

General Orders

APRIL 2022



MEMBERSHIP

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Calling all State, District, and Post Officers to help increase membership this month. Time is running short to achieve 100% for the State!

NATIONAL VOD/PP

FACEBOOK LIVE

The National announcement for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen will go live on Facebook April 7, 2022, at 7 pm CST. Log in to Facebook on the National page and watch the winners!

AUDIT REPORTS

AUDIT REPORTS NEEDED

Please get your Audit Reports turned in immediately. These are used for All-State Judging and have to be accounted for by the IRS.



POST ELECTIONS

Attention is called to Section 217 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office:

Post Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed as prescribed in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure.

Election Report Reminder

We want you to remember that on the 1st of June if the Commander-In-Chief has not received your Post/District Election Report, your Post/District will be suspended. At that time, the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter to establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business will then need to be overseen by the established committee.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 217, PAGE 72, MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

The Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that of Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting.

An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or case may be installed at any regular special meeting prior to the Department Convention. In not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant.

**Roster
Changes:
Please contact
the Department
Headquarters of
any changes to
their Posts.**

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JUNE 9 -12, 2022 IN MITCHELL, SD

Attached at the back of the General Orders are Registration, Lodging, and information about the State Convention 2022.

All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office, and any others who would like to submit a Convention Ad to the Booklet, please find the information in the back of the General Orders. Have these submitted no later than May 20th, 2022. You can also find this information on the Department website.

www.vfwsd.org

HELP WANTED! The Commander / President Raffle for the 2021-2022 project, "Don't Tread on Me" needs you to help sell tickets! After sold, please send them to the Department Office in care of Anna Waltner. If you need more tickets, please call 605-332-7441 and we can send you more.

MEMORIAL DAY

The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223 - Commemorative Dates: Each Post shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day, see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased members and, if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services in the cemeteries in its locality.

Peace Officer Day is to be observed on Sunday May 15th, 2022.

District Meetings: Spring - Apr 2022

- District #1 - Yankton - April 24 at 2 p.m. - Barb M., Commander
- District #4 - Watertown - April 3 at 2 p.m. - Anna Waltner, ADJ/QM
- District #6 - Gettysburg - April 3 at 1 p.m. - Glynis C., Surgeon
- District #7 - Burke - April 10 at 2 p.m. - Tom H., SVC
- District #10 - Sturgis - May 1 at 1 p.m. - Dave B., JVC

Delegates at State Convention: Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to ONE Delegate and ONE Alternate for EACH THIRTY (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the Election. Review your meeting Date to make sure it is AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR to June 9, 2022.

OFFICIAL:

Anna Waltner

Anna Waltner, Quartermaster / Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

BY ORDER OF:

Barbara McKean

Barbara McKean, State Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Barbara McKean, Commander
State Commander
April 2022 General Orders

The VFW and Community Service. Here is your chance to get out into your local community and make a difference. Advertise on Social Media, Facebook, Twitter, in the newspaper. Put up flyers around town, invite schools & local businesses to get involved. **NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR VFW PRESENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** The VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The inaugural VFW Day of Service kicks off the first Saturday in May (May 7), marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

“We are calling on all VFW Posts and members across America and around the world to join in the VFW Day of Service by planning an activity for May 7, or at another point during the month, to show that we never stop serving” said Mihelcic.

The VFW urges its members and all veterans to visit VFWDayofService.org to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal, or find a local event to join and see what other veterans around the country are doing to make a difference.

Are you making the change you want to see in your Post? Why would your Post not be completing the required reports or donating to the Veterans Programs as laid out in the SD Membership book? When is the last time you tried to have in-person Post meetings? Are you advertising your meetings and Veteran events on social media or in your local paper?

How is your Post & District doing on selling the Commander/President Project Raffle Tickets? Need any tickets, call Anna Waltner at the Dept office at 605-332-7441 and she'll mail them to you. I'm asking that you please sell the tickets you have in your possession. Ticket stubs and money should be mailed to the Dept office. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Membership! Is your Post at 100 +1% yet? If not, what can we do to help? Call Dave Baumiller, Dept JVC at 605-593-3389! He can help you with all your membership needs.

As of Mar 22, 2022 - New SD Membership Incentives –

- 1. 1st Post to add 10 or more members from today will receive \$150 (you will need to notify me when complete)**
- 2. 2nd Post to add 10 or more members from today will receive \$100 (you will need to notify me when complete)**
- 3. The next Post to achieve 100% or higher will receive \$100 (based on stats below) (Notify me when done)**
- 4. The 2nd next Post to achieve 100% or higher will receive \$50 (based on stats below) (Notify me when done)**
- 5. 1st District to achieve 100% or higher will receive \$100**

Upcoming events:

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- District #6 – Gettysburg – April 3 at 1 p.m. - Glynis C., Surgeon
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May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day Observance at the Black Hills National Cemetery – Rapid City
National Representative is SVC, Tim Borland

Jun 9-12, 2022 - Department Convention – Davison 4-H Grounds Mitchell

Registration forms located at vfwsd.org under Resources, then State Convention Book of Reports

July 16-21, 2022 - 2022 National Convention in Kansas City, MO. South Dakota's Convention Committee appointments are below:

**VFW Convention Committees Department Listing
03/22/2022**

South Dakota

General Resolutions	Keith R Blume, PO Box 215, Custer, SD 57730-0215	3442
Finance and Internal Organization	Martin J Christensen, 25044 413th Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301-8114	2750
Veterans Service Resolutions	Glynis J Collier, 1912 Riggs Dr, Pierre, SD 57501-2880	2038
National Security and Foreign Affairs	Darold D Couch, 1141 Sherman St, Custer, SD 57730-2416	3442
National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual	Donald A Dahlin, 46788 SD Hwy 46, Beresford, SD 57004-1504	2975
Finance and Internal Organization	Russel L Dramstad, 133 3rd St SE, Huron, SD 57350-2016	1776
National Veterans & Military Support Committee	Jackie D Frisby-Griffin, 418 NE 5th St, Madison, SD 57042-2301	2638
General Resolutions	Hugh W Holmes, 700 S Montana St, Mitchell, SD 57301-3953	2750
National Security and Foreign Affairs	Daniel J Klimisch, 29948 437th Ave, Utica, SD 57067-5539	791
Veterans Service Resolutions	Cody L Mangold, 321 W 3rd St Ste 207, Yankton, SD 57078-4396	791
Veterans Service Resolutions	Charles D McKean Jr, 504 S Wallace St, Parkston, SD 57366-2293	3298
General Resolutions	Jonathan S McKean, 233 E Witchwood Ln, Lake Bluff, IL 60044-2766	3298
National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual	Michael N Mullen, PO Box 47, Piedmont, SD 57769-0047	2730
Veterans Service Resolutions	Jerry M Seiner, 39396 288th St, Armour, SD 57313-6708	7319
National Security and Foreign Affairs	Dale A Stibral, 43533 Sd Highway 50, Yankton, SD 57078-6343	791
General Resolutions	Jackie J Voigt, 712 W Dartmouth St, Vermillion, SD 57069-1926	3061

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If there is anything I can do to assist, please give me a call. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara K. McKean

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Barbara.mckean@ujs.state.sd.us

605-630-0771

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER APRIL GENERAL ORDERS

A correction to the statement made in the SVC input concerning “Amnesty” contained in the March General Orders. I was in error when stating that Amnesty would be granted only to those members removed by the National scrub. According to guidance received from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland all members deceased from July 1, 2021, thru the end of the VFW membership year will be granted Amnesty. It is important that each Post thoroughly review your Membership Roster and remove any deceased members immediately. Sorry about the misinformation.

As previously stated, District, Department and National Conventions are scheduled over the next three months, so Post Commanders please get your Delegates registered. Again, attendance at these events is important as vital information will be discussed. If you are interested in pursuing a leadership position at the Department level contact Commander McKean for additional information.

The Commander has informed me that the Positions of National Legislative Committee Member and National Veterans & Military Support Member are due for appointment. These are three (3) year appointments that will be made effective next VFW year. Information concerning these Positions can be found on the National website. If interested, please contact Commander McKean.

Loyalty Day observation is normally May 1st, so be sure to submit your reports as-soon-as your activities are completed.

Memorial Day Reports submitted remain at 73+% and Veterans Day Reports submitted at 66+%. If your Post has not submitted your Report do so soon.

If you are interested in purchasing a 2022-2023 Commanders shirt, see the following page.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at the email or phone number (leave a message if no answer) listed below.

Tom Hafner
Sr. Vice Commander
Perseverance & Integrity
tbmhafner@santel.net // 605-661-2750

Tom Hafner is taking orders for Command Shirts for 2022-2023 year. The orders MUST be received by April 1st, so they will be here by Commander McKean's Convention in Mitchell in June. Please email me your name and the size you would like. The cost will be approximately \$30 (I will know the exact cost once the order is placed). I will collect payment when the shirts arrive and are delivered.

Sizes: Male - Small, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL & 4XL (No Talls)
Female – Small, Large, XL, 2XL & 3XL (No Talls)

Shirt Description:

- Color-Maroon & White
- 100% polyester wicking smooth knit with color secure technology that prevent dye migration
- Wicks moisture
- Odor resistant
- Tear away label
- Self-fabric collar with collar stay that helps maintain collar shape wash after wash
- Box-stitched placket
- Three button placket
- Set-in sleeves

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Female Shirt for 2022-2023



Male Shirt for 2022-2023



General Orders

Membership

We are currently at 93.13%--not a number we should be celebrating in my opinion. South Dakota used to be steady at nearly 20,000 members, now we're struggling to reach 7500 (last year we were at 7863, this year we're at only 7323.

Currently our State Commander is offering a financial incentive (\$100) to the first post bringing in 10 or more new members, effective March 22, 2022 until the State Convention this year. Start pushing hard, don't hold those new members until July, add them for 2 years *now*.

Amnesty for deceased members is not an excuse to stop holding membership drives and campaign

There are still too many Posts failing to submit timely reports. Threatening rhetoric is not helpful--let's work together to identify struggling Posts and get them the assistance they need to get compliant. The push is to make all of these reports computerized but we know not everyone is computer-comfortable. I'm available to come to any Post and teach you what I've learned, or I can make arrangements for someone else to come assist.

As always, it's an honor to serve,
Dave Baumiller, JVC

Riders

Don't forget June 28 through July 4 we need all VFW Riders in Parkston to escort the Vietnam Wall presentation. We'll be calling you as the date gets closer.

We have two new members, including one from Arizona who has joined the SD Riders.

Greetings,

Spring is here and so are changes with the VA. Currently the VA is looking at possibly adding 9 respiratory related cancers as a Presumptive for Service in the Gulf War, and also the Post 9/11 conflicts. The honoring our PACT has passed the House, and the Senate has a similar bill, but 1 that only has a third of the House Bill for Toxic Exposure. The way I was explained on why the Senate Bill is only a Third of the original is because honestly the price tag was so high on it that the thought was it would get voted down. This last month also e-mails came out that some service connected conditions may change how they are rated. Key part to this is that if you currently have a rating on one that may change you are grandfathered in a sense. A couple key ones are Sleep Apnea which would call for a reduction in the rating percentage, and tinnitus is recommended to be tied to other conditions that may cause it. I need to give caution that if you file claims after the changes they "shouldn't" mess with these ratings unless you bring it up, but I will never say that they won't. Neat little thing while doing some research is that there are some studies that have found exposure to JP8 or Jet fuel may cause hearing loss, tinnitus, memory issues, sleep issues (not much documentation on this just referenced), and irritability. Problem is the same contributing chemicals in JP8 that can cause this are the same top chemicals you breathe in from smoking.

Some key things when filling a claim is to show when/how the condition started in service, and how it continued after service. The Nexus which is the documentation showing that it has continued to be an issue and be treated is your key. Without an identifier of it being caused in service or aggravated by service and the nexus it is a steep mountain to climb with no tools. One thing to remember with claims is don't give up, but just keep the faith. If you know it is true we can get through it (it just might take some time). Also I know there is frustration with the timeframe for the claims. They say a normal claim takes 180 days, well nothing is normal. If it is an Agent Orange claim add some more time to it because now they have only a limited number of Offices filing the claims. Things were starting to work smoothly and in August the decision was made to only have certain regional offices do all Agent Orange and Blue Water Navy claims. You know how it is if its working we need to change it.

I'm sure you all have seen the proposed changes with the VA here in South Dakota with both Healthcare Systems. All I can do is urge you to let your opinion be known by our legislators. Remember we voted for them and technically (and they forget this) they work for us and are supposed to represent our wishes on the National Level. So if you agree or disagree with the changes please tell them. If you don't know who they are the Senators are John Thune, and Mike Rounds. Our lone Congressman is Dusty Johnson. Please share your thoughts with them, and I know it's frustrating believe I do. I find it so darn annoying that we as Veterans have to constantly fight for our healthcare needs, but if the general public had to do this it would be complete chaos.

Your Department Service Officer,

Cody Mangold



Department of South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary

Convention Registration
June 9-12, 2022

Please use one form for each individual registration

Registration will be \$110 per member prior to May 9, 2022, and \$130 after
Individual banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for \$30.

Name Badges will be required for Buffets, Hospitality Nights, and Banquet. Events will be held at the 4-H
Fairgrounds at 3200 West Havens Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota
Hospitality Night will be held at the Mitchell Post #2750 at 215 N Main St.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: Post #: _____ Auxiliary #: _____ Post Location: _____

****Auxiliary Officers and Chairmens Luncheon add \$15.00 to Registration fee

****Gold Star Family Luncheon add \$20.00 to Registration fee

Check here for: Gold Star Mother: _____ Gold Star Family Member: _____
Past Department President: _____ 45+ year Member: _____ Years: _____

VFW Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon attendees

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make checks payable to:

Department of South Dakota VFW
5009 W 12th St., Ste 6A
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

****No refunds given after June 8, 2022****

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, Total Paid. Rows include Convention Registration (\$110), Auxiliary Officers and Chairmens Luncheon (\$15), Gold Star Family (\$20), Non-Member Banquet (\$30), and Grand Total to be sent to Department.



Lodging for Convention

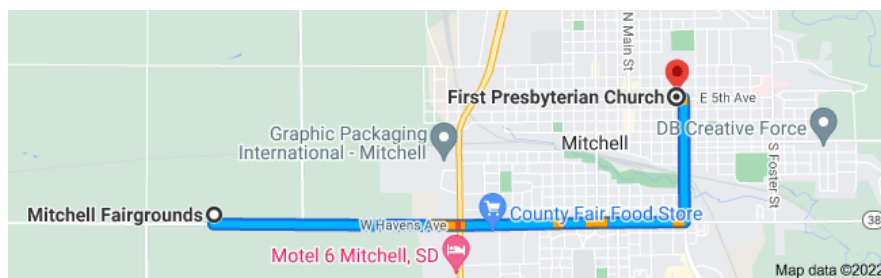
June 9-12, 2022

- Kelly Inn & Suites (Headquarters) - \$139/night
1010 Cabela Dr. Mitchell, SD 57301 605-995-0500
- Comfort Inn & Suites - \$149/night
2020 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD 57301 605-990-2400
- AmericInn - \$125/night
1421 South Burr St, Mitchell, SD 57301 605-996-9777
- Super 8 Motel - \$79/night
1700 South Burr St, Mitchell, SD 5301 605-996-9678

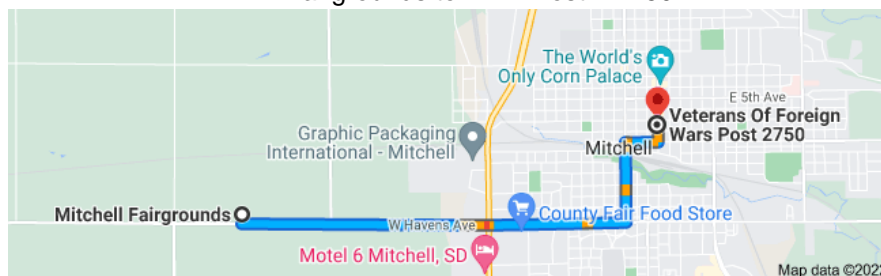
Kelly Inn & suites to 4-H Fairgrounds



4-H Fairgrounds to First Presbyterian Church 500 E 5th St



4-H Fairgrounds to VFW Post # 2750





Department of South Dakota VFW Agenda
Thursday June 9th thru Sunday June 12th, 2022
Davison County Fairgrounds Complex, Mitchell, South Dakota
At 3200 West Havens Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota

Thursday June 9, 2022

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (located at 4-H Grounds)
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Post / District Officer (Commander / QM) Meeting and Training (for everyone)
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	District Commanders (Old/New) Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Council of Administration Meeting (Last)
2:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Committee Meetings (Audit, Budget, Legislative, Membership, Memorial Park, Resolutions & Bylaws, Service & Rehab, Veterans Council, and VFW Riders – each Committee Chair meet with Council ahead of time and present to all)
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner in Community (on your own)
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations
9:00 pm -	Hospitality Room at Kelly Inn (room xx)

Friday June 10, 2022

7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Past Department Chief of Staff Breakfast (catered/included in Registration)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (located at 4-H Grounds)
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Opening VFW Business Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church (500 E 5 th St)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Past Department Commanders Luncheon (catered/included in Registration)
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Joint Opening Session (Awards/Guests)
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner and Hospitality Night (catered by VFW, paid for by Candidates at VFW) Post 2750 at 215 N Main St (Transportation available for anyone drinking)

Saturday June 11, 2022

8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (located at 4-H Grounds)
8:00 am – 11:30 am	VFW Business Meeting
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	VFW Business Meeting continued
2:30 pm – 4:00pm	Joint Installation of Officers followed by COA Photos
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Close Convention – Tear down/set-up for Banquet
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Dress for Banquet (Formal/Elegant Theme)
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Banquet (Formal/Elegant Theme)
9:00 pm -	Hospitality Room at Kelly Inn (room xx)

Sunday June 12, 2022

9:00 am – 10:30 am	Council of Administration Meeting (New)
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Mandatory District Commanders Meeting

All Functions will be held at the 4-H Fairgrounds unless otherwise designated



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**Department of South Dakota Auxiliary Agenda
Thursday June 9th thru June 12th, 2022
Davison County Fairgrounds Complex, Mitchell, South Dakota
At 3200 West Havens Ave., Mitchell, South Dakota**

Thursday June 9, 2022

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (Located at the 4-H Fairgrounds)
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Council of Administration (Last)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Officers and Chairman's Luncheon (at VFW Post 2750, 215 N Main St)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Officer March Practice, Ritual Practice
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Flag and Banner Practice
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Opening Auxiliary Business Meeting
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Past Department President's Dinner
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Award Presenters Meeting
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations

Friday June 10, 2022

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast (Continental at Fairgrounds)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration at the 4-H Fairgrounds
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Auxiliary Business Meeting
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service at the First Presbyterian Church (500 E 5 th St)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Gold Star Family Recognition Luncheon (at VFW Post 2750, 215 N Main St)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Joint Opening Session
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner and Hospitality Night (catered by VFW, paid for by Candidates at VFW Post 2750 at 215 N Main St) *Shuttle will be available from hotel to VFW and back for those drinking

Saturday June 11, 2022

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast (Continental at Fairgrounds)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration at the 4-H Fairgrounds
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Coffee Break
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (catered/included in Registration)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Joint Installation of Officers followed by COA photos
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Ceremonies
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Dress for Banquet (Formal/Elegant Theme)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Social Hour (cash bar)
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Banquet (Formal/Elegant Theme)
9:00 pm -	Hospitality Room at Kelly Inn (room xx)

Sunday June 12, 2022

7:00 am – 8:30 pm	Breakfast (catered/included in Registration)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Council of Administration Meeting (new)

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South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary

92nd Annual Convention

June 9-12, 2022 Mitchell, SD

Barbara McKean, SD VFW State Commander 2021-2022
State Auxiliary President, Wanda Mix



4-H Fairgrounds
3200 West Havens Ave.
Mitchell, SD 57301

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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605-933-2220
mchristensen@santel.net

Anna Waltner
605-332-7441
anna@vfwdeptsd.com

All payments sent to:
Department of South Dakota VFW
5009 W 12th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

\$100.00
Booth is an 8' rectangle table

Booth space is first come, first serve. Limited space available

All ads need to be submitted no later than May 20th, 2022 by 4:00 pm CST.

Black and White

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

Full Color

Full Page	\$ 200.00
Half Page	\$ 125.00
Quarter Page	\$ 80.00
Business Card	\$ 45.00

All ads must be submitted electronically (jpeg) to
anna@vfwdeptsd.com