues paid by December 31 or a letter/email to relieve any non-paid officers to National Headquarters by January 10.

### 3. Department Communication:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** have an active Facebook page, with at least one post per month beginning in July and ending in June.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** communicate with every Auxiliary at least quarterly in one or more of the following ways: email, mail, phone, website, Facebook, General Orders, newsletter or e-newsletters.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department Chairmen in each program **MUST** send at least four promotional and/or communications to their National Ambassadors.

### 4. Training & Mentoring:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department President **MUST** attend at least one of the “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” training workshops held by the National Organization throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** incorporate the training of “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” in every District (if applicable) and at least one Department event.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** incorporate at least one training session on using MALTA for all members in attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** utilize the Online Auxiliary Academy videos at least one time at a Department-organized training/school of instruction/meeting/convention/event.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department **MUST** appoint a mentoring team(s) to assist with failing and/or weak Auxiliaries and Districts. Describe actions taken.

### 5. Programs Participation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Department President **MUST** submit online Year-End Report.

\_\_\_\_\_ What did your Department do to engage every Auxiliary in the work of the organization?

\_\_\_\_\_ The National Historian must receive an Official Visit report within 15 days of the National President’s visit.

# Spirit of America Award



**Presented at the 2019 National Convention in Orlando, Florida**

**Outstanding or unique project of service to our veterans, military, their families or community**

## **Eligible participants**

- Auxiliary Member
- Joint VFW/Auxiliary Project
- Community Member(s)
- VFW Member
- Department
- Corporations/Businesses
- Auxiliary
- District
- Youth

## **Award**

- Plaque
- "We Believed You Could and You Did" National Presidents Coin
- Standard Class Airfare to Orlando, Florida
- Special Recognition

**The following must be completed and submitted to National Headquarters by May 31, 2019 to be considered for the award:**

- Nomination form (available at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources))
- Description of the nominated project
- Three (3) to five (5) photos
- Copies of any media coverage (TV, radio, newspaper, Facebook, etc.)

See the nomination form at [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources) for further information.



**VFW Auxiliary**  
**National President Sandi Kriebel**  
**South Dakota Visit – Sioux Falls, SD**

**Monday August 13 – Wear Official Look.**

- 4:30 P.M. – Meet at the Sioux Falls Airport – Bring Color Bearer flags
- 5:05 P.M. – Isle of Honor – Official Picture
- 5:30 P.M. – Hotel – Holiday Inn & Suites
- 6:30 P.M. – Dinner – Crooked Pint Ale House

**Tuesday August 14- Wear National Presidents shirt.**

- 8:00 A.M. – Breakfast- Hotel
- 9:30 A.M. – Tour VFW Casket Making Shop – If time available -stop to see the USS SD BB57 Memorial
- 10:30 A.M. – Tour of Sioux Falls VA – Official Picture
- 11:45 A.M. – Lunch – Grille 26
- 1:15 P.M. – Court House Museum – Official Picture
- 4:00 P.M. – Hotel- On your own
- 5:30 P.M. – Sioux Falls Post 628 – Hamburgers and Bingo – Official Picture

**Wednesday August 15 – Wear President Mary’s shirt.**

- 8:30 A.M. – Breakfast – Hotel
- 10:00 A.M. – Downtown Trolley Tour & Falls Park – Official Picture
- 12:00 P.M. – Lunch – Menerva’s – Official Picture – Sioux Falls Dignitaries may be present.

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**Hotel information**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Airport – 2040 West Russel St., Sioux Falls, SD.

Phone : 605-331-2040 option 0 ask for Victoria and tell her you are with the VFW auxiliary group.

Rate: \$93.00 + tax.

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## **2018 DISTRICT DAY AT THE FAIR**

### **Schedule**

**(9 AM to 6:30 PM)**

- August 30, 2018** - District #7 (Veterans Day at the Fair)
- August 31, 2018** - District #6
- September 1, 2018** - District #4
- September 2, 2018** - Council of Administration (Coordinator:  
Department Surgeon)
- September 3, 2018** - District #1



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Treasurer	Mavis Janecke	31786 US Highway18	Winner, SD 57580-06422	605-842-1806		<a href="mailto:mavjanec@gmail.com">mavjanec@gmail.com</a>
<b>Aurora County Auxiliary 6554 - Dist. 7</b>		<b>Meeting: Plankinton School, 7:00pm, 3rd Tues.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Colleen Miller Foland	404 South Kimball Street	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-999-3348		cdfoland@yahoo.com
Secretary	Michelle Payne	38486 252nd ST	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-942-7399		<a href="mailto:chellepayne@hotmail.com">chellepayne@hotmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Pam Vissia	PO Box 371	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-592-7145		pvissia@siouxvalley.net
<b>Simek-Ptak Auxiliary 6895 - Dist. 7</b>		<b>Meeting: Vet Bldg or member homes, 7:00pm, 1st Wed.</b>				<b>Dues: \$13.23</b>
President	Darlene Tycz	30421 SD Hwy 37	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-589-3717		
Secretary	Dorothy Walkes	1811 Birch Street	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-589-3458		
Treasurer	Debbie Branaugh	1409 Fir Street	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-464-0868		drbranaugh@gmail.com
<b>Rollie Bucholz Auxiliary 7319 - Dist. 7</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Tues.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Charlene Beeson	39846 299th Street	Wagner, SD 57380	605-384-3361		
Secretary	Donna Meiers	29844 405th Ave	Avon, SD 57315	605-286-3454		
Treasurer	Sandy Seiner	39396 288th St.	Armour, SD 57313	605-481-1339		<a href="mailto:sandy.seiner1@gmail.com">sandy.seiner1@gmail.com</a>

Position	Full Name	Address	City, State Zip	Phone #	Cell #	E-Mail
<b>Burke Auxiliary 9950 - Dist. 7</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 8:00pm, 3rd Tues.</b>				<b>Dues: \$17.00</b>
President	Elsie Forsch	29727 SD Hwy 47	Burke, SD 57523	605-775-2217		<a href="mailto:emburke@gwtc.com">emburke@gwtc.com</a>
Secretary	Deborah Serr	30047 336th Ave	Gregory, SD 57433	605-835-8222		
Treasurer	Georgia Serr	PO Box 417	Burke, SD 57523	402-832-5528		<a href="mailto:georgiaserr@gmail.com">georgiaserr@gmail.com</a>
<b>District 10 Department of South Dakota</b>						
President	Regis Blodgett	25071 Ruby Road	Custer, SD 57730	605-673-2948	605-517-0993	<a href="mailto:rblodgett@msn.com">rblodgett@msn.com</a>
Secretary	Jennifer Little	1192 Dakota Dr.	Box Elder, SD 57719-2412	605-517-0288		<a href="mailto:littlegirlz3@msn.com">littlegirlz3@msn.com</a>
Treasurer	Jackie Dale	1716 Fulton St	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-720-1705		<a href="mailto:angler08@vastbb.net">angler08@vastbb.net</a>
<b>Rushmore Auxiliary 1273 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Thurs.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Beth Hendricks	1031 Park Hill Dr	Rapid City, SD 57701	605-718-0611		<a href="mailto:walkusa@rushmore.com">walkusa@rushmore.com</a>
Secretary	Kay Rypinski	636 Cathedral Dr #502	Rapid City, SD 57701	605-381-9365		<a href="mailto:kay_rypinski@hotmail.com">kay_rypinski@hotmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Lila Reindl	PO Box 3701	Rapid City, SD 57709	605-787-6492	605-484-5832	
<b>Paha Sapa Auxiliary 2730 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: Sturgis Veterans Club, 7:30pm, 1st Thurs.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Nancy Worth	PO Box 47	Piedmont, SD 57769	605-721-9436	605-490-1220	nworth@rushmore.com
Secretary	Carol M. Imhoff	2305 Colorado Dr.	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-720-5462		imhoff@rushmore.com
Treasurer	Jackie Dale	1716 Fulton St.	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-720-1750		<a href="mailto:angler08@vastbb.net">angler08@vastbb.net</a>
<b>Lemmon Auxiliary 2969 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: Brick Villa HUD, 2:00pm, 2nd Mon.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Sharon Crevier	506 3rd Street E	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-5645		
Secretary	Toni Huber	608 1st Ave E	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-3217		tthuber79@gmail.com
Treasurer	Angela Day	109 8th St. E.	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-3549		<a href="mailto:almday39@gmail.com">almday39@gmail.com</a>
<b>Center of the Nation Auxiliary 3312 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: Sr. Citizen Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Mon.</b>				<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>
President	Barbara Embrey	PO Box 512	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	208-397-8212		
Secretary	Gayle Cleveland	621 Summit Street	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	605-892-2797		gaylebf2@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Cheri Nehl	1245 Elkhorn Street	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	605-892-4394		wcmoria@gmail.com

Position	Full Name	Address	City, State Zip	Phone #	Cell #	E-Mail
<b>Kenneth Kuper Auxiliary 3442 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 3rd Thurs.</b>			<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>	
President	Zoe Berman-Yellin	25071 Ruby Rd.	Custer, SD 57730	605-673-2948		<a href="mailto:faelith@live.com">faelith@live.com</a>
Secretary	Jennifer Little	1192 Dakota Drive	Box Elder, SD 57719	605-517-2202	605-517-0288	littlegirlz3@msn.com
Treasurer	Regis Blodgett	25071 Ruby Rd.	Custer, SD 57730	605-517-0993		<a href="mailto:rblodgett@msn.com">rblodgett@msn.com</a>
<b>Queen City Auxiliary 5860 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:30pm, 2nd Tues.</b>			<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>	
President	Sherry Burr	215 Evans Lane	Spearfish, SD 57783	307-290-0149		<a href="mailto:sherryburr@wy.usda.gov">sherryburr@wy.usda.gov</a>
Secretary	Sandra Johnson	19986 Merriam Loop	Spearfish, SD 57783		218-398-3897	<a href="mailto:spiritofthewest1884@gmail.com">spiritofthewest1884@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Colleen Abernathy	3215 Lester Ln	Spearfish, SD 57783	605-645-3908		<a href="mailto:cma3908@outlook.com">cma3908@outlook.com</a>
<b>Black Hills Auxiliary 5969 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Tues.</b>			<b>Dues: \$20.00</b>	
President	Rene P Larson	301 Chicago Street	Lead, SD 57732	605-641-3467		rbungelarson@gmail.com
Secretary	Sheila Deserly	12194 Washington Loop	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-561-0124		progolfer53@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Mary Hammond	20785 Maitland	Lead, SD 57754-3731	605-578-3415		mlhammond46@gmail.com
<b>F.J. Willuweit Auxiliary 9120 - Dist. 10</b>		<b>Meeting: Wall Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Wed.</b>			<b>Dues: \$13.00</b>	
President	Neva Hamann	23330 Sage Cr Rd	Wall, SD 57790	605-279-2477		wmhamann@gwtc.net
Secretary	Cindy Weaver	PO Box 254	Wall, SD 57790	605-279-2374		
Treasurer	Charlene Kjerstad	PO Box 368	Wall, SD 57790	605-685-5008		charlenekjerstad@hotmail.com

VPW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota Past Department  
Presidents

**Deceased**

1928-31 Irene Dodds  
1931-33 Florence Johnson, Huron  
1933-34 Katherine L. Ihil, Watertown  
1934-35 Ann Walling, Yankton  
1935-36 Charlotte Mantel, Aberdeen  
1936-37 Frances Sweeney, Sioux Falls  
1937-38 Martha Wheeler, Yankton  
1938-40 Myrtle Winesburg, Madison  
1940-41 Kathryn Robinson, Sioux Falls  
1941-42 Vina Calhoon, Lead  
1942-43 Thana Lawler, Madison  
1943-44 Ella Lyngheim, Canton  
1944-45 Leona Peterson, Aberdeen  
1945-46 Sylvia Guenther, Sioux Falls  
1946-47 Lula McKinney, Madison  
1947-48 Rosalia Johnson, Yankton  
1948-49 Clara Baker, Rapid City  
1949-50 Olive Diekman, Canton  
1950-51 Gertrude Lenhart, Lead  
1951-52 Maye Burr, Vermillion  
1952- Ruby Buttemeier, Sioux Falls  
1952-53 Lorena Getz, Sturgis  
1953-54 Elizabeth Rempp, Yankton  
1954-55 Elfrieda Tice, Mitchell; Past National  
President in 1962-63  
1955-56 Lula McKinney, Madison  
1956-57 Helen Weber, Watertown  
1957-58 Esther Kopel, Parkston  
1958-59 Ruth Nordbye, Rapid City  
1959-60 Kay Afdahl Jones, Redfield  
1960-61 Rose Dickenson, Mitchell  
1961-62 Evelyn Cossart, Deadwood  
1962-63 Betty Wertz, Aberdeen  
1964-65 Evelyn (Rea)(Olson)Dickinson  
1965-66 Marie Robley, Deadwood  
1966-67 Ethel Risty, Sioux Falls  
1968-69 Marjorie Carlin, Vermillion  
1972-73 Mary Bisgard, Flandreau  
1973-74 Marlene Amundsen, Vermillion  
1974-75 Inez Woolhiser, Winner  
1976-77 Thelma Dittman, Brookings  
1977-78 Tina Gabel, Deadwood  
1978-79 Susie Radigan, Vermillion  
1979-80 Marcia Burrows, Pierre  
1980-81 Helen Johns, Aberdeen  
1982-83 Fern Rempp, Yankton  
1983-84 Reva DePauw, Rapid City  
1984-85 Jan Walker, Spearfish  
1985-86 Rita Wiese, Sioux Falls  
1986-87 Minnie Peterson, Rapid City  
1987-88 Margy Hall, Brandon  
1989-90 Marcella Allbee, Roscoe  
1991-92 Wanda Hermanson, Yankton  
1993-94 Kaye Ruby, Sioux Falls  
1996-97 Delores Joynt, Rapid City  
2000-01 Arlene Propst, Sioux Falls

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Year	President	Address	City, State	Zip	Phone
1963-64	Pat Howey	200 19 <sup>th</sup> St. SE #206	Watertown, SD	57201	605-886-4328
1967-68	Neva Jean Corlett	2400 Sunrise Ridge Road Circle #305	Brookings, SD	57006	605-692-5707
1969-70	Joyce(Cordes)Schat	2044 Promise Rd.#2319	Rapid City, SD	57701	605-716-0900
1970-71	Clara Wiedemer	8116 Chickadee Ln.	Black Hawk, SD	57718	605-461-2710
1971-72	Idella Basart	3805 SW 18 <sup>th</sup> St. #706	Topeka, KS	66604	
1975-76	Sharon Mitchell	27677 481 <sup>st</sup> Ave.	Canton, SD	57013	605-987-5449
1981-82	Evelyn Boortz	P.O. Box 760	Edgemont, SD	57735	605-440-1077
1988-89	Evelyn Haynes	Good Samaritan Rest Home	Scotland, SD	57059	605-660-2232
1990-91	Emma King	S: 4613 Wentworth Drive	Rapid City, SD	57702	Cell# 605-391-3671
		W: 6205 Hunter St.	Ventura, CA	93003	
1992-93	Patricia Cerny	2916 Adkins Drive	Yankton, SD	57078	605-830-1916
1994-95	Ardessa Moser	310 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Miller, SD	57362	
1995-96	Janice Vreim	PO Box 171, 606 Ordway St.	Wilmot, SD	57279	605-938-4490
1997-98	Marva Barg	3908 Terry Ave, Apt #384	Sioux Falls, SD	57106	605-361-3789
1998-99	Mildred Ratigan	26 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Apt101	Redfield, SD	57469	605-472-2209
1999-00	Nelda Joraenson	2410 Prairie Creek Dr.	Aberdeen, SD	57401	605-225-7060
2001-02	Gloria Fortin	515 8 <sup>th</sup> st. NE	Watertown, SD	57201	605-882-4459
2002-03	Connie Seymour	2500 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Spearfish, SD	57783	605-722-2004
2003-04	Imogene Ellis	P.O. Box 306	Madison, SD	57042	605-256-3489
2004-05	Nancy Fickbohm	47965 301 <sup>st</sup> St.	Alcester, SD	57001	605-934-2414
2005-06	Nancy Chester	P.O. Box 55	Fort Pierre, SD	57532	605-223-2232
2006-07	Carol Gross	P.O. Box 657	Huron, SD	57350	605-353-1505
2007-08	Connie Heaaestad	P.O. Box 388	Winner, SD	57580	605-842-0530
2008-09	Diane Hickenbotham	1714 N. State St.	Aberdeen, SD	57401	605-380-4778
2009-10	Mary Hammond	20785 Maitland Rd.	Lead, SD	57754	605-578-3415
2010-11	Jan Cauley	1897 Meadow Lane	Larchwood, IA	51241	712-477-2433
2011-12	Jan Endes	26422 278 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	White River, SD	57579	605-452-3270
2012-13	Neta Peterka	P.O. Box 64	Scotland, SD	57059	605-583-2791
2013-14	Vicki Williams	529 N. Franklin Ave.	Sioux Falls, SD	57103	605-940-1347
2014-15	Vickie Rosse	120 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Brookings, SD	57006	605-697-6317
2015-16	Nancy Worth **2019	PO Box47	Piedmont, SD	57769	605-721-9436
2016-17	Karen Sharp **2020	PO Box 1133	Fort Pierre, SD	57532	605-223-2523
2017-18	Carrie Alm **2021	12234 Harper Lane	Custer, SD	57730	605-517-0287

\*\* Chairman of Past Presidents

SD Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Council of Administration Minutes  
Sioux Falls, SD  
June 17,2018

**Call to Order** by President Mary Kirkvold at 8:30 AM. Assistant Guard Zoe Bermin-Yellin reported membership cards were checked at the door.

**Roll Call** by Secretary Cindy Williamson. All council members were present except Guard, Pam Vissa.

**Introductions:** President Mary introduced dignitaries Vicki Rosse, National Hospital Ambassador. Zoe Bermin-Yellin Outstanding Auxiliary President and Cindy Williamson, Outstanding District President.

**Minutes:** President Mary announced the minutes from the previous Council of Administration will be in the first General Orders.

**Communications:** There was no Official or other communication.

**Budget Report:** Karen Sharp gave the report. Question was raised on Page 3 Correction under Department Convention Budget Income, Special Fund Project. Karen Sharp made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 Budget. Seconded by Sandi Moss. Motion Carried.

**Reports of Chairmen:** President Mary asked if the Chairmen had any Challenges they would like to announce for this year.

Veterans and Family Support: Patti Mitchell challenged member to make a little note or thank you card with your post and contact number to give to veterans as you meet them. Keep track of how many of them you hand out and can be reported as Americanism.

Chief of Staff: Jan Endes challenges each auxiliary to send in a member and Auxiliary for the extension award. Every member and Auxiliary goes above and beyond.

Legislative: Jennifer Little will be encouraging a Vote Challenge.

Membership: Donita Mullinix requested we start recruiting now. Please let Donita know if your auxiliary will be sending your own membership renewal notice (dues notice), if not contacted the department will send them.

Scholarships: Wanda Mix announced the information is out and available with more coming.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.



**New Business:** President Mary shared the national theme “Believe... You can do it”. Mary’s theme will be “Hats off to Veterans. Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Commander Danny and President Mary have chosen the SD State Cemetery for their project.

President Mary reviewed upcoming events:

National Convention – July 21-25, 2018 in Kansas City, MO.

National Presidents visit to SD – August 13-15, 2018 in Sioux Falls.

Retreat – August 23-26, 2018 in Greenville.

State Fair – August 30- September 3, 2018 in Huron.

National President Homecoming and Café – September 6-9, 2018 in Hanover, MD and Williamsburg, VA.

Fall Council and Homecoming- October 5-7,2018 in Oacoma.

Big Ten Conference – October 19-21, 2018 in St. Louis, MO.

The Big Ten Meeting Delegates were determined to be Mary Kirkvold, Wanda Mix, Sandi Moss, Carol Gross, and Donita Mullinex. Alternates will be Patti Mitchell, Nancy Worth, Vicki Rosse, Sandy Meisenheimer, and Jan Endes. Motion was made by Nancy Worth and seconded by Sandy Moss. Motion Carried.

President Mary discussed the National Programs as found in the National Program booklet found on the National website following the National Convention. National also has a new training program called Building an Auxiliary. The new program considers the local Auxiliaries as the foundation. More to come at training presented by Department Recruiter Trainer Nancy Worth.

Department Treasurer Carol Gross shared a reminder on the Malta Program for Auxiliaries to remember when you are paying state fee’s they need to be paid through Carol. Only National donations and Dues should be paid through Malta. District Dues go to District Treasurers and Health and Happiness donation go directly through National. Make sure to read the instructions. Reminder to turn in vouchers.

Wanda Mix made a motion to purchase a new Department Banner, because the current banner still shows Ladies Auxiliary. The purchase of the Banner will fall under the Ways and Means portion of the budget. Sandi Moss second. Motion Carried. Sandi will purchase the flag.

President Mary also announced that she had the President and Commander Pins and would distribute them to the District Presidents.

**Suggestions for the good of the order:** None at this time.

**Closing:** Prayer by Chaplin Wanda mix. Meeting closed at 9:30 AM. Next meeting will be Fall Council of Administration and Homecoming October 5-7, 2018 at Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD.

## Americanism Department of South Dakota VFW Auxiliary General Orders #2



Hats off to Veterans!

A. tude is a li. le thing that makes a Big Difference  
Believe We Can Do It!

Here we are August already! The school bells will be ringing and the pi. er patter of student's feet running the halls of our schools. The time is now to start thinking about nominating that special teacher for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Award. We all have wonderful teachers in our school systems and what better way to honor them than to nominate them for this award. I am enclosing a brochure in the General Orders or you can go online and print the form. Put on your thinking hats and nominate that special teacher.

I will be attending my first National VFW Convention in Kansas City and am so excited for the opportunity to attend. I will be taking in as many of the events as possible and hope to come back with many new and exciting ideas to share with everyone.

Listed are several Patriotic Days to promote Patriotism in your communities. Contact your local newspaper and radio stations and ask them to promote these days and educate our communities.

Patriot Day, also known as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11 each year in memory of those killed during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Those we lost September 11, 2001, will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our nation. By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001, (Public Law 107-89), Congress authorized the President to designate September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day" to perpetuate the memory of those who perished in the attack on America, and to pursue peace and justice in the world and security at home. Appropriate ceremonies and activities include a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. EDT, remembrance services and candlelight vigils. Flags should be flown at half-staff on Patriot Day.

This day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787 by 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention. This document established the framework of our government and the rights and freedoms that "We the People" enjoy today.

In 1940, Congress designated the third Sunday in May as "I am an American Day." In 1944, "I am an American Day" was promoted by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. On February 29, 1952, Congress moved "I am an American Day" observation to September 17 and renamed it "Citizenship Day." In 2004, Congress renamed the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" and mandated that all

publicly-funded educational institutions and all federal agencies provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on this day

## **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

### **THIRD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations. By custom, it is on the third Friday in September.

Gold Star Mother's/Family's Day honors mothers and families who have lost a service member in the line of duty or in support of military activities.

The name comes from the custom of families hanging Service Flags in the window of their homes. The Service Flag has a star for each family member in the armed forces. A blue star represents a family member in active-duty service, a silver star represents a family member wounded or injured in a war zone and a gold star represents a family member killed during active-duty and stands for sacrifice made for honor and freedom.

The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was founded shortly after World War I by Grace Darling Seibold, who lost her son, George Vaughn Seibold, during the war. Gold Star Mothers are often socially active, but are non-political. Gold Star Mother's Day was designated by Congress on June 23, 1936.

In September 2012, President Barack Obama rededicated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day."

Veterans

I am working on the year end judging form and have not had time to complete it and will include in the September General Orders.

Hope that everyone is having an awesome summer. Don't forget fall conference is coming up and make plans to attend.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Vissia

Americanism Instructor

## VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

### Nominated Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject and grade taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Current school: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, please describe (type or print) in 350 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Smart/ Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

**Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Visit [www.vfw.org/find-a-post](http://www.vfw.org/find-a-post) for locations. DO NOT send to VFW National Headquarters.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of words in essay (not to exceed 350). Please provide this information.

### Person Nominating Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by October 31.**

**I**dentify and recognize America's best educators. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve?

*Now you can.*



**For more information,** contact your local VFW Post or its Auxiliary or visit our website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

### Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

406 W. 34th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
(816) 756-3390 ext. 6287  
E-Mail: [tbeauchamp@vfw.org](mailto:tbeauchamp@vfw.org)  
[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

### Local VFW Post Information

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**VFW Honors America's Teachers**



## Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Grades K-12





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## ecognize teachers who care about America

### VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. It offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to the VFW National Convention for these worthy teachers. The trip provides an opportunity for winners to network with like-minded individuals.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can...

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

### How Does the Contest Work?

Based on the nominees submitted, VFW local chapters, called Posts, will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names and required documents to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

### Who is eligible?

All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national VFW winners and homeschool teachers are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

### How are teachers nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form and signed essay to your local VFW Post. Visit [www.vfw.org/find-a-post](http://www.vfw.org/find-a-post) for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at (816) 756-3390 ext. 6287 to find the Post nearest to you.

**All Post-level nominees, if they win, should provide a one-page resume, up to five pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves. These items will be forwarded on to the District with the Post Teacher Entry form, nomination form and essay.**

### When is the deadline?

Nominations must be submitted to your local Post by October 31. Judging occurs November 1-15.

### What are the National awards?

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.
- Top 10 high school teachers invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

NOTE: (Winners will receive a 1099-MISC as a result of their award and all-expense paid trip.)

### Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Complete the nomination form and required essay, then submit it to your local VFW Post. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

**VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION**  
**“Believe—We Can Do It”**  
**“Hats Off to Our Veterans”**  
**“Attitude Is a Little Thing That Makes a Big Difference”**  
**Bulletin #2, August, 2018**

As I mentioned in my previous bulletin, the VFW Auxiliary National offers the *Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit*. It is available on the national website, [www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources). This kit includes: **1**-Auxiliary Sample Meeting Agenda. **2**-Auxiliary Meeting Checklist. **3**-Healthy Communication Phone/Text Tree. **4**- R U Healthy Checklist-Auxiliary to-Dos and Deadlines. **5**-Auxiliary Meeting Challenges & Solutions. **6**-Auxiliary Member Questionnaire. **7**-Auxiliary Health Certificate. **8**-Auxiliary Good Job Award. Recognizing that Auxiliaries experience common problems, this group of resources was compiled to assist in identifying and solving issues that could stifle productivity and even threaten the very existence of an Auxiliary. I encourage all Auxiliaries to take advantage of these guides.

One of the ways to create strength in your Auxiliary is through a **Family Freedom Festival**. Here are three ways to promote your VFW and Auxiliary to eligible members: **1**-Set up an interactive display/booth, which would highlight all our VFW and Auxiliary programs and benefits that are available to all members of the family. **2**-Utilize your past winners of the various scholarships and essay contests (Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Young American Creative Patriotic Art). Have those young people explain how being a part of these opportunities has enhanced their academic and community involvement. **3**-Include your Department or Post Service Officers. Include membership applications and all the resources that the National Headquarters provides. **Remember, this event is not just for a single program, this is meant to encompass ALL of the programs of the VFW and Auxiliary.** With all the program chairmen and other members working together as a team, great things can be accomplished for your Veterans and your community.

**Think Outside the Box** Our National Chief of Staff/Extension Ambassador Carole Betro is encouraging a new type of “Welcome Bag” to be given to your new auxiliary member. This bag would include education information that tells our story as an Auxiliary. Also, include a business card with contact information to National Headquarters, our Department and your Auxiliary. Don’t forget to include all of the social media information (Facebook, website, etc.) What else can you put in this welcome bag? Does your Auxiliary have a ‘signature project/event’ in your community? Of all the programs we have in the Auxiliary, I am certain that every new member will have a special interest in at least one of them. **Think Outside the Box**

I offer a direct quote from our Department President Mary, “**I Believe that We Can Do It.** We want others to perceive us as friendly, confident, and always willing to listen. **Your Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference** to everyone you have contact with.” So let’s take our **Hats Off to Veterans**, by working diligently for them and their families.

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Bulletin #1, July, 2018

Greetings Auxiliary Members and welcome to a new and exciting Auxiliary year! I am very excited and honored to be your Department Chief of Staff/Extension Chairman. Thank you, President Mary for placing your trust in me.

What does the Chief of Staff do? She/he is the main point of contact for the Extension program. This program includes establishing new Auxiliaries and maintaining our current Auxiliaries in the Department. She/he serves as Auxiliary advocate and assistant.

In this bulletin, let us address maintaining our current Auxiliaries. **Do you think your Auxiliary is healthy?** To answer that question, listed below only five things that are required of an Auxiliary from the National organization:

- 1. An Auxiliary should hold at least 10 business meetings a year. Remember: To have a quorum for a meeting you must have at least 5 Auxiliary members in good standing present.**
- 2. Dues should be paid on at least 10 members on or before February 1 of the current year.**
- 3. Auxiliary Trustees must submit to the Department Treasurer quarterly audit reports.**
- 4. Auxiliary officers must be elected and installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. This generates the bond application via email.**
- 5. The Auxiliary President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

These 5 essentials of an Auxiliary are just a part of the *RU Healthy Auxiliary Checklist*. This is a simple list of business items that an Auxiliary should achieve every year.

There is the anonymous survey of *Healthy Auxiliary Member Questionnaire*. This can help an Auxiliary bring to light issues that members may not talk about in a group setting.

Also available is the *Auxiliary Meeting Clinic*. This can help us solve issues at our meetings.

*Healthy Communication* with your Auxiliary members will also be addressed. We will discuss the use of tradition and non-traditional forms of communication to our members for meetings, events and programs.

Offering a *Good Job Certificate* to say “thank you” can be presented. Having the Auxiliary show their appreciation to a member (or non-member) for their help, participation or support in events and programs is a key ingredient to the health of our Auxiliary.

I am certain that when we take advantage of these wonderful resources our Auxiliary will become stronger. **Attitude Is a Little Thing That Makes a Big Difference** and keeping a positive and supportive attitude about our Auxiliary will help us to **Believe—We Can Do It!** Thank you for your great dedication to our Veterans and their families.

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4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Downtown Sioux Falls, SD



front row Army Veteran Joe Tooley

second row Jennifer Gatter, SD Dept. President  
Mary Kirkvold, Cathy Jo Tooley, Auxiliary  
President Kim Vennard, Cameron and Jayne  
Greenfield



Honor Guard

Rodney Polhamus

PPC Diane Diekman

Sr Vice Ryan Killion

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# VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL AND VAVS

**Hats Off to Veterans    Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference**  
**Bulletin #2, August 2018**

Did you realize that the VFW Auxiliary members have volunteered nearly 800,000 hours annually? One in eight members volunteer through the Hospital Program. Since 1914, we have been working to meet the needs of hospitalized veterans in VA Medical Centers and other medical facilities.

The Auxiliary promotes volunteerism of members, non-members, youth and families in local hospitals, veterans' homes, nursing homes, domiciliaries and both VA and non-VA medical centers and clinics. Opportunities to volunteer vary based on the facility, age and ability of the volunteer. Volunteering is one item that several Auxiliaries work on very hard. I know from last year's reports that thousands of hours are NOT reported. When visiting with different members, you ARE doing these things, but not reporting them. Even though reporting hours may not seem like an important task, those on the receiving end appreciate knowing what service has been done and keeping track is relevant to them. So, let's work on this and increase the hours several times over. Only one new pin for volunteering were given out at the State Convention, but I know there can be dozens more! So, please remember to start recording your hours, from the time you leave until you return, along with your mileage.

At the state convention, I passed out directions for the state project this year which if bags for walkers. It was suggested that you put Velcro at the bottom to help hold them more secure. More information will be coming at Fall Conference.

Leanne Payne - Dept. of South Dakota Hospital chairman

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## Hospital 2018 - 19

### Department of South Dakota Year-End Report

Please feel free to add as many pages or pictures as needed.

1. VFW Auxiliary members volunteering in **ALL** medical VA facilities and non-medical facilities  
Number of Volunteers  
Total hours
2. **NEW** volunteers recruited  
Adults  
Youth
3. Did you sponsor or conduct an event or activity in both VA and non-VA?  
If yes, what did you do?
4. Total amount of time spent on **ALL** hospital projects?
5. Did you send an application for the Outstanding Hospital Volunteer of the Year?
6. Did you recognize volunteers throughout the year?  
How did you use publicity and/or media to recruit volunteers and involve the community?
7. How did you promote Veteran and Military Suicide Awareness?
8. Were Hospital Volunteer Pins presented to members?  
How many?
9. Explain how you conducted/participated in volunteer recognition events?
10. How did you participate in the Veterans Voices Writing Project?
11. Did you participate in the Community Volunteer Recruitment Weeks? What did you do?  
November 5 – 11  
April 7 – 13
12. Did you use the Hospital Program Guide?  
If yes, how?
13. How many walker bags did you make? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who did you give them to?

**Cash prizes will be given for #3, #7, and #10.**

Auxiliary #

Chairman's Name

Auxiliary City

Chairman's Phone

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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN #2

August 2018

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Well, hello again! Time just flies before another one of these bulletins is due to you! I hope you are all out there making sure that all our members are getting signed up to receive the email from Action Corps Weekly. Please remember to keep track of who is signing up as we need those numbers at the end of the year.

This bulletin, I want to make you aware of the 2018 Priority Goals that are set forth each year in January by the VFW. These goals are made to reflect the resolutions passed by the VFW to strengthen and ensure an adequate VA system for millions of current and future veterans. The goals are grouped under eight (8) areas of concern:

- o Budget
- o Workforce Development and Accountability
- o Healthcare
- o Compensation and Benefits
- o Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance
- o Defense and Homeland Security
- o Military Quality of Life
- o POW/MIA

The brochure explaining more about these goals and breaking them down a bit for this year is attached with this bulletin. Please take some time to review them. This is how you know what our VFW and Auxiliary is working towards when dealing with legislation. I will try to get the new one out once they release it after the new year so that everyone is kept up to date.

Schools are starting soon. Let's work well with our Americanism chairman and our Youth Activities chairman and get some legislative information into those schools. It's a great time to start and we have some important elections coming up that will help those young minds connect with the process of the legislation.

I hope some of you have taken the time to check out a few of the resources and links that are on our website under the Legislative section. One of the links is The White House link. You can view this link and be kept up on the happenings at The White House. You can also scroll down to the bottom on the home page of that link and enter your email for them to send you updates on The White House if that is something that interests you. This is one of the many links and features our website promotes.

Like I stated last month, if you have an idea of something you want to see done or you have something you would like me to research more, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email, address or phone number listed above.

**HATS OFF TO VETERANS!**

*Attitude is a Little Thing that makes a Big Difference!*

## Support Today's Veterans & Military

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 115th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit [www.vfw.org/actioncorps](http://www.vfw.org/actioncorps).

## Play a Role in the Process

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW's Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at [www.vfw.org/actioncorps](http://www.vfw.org/actioncorps).



2018

## PRIORITY GOALS

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2018

## PRIORITY GOALS

*Delivering  
the Promise to  
our Veterans,  
Service Members,  
and their Families*

## Budget

To fully fund VA and DOD programs and services, Congress must:

- ✓ End budget sequestration and adjust outdated budget caps.
- ✓ Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- ✓ Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.
- ✓ Ensure the POW/MIA Accounting mission is fully funded.

## Work Force Development and Accountability

To attract and maintain a quality workforce, Congress and VA must:

- ✓ Improve hiring authorities to recruit and retain a high quality workforce.
- ✓ Provide quality training programs for employees and managers.
- ✓ Quickly investigate, discipline and remove employees who underperform or endanger veterans' lives.

## Health Care

To ensure that veterans receive timely access to high quality, comprehensive, and veteran-centric care at no added cost to veterans, Congress, VA and DOD must:

- ✓ Consolidate VA's community care programs into a single, integrated system.
- ✓ Modernize VA's health IT systems.
- ✓ Expand current caregiver benefits to veterans of all eras.
- ✓ Strengthen VA and DOD health care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries (TBI).
- ✓ Further expand gender-specific programs and competencies.
- ✓ Provide care and benefits to veterans and family members impacted by toxic exposures.

- ✓ Prevent the increase of pharmaceutical copayments.
- ✓ Conduct medical research on the benefits of medical cannabis.
- ✓ Extend telehealth services.
- ✓ Make nursing home eligibility part of the VA health care benefits package.

## Compensation and Benefits

To ensure veterans and their dependents have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- ✓ Require treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- ✓ Establish presumptive service connection for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI, and exposure to certain toxic substances.
- ✓ Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.
- ✓ Reform the Gulf War Illness Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- ✓ Address veterans' homelessness by increasing the availability of affordable housing.
- ✓ Adjust Grant and Per Diem Program rates for inflation.
- ✓ Prohibit VA compensation and non-service-connected pension from being considered countable income for homeless programs.

## Education, Employment and Transition Assistance

To ensure veterans have an opportunity to obtain meaningful employment after leaving military service, they must have access to:

- ✓ High quality and sustainable education benefits.
- ✓ Strong employment and training programs.
- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetime.
- ✓ Small business development opportunities.
- ✓ Civilian credentials or academic credit for the professional training they receive during military service.

- ✓ Government hiring and contracting opportunities.
- ✓ A national veterans treatment court advocate within VA.
- ✓ Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- ✓ Proper knowledge and training in transition programs.

## Defense/Homeland Security

To fully support U.S. troops and their mission to fight the war on terrorism and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress, DOD and the Department of Homeland Security must:

- ✓ 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

To maintain a quality and comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- ✓ Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- ✓ Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- ✓ Pass full concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.
- ✓ Eliminate the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset for surviving military retiree spouses.

## POW/MIA

To make POW/MIA recovery a national priority, Congress and DOD must:

- ✓ Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.

## MEMBERSHIP GO's #2

**NATIONAL THEME: Believe – We Can Do It**

**SD DEPT. THEME: Hats Off to Veterans  
Attitude is a Little Thing That Makes a Big Difference**

**Membership is a Key Component:** Membership is the *life* of our organization. We have aided Veterans, active-duty and their families for more than 100 years. We look forward to the next 100 years, however, the only way we can carry on this tradition is by recruiting and retaining our membership.

Start collecting dues now. When you meet a member in the store, at a program, in church, or just out walking, mention to them that our new year has started and we can now pay our dues. Remind them whom they need to mail their dues to. Also remind them of any upcoming events, and ask them if they would like to help. Making them feel important will help to keep our members.

Some of the National awards for Auxiliaries are: 1. \$50 to one Auxiliary in each Program Division and a *We Believed You Could Coin* to the Auxiliary Member Chairman with the most outstanding training and promotion of the Membership/Recruiting Program. 2. \$50 to one Auxiliary in each Program Division with the most outstanding fact sheet or brochure used as a membership recruitment tool. 3. \$25 to each Auxiliary when it reaches 100% Plus by June 30, 2019, based on June 30, 2018, total membership numbers.

National awards for members: One *Uncle Sam Hat Pin* to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits five (5) new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. 2. One *Patriotic Vest Pin* to each VFW and VFW Auxiliary member who recruits 10 new and/or rejoined members to the VFW Auxiliary from July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. 3. *National Membership Achievement Award:* Each VFW or VFW Auxiliary member who recruits 20 new and/or rejoined members from July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 with the official form received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2019.

Forms for all of these awards can be found on the VFW Auxiliary web site. They were not available at this writing, but I will try to have them in GO's #3.

Why is our membership so important? Without our membership, we could not successfully conduct programs that benefit our veterans, military and their families. Does membership make a difference? Millions of veterans, military and their families year after year have been touched by the good that we do. Membership gives us the power, strength and unity to truly make a difference. Each member counts! Each member – makes a difference! *Your* membership makes it happen.

Loyally,

*Donita Mullinix*

Donita Mullinix, Membership Chairman

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota

Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home for Children

Believe --- We Can Do It!

Hats Off to Veterans

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August 2018

I think everyone should know by now of the changes in Program with National, that the Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home for Children has been separated from Veterans and Family Support Program. So this means we need to have a separate chairman for this program in our auxiliaries and we need to put extra work into making this program a great success for our Department.

We can start off by promoting the poppy with raffles of centerpieces, wreaths or cemetery crosses. Do a "Wall of Remembrance" at your local Post. Tie poppies around candy as tray favors, or just hold a plain distribution of poppies in your home town. You can raise money many ways for your relief fund. Let your imagination run wild.

Now is the time to start thinking of a Buddy Poppy Display for next year at Convention. I would like to see more displays. We can enter one display in each Category at National Convention. This is a fun thing to do, and would be great if you could get help from your post to help design it, and work together on it.

There are three categories: #1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign: must have a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy: #2. Memorial or Inspirational: must be designed to honor the dead or to inspire devotion to God or Country, or to magnify the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy. #3: Artistic or Decorative use of Poppies: such as wreaths, pictures, plaques, hats, or corsages. At least ONE POPPY used in the display must be in its original form and color; with the label attached. Post name, Post number, city or state (including the shape of state) may NOT be visible on display entries; failure to comply will result in disqualification. So now, lets' get busy thinking of a great idea for a display and make it tough for the judges next year at convention.

As for the National Home make sure you visit the VFW National Website, at [vfwnationalhome.org](http://vfwnationalhome.org) and subscribe to the National Home newsletter. Interesting articles about their activities and events may be found in the paper called Home Notes. You may also follow National Home on Facebook if you'd like. The Trustees of the home are willing to come and attend your Post and Auxiliary meetings if you contact them and let them know when you meet. They will speak at your meetings and provide material on the Home if you are interested. But please consider doing what you can for our military families and children.



Now I have another poppy contest for Legislative Session. It will give you plenty of time if I tell you now and keep reminding you up to February. I'd like to ask you to write a poem about the Buddy Poppy. It must be at least 50 words and not more than 150 words. You may work on it by yourself or as a Auxiliary group. I'd like them mailed to me before legislative session. There will be 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes. I'll have them judged and will let National know about our great authors and maybe get them printed in our Auxiliary magazine. So get busy and get your verses down on paper.

I Know if You--- Believe---WE CAN DO IT!!!

Gerri Dahlin, Chairman

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# "Buddy" Poppy/VFW National Home for Children

2018-2019 YEAR QUARTERLY REPORT

Submit to Department Chairman

Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_

"Buddy" Poppy

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Buddy Poppy through a distribution?

Education and /or publicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Within the Post/Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

In the community (community outreach): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of "Buddy" Poppy drives that were hosted:

With the Post \_\_\_\_\_

Without the Post \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is your Auxiliary participating in a Department "Buddy" Poppy?

Display Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your Auxiliary use the "Buddy" Poppy Chairman's Manual: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did your Auxiliary enter the Department Buddy Poppy Poem? \_\_\_\_\_

How many entries? \_\_\_\_\_

VFW National Home for Children

6. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home for Children through  
education and/or publicity: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did your Auxiliary make donations to the VFW National Home?  
(NOT including Health & Happiness donation): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home's Military & Veteran  
Family Helpline: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Department Recruiter Trainer – August 2018**

***National 2018-2019 theme: “Believe...We can Do It!”***

***Department 2018-2019 theme: “Hats Off to Veterans”***

National President, Sandi Kriebel, wants all levels of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to focus this year on stabilizing our organizational foundation. Our foundation is our membership. It is who we are, but we need to work on repairing our crumbling foundation.

This can be done by sharing and using the knowledge, technology, tool and resources along with training and traditions made available to all members by National Headquarters via the national website. We must change our mindset from “let the newbies figure it out for themselves” to “let’s help them by providing guidance and training.”

Each and every VFW Auxiliary member needs to go back to the basics of our organization. There are tons of resources available for all levels of this organization.

I challenge all Past Department Presidents, Past District Presidents and Past Auxiliary Presidents to commit to mentoring other Auxiliary members. A great NEW resource “Building on the VFW Auxiliary Foundation” is available this year on the website. Simply sign onto the site – [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) – and click on Resources tab to find this guidebook. There are five (5) sections with basic information for elected officers, program chairmen and members.

I highly recommend that each Auxiliary provide the applicable sections for their officers and program chairmen. Yes, it is a large document, but well worth printing a copy to have the information available to members. This will definitely help provide a stronger foundation for our local, district and department leaders.

Let’s focus on the VFW Auxiliary foundation to help ensure we take our “Hats Off to Veterans” for Department President, May Kirkvold.

Nancy Worth (605) 490-1220  
South Dakota Recruiter Trainer

Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota

National President's Theme: **Believe – We Can Do It**  
Department President's Theme: **Hats Off to Veteran**  
**Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference**

**GENERAL ORDERS #2 August, 2018**  
**Veterans & FAMILY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN: Patti Mitchell**

**A chain is only as strong as its' weakest link. That is why it takes each one of us to make our VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT Program OUTSTANDING!**

These VFW programs are the driving force behind our organization's active-duty military and family support efforts. It is within this program you will find information regarding:

- Unmet Needs – Financial Assistance Program
- Military Assistance Program (MAP)
- Operation Uplink
- Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship

**Unmet Needs** – The Unmet Needs Program is here to help America's military families who have encountered unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. This program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant – not a loan – so no repayment is required. Eligibility requirements, an application form and answers to frequently asked questions can be found at the following link: <https://www.vfw.org/unmetneeds/>

**Military Assistance Program (MAP)** – The **Military Assistance Program (MAP)** is the outstretched hand between the local VFW and military community. A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program, providing VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries the opportunity to adopt hundreds of military units around the world. The goal of Adopt-a-Unit is to develop supportive relationships with units prior to, during and after deployments. MAP resources such as answers to frequently asked questions, an application fill able form, and MAP grant guidelines can be found on the following link: <https://www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/>

**Operation Uplink** – The VFW **Operation Uplink** Program – a program for deployed service members that provides free phone time to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans. This program is the only one of its kind, providing at least three designated days each month when deployed service members can make FREE phone calls home to the U.S. from their Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) Center or military DSN line. If you have questions or would like to request phone time for your loved one, contact Operation Uplink via email at [uplink@vfw.org](mailto:uplink@vfw.org).

**Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship** – The **Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship** is administered by the VFW and provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. Eligibility requirements and an application form can be found on the following link: <https://www.vfw.org/Scholarship/>

Donations are always appreciated for the Veterans and Military Support Programs by mailing funds to the VFW earmarked for Veterans and Military Support. Donations may be made online at <https://www.vfw.org/ways-to-help> or mail a check earmarked Veterans & Military Support to:

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[Ways to Help - VFW](https://www.vfw.org)  
[www.vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org)

Help America's veterans by donating to the VFW. Your gift to the VFW helps veterans in need.

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VFW National Headquarters  
Attn: Veterans and Military Support  
[406 W. 34th Street, 9th Floor](#)  
Kansas City, MO 64111

**Don't forget to send your Veteran and Family Support report in to Dale Jensen BY THE 10th of every MONTH. Dale Jensen Veterans of Foreign War.** Dales email is [dalemarilyn@sio.midco.net](mailto:dalemarilyn@sio.midco.net) Dales Cell Number is 605-940-1593. Call him if you have any questions on your report PLEASE.

**Also send me a copy of your report so I have a copy also.**

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2018-2019

SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS AND OUR SOLDIERS

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VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL THEME: **Believe -We Can Do It**  
SD Department Theme: **Hats Off to Veterans**  
**Attitude is a little thing that makes a Big Difference**

General Orders Bulletin #2

August 2018

August is here and I don't know where the summer has gone. The children are getting ready and the stores are full of all the usual school supplies for the upcoming school year. Now is a great time to visit your local schools and offer your assistance. Many teachers could use an extra hand with a project and you just might be the trigger to get a patriotic project going.

Again, the National Program Goals for this year are as follows:

**Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups**  
**Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations**  
**Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)**  
**Creating a Contest for Students in Grades K-5**

This month I am going to highlight:

**Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups**

Under the Auxiliary Youth activities Program, an Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage youth in any one of our programs, including activities to honor our Veterans or assist our active-duty military and their families. Take advantage of the service aspects some youth groups require because various types of community service or activities are needed to earn merits in their units and they may be looking for just such an opportunity as you can provide. Don't forget the older students either, college-bound seniors earn merits in their units. College-bound seniors earn school credit for some of these same activities.

Here are some ideas of ways to get not only the youth, but the entire community involved in projects; • Host community volunteer days to: • Cleanup your local Post, community park or playground • Assist with home repairs for shut-in veterans or deployed service members • Visit hospitals or nursing homes to play games or read to patients; help them write letters or cards to loved ones and record the veteran's story for historical value. • Invite a local choir to perform at special events • Have students make and write notes to Veterans' Hospitals

Examples of Youth groups for VFW Auxiliary Sponsorship:

Youth sports teams  Church youth groups  After-school programs  Youth-focused organizations  School clubs  Home-school associations  Youth community service groups  Nonprofit organization youth advisory councils  Service learning and civic engagement departments in high schools and colleges

Remember that there are citations available from National Headquarters to present to youth groups in recognition of their efforts and service projects that honor our veterans or assistance to active-duty military and their families and that involving youth in service to Veterans in conjunction with our Auxiliary can bring new membership to your Auxiliary. When youth and the whole family are included, members feel more invested in your Auxiliary.

Getting our young people involved in community events and projects will go a long way in helping to build respect for the environment and the country.

**Youth Activities National Night Out was August 1, 2018** – what did your Auxiliary do to interact with students and their families to promote working with our great Veterans' organization?

Remember: Ask the youth of your communities to get involved, they and we will all benefit.

Thank you for everything you do to assist Veterans by utilizing our youth.

Loyally,

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2018-2019 Youth Activities Chairman

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