

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

General Orders Number 4 – October 2016

Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference

Upcoming Events: October 9 and 16, 2016 -- DISTRICT MEETINGS – Plan to attend to keep up-to-date.

October 8, 2016 – A DAY TO CHANGE DIRECTION – see details in August 18, 2016, VFW Auxiliary E-Newsletter.

October 21, - 23, 2016 – BIG TEN in Kalamazoo, MI – Registration in GO #1.

November 1, 2016 – VOICE OF DEMOCRACY and PATRIOTS PEN entries are due to local Post for judging.

November 11, 2016 --- VETERANS DAY is an opportunity to publicly commemorate the contributions of living veterans.

November 12, 2016 – Deadline to mail **Christmas tree ornaments** to Deb Fahey.

November 15, 2016 – E-postcard 990-N due.

Membership: As of October 3, 2016, SD's membership is at 81.82%. Our first membership goal is to have 50 NEW and REJOIN members by October 31, 2016, for a **cash award of \$200**. Mem Stats is showing 25 NEW and 3 REJOIN; it does not show NEW LIFE members which should bring the number up significantly. If you have submitted NEW LIFE members, please review with Treasurer Carol Gross before October 31, as she has a separate form to submit, so we get credit for the new life members. The second-quarter goal is 35 by January 31, 2017, for a **cash award of \$350**. Don't forget the \$1,000 award the Department will receive when we reach 100% Plus. There is a total of \$2,450 in cash awards for our Department to receive when we meet our goals, which is more doable this year than ever before -- **100% PLUS !!!**

Auxiliary and District Inspections: District Presidents should have most if not all Auxiliary inspections done by the end of October. District Inspections by line officers will be complete on October 16. Line Officers also need to send a copy of inspection reports to me.

Obligations and Suggested Donations: Please review the report included with this General Orders, and if your Auxiliary is not yet at 100%, please remit to Treasurer Carol as soon as possible.

Special and/or Restricted Donations: Please remember that donations to **Hospital, Americanism** for Patriots Pen and Patriotic Art, **Veterans and Family Support** for Continuing Education Scholarship, and **State Fair** are needed **each year** over and above the regular obligations and suggested donations. Please consider making donations to these projects at your next meeting. Individual donations are also welcome.

President's Project: My Project for this year is to raise funds for the purchase of Honor and Remember flags for South Dakota Gold Star Families. Donations may be sent to Treasurer Carol Gross.

By Order of:

Karen Sharp

SD VFW Auxiliary President

Attest:

Nancy Chester

SD VFW Auxiliary Secretary



KAREN'S FLUTTERS

October 2016

Late August and the month of September were busy, busy, busy. We had a very good turnout for National President Colette's visit the end of August, and I believe that both Colette and her husband, Dave, enjoyed their visit.

The attendance by both the VFW and Auxiliary at Celebrate America's Freedom Event at Mt. Rushmore September 15th was tremendous. Line officers for both the VFW and Auxiliary passed out National President Colette's coin for the event. Commander Dennis and I were honored to present "Stand for the Flag" statutes to National President Colette and National Commander Brian, and I read the South Dakota Governor's Proclamation during the ceremony. The weather couldn't have been better. It was a beautiful day. South Dakota made quite an impression on many, many people from all across the nation. Check out the National VFW Auxiliary website and the September 27, 2016, E-Newsletter for pictures of the event.

The Fall Council and Homecoming was well attended and successful. Both the VFW and Auxiliary received many compliments on Training and School of Instruction sessions. Thank you to all who made that possible. Most seemed to enjoy the meal and entertainment at the Homecoming for Commander Dennis and I. It was very heartwarming and unbelievable to have so many attend and wish us success for the coming year. It will be a lifetime memory. Thank you to all.

As we have SD National Guard Units getting ready to deploy, please consider making a donation to the Day County Coyote Hunt. All proceeds go to the National Guard and their families. The goal this year is to raise \$10,000 to be divided between three units. Let's all help to make this a reality.

The South Dakota VFW Auxiliary Facebook page is up and running in full force, which is a requirement from National. Yes, another computer thing. It's a sign of the time, but a good sign, and one we need to embrace. Go to Facebook -- VFW Auxiliary -- Department of SD. If you have any suggestions, please let either Sue Jones, Pam Vissia or myself know. I want to give Sue and Pam a **great big thank you** for all they have done to help get this page up and running and looking so good.

Looking forward to seeing many Auxiliary members at District meetings and also at the Big Ten.

NOW IS THE TIME – Family: Support – Serve – Honor and Respect

Karen

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DISTRICT #6	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & Fam Support .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ABERDEEN 17 (202 Members)	\$404.00	\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	
This Month:		\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL		\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	
Current % =		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
HURON 1776 (138 Members)	\$276.00	\$172.50	\$138.00	\$13.80	\$6.90	\$6.90	
This Month:	\$276.00	\$172.50	\$138.00	\$13.80	\$6.90	\$6.90	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$276.00	\$172.50	\$138.00	\$13.80	\$6.90	\$6.90	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
MOBRIDGE 2741 (26 Members)	\$52.00	\$85.00	\$26.00	\$2.60	\$1.30	\$1.30	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
REDFIELD 2755 (161 Members)	\$322.00	\$201.25	\$161.00	\$16.10	\$8.05	\$8.05	
This Month:		\$286.25	\$161.00	\$422.00	\$8.05	\$8.05	
BAL. FORWARD		\$30.00					
TOTAL		\$316.25	\$161.00	\$422.00	\$8.05	\$8.05	
Current % =		157.14%	100.00%	2621.11%	100.00%	100.00%	
FAULKTON 3179 (143 Members)	\$286.00	\$178.75	\$143.00	\$14.30	\$7.15	\$7.15	
This Month:	\$301.00	\$578.75	\$143.00	\$214.30	\$7.15	\$7.15	\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$301.00	\$578.75	\$143.00	\$14.30	\$7.05	\$7.15	
Current % =	105.24%	323.77%	100.00%	1498.60%	100.00%	100.00%	
MILLER 3214 (68 Members)	\$136.00	\$85.00	\$68.00	\$6.80	\$3.40	\$3.40	
This Month:	\$122.00	\$76.25	\$61.00	\$6.10	\$3.05	\$3.05	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$122.00	\$76.25	\$61.00	\$6.10	\$3.05	\$3.05	
Current % =	89.70%	89.70%	89.70%	89.70%	89.70%	89.70%	
EUREKA 5126 (36 Members)	\$72.00	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$3.60	\$1.80	\$1.80	
This Month:	\$72.00	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$3.60	\$1.80	\$1.80	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$72.00	\$45.00	\$36.00	\$3.60	\$1.80	\$1.80	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
TURTON 6481 (29 Members)	\$58.00	\$36.25	\$29.00	\$2.90	\$1.45	\$1.45	
This Month:	\$58.00	\$36.25	\$29.00	\$2.90	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$5.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$58.00	\$36.25	\$29.00	\$2.90	\$1.45	\$1.45	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
GETTYSBURG 8530 (132 Members)	\$264.00	\$165.00	\$132.00	\$13.20	\$6.60	\$6.60	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							

DISTRICT #7	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
MITCHELL #2750 105 Membes	\$ 210.00	\$ 131.25	\$ 105.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.25	
This Month:	\$210.00	\$130.25	\$105.00	\$10.50	\$5.25	\$5.25	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$210.00	\$130.25	\$105.00	\$10.50	\$5.25	\$5.25	
Current % =	100.00%	99.23%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
SCOTLAND 2966 (100 Members)	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
This Month:	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
BAL FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LAKE ANDES 3239 (86 Members)	\$172.00	\$107.50	\$86.00	\$8.60	\$4.30	\$4.30	
This Month:	\$172.00	\$107.50	\$86.00	\$8.60	\$4.30	\$4.30	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$172.00	\$107.50	\$86.00	\$8.60	\$4.30	\$4.30	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PARKSTON 3298 (39 Members)	\$78.00	\$48.75	\$39.00	\$3.90	\$1.95	\$1.95	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
PLANKINTON 6554 (96 Members)	\$192.00	\$120.00	\$96.00	\$9.60	\$4.80	\$4.80	
This Month:	\$192.00	\$120.00	\$96.00	\$9.60	\$4.80	\$4.80	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$192.00	\$120.00	\$96.00	\$9.60	\$4.80	\$4.80	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
TYNDALL 6895 (43 Members)	\$86.00	\$53.75	\$43.00	\$4.30	\$2.15	\$2.15	
This Month:							
BAL FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
WAGNER 7319 (106 Members)	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
This Month:	\$244.64	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$244.64	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
Current % =	115%	100.00%	100.00%	100%	100.00%	100.00%	

DISTRICT #10	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & Fam Support .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
RAPID CITY 1273 (387 Members)	\$774.00	\$483.75	\$387.00	\$38.70	\$19.35	\$19.35	
This Month:	\$774.00	\$573.75	\$387.00	\$38.70	\$19.35	\$19.35	
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$774.00	\$573.75	\$387.00	\$38.70	\$19.35	\$19.35	
Current % =	100.00%	118.60%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
TIOT SPRINGS 1640 (82 members)	\$164.00	\$102.50	\$82.00	\$8.20	\$4.10	\$4.10	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
STURGIS 2730 (202 Members)	\$404.00	\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	
This Month:	\$404.00	\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	\$100.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$404.00	\$252.50	\$202.00	\$20.20	\$10.10	\$10.10	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LEMMON 2969 (30 Members)	\$60.00	\$37.50	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	
This Month:	\$119.75	\$155.00	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$119.75	\$155.00	\$28.00	\$2.80	\$1.40	\$1.40	
Current % =	199.58%	413.33%	93.33%	93.33%	93.33%	93.33%	
BELLE FOURCHE 3312 (39 Members)	\$78.00	\$48.75	\$39.00	\$3.90	\$1.95	\$1.95	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
CUSTER 3442 (170 members)	\$340.00	\$212.50	\$170.00	\$17.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
SPEARFISH 5860 (121 Members)	\$242.00	\$151.25	\$121.00	\$12.10	\$6.05	\$6.05	
This Month:	\$242.00	\$151.25	\$121.00	\$12.10	\$6.05	\$6.05	\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$242.00	\$151.25	\$121.00	\$12.10	\$6.05	\$6.05	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
DEADWOOD 5969 (251 Members)	\$502.00	\$313.75	\$251.00	\$25.10	\$12.55	\$12.55	
This Month:	\$502.00	\$313.75	\$251.00	\$25.10	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$100.00
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL	\$502.00	\$313.75	\$251.00	\$25.10	\$12.55	\$12.55	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
QUINN 9120 (23 Members)	\$46.00	\$28.75	\$23.00	\$2.30	\$1.15	\$1.15	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							

Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota
Department President's Theme: Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
National President's Theme: Now is the time: Family-Support-Service-Honor and Respect

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016-2017

General Orders Bulletin #4

October 2016

Veterans & Family Support is truly the “heart and soul” of who we are as an organization and what we do. As family members of veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW is *first and foremost a veterans' service organization founded on the principle of helping veterans*. So, what better way to continue assisting our veterans and their families than through the Veterans & Family Support program? This program, more than any other, *is our opportunity to thank those who served or who are serving and to ensure that every veteran and every veteran's family is never forgotten and is always taken well care of*. One program that encompasses so much. Overwhelming? Absolutely not. Quite the contrary. At its most simplistic definition is comes down to – **“What have you done for a veteran or his/her family today?”** Pretty simple. Wouldn't you agree? It is a program with endless possibilities.

Promote the National Military Services program (NMS) through your support of the following programs: Operation Uplink - Unmet Needs - Military Assistance Program - Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship.

Buddy Poppy program has been a part of the VFW since 1922. The red memorial flower that represents the Buddy Poppy is made by disabled or hospitalized Veterans. The money collected from the Buddy Poppy drives must be placed in your relief fund and only used to help our Veterans and their families. **You can have a Buddy Poppy drive any time**, but most are held around Veterans Day or in May. Talk to local youth groups and ask them to help with your Poppy Drive. Explain to the youths where our Buddy Poppy comes from and how they benefit our Veterans.

Who can Adopt-a-Unit? VFW Posts - VFW Auxiliaries - Joint effort of both organizations

Why should you Adopt-a-Unit? To support your local military members & families - To help connect military members with the network of resources the VFW has available - To help you recruit new members

How do you find a military unit to adopt? Contact your local National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty units. Access the “Find a Unit Flyer” - Speak with other VFW Posts & Veterans Service Organizations who may have information - Contact a local Family Readiness Group

When should you Adopt-a-Unit? There's no time like the present! Our military members & families need you now more than ever. Your assistance is important whether they are home or deployed overseas.

Where to get answers to Adopt-a-Unit questions? Call the Military Assistance Program.

How can you apply to Adopt-a-Unit? Submit an Adopt-a-Unit Application to the MAP Office..

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Go to [VFW.org/troopsupport](https://www.vfw.org/troopsupport)

Go to community at the top click on troop support

Go down in **red click** on Adopt a unit

Everything is in **red** there for Adopt a unit

Troop Support

The VFW is here supporting our troops day in and day out. Our members offer support to the military community in many different ways, whether that means helping military families get through long deployments or hosting send-off and welcome home events. The VFW knows how important troop support is because all of our members have been there.

Military Assistance Program (MAP)

The **VFW Military Assistance Program** (MAP) is the outstretched hand between the VFW and the local military, offering VFW support around the world.

Since 2005, MAP has sponsored events supporting over 1.9 million service members and their families.

A large part of MAP is the Adopt-a-Unit program. Through Adopt-a-Unit, VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries adopt hundreds of military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available to the military.

If you are a service member or a Family Readiness Group leader interested in participating in this program, please email map@vfw.org or call 816-756-3390 and ask for the MAP office.

Does your Post or Auxiliary want to host a MAP event but doesn't know where to start? The best place to start is with the MAP Grant Application, which can only be completed and submitted by a VFW or Auxiliary member. MAP applications and resources are available on the Veterans & Military Support page which can be accessed by logging into the website and selecting the "**VFW Training and Support**" link in the right column of the My VFW page.

[Adopt-a-Unit FAQ](#)

[Adopt-a-Unit Application](#)

[Adopt-a-Unit Report](#)

[How To Find a Unit](#)

[Adopt-a-Unit for Military](#)

[MAP Grant FAQ](#)

[MAP Grant Guidelines](#)

Military Assistance Program (MAP) – funds different ways to connect with our troops

How can you help your local military units? The VFW and VFW Auxiliary can work together by applying for funds to help those units. The funds can provide Welcome Home and Deployment events, family days, BBQs, but it helps the morale of the unit, especially if you have a special send-offs as they leave. The whole family is important within this program because the program will continue to support the family during all phases of deployment.

If the Auxiliary or VFW Adopt-A-Unit together or separately, they can apply for assistance to help with postage costs to continue to send the unit care packages and cards. This lets the unit know that we are thinking of them and they are always in our thoughts. I feel that the care packages are the best medicine for our soldiers. Any and all items that can be sent to them can only help them with their morale, their frame of mind, and knowing that there are many who are praying for their safe return. You will need to return receipts and an After Action Report detailing your event submitted within 30 days of the event. You may fill out an application at www.VFW.org/TroopSupport/, you may also call the officer directly at (816) 756-3390. All guidelines are online. Donations can also be made to support the National Veterans and Military Services program by sending to VFW National Headquarters, with checks made payable to National Military Services.

Military Assistance Program Grant Guidelines

How to apply for a MAP Grant:

1. A VFW/Aux member must submit using the MAP Grant Application.
2. Application must be signed and dated by the Post/Dept. Commander, Quartermaster or the Auxiliary President or Treasurer.
3. The grant is limited to basic food items and Non Alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only.

It does not cover equipment/venue rentals, gifts, decorations, entertainment, etc.

4. The grant does not cover public or formal events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.
5. The grant application must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event. Any exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the Director VFW Programs for approval.
6. An After Action Report along with eligible receipts must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Non submission will result in the Dept./Post/Auxiliary being billed for the grant amount.
7. If the event receipts total less that the grant amount provided, the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be required to refund the difference within 30 days.
8. If the event is cancelled a full refund is required. If rescheduled for a later date, a written explanation must be submitted to the MAP office detailing the new dates. It will be determined by the MAP office and VFW Program Director whether a refund will be requested or the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be allowed to keep the grant amount.



Americanism Bulletin October 2016

With all the news media about the proper respect for our flag by our professional athletes now is the time to get into our schools and educate the students. Like so many people in the world I find this very disheartening. The younger children look up to the professional athletes as a role model and have visions of being a pro athlete. I was attending my nephew's football game a few weeks ago and had my great niece and nephews with me the ages of seven, four and two and when the National Anthem started I showed them the proper respect of the flag. If we all take the time to take a youngster under our wings at each event the National Anthem is being played and show them the proper respect—WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE—The youth are the future of our organization. One of the things I have done is gotten on the agenda for our local school board and inquired if the flag pledge is being recited in the classroom and asked to be able to do a presentation in the classrooms. The internet is a great tool to gather information—I have found some great bulletin board ideas and will be presenting them at the Fall Conference. I am also enclosing a sample letter that we received from the Deb Hanes the National Americanism Ambassador--- This letter can be sent to your school and even to the teachers in the school system. Now is the time to get out and promote!

I hope that our Auxiliaries are busy preparing for the Veteran's Day Program—this is another great way to promote Americanism. Have you done the White Table Presentation—Have one of the youth groups in your community demonstrate this during the program or ask one of the classes to help. Give the proper instruction for folding the flag—the web page for the National VFW Auxiliary has some great printouts to handout to the students.

I sent out the brochure for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizen Education Teacher Award in the September General Orders. I know we have some great teachers in our school systems. Get the information to the teachers!

I attended the retreat in Grenville in August! Wow! What a great time we had getting to spend time with our Auxiliary sisters and brothers. The weekend was spent working on our presentations for the fall council, lots of round table discussions of ideas, visiting, crafts, games were played, visiting the Vinegar Museum and also visiting the Francis Janisch Family Salute to Veterans site.(If you are in the Grenville area this is a must to see) Oh and did I forget lots of laughter! I really think we should do this every three months. I encourage everyone to make plans to attend next year! Thank you Patti Mitchell for spearheading this and Carrie, Zoey and Regis for preparing the meals and also all those who helped make this a great weekend. I must say that I have met and made many friends from the retreat.

By the time you get this we will have attended the Presidents Homecoming and Fall Council meeting. I hope that I will have met many of the Patriotic Instructors from across the state. If you were unable to attend please contact me and I will get the information that I presented at the training session to you.

I am enclosing the Yearend report for you as well. Make a ledger of all the things you do—sometimes you do a project and don't realize that it incorporates into one of the categories.

Check out the VFW Auxiliaries Facebook page. The page will be updated with photos and activities going on. The page is South Dakota VFW-Auxiliary.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns—Let me know if I can be of any assistance with anything I am more than happy to help you out. I have lots of resources and ideas to assist you with Americanism promotion in your school.

Contact your school and get out there and promote Americanism to the Students! They are our future and if we need to educate them on the true meaning of Americanism and Patriotism in this great nation.



Here is an example of some of the information I have gotten off the internet to be used at my Americanism training at the Fall Conference.

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Americanism
VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
2016-2017 Year End Report

Auxiliary # _____ **Chairman Name** _____

Auxiliary City _____ **Chairman Phone** _____

1. Did you Auxiliary conduct a special program on a Patriotic Holiday? _____

of Members participating ___ Volunteer Hours__ Number Community members involved _____
Please describe the program.

2. Did your Auxiliary participate or sponsor a POW/MIA program? _____ Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2"x3" or larger) _____ Number of American Flags presented(at least 2"x 3" or larger). Please describe your Auxiliary participation.

3. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Smart/ Maher National Citizenship Education Teachers Award?

4. Number of certificates Auxiliary presented to businesses or citizens for displaying the United States flag or POW/MIA flag or any other displays of American Pride. _____

5. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through the media? If so, please describe and send in article. _____

6. Did your Auxiliary conduct any Patriotic Education in your Auxiliary or community? If so, please list each activity and describe.

The forms need to be in to me by April 15th 2017. You can either email or mail them to me.

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Feel free to attach sheets describing your events.

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
CHIEF OF STAFF/EXTENSION
“Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes”
“Now Is the Time—Family—Support, Serve, Honor & Respect”
Bulletin #4, November, 2016

Need Help?

Why Having an Auxiliary Can Boost Your Post

Does your Post...

- Want to increase membership and participation?
- Want to win more Department and National awards?
- Want to involve your community in more of your events?
- Want to offer more meals to the public?
- Want to serve more veterans, active-duty military and their families?

What VFW Auxiliary can do for YOU....

- Open the doors to new members.
- Help with family-oriented events.
- Help spread the word on scholarship programs.
- Offer valuable assistance for meal and event preparation.
- Assist with Buddy Poppy Drives.
- Boost the Post’s visibility in the community by being involved in more local activities and events.

The above is a preview of the PowerPoint presentation offered by the VFW Auxiliary. It offers the advantages of a VFW Post having an Auxiliary work with them on their projects and goals. This is the **perfect** time to institute new Auxiliaries for our bachelor VFW Posts in South Dakota. We have this wonderful new source for new members for the Auxiliary; having the male relations of our VFW Veterans eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary. And that new source can do nothing but make us stronger and more effective for our VFW heroes.

I will be sending a letter to all of South Dakota’s VFW Posts (and to their District Commanders) that currently do not have an Auxiliary encouraging them to institute one. I will be happy to visit with the Post and answer any questions they may have in starting an Auxiliary.

I am asking all District Presidents to contact your District Commander. Encourage them to support an Auxiliary for those bachelor Posts. Offer your assistance in instituting new Auxiliaries. I am also asking all Auxiliary Presidents and Auxiliary members to contact your Post Commander. Encourage them to support an Auxiliary for those bachelor Posts. They know, first hand, the advantages of having an Auxiliary.

Let your ‘uncommon hero’ know as the spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, grandchild, they have our love and support. As Auxiliary members we can help them accomplish their goals, projects and programs for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. As Auxiliary members we can aid the VFW in serving our community, our Veterans, our active military and their families.

Loyally,
Jan Endes
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White River, SD 57579

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VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL AND VAVS

Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
Now is the Time: Family-Support-Serve-Honor and Respect
Bulletin #4, October 2016

Hello on a fall day with cooler temps and the hint of frost around the corner! I hope that at Fall Conference you stopped by and introduce yourself as I have met many people the last few months and do not have all the faces and names put together quite yet.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for the cards, emails, and support during my surgery and treatment for breast cancer. Be sure to get your mamogram every year as that is how mine was detected!! I feel good, but do get tired more quickly. So some things slide for a while!!

From our Naional Hospital Program Ambassador Janice Holm:
Volunteering offers the opportunity to learn new skills that can be used on a resume for those seeking employment. In fact, should the medical facility have an opening and the volunteer has the requirements and skills, their work ethic is already known and could be the door opening to employment at that facility. Anyone looking for employment should consider volunteering during unemployment as idle time on a resume never looks favorable to a potential employer.

We did learn that the VA Hospital Volunteer services in Hot Springs have several needs that they could use!! I know the other facilities can use similar items, more next month.

- Coats, larger sizes for men and women
- Back packs
- Clothing of all kinds and sizes
 - t-shirts and sweatshirts and they may have sayings on them
 - jean and pants
 - New t-shirts, socks, underwear (still in the packages)
- Shoes
- Toiletries
- Bedding of all sizes; sheets, blankets, throws,
- Towels, and wash cloths
- Composite notebooks, clip boards, drawing pads
- Pencils, colored pencils
- Alarm clocks and watches
- Dishes except for cups
- Things needed to set up homes when you have nothing, such as small appliances:
 - toasters, coffee pots, electric frying pans, pots and pans, slow cookers

The Hospital program has always been very focused on the Veteran!

Leanne Payne - Dept. of South Dakota Hospital/VAVS chairman

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57368

Wants/Needs for the Veterans at the Human Service Center (State Hospital)

Sweatpants

Sweatshirts

Deodorant

Socks

Underwear

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Body Wash

They said pretty much any personal hygiene stuff would be great as the stuff they get here is not of very good quality.

Nice brand name Tissues

Photo Board – A padded, fabric covered board in which to slip photos in.

Sun catchers or decals for windows

Removable wall sticker decorations- I know some of the dollar stores have some.

Any music cd's

Small fake flower arrangement in non- breakable vase to liven up rooms.

Small balls to toss around or stuffed animals to hold

Small holiday decorations to hang on doors (that cannot be breakable or choking hazard).

Also, as far as sizes they said mainly Large, Xlarge, and 2XL.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota

General Orders #4

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Tomorrow is Today – Now is the Time – Family-Support, Serve, Honor & Respect

As you know the VFW has Priority Goals. I am going to list the 2016 Priority Goals in this General Orders, The VFW's Legislative initiatives are **always** centered on quality of health and life initiatives for all the nation's veterans. Please do not get in a panic over these goals. We always do the best we can. I will have handouts at Fall Council.

The GOALS are:

Accountability

Budget

Health Care

Compensation & Benefits

Transition assistance

Education & Employment

Defense & Homeland Security

Military Quality of Life

POW/MIA

This is an election year. Every member of the House of Representatives, 1/3 of the Senate and the President will be elected in November of this year. We must all take an active part this year. It is crucial. We, meaning all the Veterans groups, particularly the VFW and its Auxiliary and all Veterans and their families, can change the course of history. We are very strong and we must use this strength this year. Remember, we are voting for the Veterans and their families. We must study those who are running for office and make our own determination if they are for our Veterans or not. Don't listen to the news media. If they are an incumbent, study their voting records, if they are just getting into politics, read up on them – their business, any committees they have served on, learn who the candidate really is and make an educated decision when you vote.

Our obligation at the polls doesn't end there. We need to study all the issues that are on the ballot. Become familiar with the wording, some of them are not as they seem. You can go to the Secretary of State.org and study the propositions – pro and con. If you do not have a computer, go to your local Library and they will help you obtain copies of the ballot.

We are the Party of the Veteran and must make sure that they are not continually pushed to the back of the line. They were there for us when our Nation was in need, it is now our turn to step up and make sure that we are there for them!!!

Loyally,

Sandi Moss

Sandi Moss

Legislative Chairman - 10577 Dogwood Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702-8625

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Membership & Leadership Awards

MEMBER AWARD

National Membership Achievement Award –

Each VFW Auxiliary or VFW post member who secures 20 new members (not rejoined) from July 1, 2016, to April 30, 2017, with the official form received at National Headquarters by May 31, 2017, will be honored with a National Membership Achievement Award; which will be presented at the National Convention in 2017. Department Treasurers are not eligible.

AUXILIARY AWARD:

\$50 to each Auxiliary when they reach 100% Plus by June 30, 2017, based on June 30, 2016, total membership numbers.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Goals will be individualized for each Department and be given at the start of the 2016-2017 year.

Quarter 1 by Oct. 31

New/Rejoin-Department Goal = \$200

Quarter 2 by Jan. 31

New/Rejoin-Department Goal = \$350

Quarter 3 by April 30

New/Rejoin-Department Goal = \$400

Quarter 4 by June 30

New/Rejoin-Department Goal = \$500

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE DEPARTMENT MONETARY AWARD:

\$1,000 to the Department if they achieve all the criteria for the Circle of Excellence.

AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

1. Citation to each Department Chairman for participation in this program.
2. *Unwavering Support Certificate* to the Department Membership Chairman in each Program Division with the best promotion of "Just One More Member Matters."
3. Outstanding Performance Award in each Program Division based on the criteria on Page 1 and for the promotion of the Program Goals on Page 12.

AWARDS FOR NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

1. "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes" Keepsake to each Conference Chairman for participation in this program.

MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

2016 -2017 YEAR-END REPORT

Submit to Department Chairman by April 15, 2017

1. How many recruiting events did your auxiliary plan? _____
2. How many recruiting events did your auxiliary have ? _____
3. How many methods did your auxiliary use to collect annual dues? _____ phone
calls _____ emails _____ letter/postcards _____ face to face conversations _____
4. Did your auxiliary offer incentives to your members for renewing early? _____
5. Did your auxiliary send due reminders/ notices ? _____
6. We have a Department National Certified Recruiter Trainer, which is Nancy Worth, how many
* training sessions did your auxiliary members attend ? _____
7. How many times did your auxiliary send out dues reminder/notices during the year ? _____
8. Did your auxiliary offer any incentives to your members to collect dues early? If so explain

9. Did your auxiliary offer a program similar to the Circle of Excellence, such as Outstanding
Auxiliary ? If so please
describe _____

10. How many male members did your auxiliary recruit this year? _____

Department Chairman

Mary Kirkvoid

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Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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(605)351-0839

VFW Auxiliary Member Award

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Each Auxiliary or VFW Post member who secures 20 new members from July 1, 2016, to April 30, 2017, with the official form received at National Headquarters **no later than May 31, 2017**, will be honored with a National Membership Achievement Award, which will be presented at the National Convention in 2017. Department Treasurers are not eligible.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Recruiter's Name _____ Member ID# _____ Aux. No. _____

Recruiter's Address _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Recruiter's Email Address _____

NUMBER	AUXILIARY NUMBER	MEMBER NAME	DATE ACCEPTED
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Completed form must be received by National Headquarters by May 31, 2017.

Mail form to:
VFW Auxiliary
ATTN: Membership Awards
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City MO 64111

SCOLARSHIPS
UNWAVERING SUPPORT for UNCOMMON HEROES
NOW IS THE TIME: FAMILY, SUPPORT, SERVE, HONOR & RESPECT
GENERAL ORDERS #4

By now all schools should have started. If you haven't gotten the scholarship fliers to the schools: **Now is the Time to Connect.** Connect with teachers, students and parents regarding our scholarships.

There are four scholarships to promote:

Patriots Pen. "The America I Believe In", for grades 6-8. The submission deadline is Tuesday Nov. 1, 2016 to the local VFW Post.

Voice of Democracy: "My Responsibility to America", for grades 9-12. The submission deadline is Tuesday Nov. 1, 2016 to the local VFW Post.

The deadline for these two scholarships will be fast approaching. It is imperative that you **ACT NOW** to promote these two competitions. Use the social media to reach all youth and their parents. Display posters wherever possible, perhaps at the library. Make sure the student has checked over his or her essay for mistakes and word spellings before handing it in. Sometimes a simple punctuation mark will ruin an essay.

Your judge's should be lined up and a place, date and time for the judging to be held. You will have until Nov. 15 to do your judging. Then it will go to the District judging. You can submit one essay to District for every fifteen entries you receive. A picture of the contestant should be included. Make sure the entire entry form is filled out "to be completed by the VFW Post" section and it is signed by the Commander/Chairman and Auxiliary President/Chairman.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest: This one is for students in 9-12 grades, 18 years of age or younger at the time of local entry, and a U.S. citizen. It must be on canvas or paper. Digital art and photography **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" or larger than 18" x 24", not including the mat. Deadline for the art entry is March 31, 2017 to the local Auxiliary.

Continuing Education: An applicant must be 18 years of age or older, a current VFW Auxiliary member or a spouse, son or daughter of a current member. The applicant must answer all questions on the application, write a brief essay (no more than 300 words) describing their commitment to their goals. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. The deadline for the application is February 15 to the VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters.

GET THE WORD OUT NOW IS THE TIME TO CONNECT : Publicity is very important before and after the contests. Newspapers need some good news and the contestants like the recognition. If you have any questions, email me at do_mullinix@yahoo.com or call me at 605-763-5595. Thanks for all you do for our students and our Veterans.

Loyally,

Donita Mullinix
Dept. Scholarship Chairman
104 W. Lincoln St.
Beresford, SD 57004

I had several requests at the Fall Council for a copy of this article that I put in our local newspaper. You can change the format if you want and of course put in your Post and Auxiliaries name.

VFW and AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS

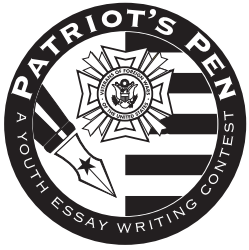
VFW Commander Cregg Getman and VFW Auxiliary President Donita Mullinix announce the kick-off of this year's scholarship competition. Local middle school and high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

The first competition is Voice of Democracy (VOD) where a student must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on the selected theme using an audio CD or flash drive and present their recording, typed essay and completed entry form to the local VFW Post/Auxiliary by November 1, 2016. This competition is for grades 9-12 and was created to provide students the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles. The theme for this year's VOD essay is "**My Responsibility to America**". The local first place winners advance to the District level with the winner advancing to the State level. The state first-place winner will receive a four day trip to Washington, D.C. and a chance to compete for their share of more than \$150,000 in scholarships. The National first-place winner receives a \$30,000 college scholarship.

The second scholarship is for grades 6-8. The Patriot's Pen (PP) essay is to encourage young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experience in modern American society by composing a 300-400-word patriotic-themed essay. The theme for this year is "**The America I Believe In**". The deadline for the PP competition is November 1, 2016 to the local Post/Auxiliary. The local winner will advance to the District and then to the state level. The state first-place winner will advance to an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. where the National first place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Our third scholarship contest is the Patriotic Art Scholarship contest where students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for \$21,000 in national scholarships. Students must submit an original piece of artwork on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink, or oil may be used. Digital art and photography is not accepted. The entry must have been done during the current 2016-2017 school year and must include a teacher's signature. Student's entries must be submitted to the VFW Auxiliary by March 31, 2017. Students begin at the local level competition, with the first place winner advancing to the District level and then to the state level. The state first place winner will compete for their share of \$21,000 in national awards, and the national first place winner will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.

Any student, teacher or home schooled student interested in any of these scholarships should contact Donita Mullinix, Auxiliary President, 605-763-5595 or go to the VFW web site at www.vfwauxiliary.org. or <http://www.vkw.org>.



Patriot's Pen Score Sheet

Theme Knowledge: Shows knowledge of the theme and use of research

Theme Development: Answers relevant facts - who, what, where, when and why.
Relates to writer's own experiences.

Clarity of Ideas: Provides a clear explanation of the writer's interpretation of the theme.

Contestant Code No.																			
Theme Knowledge (0-30 pts.)																			
Theme Development (0-35 pts.)																			
Clarity of Ideas (0-35 pts.)																			
TOTAL (0-100)																			

Contestant Code No.																			
Theme Knowledge (0-30 pts.)																			
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Clarity of Ideas (0-35 pts.)																			
TOTAL (0-100)																			

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Theme Knowledge (0-30 pts.)																			
Theme Development (0-35 pts.)																			
Clarity of Ideas (0-35 pts.)																			
TOTAL (0-100)																			

Judge's Signature

Date and Location of Judging



Voice of Democracy Score Sheet

Originality: Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content: Ideas are expressed clearly and in an organized manner. Theme is fully developed and transitions between ideas are smooth.

Delivery: Speaking voice is clear and credible.

Contestant Code No.																			
Originality (0-30 pts.)																			
Content (0-35 pts.)																			
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Judge's Signature

Date and Location of Judging

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2016-2017

Bulletin 4

-Tammy Chase, Department Chairman

October 2016

History of the Youth Activities Program: The fifth program to be adopted by the VFW Auxiliary was the Youth Program. It started with the formation of the Daughters of the VFW in 1935. It was apparent in 1938 that hundreds of Auxiliaries were assisting in all kinds of youth activities in addition to the Daughters. From these beginnings, our current Youth Activities Program came into existence.

We all know of a veteran or their family that may need assistance – youth may be valuable in helping with outdoor gardening or making thank you cards for the troops. There are many ways in which they may help. When a group of youth help veterans or their families, take the time to fill out paperwork for a citation to present to them.

This year make it a priority to include as many youth groups as possible in helping our veterans. We will make lasting impressions on them for how they may help to make a veteran's day easier. It is also important that they learn to give thanks for all they do and have done for our nation.

Sponsor a youth group in your community. This is a way of forging a working, learning relationship bond between the veterans and youth. Give your group a pizza party or a donation for items they may need. Invite them to flag folding and flag etiquette classes at your post. Don't forget to explain the Missing Man table on display in our posts.

Remember to keep the youth you work with in mind for the **Random Acts of Patriotism** (RAP) cards and citations. I have enclosed a copy of the application for the citation.

Remember that it only takes a minute to make a difference in the life of a child. There are lots of small, positive things we can all do to help protect and nurture our children that only take a minute. A few words of praise and encouragement to a child, listening carefully to what a child has to say, showing a child you care, all are simple actions that added together have been shown to have a profound impact on a child's life. In these very real ways, we can all support children and strengthen families.

PROGRAM GOALS

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations

Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)



Loyally,

Tammy Chase, 2016-2017 Youth Activities Chairman
45980 SD Hwy 10 - Sisseton, SD 57262
(605) 698-7122
cbchase@venturecomm.net

Youth Activities

2016-2017 Monthly Report

To help your auxiliary keep track of data for the year-end reporting
It is not necessary to send this to the Department Chairman every month.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____

Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

1. How many Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citations were issued this month? _____

How did your Auxiliary publicize the presentation of the Citation?

2. How many youth groups did your Auxiliary work with this month? _____

What event or project did you work together on?

How many youth were involved? _____

How many Auxiliary members involved? _____

3. How did your Auxiliary promote the Random Acts of Patriotism program this month? _____

How many R.A.P. cards were distributed? _____

How many R.A.P. coins were distributed? _____

4. Number of Youth/youth groups that were recognized and why?

Youth Activities

2016-2017 Year-End Report

Submit to Tammy Chase before April 15, 2017

Auxiliary #: _____ Chairman's Name: _____

Auxiliary City: _____ Chairman's Phone #: _____

1. Participation in and/or publicized Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations: Number of activities: _____

Descriptions: _____

2. Number of youth groups that you worked with during the year: _____

Estimated number of youth involved: _____

Descriptions: _____

3. Did you use the R.A.P (Random Acts of Patriotism) program: _____

Number of R.A.P cards distributed: _____

Number of R.A.P coins distributed: _____

Descriptions: _____

4. Number of youth recognized in communities for their academic, athletic, scouting or other accomplishments: _____(number)

Descriptions: _____

Return to: Tammy Chase, 45980 SD Hwy 10, Sisseton, SD 57262

605-698-7438 – cbchase@venturecomm.net

Date Received: _____



YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Citation Request Form

A National citation will be awarded to any youth group **only** named below for their efforts in support of veterans and their families.

Youth Group's Name **EXACTLY** as it is to appear on the citation

Citation and letter are to be mailed to:

C/O _____

Person who will be presenting citation and letter

Organization _____

(example: Boy Scout Troop 123 or VFW Auxiliary 4567 or Kennedy Elementary School)

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Describe activities that supported veterans and/or their families. (Between July 1 and March 15)

Total hours spent on project

Number of items or letters sent or given

Value of items

Submitted by _____

VFW Auxiliary Name and Number

Location _____

City

State

Signature _____

VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman

VFW Auxiliary Chairman will mail to Department Youth Activities Chairman

Any forms sent to National Headquarters without the Department Youth Activities Chairman's signature will be returned to the Auxiliary.

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Received from VFW Auxiliary _____

Signature _____

Department Youth Activities Chairman

Date

Department Youth Activities Chairman must verify all information requested has been provided. Send completed and signed form to the address below so that the form is received by

April 10

**VFW Auxiliary
406 W 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111**