

General Orders

MARCH 2022



MEMBERSHIP QUOTA

MARCH MEMBERSHIP

All State and District Officers are asked to assist Posts in membership, If your Post has not had a membership team working, now is the time to help organize and join in on the recruiting of members.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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Post Donations to the Special Olympics Fund are requested to help with the 2022 Special Olympics Program. Please be generous and donate to the Department Headquarters. Thank you to those Posts who have already donated.

STATE CONVENTION

JUNE 9-12, 2022

The 2022 Department Convention will be held June 9-12, 2022, in Mitchell, SD hosted by Post #2750. For more information on Registration, Lodging, Agendas, etc. look on the website at www.vfwsd.org and attached to the General Orders.

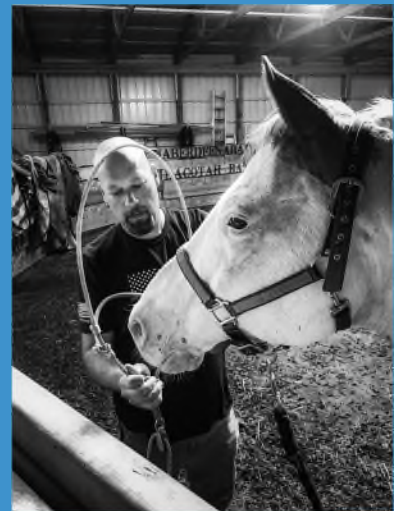


POST ELECTIONS

Attention is called to Section 217, page 72, Manual of Procedure, Nomination Election, Installation of Officers and Term of Office. Posts will conduct the Election of Officer in accordance with the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Post Officers shall be nominated by March and shall be elected in April. Nominations shall remain open until the Post is ready to vote.

Commander/President Raffle

The Commander / President Project for 2022 is a raffle for DTOM, Don't Tread On Me. It is a Veterans Ranch to provide a safe place for healing and recovery for service members, veterans, and their families while encouraging engaging, and positively impacting their lives through hope, self-conviction, and family activities, while helping them learn to live again with purpose. The vision is to end suicide among our service men and women, through mentorship, support, and building stronger families.



PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

MEMORIAL DAY

The Peace Officer Memorial Day will be held on Sunday May 15th, 2022. The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on this day.

Memorial day is on Monday May 30th, 2022. Each Post shall properly observe commemorative dates as prescribed in the Ritual and Manual of Procedure. Please plan a suitable observance in your Community. Place American Flags at the gravesites of departed Comrades of your Post and Veterans of your Community. Please report this event when finished. You can find the report at www.vfwsd.org > Resources > Templates and Forms > Memorial Day Report

Any Post, District, or member can submit information to the General Orders. Please send to the Department office NLT than the 25th of the month.

CONVENTION ADS

PROGRAM BOOKLETS

All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office, and any others are reminded that the deadline for Ads in the 2021 Convention Booklet is due by May 6th, 2022

Ads need to be in camera ready or submitted in digital format to the Department office at anna@vfwdeptsd.com. The information will be attached at the back of the General Orders.

Or go to www.vfwsd.org > Resources > State Convention > 2022 Convention Ads

Buddy Poppy: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2022 buddy poppy Chairperson and forward the name to Department Headquarters. Reminder, all Buddy Poppy orders need to be made by April 30, 2022, to count in All State Post ratings.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

District #1: April 24th, 2022 at 2 pm in Yankton - State Commander, Barbara McKean

District # 4: April 3rd, 2022 at 2 pm in Watertown - Judge Advocate, Sean Johnson

District # 6: April 3rd, 2022 at 1 pm in Gettysburg - Surgeon, Glynis Collier

District # 7: April 10th, 2022 at 2 pm in Burke - Sr. Vice Commander, Tom Hafner

District # 10: May 1st, 2022 at 1 pm in Sturgis - Jr. Vice Commander, Dave Baumiller



Installation of Officers: Attention is called to Section 217, page 73, 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.

Side note: On the 1st of June, if you have not submitted your Election Report, you will receive a letter from the Commander-In-Chief suspending your Post. At such time, the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter and establish a committee to oversee Post business. All Post business must be overseen by the established Committee which includes any meetings, disposition of property, financial transactions, etc. PLEASE submit your Election Reports in a timely manner. March - Nominate, April - Elections, May - Installation, June - take office when Department Commander does.

National Citations: To qualify for the National Citations that are presented at the Department Convention, Posts must have reported projects in each of the following programs: Youth, Safety, Community Service and Citizenship Education (Americanism) and reports need to be into the State Headquarters at 5009 W 12th St., Ste 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or anna@vfwdeptsd.com NLT March 18, 2022. This information needs to be reported at National by April 1, 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

2022 Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher Winners

Voice of Democracy

1 st	Kathryn Doom	Post # 7319 Wagner	District # 7
2 nd	Korbin Leddy	Post # 3486 Milbank	District # 4
3 rd	Dustin Hermanson	Post # 17 Aberdeen	District # 6
4 th	Keaten Wright	Post # 915 Elk Point	District # 1
5 th	Calister Grimsley	Post # 5860 Spearfish	District # 10

Patriot's Pen

1 st	Regina Stoesser	Post # 3164 Canton	District #1
2 nd	Kailin Odens	Post # 2966 Scotland	District # 7
3 rd	Sawyer Grimsley	Post # 5860 Spearfish	District # 10
4 th	Isabelle Pickard	Post # 2638 Madison	District # 4
5 th	Eddy Duffy	Post # 2038 Pierre	District # 6

Teachers Award

Elementary	Daniel Slowey	Post #791 Yankton	District # 1
Middle	Luaine Shaykett	Post # 5807 Newell	District # 10
High	Megan Baule	Post # 17 Aberdeen	District # 6

**Barbara McKean, Commander
State Commander
March 2022 General Orders**

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.

Need help with the Dashboard updates? Let us know and we will set up a training session. This year **every Post Adjutant MUST** make their own updates in the OMS Dashboard. If your Post needs assistance, please contact Anna Waltner at the Dept office for help!

Upcoming events:

District Meetings: Spring - Apr 2022 (Dates TBD watch General Orders for meeting dates)

May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day Observance at the Black Hills National Cemetery

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

July 16-21, 2022 - 2022 National Convention in Kansas City, MO

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

Barbara McKean

Barbara.mckean@ujv.state.sd.us

605-630-0771

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER MARCH GENERAL ORDERS

National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and next year's Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland hosted a Zoom meeting on February 23rd for all Department Senior Vice Commanders. One important issue discussed was an Amnesty Program for next year. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Borland indicated that there will be Amnesty granted for those Comrades removed by the National scrub only. Around 70,000 members deleted Nationwide. As of right now members who were Deceased from your roster on December 1, 2021, by National will be granted Amnesty. He indicated the Amnesty Program will be addressed in his National Membership Program.

District, Department and National Conventions are on the horizon. Your attendance at your District and Department Conventions at a minimum are vital to the survival of our VFW. Important issues and changes are forthcoming, and discussions and seminars will be conducted during these meetings. Consider not only attending, but also stepping up and accepting leadership positions. If you would desire additional information, contact Commander McKean or the undersigned.

District Commanders I am asking for your assistance in obtaining Memorial and Veterans Day Reports from the following as these Posts have not submitted the required Report(s). Negative Reports are required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Memorial Day: (73+% submitted as a Department) D1- Parker, Freeman & Crooks; D4- Watertown, Flandreau, Britton, Goodwin & Dell Rapids; D6-Miller, Eureka & Wessington Springs and D10- Rapid City, Lemmon & Faith

Veterans Day: (66+% submitted as a Department) D1-Parker, Canton, Freeman, Crooks & Alcester; D4-Sisseton, Flandreau, Britton, Webster, Goodwin & Dell Rapid; D6-Miller, Wessington Springs & Turton; D7-Scotland; D10-Rapid City, Lemmon & Faith

Following is a correction to February's General Orders: Under the headings of Memorial and Veterans Day Reports I mistakenly listed the Redfield Post in District 4 instead of District 6.

Loyalty Day is May 1, reports may be submitted now if you have your Loyalty Day Program established or a Negative Report if your Post is not hosting an activity due to community circumstances. Otherwise, be sure to submit your report the first week of May as All-State judging is usually the first Saturday in May. Thank you for participating.

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
tbfhafner@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

Tom Hafner
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Female Shirt for 2022-2023



Male Shirt for 2022-2023



General Orders
Membership

Good News! Annual members can now be signed up for 2 years in a row, however, you cannot do this with the paper form you currently have available. It can be done online in OMS, let me know if you need help doing this. New paper forms are coming out soon and this should help you with your yearly membership stats.

All Posts seeking All-American or All-State must submit an After Action Report to me by COB March 19, 2022.

We need a volunteer from District 1 and District 4—these volunteers are for your Post and District Membership drives. They will be responsible for coordinating membership opportunities at local activities (rodeos, fairs, other public events).

We are at 91.72%, we need 651 new members (or re-instates) to reach 100%.

Dave Baumiller
Jr. Vice Commander
Membership

Sean Johnson Judge Advocate Book Of Reports 1-18-2022**Missing Community Service Reports****Quarter 1****District 1 (Rick VandenHoek)**

Alcester
Canton
Crooks
Freeman
Parker
Sioux Falls

Quarter 2

Canton
Crooks
Freeman
Parker
Sioux Falls
Yankton

Quarter 3

Sioux Falls
Elk Point
Parker
Beresford
Canton
Freeman
Brandon
Crooks
Alcester

District 4 (William Orton)

Britton

Dell Rapids

Goodwin
Madison
Sisseton
Flandreau
Webster

Britton

Madison

Goodwin
Sisseton
Flandreau
Webster

Brookings

Dell Rapids

Sisseton
Flandreau
Britton
Webster
Goodwin
Dell Rapids

District 6 (Richard Jacobson)

Eureka
Mobridge
Redfield
Wessington Spgs
Miller

Mobridge
Eureka
Pierre
Redfield
Turton
Wessington Spgs
Miller

Aberdeen
Huron
Mobridge
Redfield
Miller
Eureka
Wessington Spgs
Gettysburg

District 7 (Martin Christensen)

Lake Andes
Marty
Winner

Armour
Lake Andes
Mitchell
Winner
Marty
Plankinton
Winner

Armour
Chamberlain
Marty
Plankinton
Scotland
Tyndall
Burke

District 10 (Kris Fenton)

Belle Fouche
Faith
Lemmon

Belle Fouche
Custer
Lemmon

Rapid City
Faith
Lemmon

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
State Surgeon Glynis Collier General Orders
February 2022**

Hello Comrades,

February 2022 has been fun raising puppies. One of the pups was donated to a Veteran who needs a service dog. I have a yellow female AKC Labrador Retriever left, so if you know of anyone who may need a bird dog/companion/service dog, please let me know. Please remember to assist/thank a Veteran and their Family Members whenever you have the opportunity to do so in the ensuing year.

I will keep this month short and sweet. Remember to send your hospital and safety reports to the state office.

If you need copies of any of this year's reports, please email me at dakpatriot@gmail.com and I will send them to you.

Thank you for your Service and everything you do each day for Veterans and their Family Members.

Very Respectfully,

Glynis Collier
State Surgeon
Dept. of SD, VFW
LPC, SD Lic#: 20200

Greetings,

What an interesting winter we have been having. It's time to talk about scammers as there are more going around again it seems. If these creative people only used their knowledge for good instead of bad, we would be much farther ahead. Some scams that I am aware that have happened:

1. The main number from the Sioux Falls VA copied by scammers and then was calling veterans asking for the full social security number and other identifiers.
2. Call to confirm your address, then your SSN.
3. Calling and stating it is someone from the VA calling to assist with a Claim and requesting social security number.

Some things to remember: if the VA calls you they will ask for your Last 4 of your SSN, not for your full SSN. Very rarely would the VA call you just to confirm your address out of the blue. When you go to your appointments they check your next of kin and address at that time. Very rarely would someone from the VA call to stating they are calling you with help for a claim filed for compensation or pension. When I speak with the VA Benefits side they still only ask for the last 4 of the SSN and Last name. If they are calling to assist I would recommend calling your VSO immediately, and do not disclose anything as this is not common practice. Please never give out your full social security number out over the phone if the VA is calling you. If you call the VA for example for debts, billing questions, or changing your direct deposit I have experienced them asking for your full SSN. Please be careful as these are only a few of the examples that have been used this last year on our veterans. Please remember that if you ever have questions to call your VSO first as most of the time the VA can wait for a response and it's better to be safe than sorry. Please note to not give out personal information over the phone or even social media. Some of you may have received the e-mail from the VA recently stating they are looking at making changes at the CFR for certain disabilities and asking for feedback. I have not had time to read it in detail at this time. It appears to be looking at lowering some percentages for service connections, and changing how they look at other service connections and where they will place them. What I have read at this time is that if you have that service connection and they lower the rating percentage you will remain where you are and considered "Grandfathered in." If you file for something later they may change that percentage at that time. Sometimes it feels like filing a claim is almost like gambling and why I highly recommend working with a VSO so they can give you the ups and downs. If you ever need anything, please feel free to contact me.

Cody Mangold

Service Officer

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Work Cell: 605-464-0187

Work e-mail: yc-cvso@co.yankton.sd.us

Personal e-mail: cody.mangold@hotmail.com

Dashboard as of 2-24-2022

	need to complete	membership %	community service
District 1			
Post 628 Sioux Falls	action corps	89.05	unmet
Post 791 Yankton	complete	93.73	met
Post 3061 Vermillion	action corps	88.75	unmet
Post 4726 Brandon	complete	102.17	unmet
District 4			
Post 2638 Madison	action corps	96.68	unmet
District 6			
Post 17 Aberdeen	complete	73.5	met
Post 2038 Pierre	complete	88.88	met
Post 6481 Turton	complete	75	unmet
Post 8530 Gettysburg	complete	101.75	unmet
District 7			
Post 2750 Mitchell	complete	100.89	met
Post 2966 Scotland	p-event, action corps	83.56	unmet
Post 3298 Parkston	complete	101.23	met
Post 7319 Wagner	complete	102.4	unmet
District 10			
Post 1273 Rapid City	p-event	91.38	met
Post 2730 Sturgis	complete	101.79	unmet
Post 5860 Spearfish	p-event, action corps	83.57	unmet

Bold = All American Qualified



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

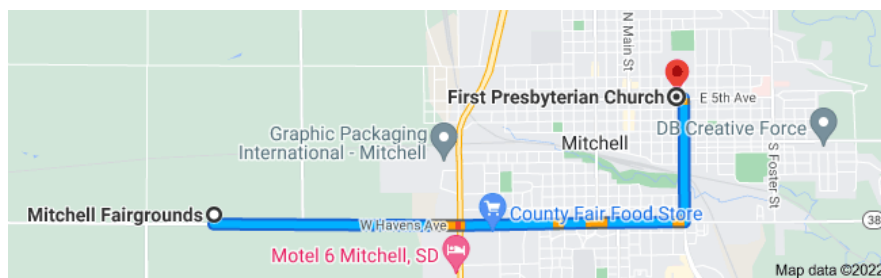
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- Kelly Inn & Suites (Headquarters) - \$139/night
1010 Cabela Dr. Mitchell, SD 57301 605-995-0500
- Comfort Inn & Suites - \$149/night
2020 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD 57301 605-990-2400
- AmericInn - \$125/night
1421 South Burr St, Mitchell, SD 57301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

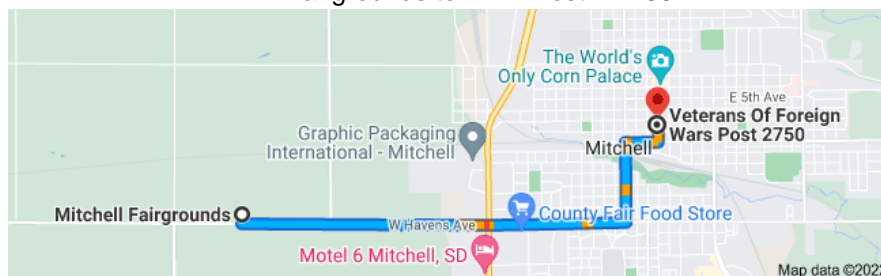
Kelly Inn & suites to 4-H Fairgrounds



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



4-H Fairgrounds to VFW Post # 2750



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



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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

All payments sent to:

**Department of South Dakota VFW
5009 W 12th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

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

Black and White			Full Color	
Full Page	\$ 150.00	7.5W x 10H	Full Page	\$ 200.00
Half Page	\$ 75.00	7.5W x 4.75H	Half Page	\$ 125.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00	3.5W x 4.75H	Quarter Page	\$ 80.00
Business Card	\$ 35.00	3.5W x 2.25H	Business Card	\$ 45.00

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Anna Waltner at 605-332-7441 or by the email address listed above.



GREETINGS TO ALL WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OR WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES!

Please join us on Saturday, March 26th for a day created just for YOU!

Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls

Time: 8:30am-2:00pm



The Stand Up for Women Veterans Wellness Retreat is **FREE** for all women who have Served or are currently Serving in the United States Armed Forces. The purpose of this event is to **strengthen** the **leadership, power, and voices** of military women through **peer support** and **connection to resources**.

The Keynote Speaker is none other than former Marine Lori Walsh, host and senior producer of *In the Moment*, South Dakota Public Broadcasting's news and culture radio broadcast!

There are four wellness-focused breakout sessions, a resource fair, and a light lunch.

FREE CHILDCARE available for up to 40 children, ages 2-10 years of age.

MOTHER/CHILD breakout sessions for all ages hosted by **Sanford Fit** and **Apple Tree Children's Center**.

SNACKS for all children's activities prepared by the **VFW Auxiliary Post 628**, and

PLAY KITS provided by **The Toy Lending Library** for childcare activities.

REGISTER TODAY!

VENDOR REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK!

Nonprofits-\$15 Businesses-\$50

www.eventbrite.com/e/stand-up-for-women-veterans-registration-171294104277

