

General Orders

MAY 2022



MEMBERSHIP

ALL HANDS ON DECK

All, we need your help pushing the Department to 100% Membership! Call or email Anna, State QM/ADJ, for a list of Unpaid Members within a certain mile range near your Post!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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Please send your Post financial donations to the Department office. The goal was to send \$2,000.00 to the Special Olympics in South Dakota, currently sitting at \$1,885.00 total. So close!!!

AUDIT REPORTS

NEEDED

Audit Reports are not only required by National and Department Bylaws, but also an IRS requirement. Please get your Audits turned into the Department office as soon as possible.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

According to Section 217, page 73 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 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."

Unpaid Bills & Expense Vouchers

Department Quartermaster reminds all members with unpaid bills and/or expense vouchers incurred during this administration are hereby requested to submit to the Department office NLT June 15, 2022 for end of fiscal year processing.

You can find the expense vouchers on the Department website at <https://vfwsd.org> >templates and forms > Department of SD VFW Expense Voucher Form



POST / DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS

FOR COMMAND YEAR 2022-2023

National Headquarters sent an Election Report letter to all Post / District Commanders. You can send that letter in, but it is much more highly encouraged to utilize the online OMS system to send in your Election Reports. If you have problems or need help, contact Anna, QM/ADJ at the Department office, and she can help. 605-332-7441

Please have your Election Report turned in by June 1, 2022, or National will put your Post on the Suspension List immediately. Each position must be filled. Members cannot hold more than one elected position.

All-State Judging will take place on May 5, 2022. All reports need to be in the Department office by COB May 3, 2022. If you have questions, please call Anna at 605-332-7441 or email anna@vfwdeptsd.com.

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES FOR STATE CONVENTION

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

According to National Bylaws Section 222, Page 78, Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of March 31st.

Delegates and alternates of each Post shall serve as delegates throughout the year provided they remain members in good standing in the respective Post within the District.

In the back of these General Orders, there will be a Delegate and Alternate form(s) for you to register your Post for the State Convention. If you have any questions, contact Anna at the Department office 605-332-7441 or anna@vfwdeptsd.com

National Convention Delegates: Reference National Bylaws Section 222, Page 17, each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of \$25 which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention Information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee.

PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY: The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on Sunday May 15, 2022. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

VFW Buddy Poppy

Distribution will be conducted under the authority of Section 711, Page 99 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure and according to the rules of the National Buddy Poppy Committee. Posts are reminded to complete their arrangements for this year's Poppy distribution.

STATE CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED JUNE 9-12, 2022, IN MITCHELL, SD AT THE 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Please see attached flyer for the State Convention or go to the Department website www.vfwsd.org > resources > State Convention for more information

All Posts that have not done so, please contribute \$.65 cents per member of your Post as of June 30, 2021, for the Service and Rehabilitation Fund, Memorial Park Fund, and Hospital Fund. These are in-state obligation programs the Department funds annually.

National Bylaws Section 213, Page 15, any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of QM properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council, District, Department and National Conventions.

THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY

DECLARED CANDIDATES FOR 2022-2023
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
ELECTED OFFICES

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Commander	Thomas Hafner, Post 3298 Parkston
Senior Vice Commander	David Baumiller, Post 5807 Newell
Junior Vice Commander	Glynis Collier, Post 2038 Pierre
Quartermaster	Anna Waltner, Post 628 Sioux Falls
Chaplain	Russel Dramstad, Post 1776 Huron
Judge Advocate	Sean Johnson, Post 17 Aberdeen
Surgeon	Robert Harrington, Post 6897 Armour
Surgeon	Joseph Knoer, Post 3061 Vermillion

Declarations and/or Nominations for ALL Department Elected Officer positions will remain OPEN until the Election.

If you are interested in any of the above listed Officer Positions, contact Department Commander Barbara McKean or Adjutant Anna Waltner at Department Headquarters or make your wishes known at the Department Convention.

Following are Proposed Amendments to the Department of South Dakota Bylaws submitted to the Department Resolutions & Bylaws Committee.

For reference and comparison, the current Department of South Dakota Bylaws are on the Department website (www.vfwsd.org) , under the Resources, Bylaws and Dept. of SD tabs.

This posting will serve as notification to the VFW Posts of South Dakota in accordance with Article 18 (Amendments) of the Department of South Dakota Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS**ARTICLE 9 – COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

SECTION 2 – Department Districts/Posts amend to read:

District #4 – Delete Post #10632 Dell Rapids

ARTICLE 10 – STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

SECTION 12 – Baseball amended to read:

The State Commander shall appoint a Baseball Advisory Committee that consists of the State Commander, State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, State Baseball Chairman, Director of Baseball Operations, Assistant Director of Baseball Operations (when filled) and Representatives from Class AA (when participating the previous season), Class A, Class B and one (1) At-Large Class Representative totaling nine to ten (9 - 10) members. Quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be Five (5) Baseball Advisory Committee members. The SD VFW Baseball Advisory Executive Committee shall consist of State Baseball Chairman, Director of Baseball Operations, Assistant Director of Baseball Operations (when filled), State Quartermaster. Each Post or Community that registered a team will receive a delegate vote at the Annual Meeting for each team they registered the previous season. Only Baseball Advisory Committee members or Team Coaches are authorized to vote. Select Baseball Rules will be determined at the Annual Meeting and posted to the SD VFW Baseball website. There will be a State Tournament for each active Class in each Division.

ARTICLE 15 - DISTRICTS

SECTION 1 – District Commander’s Duties amended to read:

Delete “a Vice Commander” in line 3.

ARTICLE 16 – MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1 – General Orders, Special Orders, Memoranda, Bulletins amended to read:

All General Orders, Special Orders, Memoranda or Bulletins shall be emailed to all COA members and Past State Commanders and posted to the Department Website (www.vfwsd.org) for all other members of the Department.

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
Greetings from Your State Commander
May 2022 General Orders

Wow, it is May already! That means we are coming to the close of the 2021-2022 VFW Command year. What a ride this year has been. I've been able to get out and visit many Posts and Canteens, attend meetings and military social events, and serve as the State Representative for the VFW at several official functions. The greatest part of this past year for me was getting to see and talk to so many of you!

It has truly been my pleasure to serve this past year in the compacity as your State Commander. But what exactly is the role of a State Commander. Well, first and foremost, that person needs to be a positive, professional individual that represents the VFW in the eye of the public! They need to be articulate and well-versed on military issues and concerns affecting veterans. They need to know what is expected of your Post and District and what it takes to get the job done. They need to be transparent, accessible, available, and present. They must be a forward thinker, always looking for ways to improve this organization! They need to keep you informed! They must be a TEAM player and be willing and able to make tough decisions that are best for the entire organization, not just a few. Your State Commander is your Comrade, a fellow Veteran, a member of the VFW, same as you, no better, no worse. Your State Commander is only as successful as their team of players that surround them and that is you, my friends! If you aren't successful, then we as a Department are not doing our jobs.

My greatest hope is that I have been that person for you! I hope you were given the tools and resources available to get the job done and to be successful. I hope my team and I provided you with timely and accurate information to do the required items needed to have a successful Post and District. My goal was to continue to help you move your Posts forward, to be a productive, positive, enjoyable Post that will be sustainable in the future.

I'm not going to lie, it has been a busy, tough year. The Department HQs staff took a major hit when Darwin Tolzin retired and then recently Crystal resigned. Luckily, we were able to find a replacement for Darwin before his final departure. Anna Waltner has been a great addition to our team and has been learning the job quickly and brought with her a wealth of knowledge in office practices, accounting, and computers. The rest she is learning "as she goes", but rest assured she is asking questions, kicking butts, and taking names! At this time there are no plans to replace Crystal's position as it was going to be eliminated at the end of 2022. Anna will solicit volunteers from the Auxiliary and fellow veterans as needed.

We've had a few Posts that have proven they are in it for the long haul and were willing to make the changes necessary to be successful both in the Post and as a Canteen! We had one Post who handed in their charter when their membership fell below the required numbers and there are 3 others that will very likely be handing in their charters in 2023. We've had 3 memberships revoked, 2 national complaints/appeals. We hosted the Big Ten Convention in Rapid City (only done once every 10 years), which went off without a hitch thanks to Mike, Nancy & Anna and we conquered the Sturgis Bike Rally yet again in 2022!

Change is inevitable, either we change and adapt, or we will be forgotten and left behind! We are not going back to doing things the "old" way. Mentor your replacements now! Find VFW members who can and are willing to get out into the community, do computer work, utilize social media, receive emails and make updates in the National VFW Dashboard and OMS. It is essential your Post is represented at Department meetings/Conventions and they have access to the Department and

National Website. These meetings are where you get your training and know what is expected. Don't continue to sit back and wait for someone to call you to submit your reports. Utilize a checklist so you know what is due and when every year.

It is imperative for the survival of the VFW that we get out in our Communities! Both in person and through social media. Our greatest strength as an organization is our membership! **Be a positive role model. Nobody wants to join a Post with grumpy leadership or dark, dreary, outdated Canteens.** You all know who you are, if that is you, now is the time to hand over the torch and accept change. You very well might be the problem, the reason new members are not joining, or are not stepping into leadership positions. Do some soul searching and recognize that you are not doing your Post or the VFW any good!

What's next?

All State Judging will take place on May 5th. I'm excited to see our results as a Department. Your hard work and your willingness to get "the job done" will be evident in just a few weeks. I am really proud of all your hard work this past year, your ability and willingness to make the changes necessary to keep moving forward (even the few of you who dug your feet in the mud and we drug you along), that's what a team does, we help each other to be successful! Lonny Potts, you were a "Rockstar" this year in reaching out to other Posts and helping them to be successful, thank you!

We will be holding our drawing on the Commander/President Project Raffle during the State Convention in June in Mitchell. **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.** Also, please send in your registration and Ads for the State Convention, Jun 9-12, 2022 at the Davison 4-H Grounds in Mitchell.

During this convention we will be training Commanders, QMs & ADJ on updates in OMS and the Dashboard. We will train and discuss new reporting forms that will replace the existing Hospital and Safety Report and the Community Service Report. We will discuss the roll-out of our new login capability on our Department website, and who can use it and what can be accomplished on that website. **Bring your charged laptops and OMS login/passwords to this convention.**

Membership!

We are getting closer to 100% as a Department! As of May 2nd, we only need 367 members to reach our goal! Team, we can achieve this goal. Please consider putting together a recruiting drive in your local area. Or, get together in your Post or Canteen and hold a calling recruiting event. If you need lists of members unpaid or at large, call Anna!

Upcoming events:

1. **May 30, 2022** - Memorial Day Observance at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Rapid City
2. **Jun 9-12, 2022** - State Convention - Davison 4-H Grounds in Mitchell.
3. **July 16-21, 2022** - 2022 National Convention in Kansas City, MO

If there is anything I can do to assist you, please give me a call. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to visiting with you all at the State Convention in June!

Barbara K. McKean

Barbara McKean
Barbara.mckean@uj.s.state.sd.us

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**MAY GENERAL ORDERS**

All-State Commander and Quartermaster judging is scheduled for the first week in May. Following is a list of Programs and the Posts that I have a Report on file. If you have not submitted a Report do so ASAP.

Memorial Day Reports: (80.8%)

District 1: Sioux Falls, Yankton, Elk Point, Beresford, Vermillion, Canton, Brandon, Alcester

District 4: Brookings, Madison, Sisseton, Milbank, Webster

District 6: Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Mobridge, Redfield, Miller, Eureka, Wessington Springs, Turton, Gettysburg

District 7: Marty, Mitchell, Scotland, Lake Andes, Parkston, Winner, Chamberlain, Plankinton, Tyndall, Armour, Wagner, Burke

District 10: Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Custer, Newell, Spearfish, Deadwood, Quinn

Veterans Day Reports: (78.8%)

District 1: Sioux Falls, Yankton, Elk Point, Beresford, Vermillion, Brandon, Alcester

District 4: Watertown, Brookings, Madison, Sisseton, Milbank

District 6: Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Mobridge, Redfield, Miller, Eureka, Wessington Springs, Turton, Gettysburg

District 7: Marty, Mitchell, Scotland, Lake Andes, Parkston, Winner, Chamberlain, Plankinton, Tyndall, Armour, Wagner, Burke

District 10: Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Custer, Newell, Spearfish, Deadwood, Quinn

Loyalty Day Reports: (21.2%)

District 1: Sioux Falls

District 4: None

District 6: Aberdeen, Gettysburg

District 7: Marty, Mitchell, Lake Andes, Winner, Chamberlain, Tyndall, Armour, Burke

District 10: None

Loyalty Day observation is normally May 1st, so submit your reports as your activities are completed.

Insure you review the Proposed Department Bylaw Amendments that are included in these General Orders as they will be voted on during the Department Convention.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at the email or phone number (leave a message if no answer) listed below. Thank you for your support over the last year and I ask that it continue next year as I am a candidate for your Department Commander

Tom Hafner

Sr. Vice Commander

Perseverance & Integrity

tbmhafner@santel.net // 605-661-2750

General Orders

Membership

We are at 94.98%, the hard work is paying off. But we still need 394 new members to reach 100%.

We really need to work on expired and unpaid members, they are a big part of our membership struggle.

It has been a real challenge this year, and we can't count on amnesty to fix the whole problem. The weather is finally getting nice, if there is an event in your district or post that we can get involved in and set up a membership drive, please let us know.

It's an honor to serve as your Junior Vice Commander,

Dave Baumiller JVC

General Orders from Judge Advocate

Wow time has gone by so fast I hope we all had a good year and I trust that we all worked very hard to make it successful, but also took time to enjoy our friends in the VFW. I have worked frantically to get your reports recorded and then they were put in the Dashboard at the Head Quarters. I see there is still some time please work on getting them in to the State office so we can get them recorded. I have enjoyed Being in the role I have been in this year and hopefully, I will be in same roll next year

Please do two things for me before the end of the year June 30. Get all your deceased that are on your rosters report to National because they are offering a one time amnesty period. I know if your like Aberdeen we lost 40 + people during Covid and now it's time to scrub our roster. And I won't draw you out, but you know who owes me what reports so let's get them in shall we? There will be so many changes in the year ahead. Don't freak out they are all good they will make life easier so with that I will be happy to see you at the State Convention.

Sincerely Sean Johnson

Greetings,

Did you know that your honor guard could receive money for providing rights for funerals? Currently the rate is \$50, but come July 1, 2022, the rate will go up to \$100. I know there are many posts that provide honor guard that do not utilize this opportunity, but you can use this money to help purchase uniforms or other items you see fit. This is money sent to you by the State of South Dakota.

Is your claim taking a long time to be decided? A “normal” claim (which is a horrible term for claims) take roughly 180 days. There are different ways that a claim can be slowed down and I will list some of the more common ways. How the claim is filed, meaning are you going to send in more information after you filed the claim, and are you requesting the VA to request medical documentation from non-VA facilities. When you have the VA request the documentation that can add up to 60 days on the claim, and even than some facilities do not send your records. Some of the factors are is a Blue Water Navy claim because then the VA wants to prove you were on the ship and when, and also pull the ships logs for the Latitude and Longitude to ensure you were within the parameters. The other issue with Blue Water Navy claims is only a few regional offices (I believe 5) actually process these claims at “specialty sites” which slows the claim down. There are a few other claims that also go through “specialty sites” and there is 1 type of claim that there is only 1 Regional office that looks at them. I will commend the Dakota’s Regional Office in Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND for their speed and accuracy on getting claims taken care of, and we are very fortunate to have them for our claims.

Hot update is the VA has issued an interim final rule establishing the following presumptive conditions for Service in Southwest Asia Theater of Operations:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung
- Large Cell carcinoma of the lung
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung
- Typical and atypical carcinode of the lung

I would encourage that if you have any of these conditions to please get your claim established.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me, the State of South Dakota Veteran Service Officers, or your local County Veteran Service Officers.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cody Mangold, DSO

yc-cvso@co.yankton.sd.us

Work: 605-260-4420

Work Cell: 605-464-0187

Comrades, let's talk a bit about the **All American Dashboard**.

Take a look at the last four letters in American, yes it states, "**I can.**"

We need to apply that to the dashboard. The dashboard is here to stay, and it really is an awesome way to input our reporting. At this point in time the only person who may input information to the dashboard is the adjutant, which makes that officer very important.

Planning and developments are currently underway to increase the number of officers that will share responsibility for the dashboard. Department of South Dakota VFW Commander Barbara has told me "Exciting BIG CHANGE is coming soon!" We need to meet that change with an [**I CAN**].

Department of South Dakota VFW currently has 8 Posts who have completed all the requirements on the Dashboard, with one more post pending. That is a little under 20% of our 52 VFW Posts. Looking at the other side of the coin, we only have 5 posts who have not "met" any of the dashboard requirements. That is about 10%, which shows that the other 70% of our posts are working hard and inputting dashboard program items.

South Dakota VFW Department QM Anna is well versed on all aspects of the dashboard and is willing to provide training and support to all of us.

If {I can} be of any assistance in doing the dashboard inputs give me a call.

Aide-de-camp

Lonny Potts

605-769-0385



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

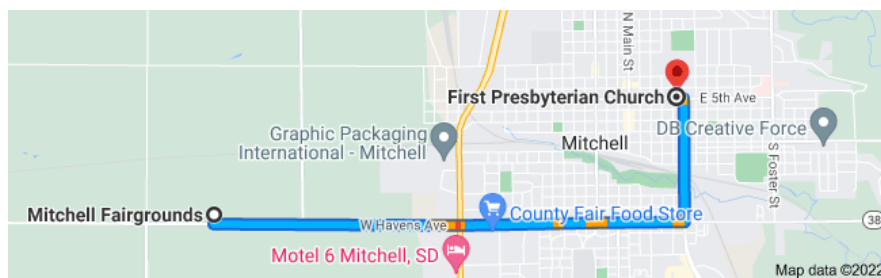
June 9-12, 2022

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

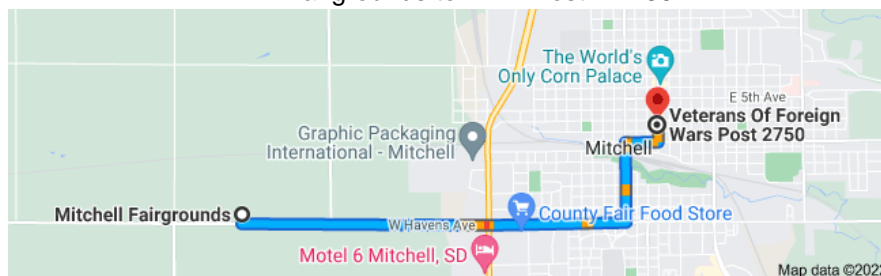
Kelly Inn & suites to 4-H Fairgrounds



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)

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



Department of South Dakota

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To: Post Commanders and Quartermasters

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a Post Credential Registration Sheet (white) to register your Post's **Delegates** and (green) to register your Post's **Alternates** to the 92nd Annual Convention of the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held June 9-12, 2022, at Mitchell, South Dakota. According to **National Bylaws Section 222 (a)** *the Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members of fraction thereof in good standing. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.*

Also enclosed is a Delegate fee form (yellow). According to **Department Bylaws Article 5: Conventions, Section 6** a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is required by the Department for each Delegate. Voting strength of each Post is the member who are in good standing at the time of the election. Each Post shall remit fees for any members from their Post who are qualified to receive a vote according to National Bylaws Section 504 Governing Body; Composition and Section 521 Voting. This would be Post members who are serving as a member of the current Department Council of Administration, current National Council of Administration, serving as a Post Commander within the Department and any Past State Commander. Any Post member possessing more than one qualification for voting at the Department Convention shall have no more than one vote.

The Delegate Credential Sheet and Delegate Fee Form **must** be filled out and sent to State Headquarters by May 24th, 2022. For example, if your Post is allowed 10 Delegates and only two attend the Convention, the two who do attend the State Convention shall be entitled to vote the full Delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.

Please remember to have your Post Delegate Registration Sheet and your Delegate Fee Form and payment sent to the State Office by May 24th, 2022.

Yours in Comradeship,

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**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Delegate Fee Form (Yellow)**

This form is to be completed by a Post officer and must be in the hands of the Department Quartermaster no later than 15 days before the convening of the State Convention (May 24, 2022)

POST #: _____ CITY POST IS LOCATED: _____

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: _____ AS OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

The voting strength of your Post will be according to the **National Bylaws Section: 222 Delegates, District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions**, the Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure. The Delegate Registration Fee shall be forwarded by every Post regardless of the number of Delegates present at the Annual Department Convention and must be in the hands of the Department Quartermaster not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of the Department Convention (June 9-12, 2022). Posts failing to forward the full Delegate Registration Fee shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.

Department Bylaws Article 5: Conventions, Sections 6, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is required by the Department for each voting Delegate. Voting strength of each Post that has registered Delegates at the Convention shall be based on the Post Membership in good standing at the time of the Election. Each Post should also remit any members from their Post who is serving as a member of the current Council of Administration and for any Past State Commander from their Post.

Post Commander _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Membership Total _____ Divided by 30 = _____

Number of Post Delegates _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Current Members of Council of Administration who are members of the Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Total State Officers _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Past State Commanders who are members of your Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Total Past State Commanders _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Remitted \$ _____

*****If you have a member who is a Past State Commander AND a member of the Current Council of Administration, please list the member ONLY once for ONE Delegate fee payment******

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Delegates – Post Credential registration Sheet (White)**

The Comrades listed below are the Delegates for Post # _____ located at _____,
South Dakota for the 92nd Annual Convention of the State of South Dakota. Make sure you have listed a Post member
who may qualify as a voting member of Convention as a member of the Council of Administration or as a Past State
Commander. This will allow them to pass their vote to the Post if they choose to do so.

List of members who will be registered as Delegates at the Convention:

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| 1. _____ | 26. _____ | 51. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 27. _____ | 52. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 28. _____ | 53. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 29. _____ | 54. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 30. _____ | 55. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 31. _____ | 56. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 32. _____ | 57. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 33. _____ | 58. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 34. _____ | 59. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 35. _____ | 60. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 36. _____ | 61. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 37. _____ | 62. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 38. _____ | 63. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 39. _____ | 64. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 40. _____ | 65. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 41. _____ | 66. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 42. _____ | 67. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 43. _____ | 68. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 44. _____ | 69. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 45. _____ | 70. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 46. _____ | 71. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 47. _____ | 72. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 48. _____ | 73. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 49. _____ | 74. _____ |
| 25. _____ | 50. _____ | 75. _____ |

Please send to the Department at 5009 W 12th St., Ste 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 OR email anna@vfwdeptsd.com

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Alternates – Post Credential registration Sheet (Green)**

The Comrades listed below are the Delegates for Post # _____ located at _____,
South Dakota for the 92nd Annual Convention of the State of South Dakota. Make sure you have listed a Post member
who may qualify as a voting member of Convention as a member of the Council of Administration or as a Past State
Commander. This will allow them to pass their vote to the Post if they choose to do so.

List of members who will be registered as Alternates at the Convention:

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 26. _____ | 51. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 27. _____ | 52. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 28. _____ | 53. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 29. _____ | 54. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 30. _____ | 55. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 31. _____ | 56. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 32. _____ | 57. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 33. _____ | 58. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 34. _____ | 59. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 35. _____ | 60. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 36. _____ | 61. _____ |
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| 15. _____ | 40. _____ | 65. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 41. _____ | 66. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 42. _____ | 67. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 43. _____ | 68. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 44. _____ | 69. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 45. _____ | 70. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 46. _____ | 71. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 47. _____ | 72. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 48. _____ | 73. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 49. _____ | 74. _____ |
| 25. _____ | 50. _____ | 75. _____ |

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