

General Orders

JULY 2022



PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

All personal communications to the State Commander can be sent to:

Commander Tom Hafner
301 W Cherry St
Parkston, SD 57045
Email: tbmhafner@santel.net
Cell: 605-661-2750

REQUESTS FOR ATTENDANCE

STATE COMMANDER

All requests for State Commander or a State Officer should be coordinated through the State Adjutant's office.

605-332-7441 or
anna@vfwdeptsd.com

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

All official Communications to the State Headquarters for the Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and all other line officers shall be sent to:

anna@vfwdeptsd.com



ALL PREVIOUS STATE APPOINTMENTS ARE CANCELED

Having been elected and installed as Commander of the State of South Dakota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby Command all previous State appointments are canceled.

General Orders

Post and District Commanders: General Orders will be read at your meetings or printed and passed out. You can also find copies of the General Orders on the Department website: www.vfwsd.org > Resources > General Orders



ELECTED OFFICERS

COMMAND YEAR 2022 - 2023

Elected Officers for the State of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the year 2022-2023, were elected at the 92nd Annual State Convention held in Mitchell, SD June 9-12, 2022. All officers appointed are expected to carry out the duties of their respective offices to the best of their abilities. National and State Bylaws outline the duties of the offices.

Attached to these General Orders is a list of all the Elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

The 2022 Membership kicks off July 1, 2022.

All Posts and Districts are asked to start their kickoff immediately.

Good luck in the year ahead!

DISTRICT AND POST COMMANDERS

COMMAND YEAR 2022-2023

All District and Post Commanders are asked to select a member of officer to be the Chairperson of VOD, Patriot's Pen, Teachers Awards, Buddy Poppy, Veterans & Military Support, Membership, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, and Scouting Citations. Please also appoint a member to be the Post Service Officer and forward the names of these Chairpersons to the State Headquarters office along with an email address and phone number.

All State, District and Post Officers are as well as all VFW Members are asked to wear the official VFW cover to all meetings and functions held in the communities.



NATIONAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS prohibit the use of the Veterans of Foreign Wars name by private business and commercial businesses operating under the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Posts so operating are hereby directed to take corrective measures to eliminate such practice within 30 days.

Please check the www.sdvfwbaseball.com for updates on dates, times, and locations for the 2022 State VFW Baseball Tournaments.

The Fall Council of Administration will be held in Oacoma, SD at the Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center on October 7-9, 2022.

The 93rd Annual State Convention will be held in Mitchell, SD on June 15-18 with Mitchell Post #2750 as the Host Post.

OFFICIAL:

Anna Waltner

QUARTERMASTER / ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VFW

BY ORDER OF:

Tom Hafner

COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VFW

Your 2022 - 2023 State Line Officers



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JULY GENERAL ORDERS

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Commander Barbara McKean on a truly outstanding Command year. The South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars prospered under her leadership and guidance. As an Organization we moved forward in virtually every aspect regarding “Taking Care of Veterans” and accomplishing “What was Good for the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars.” Thank you, Commander Barb for steering us on a new and exciting path. I look forward to and seek your continued guidance. You will be an exceedingly difficult act to follow. Again, congratulations on your outstanding Command year.

Members of the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars thank you for placing your trust in me and electing me as your Commander for 2022-2023. I am honored to take the reins of this great Organization. “Perseverance and Integrity” will our guiding theme this year. As a **TEAM** we will Persevere in our efforts to never give up on the principles of accomplishing what is best for our Veterans and our Organization. We will extend an honest and sincere effort in maintaining the Integrity of our Comrades and this great Organization. Two tall orders, but two orders that we will work tirelessly to accomplish.

If you attended the State Convention your Post and/or District received a folder containing several handouts, including the 2022-2023 Department Program & Membership Guide; if you were not in attendance your District Commander has your Post folder. Please review this Guide as it contains several changes, to include a month-by-month guide of the “**Post and District Expectations/Obligations**” for the upcoming year. A major item of interest is the due date that your Hospital, Service & Rehab, Memorial Park, and District Dues Obligations are to be submitted to the appropriate office. In accordance with Section 213 of the National Bylaws if your Obligations, along with several other listed Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions are not satisfied you “... shall be deprived of all representation in County Council and District meetings; County Council, District, Department and National Conventions ...” Section 213 further states “Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.” Due to the Amnesty Program in place this year, **your Obligations are to be satisfied not-later-than your scheduled Fall District Meeting.**

As a Department we have revised all aspects of our Reporting system. Adjutant/Quartermaster Anna Waltner briefed the body during the Convention concerning online Reporting on the State Dashboard. This information is available in your Post folder. If you lack the assets or have questions regarding the Reporting system, the Department Office stands ready to assist you. For the immediate future we will accept hard copies of Reports if you are unable to complete online data; however, all are expected to attempt to enter your own data into the State Dashboard. This is learning process for all. Please Keep an Open Mind. Insure you incorporate your Auxiliary in all your Programs and Projects as their participation and support are vital to the success of both Organizations.

As always, Membership is a top priority. Recruiting new and reclaiming expired members is essential; however, Retention of current members is just as important if not more so. Mentor and monitor every member in your Post as they are vital to your continued success and existence. Junior Vice Commander Glynis Collier, our State Membership Chairperson, along with the entire State Council of Administration, stand ready to assist you in all your Recruiting and Retention efforts. **Our Membership Goal is for every Post to reach 100% + 1 of their Quota.** This a very attainable goal as the incoming Commander-in-Chief has granted Amnesty for all Deceased members removed from your roster not later than June 30th. Our Membership year begins July 1st. Get your Membership Plans formulated, submitted, and initiated as soon as possible.

I will do my best to attend as many Post meetings as possible. Not to inspect, just to visit, put faces to voices, and assist in any way possible. I am fully confident this will be an exceptional year for the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commander. You will receive my best effort. 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

Commander

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

If there is enough interest, I will order another batch of Command shirts. Please contact me ASAP.

Male



Female



Greetings!

I look forward to serving you as your State Jr. Vice CDR this command year. I have established the departments Membership Plan and have attached it to my GOs here for you all to follow as a guide if you require one.

Your Post and District Membership Plans are due to the State Adjutant Office **NLT October 1, 2022-No Exceptions.**

You can find the department Membership Plan for posts and districts on the Department of SD VFW Website <https://vfwsd.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>. Click on the “Reports and Forms” quick link. Scroll down to “Post and District Membership Plan Form” and click on this link and a fillable report form will appear for your use. Those posts who do not have computer capability can contact me via my email or text. My email and phone number are listed in my signature block below.

Please be aware that I will be contacting the District CDRs to gain your meeting schedules in hopes of having the opportunity to visit those posts who appear to be struggling the most with meeting the new membership goals established each year. I am here to happily assist you with your membership challenges. Please feel free to contact me via email or text message with your questions or requests for assistance.

If you are a post who enjoys a 100 % + goal that you reach each year, please contact me with your ideas for increasing membership and I will add them to my GOs each month.

I am here for you if you need anything or have any questions concerning membership. I am here to serve you. Thank You for Everything You Do for Veterans and their Family Members each day!

Very Respectfully,

Glynis Collier
Jr. Vice CDR
DEPT of SD VFW
dakpatriot@gmail.com
Cell #803-466-7031

Things to be included on your post and district membership plans are as follows:

1. Date Membership Drive started in your post/district.
2. How many new, reinstated or annual members your Post plans on recruiting this year.
3. How many annual members will become life members.
4. What is your target date to get 100% plus.
5. How many members will be working on membership (include their phone numbers).
6. How many recruiting days will you have during the year.
7. Include any other pertinent information.

Membership Plan:

1. The Jr. Vice CDR Membership Drive will begin July 1, 2022 and continue through June 30, 2023.
2. I plan on attending events throughout the year to increase our membership numbers in SD as a whole, and will invite post and district members to join me at the events within their districts, to assist them with increasing their own district and post membership numbers.
3. Life Membership is very important. It is my hope that at least 10% of all Annual Members within SD become Life Members.
4. The State Jr. Vice CDR target date of 100% plus for the entire state is May 15, 2023.
5. Every VFW member should be working on membership. This includes holding membership drives and carrying a VFW Application with you at all times. I keep a pack on me at all times. If each member of SD's VFW signs up one member by May 15, 2023 we should have no problem reaching our 100% plus goal across the state this command year.
6. Every day is a Membership Recruiting Day and Opportunity!

Very Respectfully,

Glynis Collier
Jr. Vice CDR
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Greetings Comrades,

Congratulations to the newly installed Officers, and Thank you to Commander Tom Hafner for the appointment as the Department Service Officer. I do not have much to report since the State Convention in Mitchell. The Honoring our PACT did pass Senate with amendments which means it is back in the House for the vote. I have not received any notice yet on when there will be Town Halls for the VA regarding the AIR Commission Report, so please keep on the lookout for your opportunity to give feedback. Please if you need assistance feel free to contact myself or your local County Veteran Service Officer.

Cody Mangold

Department Service Officer

Work: 605-260-4420

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Greetings Comrades,

I found it quite interesting to check the National, All-American Dashboard in prior years. I like statistics and this is what I found:

Command Year 2019-2020 there were no SD Posts who completed their dashboard requirements.

Command Year 2020-2021 there were the following Posts completing the dashboard.

VFW Post 3061 Vermillion	VFW Post 2966 Scotland
VFW Post 7319 Wagner	VFW Post 5860 Spearfish

Command Year 2021-2022 we have had more requirements added to the dashboard and the following South Dakota VFW Posts completed all those requirements:

VFW Post 791 Yankton	VFW Post 3061 Vermillion
VFW Post 4726 Brandon	VFW Post 2638 Madison
VFW Post 8530 Gettysburg	VFW Post 2750 Mitchell
VFW Post 3298 Parkston	VFW Post 7319 Wagner
VFW Post 9950 Burke	VFW Post 2730 Sturgis
VFW Post 5860 Spearfish	

We have just begun the 2022-2023 Command year. Amnesty has been granted, therefore all Posts should start out with around 100% membership. Membership is and has been the biggest Hurdle for many of our Posts to fulfill the All-American Dashboard requirements. This year it is again, greater than 100% membership to qualify. One other additional requirement over last year that we all need to get started on is: **National Citizenship Education Teachers Award**. Also, you will need to have **VOD & PP entries**. These three items are all due into District by Oct 31st. It is never too early to get started comrades! Let's more than double that Post qualifying list this year.

As Dept. of SD VFW Co. Tom has stated "when you are green you grow." Let's go Green.

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The 2022 Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt is scheduled for Nov. 8th through Nov. 11th, 2022. This is an all-inclusive pheasant hunt hosted by Gettysburg VFW Post 8530 for purple heart veterans.

Would you like a chance to join the hunt for a day or two?

The only criteria to be eligible for this drawing will be, that you are a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in South Dakota.

You would be expected to drive to Gettysburg. You will join us and go pheasant hunting with our 5 purple heart decorated veteran hunters, you will have dinner & socialize with them. VFW Post 8530 will also provide 1 night's lodging for you along with breakfast. You may then hunt with us that next day if you so desire before returning home. VFW Post 8530 will be flexible in accommodating whichever time frame during the hunt that would work out best for this contest winner.

VFW Post 8530 will use this as a special project in conjunction with the Department of SD VFW.

Department Commander Tom and Department Quartermaster Anna will be in charge of the drawing.

The drawing for this event will take place at the Fall Council meeting in Oacoma, Oct. 8th & 9th.

The way you will enter the drawing will be simple. A one-dollar fee per VFW member name will be assessed to cover drawing costs. You will not be limited to a single entry. Each time your name goes in the drawing basket it will cost you one dollar. As an example, if Comrade Veteran thinks their odds would be much better at winning by entering their name 20 times, then their cost is \$20.00.

Department of SD VFW will retain the processing fees.

Please remit a check to:
Dept. of SD VFW with your name and contact information.
Address: 5009 W. 12th St. Sioux Falls SD 57106

Gettysburg VFW Post 8530 wishes all our comrade's good luck and awaits the announcement of the drawing winner.

The 2022 - 2023 State Elected and Appointed Officers

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

POSITION	NAME
Commander	Tom Hafner
Sr. Vice Commander	Dave Baumiller
Jr. Vice Commander	Glynis Collier
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Anna Waltner
Chaplain	Russel Dramstad
Judge Advocate	Sean Johnson
Surgeon	Robert Harrington
Past State Commander	Barbara McKean
Chief of Staff	Charles McKean
Inspector	Kenneth Payne
District 1 Commander	Rick VandenHoek
District 4 Commander	William Orton
District 6 Commander	Richard Jacobsen
District 7 Commander	Dr. Martin Christensen
District 10 Commander	Kris Fenton

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

National Legislative Committee Member	Barbara McKean
National Veterans & Military Support Member	Kenneth Payne
National Council Member	Ricky Williamson

APPOINTED

POSITION-CHAIRPERSONS	NAME
Aide-de-Camp	Mike Mullen
Aide-de-Camp	Donald Dahlin
Adjutant-Assistant	Barbara McKean
Buddy Poppy	Anna Waltner
Citizenship Education	Sean Johnson
Community Service	Sean Johnson
Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement	Dave Baumiller
Guard/Sergeant-at-Arms	Darren Bigge
Historian	Cody Mangold
Homeless Veteran	Delane Fickbolm
Hospital	Robert Harrington
Life Membership	Glynis Collier
Loyalty Day	Dave Baumiller
Memorial Day	Dave Baumiller
National Cemetery (Primary)	Mike Mullen
National Cemetery (Secondary)	Kris Fenton
National Home For Children	Chris Engbrecht

National VOD & PP Committee Liaison	Jerry Seiner
Parliamentarian	Sean Johnson
Public Relations Officer	Anna Waltner
Safety	Robert Harrington
Scouting	Dr. Martin Christensen
Special Olympics	Dave Baumiller
Student Veterans Representative	Connie Johnson
Sturgis Bike Rally	Dave Baumiller
VAVS Rep Ft. Meade	Mike Mullen
VAVS Rep. Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VAVS Rep. Sioux Falls	Donald Dahlin
VVS Rep/State Hospital/ Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VVS Rep/State Hospital/Yankton	Donald Dahlin
Veterans Day	Dave Baumiller
Veterans & Military Support	Kenneth Payne
Veterans Service Officer	Cody Mangold
VFW Riders	Dave Baumiller
Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teachers	Jerry Seiner
Youth Activities	Dr. Martin Christensen

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION
BASEBALL COMMITTEE	COMMITTEES
Danny Frisby-Griffin	Chair
Tom Hafner	Commander
Anna Waltner	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Barbara McKean	Grant Committee
Class AA, A, B Representatives	
AUDIT/TRUSTEE COMMITTEE	
Cody Mangold	Chair
Ricky Williamson	Past State Commander
Danny Frisby-Griffin	Past State Commander
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Russel Dramstad	Chair
Tom Hafner	Commander
Anna Waltner	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Barbara McKean	Past State Commander
Dave Baumiller	Senior Vice Commander
CREDENTIALS and TIME/PLACE COMMITTEE	
Donald Dahlin (Credentials)	Co-Chair
Anna Waltner	Adjutant/Quartermaster
William Cerny	Past State Commander
Bill Barlow (Time & Place)	Co-Chair
Cody Mangold	Past State Commander

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Dr. Martin & Cindy Christensen
 Tom Hafner
 Anna Waltner
 Charles McKean
 Hutchinson County Post 3298 & Auxiliary
 Patti Mitchell
 Colleen Miller-Folland
 Corn Palace Post #2750 & Auxiliary

Co-Chairs
 Commander
 Adjutant/Quartermaster
 Chief of Staff
 Members
 President
 Member
 Members

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Robert Harrington
 All VAVS Reps.
 ALL VVS Reps.

Chair
 Members
 Members

NAME**POSITION****LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Barbara McKean
 Sean Johnson
 Anna Waltner
 Dave Baumiller
 DD Couch
 Cody Mangold

Chair
 Judge Advocate
 Adjutant/Quartermaster
 Senior Vice Commander
 Lobbyist/Member
 Service Officer/Member

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Glynis Collier
 Anna Waltner
 Charles McKean
 Ricky Williamson
 Kenneth Payne
 Barbara McKean
 Rick VandenHoek
 William Orton
 Richard Jacobsen
 Dr. Martin Christensen
 Kris Fenton

Chair
 Quartermaster/Adjutant
 Chief of Staff
 National Council Representative
 National Veterans & Military Rep
 National Legislative Representative
 District 1 Commander/Captain
 District 4 Commander/Captain
 District 6 Commander/Captain
 District 7 Commander/Captain
 District 10 Commander/Captain

MEMORIAL PARK & CHAPEL COMMITTEE

D.D. Couch
 Dave Baumiller
 Anna Waltner
 Dave Baumiller

 Mike Mullen
 Kris Fenton
 All District 10 Post Commanders

Co-Chair
Co-Chair
 Quartermaster/Adjutant
 Groundskeeper
 National Cemetery Council
 Appointee
 District 10 Commander

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Kenneth Payne
 Anna Waltner
 Barbara McKean
 Glynis Collier

Chair
 Adjutant/Quartermaster
 Past State Commander
 Junior Vice Commander

RESOLUTIONS & BY LAWS

Sean Johnson
 Anna Waltner
 Barbara McKean
 Eric Kinslow
 Tom Hafner

Chair
 Adjutant/Quartermaster
 Past State Commander
 Member
 Commander

NAME

POSITION

SERVICE & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Cody Mangold
 Barbara McKean
 Dave Baumiller
 Robert Harrington
 Russel Dramstad
 Mike Mullen

Chair
 Past State Commander
 Senior Vice Commander
 Surgeon
 Chaplain
 Past State Commander

VETERANS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Anna Waltner
 Tom Hafner
 Dave Baumiller

Chair
 Commander
 Senior Vice Commander