

General Orders

NOVEMBER 2022



AUDIT REPORTS

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Another quarter has closed. Posts are reminded that your Post Audit Reports are now due. If you are delinquent in any other quarters, please get them up to date. Send to the Department Headquarters.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

VFW QUARTERLY

PROGRAMS REPORT

If you have not entered your Community Service on the State Dashboard, please do so. If you are having trouble, please contact QM/ADJ Anna at the Department office. 605-332-7441 or anna@vfwdeptsd.com

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH

Posts are urged to plan and implement a suitable program for Veterans Day. Remember, "No One Does More for Veterans!" Let's honor our brothers and sister by making sure they are celebrated.

After your event, update the Dashboard under Americanism > Veterans Day



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, COMRADES

I want to wish you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving holiday.

-State Commander, Tom Hafner and Staff

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year

These are a few of our core programs we participate in nationally with the VFW. These programs are great for helping us shape America's future, while instilling a love for our Country and Veterans. We honor the teachers and students who go the extra mile to help make this country as great as it is. Your submissions for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen should have been submitted to your District by October 31st. The Department VOD, PP, and Teacher chair is Jerry Seiner. He can be contacted at 605-481-1338 or jerry.seiner@hotmail.com.

www.vfwsd.org



VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM MONTH

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For the members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, November is Veterans in the Classroom month. Each member is encouraged to volunteer to be presenters in the classroom.

After your event, make sure to update the State Dashboard for your community service to get the credit!

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The 2nd membership dues reminder notices for 2022 was mailed to unpaid members in October. Post Officers should conduct a membership campaign to follow up on these notices.

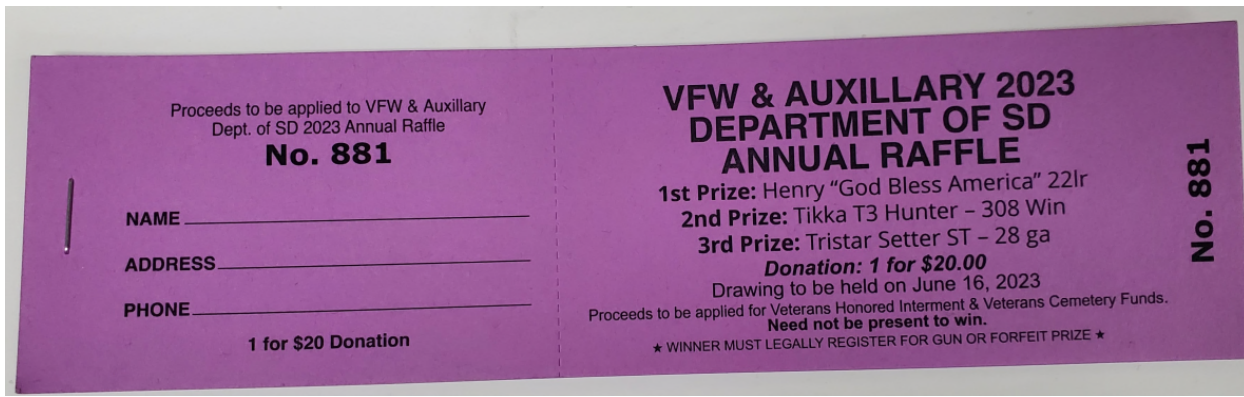
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 5TH & 6TH, 2023

The annual Legislative Conference is scheduled for the 5th & 6th of February. All VFW business and events will take place at the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre, SD.

Attached you will

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SEND ALL STUBS AND MONEY FOR THE COMMANDER'S RAFFLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE:

C/O Anna Arnold

1600 W Russell St, Ste 135

Sioux Falls, SD 57104



OFFICIAL:



Anna Arnold

Quartermaster / Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
VFW

BY ORDER OF:



Tom Hafner

Commander
Department of South Dakota
VFW

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
NOVEMBER GENERAL ORDERS

As a Department we had an eventful month of October. Beyond a doubt the training provided by the facilitators during Fall Council was among the best ever presented. Every presenter was knowledgeable concerning their subject matter and provided for interaction with those in attendance. If you were not able to attend and are in need instruction on the material discussed, contact your District Commander or Department Headquarters. Thank you to the Comrades who made this an excellent training event.

South Dakota was well represented at the Big 10 Conference in Milwaukee. Along with election of Officers the main topic of discussion was updating the current Big 10 Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. A committee, a member from each State, was appointed by the incoming Commander to provide input from each State by the next Conference. South Dakota was recognized for leading the Nation in percentage of membership gain in comparison to 2018, which was the last time the National VFW made 100%. We are currently over 8.5% ahead of 2018 numbers. Outstanding job by all of you.

Your Post Veterans Day activities should be well under way. Include your community, school, and service organizations in your program. Please extend to our Veterans the Honor they deserve. The VOD, Patriots Pen, Teachers Award, and Veterans in the Classroom programs should be on your schedule. Insure you input your activities on the Department and National Dashboard.

The next order of business is your Public Servant Awards and Legislative Conference. Public Servant Nominations (Emergency Medical Technician, Law Enforcement & Firefighters) are due to the Department Chair by January 1, 2023. The Legislative Conference is scheduled for 5 & 6 February 2023 at the Ramkota in Pierre and Moose Lodge in Fort Pierre. You are urged to monitor the State of South Dakota website for Legislative Bills that have been introduced that are of interest to the Military and Veteran communities. Forward your input to the Legislative Committee Chair or any member of the Committee.

Membership is proceeding extremely well. As of this input we currently have six Quota Buster Posts (Lemmon-113.04%, Flandreau-103.84%, Quinn-103.03%, Brandon-102.18%, Gettysburg-101.72% & Custer-100.74%) and three Posts who have reached their Quota (Bell Fourche, Marty & Parkston). Thank you for your efforts and congratulation to these Posts. We currently have twenty-six Posts who need ten or less members to reach Quota. We stand at 90.53% of Quota as a Department. Our next Goal is 92% by the end of November. If you need assistance contact the Membership Chair, the Department Office or me. Thanks again and keep the momentum going.

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

General orders

Post and Districts, we are over 90% I would like to see us pick another 8 or 9% up by December 1st. National would like us to be at 102%.

We have some great numbers, we are 8th in the nation as of now, great job!! We just need to keep moving forward.

Thanks to everybody that's helped so far

Dave Baumiller, SRVC

Greetings Fellow Veterans and Heroes!

October has been a fruitful month! We continue to flourish in membership and are maintaining our top 10 status in the VFW nation. Great work everyone! Fall Council was a success and I look forward to seeing you all in February for the Legislative Conference in Pierre. I am hopeful that we will be in the top 5 states in membership by that time.

I attended the JVC/QM Training in Kansas City, KS October 13-16, 2022. I am looking forward to sharing what I have learned about membership with you all throughout this year.

Please send an email to me with the dates and times of any Membership Drives you will have in November and December of this year. I will be at the "We've Got Your Six" event at the Community Center in Sturgis, SD on November 5, 2022 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Please come Join me if you have the opportunity to recruit members that day!

Don't forget to submit your AARs following your Membership Drives to myself and the State QM, Anna Arnold.

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! Let's Do This SD VFW! One Team One Fight!

Very Respectfully,
Glynis Collier
Jr. Vice CDR
DEPT of SD VFW
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Cell #803-466-7031



SD Legislative Committee Member General Order – November 2022

I attended Governor Noem's Salute to Veterans Dinner held at the Military Alliance Building in Sioux Falls, SD on Oct 24th. A great time was had by all. Governor Noem is committed to helping Veterans and ensuring South Dakota remains one of the best places for Veterans to Live!



Do you know what the key bills in Congress are affecting Veterans? You can visit <https://votervoice.net/VFW/bills> to view these bills (The list is long, but worth reviewing). These are the topics the VFW is aggressively working on for all Veterans!

What can you do?

Support Today's Veterans and Military

Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit www.vfw.org/ActionCorps.

Play a Role in the Process

Be engaged and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps
- Text "VFW" to 50457
- Scan the QR Code

v/r,
Barbara McKean
National Legislative Representative – South Dakota

Greetings Comrades,

I want to thank everyone who came to the Fall Council of Administration and Training this year in Oacoma. I know I learned a lot, and hopefully those who were able to attend did. I was privileged to be able to present some training and speak about the PACT ACT and the Camp Lejeune Justice Act. I will be hosting an event on the PACT Act on November 19, 2022, in Yankton, SD at 10:00 at the VFW located at 209 Cedar Street. All are welcome to attend, but I will warn you it will be like the briefing I gave in Oacoma. Remember if you have a claim for a new presumptive under the PACT ACT, please get it filed as soon as possible. The biggest one for Agent Orange exposure is hypertension so please get those claims filed. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Cody Mangold

Department Service Officer



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. Veterans Day Program

Gettysburg South Dakota VFW Post 8530



Friday, November 11th at 9:45 am

Gettysburg High School Gym

Location: 100 E. King Ave, Gettysburg, SD 57442

The larger parking lot is on the Southwest side of the school.

The program is open to the public, all are welcome.



The featured speaker for this year's Veterans Day Program is:

VFW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Duane Sarmiento

VFW Post 8530 ADJ

Lonny Potts

605-769-0385



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VFW & AUXILIARY LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Location: Moose Lodge
910 N Deadwood St, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532
Date: February 5 & 6, 2023
Time: February 5 at 10:00 pm

Registration

Advance Registration: \$75
Registration after January 5, 2022: \$100
(Includes Luncheon meal on Monday and Mixer. Free will donation at the door for
Commander / President Special Project on Sunday evening)
Guest Lunch on Monday: \$20
Cash bar available

Fill out one Registration Form per person

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VFW or AUX: _____ Post: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Make checks payable to:
Department of South Dakota VFW
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Additional information

You must reserve your own room. Rooms have been blocked at:

- Headquarters at Ramkota 920 W Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 224-6877
 - Room Rate \$119/night plus tax

“Wish List” for Fort Meade VA Medical Center Donation and Volunteer Opportunities 2022

The Fort Meade VA does not solicit for donations, nor do we allow the name of the VA to be used in solicitations through other organizations. However, for those organizations or individuals who inquire as to our needs, the following is a list you can use as a guide for our special needs, program support and/or equipment. None of these items are available through our normal budget. Please note **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE and become the property of the VA once donated. Please contact us prior to delivery of any large or out of the ordinary donation you or your organization plans to make to ensure we can accept it.**

Donations

WE CANNOT ACCEPT KNITTED/CROCHETED BLANKETS, LAP ROBES OR BAR SOAP,
Currently unable to accept magazines, DVD's, puzzles or books.
Please call to arrange donation drop off with Voluntary services (605) 720-7151

Clothing: Excepting new items only (socks, men's underwear, and T-shirts(L-3X)

Personal Care items

- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant (no aerosol)
- Body wash/ no bar soap
- Reading glasses
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Lip bairn
- Emory boards
- Large Shampoo/body wash or 2-1
- Fingernail clippers (not toenail)
- Denture cleanser
- Large Shaving Cream
- Electric Razors for long term care
- Lotion (regular size.)
- Shampoo (regular size)
- conditioner
- Men's shoes sizes 9-13
- Various sizes of female & male underwear
- Various sizes of white T-shirts (Med-2XL)
- Bird Seed (CLC)
- Hotel size toiletries bottle only
- Old time country CD'S
- Contact lenses solution/containers for contacts
- Notebooks free of string or wire for mental health

Rapid City Clinic and Rapid City Vet Center

HUDVASH/Homeless Veterans Program
Patriotic colored or themed Quilts (Hospice)

Monetary Donations

<Checks should be made out to Fort Meade VA. Special designation should be noted in memo line>

Volunteer Opportunities-Fort Meade/Rapid City
Red Coat Ambassadors, clothing room attendants and DAV Drivers are approved to volunteer

Please direct any questions regarding donations or volunteering to: Melody Wouden (605)720-7151