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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
Nancy Worth, President
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**Advocates for Veterans
& Their Families**

VFW Auxiliary
SOUTH DAKOTA
2015-2016



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota

General Orders Number 6, January, 2016

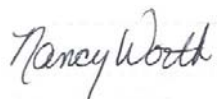
Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. First of all, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO: Deb Fahey, Department of South Dakota Christmas Tree Chairman, and those who assisted with this year's VFW Auxiliary Christmas tree at the State Capitol in Pierre. The creative decorations for the *Christmas Around the World* theme looked wonderful on the tree.
2. **Continuous Membership Dues Reminder:** Note: If a member does not have his or her dues paid by December 31, 2015 they will NOT be a member in good standing and cannot come into your January meeting until they are current. WE DO NOT WANT TO TURN ANYONE AWAY FROM OUR MEETINGS, SO PLEASE GET THESE DUES PAID. *This also applies to any elected or appointed officers at any level of the VFW Auxiliary.*
2. Meeting specific Membership Goals (such as 90% by December 31 and 95% by March 31, 2016) not only help each local Auxiliary but also the Department of South Dakota. By attaining 90% by the end of the calendar year, the Department will receive \$300 from National Headquarters to assist with our many programs. An additional \$500 could come our way if we attain 95% by March 31, 2016. These goals are, indeed, possible for South Dakota.
3. Remember to contact members who may not have paid their dues to determine why they have left our organization. National Headquarters has an online and mailed out "Exit Survey" for lapsed members. This survey has indicated that members may not have received a renewal notice or were never contacted by their Auxiliary after having joined the organization. Let's do a much better job of including members in the great work we do.
4. **Cancer Research Publication:** Included in this mailing is a letter from Jason L. Petersen, PhD, who received the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota Cancer Research Grant recipient for the 2012-2013 year (Neta Peterka's presidency). The insert on the letter shows the Acknowledgement section of the article entitled "DNA Repair." Congratulations, Dr. Petersen.
5. The new **2015 Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual** is now available for purchase through the VFW Store. Since there were numerous changes this year (to include how elected and appointed officers and members are to be addressed), each Auxiliary should purchase at least one new version.

6. The **4th Quarter Audit Reports** for October, November and December are due to Department Treasurer, Carol Gross, by January 30, 2016. Reference 2015 National Bylaws, Section 814, page 95. Auxiliaries that have not filed any prior Audit Reports risk suspension of their Charter by National Headquarters.
7. The SD Mid-Winter District 10 Meeting will be held Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Rapid City Post Home. Visits to Fort Meade VA, Black Hills National Cemetery, Hot Springs VA and South Dakota State Veterans Home.
8. The SD Mid-Winter District 2 Meeting will be held Saturday, January 23, 2016 at noon at the Sioux Falls Post Home. The visit to the Sioux Falls VA is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016.
9. **VFW** additional Mid-Winter Meetings are scheduled as follows (remember, at this time, VFW Auxiliary Districts are not required to have a Mid-Winter Meeting):

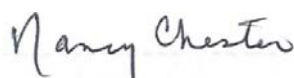
District #1: Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:30pm at the Vermillion Post Home
District #4: Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:30pm at the Watertown Post Home
District #6: Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 3:00pm at Dot T's Restaurant, Faulkton
District #7: Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Parkston Post Home
District #8: Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Burke Post Home
10. The schedule/registration form for South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary Legislative Conference January 31 and February 1, 2016 is enclosed in this mailing. Registration is due by January 26, 2016. Please make your own motel reservations and ask for VFW rates - ALL room rates go up if reservations are made after January 6, 2016. District 23 National Council Member, Vickie Rosse, will be the VFW Auxiliary National Representative.
11. New charters for each Auxiliary with our new name – Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary – have been received by Department Treasurer, Carol Gross. These will be distributed during the Legislative Conference in Pierre.
12. The Continuing Education Scholarship (application included in this mailing) has a deadline of February 15, 2016 to National Headquarters. For those members wishing to also apply at the Department of South Dakota level, please make a copy of the application form and send to Department Scholarship Chairman, Sandi Moss.
13. Information on the 2016 VFW National Legislative Conference on February 28 – March 3, 2016 in Washington, DC can be found on the website: www.vfw.org.DC2016.

By Order of:



Nancy J. Worth
Department President

Attest:



Nancy Chester
Department Secretary

Remembering Our Promise



January, 2016

South Dakota VFW Auxiliary has a reason to celebrate achievements in Membership! We are #1 in National Membership Group #6 for the second month in a row. Congratulations to all South Dakota members who are working diligently to make these accomplishments come true in Membership. We can all work to get 100%+.

The schedule/registration form for Legislative Conference is in this mailing. Complete your event registration as soon as possible. I don't want members to miss the presentation of our Department Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year winners. This event also gives us a chance to visit with the South Dakota Legislators to discuss issues that are important to Veterans and their families. Please review the 2015 Legislative Priority Goals in advance of this conference.

Department Chairmen and Special Chairmen are asked to have a report ready for the Council of Administration meeting on January 31, 2016. The National Representative to the Legislative Conference will be South Dakota's own, Vickie Rosse, District 23 National Council Member. Please attend and help show our continued support to Vickie.

General Orders and some year-end report forms (available to print for completion) are on the VFW Department website: www.sdvfw.org behind the Auxiliary tab. Having these forms on the website is of assistance to Auxiliaries in completing reports.

As in the past, Capitol Christmas Tree Chairman, Deb Fahey, did a fantastic job in directing the decorating of our tree at the State Capitol in Pierre. I have now viewed our tree (and countless others) on two occasions – this is truly a trip folks should make. Beautiful – thank you to all who assisted.

Again, I want to let Auxiliary officers and member know that I will be available to assist in navigating the VFW Auxiliary National website while at the Legislative Conference. This is an amazing resource for everyone interested in continuing to learn about our great organization. Let me know if you wish to receive some instruction.

Thank you to all helping to make South Dakota's VFW Auxiliary successful and to continue to move forward as we change with the needs of our Veterans and their families.

Loyally:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy Worth'.

VFW Auxiliary South Dakota
2015-2016 Department President

Membership: How to Treat People With Respect

(from VFW Auxiliary Enewsletter, 12/8/15)

The key to treating people with respect is to treat them as you would like to be treated – commonly known as the Golden Rule. When dealing with difficult members in your local Auxiliary, seek to understand the root of their problems toward you. Then, you will be able to rise above the situation, and treat them well.

Here are several tips for treating members with respect within your Auxiliary:

1. **Practice self-respect.** Because you want to respect others as you would hope to be respected, it is incredibly important that you extend to yourself the same respect and courtesy that you would extend to another person. If someone says something cruel or demeaning, speak up. Tell them what you found to be disrespectful and why.
2. **Really listen.** A lot of people don't listen very well, because they're distracted, checking their phone, or thinking about the next thing that they are going to say. Learn to really listen when other people speak.
3. **Treat other people's ideas with due consideration.** This means listening to another person's ideas, opinions, and advice with an open mind. Even if you don't necessarily agree with them, give them the benefit of thinking about what they have said.
4. **Be mindful of your words.** Words are very powerful and they can be incredibly disrespectful if used improperly. Think carefully about what you're going to say, and to whom, otherwise you might hurt someone.
5. **Cultivate good manners.** This is as simple as saying "thank you" and "please" when you're requesting something from another person. It shows that you respect the time and effort that it will take for them to help you, and it will allow them to feel respected.



VFW AUXILIARY

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MEMO

DATE: December 15, 2015

TO: Department Presidents
Department Secretaries

FROM: Jan Owens, National Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: **15 Days and Counting...**

We have compiled a listing of nearly **700 unpaid Auxiliary and District officers** whose 2016 dues have yet to be transmitted to National Headquarters.

Please understand that on **January 4, 2016**, National Headquarters will remove any Auxiliary and District Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers whose 2016 dues are not paid. You will receive a list of those officers who have been removed--names, addresses and phone numbers and email addresses if available.

It is your responsibility to contact the Auxiliaries/Districts where officers have been removed to insure that correct procedures are followed.

- ✓ If a President is removed, the Sr. Vice President is automatically the President and the Jr. Vice President becomes the Sr. Vice President.
 1. The contact information for the new President and Sr. Vice is forwarded to the Department Secretary and the name of new President to the National Secretary.
 2. At the first VFW Auxiliary meeting following the removal of the President, the new President announces that at next meeting (30 days later) there will be an election for the office of Jr. Vice President and any other office(s) vacated by that election. The contact information for the new Jr. Vice President will be forwarded to the Department Secretary immediately following the election.
- ✓ If a Secretary is removed, the President will appoint a new Secretary (a member whose 2016 dues are paid) and forward the contact information to both the Department and National Secretaries.
- ✓ If a Treasurer is removed, the President shall request an acting Treasurer from the National President (see Section 813, page 88) with the name, membership ID number, address, phone number and email of the member who will serve as acting Treasurer so that business may be transacted until the VFW Auxiliary has an election for a new Treasurer.



VFW AUXILIARY

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MEMO

DATE: December 4, 2015

TO: Department Presidents
Department Treasurer
Department Secretaries

FROM: Jan Owens, National Secretary-Treasurer

Over the past few months, several members have expressed concern over many items that affect Department Treasurers and Auxiliary Treasurers, and I have listened to them. As a result, I am sending this listing of concerns to you. Some of you do not have any issues that are listed and some of you may. Please just take this for what it is, and if you or someone in your Department needs to be mentored on proper procedure, I would hope that you will help them. If you have a question, I am happy to help you.

Concern:

Department Treasurer makes Trustees from each Auxiliary send in their signature for her to verify those signatures on that Auxiliary's audit.

Comment:

Nowhere in our Bylaws or Treasurer's Guide is this suggested or recommended. It is the job of the Trustees to do an audit and sign off on it. It is not the duty of the Treasurer to doubt the signatures of those Trustees.

Concern:

Auxiliary does background checks on applicants.

Comment:

The only item that an Auxiliary is allowed to verify on an application is the service record (proof of eligibility) of the sponsor. No background checks should be made; no verification of relationship should be made. You are only allowed to ask for the proof of eligibility of the veteran they are signing up under and if that Veteran is a member of your Post, that affiliation is verification enough.

Concern:

Department Treasurer or Auxiliary Treasurer will not process applicant after they have been accepted and voted on by Auxiliary because they believe them to be not eligible or they determine information is missing.

Comment:

The Bylaws are very clear that a member in good standing is one who has been voted in by the Auxiliary and has paid the current year's dues. Once the Auxiliary approves the membership on the Auxiliary floor, the only way that person can be removed is by following the procedure outlined in Sec. 108. If a Department Treasurer believes a person to be ineligible they should process the application and inform the Department President who would then inform the Auxiliary President that the person might not be eligible; then the Auxiliary should question the eligibility on their floor. Failure to process the application could put the Department at risk for liability issues should that member be denied member benefits due to the application not being processed in a timely manner.

Concern:

Members have paid their dues to the local Auxiliary and have a receipt, but the dues do not show as paid on their records at National Headquarters.

Comment:

Section 104 of the National Bylaws state "Dues must be paid by June 30 to remain a member in good standing. Prior year's dues may not be paid after July 1." This means that prior year's dues cannot be paid into the National database. If a member pays their dues, and the dues are not transmitted to National, then the member is due a full refund from the entity which failed to transmit the dues. Please note that if a Department or Auxiliary fails to transmit the dues, that entity may be held liable for claims of benefits that could be denied because the member was not continuous (i.e., a cancer grant). Dues must be transmitted on a current regular basis. National Headquarters believes that "at least weekly" is reasonable.

Concern:

Members state they have paid 2015 dues to their Auxiliary, but they are not showing as paid on the National database and do not have a receipt.

Comment:

After sending out the "Lapsed Membership Survey," it has been repeatedly called to National's attention that people believe they are members. However, National's records do not reflect receipt of their membership dues. The National Office can only refer them to their Department President to investigate as to why their dues have not been processed. Some have proof of payment, and some do not. This reflects poorly on the organization, thus the Department President is asked to determine if a Treasurer and/or Trustees are not performing their fiduciary duties.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
PO Box 5046, 2501 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57117

December 3, 2015

Dear Members of the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary,

I recently submitted a manuscript for acceptance to a scientific journal called "DNA Repair". The work presented in the manuscript was funded in part by the South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Cancer Aid & Research Fund Grant from 2013. I just received notification that the manuscript was accepted for publication. It is currently available online and will be in print in January. I have enclosed a copy of the journal article with this letter. Please note that the Auxiliary has been recognized in the Acknowledgments section of the article.

We are excited by the discoveries presented in our article. The importance of DNA repair and the prevention of cancer is well-known. However, there are mysteries that still exist regarding how DNA repair functions. We believe the results in our article are a stepping stone for unraveling some of these mysteries, thereby assisting in the prevention of cancer for our Veterans and the general population. Thank you for supporting our work.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason L. Petersen".

Jason L. Petersen, PhD
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Sioux Falls VA Healthcare System
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Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Acknowledgements

This material is based on work supported by the South Dakota Governor's 2010 center for the Biological Control and Analysis by Applied Photonics (BCAAP), the Cancer Aid & Research Fund of the Department of South Dakota Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and with resources and the use of facilities at the Sioux Falls VA Healthcare System. The contents of this work do not represent the views of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Government.

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							
114 MEMBERS	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$11.40	\$5.70	\$5.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
TOTAL	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	877.19%	420.00%	420.00%	
SCOTLAND 2966 (97 Members)	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LAKE ANDES 3239 (92 Members)	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
TOTAL	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PARKSTON 3298 (38 Members)	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
TOTAL	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PLANKINTON 6554 (94 Members)	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
TOTAL	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	1376.59%	100.00%	100.00%	
TYNDALL 6895 (47 Members)	\$94.00	\$58.75	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
This Month:							
BAL FORWARD	\$99.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$99.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
Current % =	105.31%	118.21%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
WAGNER 7319 (106 Members)	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
TOTAL	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
Current % =	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100%	\$100.00	100.00%	

DISTRICT #8	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS .50	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
WINNER 4674 (361 Members)	\$722.00	\$451.25	\$361.00	\$36.10	\$18.05	\$18.05	
This Month:							\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
TOTAL	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
Current % =	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	
PIERRE 2038 (307 Members)	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
BURKE 9950 (115 Members)	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$11.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$261.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$261.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	2273.91%	100.00%	100.00%	

DISTRICT #10	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & Fam Support 1.0	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPIC S
RAPID CITY 1273 (422 Members)	\$844.00	\$527.50	\$422.00	\$42.20	\$21.10	\$21.10	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$921.00	\$627.50	\$422.00	\$42.20	\$21.10	\$21.10	
TOTAL	\$921.00	\$627.50	\$422.00	\$42.20	\$21.10	\$21.10	
Current % =	109.12%	118.95%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
HOT SPRINGS 1640 (98 members)	\$196.00	\$122.50	\$98.00	\$9.80	\$4.90	\$4.90	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD							
TOTAL							
Current % =							
STURGIS 2730 (213 Members)	\$426.00	\$266.25	\$213.00	\$21.30	\$10.65	\$10.65	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$426.00	\$266.25	\$213.00	\$21.30	\$10.65	\$10.65	\$106.50
TOTAL	\$426.00	\$266.25	\$213.00	\$21.30	\$10.65	\$10.65	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LEMMON 2969 (31 Members)	\$62.00	\$38.75	\$31.00	\$3.10	\$1.55	\$1.55	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$93.80	\$258.75	\$31.00	\$53.10	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$93.80	\$258.75	\$31.00	\$53.10	\$1.55	\$1.55	
Current % =	151.29%	834.67%	100.00%	171.29%	100.00%	100.00%	
BELLE FOURCHE 3312 (38 Members)	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
This Month:							\$0.55
BAL. FORWARD	\$78.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	\$3.70
TOTAL	\$78.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
Current % =	102.63%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
CUSTER 3442 (164 members)	\$328.00	\$205.00	\$164.00	\$16.40	\$8.20	\$8.20	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$328.00	\$205.00	\$164.00	\$16.40	\$8.20	\$8.20	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$328.00	\$205.00	\$164.00	\$16.40	\$8.20	\$8.20	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
SPEARFISH 5860 (127 Members)	\$254.00	\$158.75	\$127.00	\$12.70	\$6.35	\$6.35	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$254.00	\$158.75	\$127.00	\$212.70	\$6.35	\$6.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$254.00	\$158.75	\$127.00	\$212.70	\$6.35	\$6.35	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	1674.80%	100.00%	100.00%	
DEADWOOD 5969 (248 Members)	\$496.00	\$310.00	\$248.00	\$24.80	\$12.40	\$12.40	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$496.00	\$310.00	\$248.00	\$24.80	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$124.00
TOTAL	\$496.00	\$310.00	\$248.00	\$24.80	\$12.40	\$12.40	
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	\$48.00	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$2.40	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$48.00	\$30.00	\$24.00	\$2.40	\$1.20	\$1.20	
Current % =	104.34%	104.34%	104.34%	104.34%	104.34%	104.34%	

District #10

342.00

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY

Legislative Conference/Councils of Administration
and Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Awards Banquet

January 31 and February 1, 2016

All events will be held at the AmericInn Teton Conference Center, Fort Pierre

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

Registration starts at 11:00 am Foyer of Teton Conference Center

The VFW and Auxiliary will have Committee meetings starting at 10:00 am (Teton Conference Center)

1:00 pm COUNCIL MEETINGS VFW and Aux. in the Teton Conference Center (Walden & Scotty Rooms)

6:00 pm Soup and Sandwich bar served in Teton Conference Center (Leighen Room)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

JOINT SESSION 8:00 am (Walden Room)

VOD and Patriots Pen winners visit the State Capital

VFW Aux. National Certified Recruiter Trainer Seminar, Jan Endes 9:30 – 11:15 am (Breakfast Room)

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOTS' PEN, AND TEACHER BANQUET 11:30 am (Leighen/Scotty Room)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 6:00 to 7:00 PM LEGISLATIVE MIXER (Leighen/Scotty Room)

Please be there, your State Legislators will be attending.

Advance REGISTRATION \$65.00

After January 26, 2016 Registration for Conference will be \$75.00

(Includes Sunday Supper, Monday Banquet and Legislative Mixer)

CHECKS PAYABLE to: VFW Department of South Dakota (Separate meals \$25.00 per meal)

MAIL TO: Dennis & Karen Sharp, PO Box 1133, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

VFW/AUX # _____

CITY _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED _____

YOUR MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask for VFW rates. All room rates go up after January 6, 2016

Days Inn: 520 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-0411, \$69.99 until Jan. 6, 2016.

Governors Inn: 700 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-4200, \$79.95 until Jan. 6, 2016.

River Lodge: 713 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-4140, \$59.00 until Jan. 6, 2016.

AmericInn: 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre. Call 605-223-2358, \$79.99 until Jan. 6, 2016.

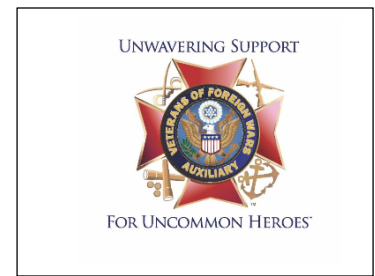
Rooms are limited at the AmericInn. You are required to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement.

Fill out Registration Form for each individual attending the Conference.



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota
Karen Sharp, Sr. Vice**

Bulletin #6 – January 2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with family and friends.

We are now in the second-half of our Auxiliary year. I will be attending Sr. Vice training in Reno mid-January. I'm looking forward to once again seeing my sister classmates and anxious to learn what is in store for all of this coming year.

When I return, I will be making calls for Program Chairman and other appointments. If any of you would like to serve in any particular position, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to learn more about the organization. It's not that you can't, but rather will you. Please give it some thought, and do not hesitate to call me with any questions you may have. I hope to have things pretty well in place by the Legislative Conference the end of January.

In February, several of us will be going to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic to attend the National Mid-winter Conference. Having never been to a mid-winter conference, I'm excited and looking forward to the experience and all it has to offer.

I'd like to give Jr. Vice Carrie Alm some well-deserved kudos for organizing the retreat several of us enjoyed in November at the Roost in Grenville. It was a wonderful time of learning, sharing, networking, fun and lots of good camaraderie and sisterhood. If we are able to do this again (looking at possibly sometime between Aug. 10 – 20, 2016), I strongly urge you to make plans to attend, especially if you are a line officer, or thinking about becoming a line officer, program chairman, or district president. You won't regret it.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year Awards Luncheon in Pierre the end of January. Again, another great opportunity to participate and learn more about our organization as well as networking with other members, and we need your help at the Legislative Mixer to help promote our programs and goals.

It's not too early to be thinking about putting your "hat in the ring" for a Department line officer position, and if not a Department officer, please consider taking a position on the local and/or district level. It is a great experience and a great way to learn by doing. **YOU CAN, YOU CAN, YOU CAN.**

Last but not least, yet another plug for membership this year. We are within reach of 100% plus. Let's not let this opportunity pass us by. **MEMBERSHIP IS SO IMPORTANT.** Numbers give us strength, and it is a never-ending process. Thanks for all you've done and keep up the good work. It is greatly appreciated.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota
Department President's Theme: **Remembering Our Promise**
National President's Theme: **"Our Veterans – Now and Forever"**
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015- 2016 by Patti Mitchell
General Orders Bulletin #6 January, 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.

How can members best support the VFW Post with this program? Remember that our communities' can be involved in almost every aspect of our VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Program. • Promote Buddy Poppies • Assist with National Veterans Service and National Military Services • Participate in Hospital volunteerism • Participate in and receive VFW. Ask your local groups to help: ROTC and Sea Cadet groups can post colors, Scouting groups can conduct flag awareness programs, young people can assist veterans with Buddy Poppy drives and promotions, they can assist with patriotic holiday activities such as placing flags on gravesites or singing to or reading to veterans in nursing homes or hospitals. The possibilities for today's youth are endless. We have available to us an endless resource of energy and activity. We have only to ask the youth of our community to get involved and we will reap the benefits.

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.

PROJECT EXAMPLES: Marching in patriotic holiday parades, Organizing assembly, collection and delivery of care packages for troops, Volunteering to help veterans and active-duty military and their families

Turn in your volunteer: hours each month so your auxiliary gets the credit for VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2014-2015
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AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF SD January 2016 Bulletin 6

**National President Francisca Guilford's Theme
"OUR VETERANS-- NOW & FOREVER"
Department President Nancy Worth's Theme
"REMEMBERING OUR PROMISE; ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES"**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! *The Holidays are over and I am sure you all had great visits with family and friends. Now it is time to get back to work as we all know how fast time slips away from us. It is evident even with the passing of Veterans Day, the need remains to contact the schools our youth and adults to remind everyone of the sacrifices and valor all veterans have demonstrated in the past. We all need to be aware of what our military is doing for America today to insure the values we as Americans have taken for granted, thus giving us the opportunity to show and keep our Civic Pride Alive.*

We do not stress enough the proper way to dispose of tatter and worn flags. This is a perfect time to work with another organization to collect old flags and share in the flag burning ceremony. What a great time to give certificates to businesses and home owners for flying the flag on a regular basis.

Take part in the Veterans Oral History Projects, a program to collect and preserve through audio and videotaped oral histories of War Veterans. This can be from all wars. For more information Contact Veterans Oral History Project, Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Our prayers, thoughts and concerns are with Paris and San Bernardino after the terrorist attacks, they have no regard for human life. Our Country has withstood the same destruction and it has made us a stronger nation because Our Freedom was challenged. There is bound to be fear, as terrorism is a weapon of the weak but they will not diminish the unsurmountable spirit of the American people or our passion for "LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL" as well as our Freedom. Our service men and women will continue to take all the risks to keep us free but we need to step up to the plate and support them with our donations to National Veterans Services and show our devotion to continue promoting our Patriotism.

Even though the Holidays are over don't forget there are many things you can do for our Veterans and their Families all year long such as yard work, shoveling snow, the families of Deployed Veterans still need assistance with numerous jobs. The homeless still need meals, treats & clothing. You can encourage other businesses, churches, and schools to join in these efforts. The children of Veterans would still enjoy a party, you don't need a special occasion to have one.

**Nelda Jorgenson, Americanism Chairman
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GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR FLAG

I am your Flag. I have been kicked, trampled, burned and shot full of holes. I have fought battles, but I prefer the untroubled air of world peace.

I am your Flag. I represent the freedom of humanity, and I shall fly high, thundering in silence for the whole world to hear. My gentle rustling in the breeze sounds out the warning to all who would bury me forever that below stands a population dedicated to liberty.

For those who have perished for my right to freedom of flight, for those who will die, and indeed, for those who will live, I stand as a symbol of freedom-loving people.

I have been carried into battle in faraway lands, always for the cause of freedom. I am bloodstained, torn and many times wearied and saddened by the thousands who have paid the supreme sacrifice. Do not let it all be for nothing. Tell me the brave have all died for a worthwhile cause. Be proud of what I represent, and display me for all to see.

Whether you call me "Old Gloroy", "Stars and Stripes" or "Star-Spangled Banner", I shall fly forever as a symbol of your freedom as I did for your ancestors, and as I shall for your heirs. I am YOUR Flag.

Author Unknown

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
CHIEF OF STAFF & EXTENSION
“Our Veterans—Now and Forever”
“Remembering Our Promise—Advocates for Veterans and Their Families”
Bulletin #3, January, 2016

There are 15 Bachelor Posts in South Dakota (VFW Posts that do not have an Auxiliary). Do you know the bachelor post(s) in your district? I am challenging each District and/or Auxiliary to start a new Auxiliary at those Posts. With male relation eligibility to the Auxiliary, this can be an effective resource in instituting a new Auxiliary. If you are interested in beginning the process, please be aware of the first three steps that need to be accomplished before you can contact our Department President Nancy.

1. The bachelor VFW Post must vote by a 2/3 majority to have an Auxiliary.
2. President Nancy then appoints the official organizer, and she must be a member of the Auxiliary.
3. A minimum of 15 eligible applicants must be on the application for the Charter.

As your Department Extension Chairman, I am at your disposal in accomplishing this goal.

Offering a *Good Job Certificate* to say “thank you” can be presented by the Auxiliary to show their appreciation to a member (or non-member) for their help, participation or support in our events and programs. Do you have a member(s) that goes that extra mile for our Veterans? Present to them this special acknowledgment for their dedication. This is a key ingredient to the health of our Auxiliary. Is there a business or non-member in your community that always supports your events and programs? This certificate is just one of the ways we can thank them for their support. I have provided a copy of this certificate for your use. Let me know when you offer them to our advocates for our Veterans and active military.

National is offering two awards for Auxiliaries and Auxiliary members:

The first national award will go to one member from each Department who assists in revitalizing her Auxiliary and who uses the Healthy Auxiliary materials will receive an *Our Veterans – Now and Forever* keepsake. I have provided a copy of the nomination form with this bulletin. I am certain every Auxiliary has that special member that goes a step beyond in your Auxiliary and Post’s activities and programs.

The second national award will go to one Auxiliary in each Department that best used publicity, i.e. radio/TV/social media, in forming their Auxiliary or revitalizing their Auxiliary. That Auxiliary would receive an *Our Veterans – Now and Forever* citation. I have provided a copy of the nomination form with this bulletin. I know many Auxiliaries do a great job of informing their communities of their dedication and support of their Veterans. Tell me all about it.

Nominations for both of these awards **must be mailed to me by March 1, 2016.**

I am offering a few words of wisdom from our Chief of Staff/Extension National Ambassador Barbara Melnick. **The “Ask” In Mentoring:** There is an “ask” we make when we ask members to join the Auxiliary. There is also an “ask” we make when we ask members to participate in Auxiliary activities. Each member has their own skills and interests. Have you asked what they are interested in? What they are good at? Some members enjoy visiting hospitals or nursing homes, others enjoy planning dinners and events, and others like working with youth. Have you asked a member to help if they haven’t volunteered recently? Have you called members that don’t regularly attend meetings to make sure they know of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities? The “ask” is a part of mentoring and an important way to help members stay engaged and passionate about their membership in the VFW Auxiliary.

Merry Christmas to You and Yours & a Very Happy New Year

Loyally,
Jan Endes
26422 278th Ave.
White River, SD 57579

Phone: 605-452-3270
E-mail: tendes@goldenwest.net



The Good Job Award

Presented to _____

on this day

**For an outstanding job in supporting the programs
and goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary!**

Signed _____

Title _____



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Chief of Staff/Extension Member Award Nomination Form

Our Veterans – Now and Forever Keepsake to one member in each Department who assists in revitalizing her Auxiliary and who uses the Healthy Auxiliary materials. One nomination from each Auxiliary is **due by March 1, 2016**, to Dept. Chief of Staff Jan Endes.

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Member Nominated: _____ Member ID _____

Auxiliary No. _____ Department _____

Nominated by: _____

How did this member assist in revitalizing her Auxiliary?

How did the member use the Healthy Auxiliary materials?

Membership numbers at start of 2015-2016 Membership Year? _____

Current membership numbers? _____

Did member meeting attendance increase? YES or NO

SEND TO:

Jan Endes

SD VFW Aux. Dept. Chief of Staff

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White River, SD 57579

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



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Chief of Staff Auxiliary Award

Our Veterans – Now and Forever Citation to one Auxiliary in each Department that best used publicity, i.e. radio/TV/social media, in forming their Auxiliary or revitalizing their Auxiliary. One nomination from each Auxiliary Chief of Staff is **due by March 1, 2016**, to Dept. Chief of Staff Jan Endes.

Auxiliary _____
Aux. Chief of Staff Name _____
Auxiliary Number _____
City _____ State _____

Please explain why you believe your Auxiliary should receive a national citation for using publicity and various forms of media in forming or revitalizing your Auxiliary. The result should be a newly formed Auxiliary or an Auxiliary that experienced growth and more member engagement.

SEND TO:
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Hospital & VAVS Program
VFW Auxiliary, Dept. of South Dakota
“Our Veterans – Now and Forever”
“Remembering Our Promise; Advocates for Veterans & Their Families”
Bulletin #6, January 2016

Happy New Year! What are your plans for the 2016 year? Hopefully you are able to find yourselves volunteering more. Here are some things you can do to make a veteran's day just a little bit better.

- Shop at a veteran-owned business!
- Shovel snow, do housework or yard work for disabled or wounded veterans and/or families of deployed service members.
- Deliver meals and/or baked goods to those in need (homeless veterans, hospitalized veterans, home-bound veterans, and families of deployed service members.)
- Host a drive for sample-size toiletries to give to homeless veterans. Encourage local businesses, churches, schools and other community organizations to join the Auxiliary in its efforts!
- Package toiletries and other necessities in "Blessing Bags" and provide them to homeless shelters.
- Adopt an active-duty military or veteran family (or families) and provide them with gifts and a special meal.
- Create holiday-themed care packages to send to deployed service members. Include seasonal candies and goodies, holiday-related DVDs, stockings and more!
- Host a party for children of veterans and/or deployed service members.
- Facilitate a "creation station." Invite local businesses, churches, schools and other community organizations to your Auxiliary to make crafts that will be given to hospitalized veterans, home-bound veterans and/or families of deployed service members.

After visiting with Diane Ward, the VA Medical Center in Ft. Meade is in good shape for the time being and does not need supplies.

SD Human Services Center is in need of the following items:

- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Underwear
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Body Wash
- Any personal hygiene items would be great. Large, Xlarge, and 2XL for sizes on clothing.

List of items needed for Veterans (previously homeless) living in HUD-VASH housing, the Barakah house and those in the Transition in Place program.

Items distributed as needed through the VA Homeless Veterans Program staff. There are between 250 and 300 individuals in this program.

Please provide new items if possible. Slightly used and in very good condition are acceptable.

Communication Needs:

Minute cards with 120 or more minutes for trac fones

Monthly bus passes to get to medical and employment appointments (from Sioux Falls and Sioux City transit systems)

Bedding:

Zippered mattress covers to fit regular sized bed

Linens such as regular sized bed sheets, pillow cases, and pillows

Bathroom Items:

Shaving cream, hand sanitizer, hand soap, bar soap, shampoo, combs, toothpaste, soft toothbrushes, denture cleaner tablets, denture adhesive, 2 blade razors, all in family size packages or containers.
Shower curtains, rods and rings
Toilet bowl cleaner and brushes
Toilet paper, hand soap
Towels: bath, hand and wash cloths

Kitchen Items:

Cooking utensils such as spoons, spatulas
Frying pans, cookie sheets, kettles, coffee makers, pizza pans, toaster, and other small appliances
Medium size oven casserole dishes with covers
Dish towels, dish soap, dish cloths, pot holders, and oven mitts
Disposables such as paper towels, table napkins, paper plates
Cans of coffee and condiments
Food storage containers

Miscellaneous:

Luggage, suitcases, duffle bags
Laundry detergent, baskets, hangers
Alarm clocks, wall clocks
Cleaning supplies, dust mops, brooms, dust pans, buckets
Bicycles in very good condition, chain padlocks with key openers

We cannot accept furniture, used clothing, wall decorations, knick-knacks or any items not on this list.

All donations can be sent to the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, 2501 West 22nd Street, Sioux Falls SD 57105 to the attention of Voluntary Service or delivered to room 032, lower level of building one. For more information or if you have questions, contact Brenda Stevens at 605-333-6851.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Needs List

Recreation Therapy

1. *Sponsor entertainment
2. *Generic gift cards to sponsor an outing or special event for the final wish of a Veteran in hospice care.
3. *Tickets to sports games, entertainment events, contact Recreation Therapy for details
4. *Sponsor Sunday evening pizza for CLC units, contact Recreation Therapy
5. *Gift cards to specific restaurants in Sioux Falls or generic VISA cards in denominations of \$50, \$100 for CLC patient outings

Items for patient use

1. Forever postage stamps
2. Personal care items, trial size, new in package (deodorant, denture adhesive, denture cleaning tablets, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
3. 30-minute regular phone cards
4. Funds to purchase bus tickets for city bus transportation for Veterans for VA clinic appointments in Sioux Falls and Sioux City

Miscellaneous

1. Funds to sponsored meals for POW/MIA and minority Veterans programs and meetings with the facility director
2. Funds for sponsorship of upcoming Women Veterans Conference
3. Sponsor for dash plaques for our annual Show & Shine (VA car show), approx. \$200, contact Shirley in Public Affairs

Sioux Falls Stand Down Needs

1. *Bottles of Water
2. New socks and under clothing
3. *Bed sheets in full and queen size
4. *Gas cards, \$20 denominations
5. *Phone cards, 120 minutes or more
6. Monthly bus passes

**Ongoing Needs for Veterans in the HUD/VASH program
For Veterans living in HUD housing, the Barakah House and Transition in Place housing**

1. Family size bottle of shampoo and body wash
2. Laundry soap
3. Single ride bus tickets (\$1.00 per ticket)
4. *Gift cards, \$20 value to Shopko and Payless Shoes

Many of these items appear regularly on the VAVS needs listing. That is because they are used on a regular basis and there is a high need for the item. Due to restrictions placed on government purchase cards, some of the items listed cannot be purchased by Recreation Therapy or Voluntary Service as the source is not registered in the government approved vendor list or are on the prohibited purchase list.

Items we do not have a source to purchase from are identified with an *. It would be very helpful if these items can be purchased and delivered to Voluntary Service.

Time to start planning your Valentine's Day parties. Don't forget to encourage your Auxiliaries to send Valentines to the VA facilities. These parties are always such a joy! Talk to the activities director at your local facility and see if they have any ideas for you or maybe you can help them with a party that they already have planned. If your area is like ours, there are several shut-in Veteran's that would love a visit.

Remember that a simple card for a birthday or seasonal event is always appreciated. Everyone loves to receive mail!

Don't forget that volunteering is number one!! Visit veterans, most importantly – SMILE!!!

Leanne Payne
Department of South Dakota Hospital/VAVS Chairman
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VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
LEGISLATIVE

“Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Bulletin #6

December 2016



Please make sure that each Auxiliary turns in your monthly worksheets to me by the 15th of every month so I can compile the information and turn it in to The National Ambassador. I have enclosed the monthly worksheet.

National Legislative Ambassador Lois Callahan has 8 Legislative Gifts:

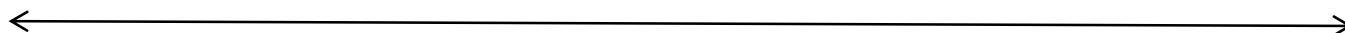
Please help VFW Auxiliary Legislative Chairman at all levels in their mission to increase legislative involvement and give our members these eight gifts:

1. Sign up every one they can for [VFW Action Corps Weekly](#).
2. Print and distribute the [VFW Priority Goals Pamphlet](#).
3. Promote and gather new subscriptions for the [VFW Checkpoint Newsletter](#).
4. Assist those who need help with [registering to vote](#).
5. Help community members in getting to their polling places.
6. Interact with Legislators through sponsoring Town Hall Meetings.
7. Involve their entire families in the legislative process.
8. Work with other VFW Auxiliary Chairmen to integrate the Legislative Program throughout their communities.



I hope that you are making plans to attend the SD VFW and Auxiliary Legislative Conference in February. This is a very important time for our organization to gather and meet with our state legislators. The Legislative Mixer hosted by the VFW & Auxiliary is the perfect time for you to confer with your representatives from your district. This is the best time to **make it personal** by having a face to face with a Veteran and his/her supporters for their district. You can find a list of state legislators at www.legis.state.sd.us

When we all speak together in a strong and unified voice, we are heard! Thank you for being such a strong voice for our Veterans. You show that you care enough to protect our Veterans when you participate in the Legislative Program.



Contact your Congressional delegation and advocate on behalf of our Veterans. You can use the 2015 Priority goals as a basis for your conversations. You can also contact them at their local offices.

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<http://www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

Loyally,

Tammy Chase, Legislative Chairman
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2015 Priority Goals

VA Health Care
Military Quality of Life
Defense & Homeland Security
Veterans Educations & Employment
Suicide and Homelessness
VA Compensation & Benefits
POW/MIA
Seamless Transition

Sen. Mike Rounds

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**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota
Legislative Worksheet
for 2015-2016**

Auxiliary # _____

Auxiliary City _____

Chairman's Name _____

Chairman's Phone _____

	*Get Out the Vote	*Used Latest VFW	How many members signed up for:			Contacts by Members to Legislators:				
	Campaign	Priority Goals	Veterans Advocate	Checkpoint News	Washington Weekly	Personal	Email	Fax	Letters	Phone Calls
June										
July										
August										
Sept.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Jan.										
Feb.										
March										
April										
May										

*Explanation of event participated in such as: Workshop, Crackerbarrel, Rides to Polling Places, Etc.

You can use a separate sheet of paper or the back of the worksheet.

	Total Projects	Total # Members	Total Hours Worked	Total # of Miles	Total Dollars Spent
June					
July					
August					
Sept.					
Nov.					
Dec.					
Jan.					
Feb.					
March					
April					
May					

Membership

Team Means Together Everyone Achieves More! – Author Unknown

General Orders #6

January 2016

Happy 2016! I hope you enjoyed your holiday season with your family. It is always nice when family can get together. Thank you to you personally and your auxiliary for everything you did for veterans and their families over the holidays.

In mid-December, it was wonderful to talk to all the treasurers and presidents in regards to your membership. Thanks for receiving my call and request with open arms and reaching out so quickly to your unpaid members. Our Department has made 90% by the January 1st cut off. Less than 10% to go ladies and I know from your great commitment to our organization that we will have no problem making the March 31st deadline for our 95% and will knock it out of the park by making 100% by May 31st.

Just a reminder, in helping us to obtain this goal, don't overlook those men in your life that are now eligible to join our organization. Of the first five male members my auxiliary brought in, three of the five are regular volunteers and it's great when you have some bigger muscles to carry the groceries. We even have some of the male members attending our meetings regularly.

Just a reminder that there is another recognition for reaching 100% by December 31st in your auxiliary. Your membership chairman will be put in a drawing for a diamond and blue topaz bracelet to be drawn at the 2016 Department Convention in Deadwood.

If you are having any trouble finding out if you have proper relation to a veteran or if you need their records to obtain eligibility, you can always contact me and I would be happy to help. There are also some other resources you could look into such as the National Archives and Records Administration (866-272-6272), County Veteran Service Officers in your county, <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> or <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>.

I am so proud that we have reached our goal. Our auxiliary members are the best. There is nothing our organization can't do to help our veterans when we pull together as a team.

As, always, I am happy to assist any of you or your auxiliaries in reaching your goals this year and I know that we can get Department to 100% with a full team effort. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas or just to chat at 605-517-0287 or littlegirlz3@msn.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Alm

Department Membership Chairman 2015-16

Scholarships 2015-2016

General Orders #6 – January 2016

“Our Veterans – Now and Forever” – National President Francisca

“Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Department President Nancy

I hope you all had a glorious Christmas and great start to our New Year. We should all be refreshed and ready to finish our Auxiliary year (which is going way to fast!). Thank all of you wonderful Chairman for all your hard work so far this year with our Scholarship Program. I can hardly wait until Legislative in Pierre. I hope to see many of you at that time, it is such a wonderful opportunity to meet the “cream of the crop” Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen contestants. I always look forward to the luncheon. Chairman, the Scholarship Worksheets should have really helped to keep accurate records for your End of the Year Report. You may send in the information for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen now if you like, I already have one set of reports.

Here is a list of my awards for my chairmanship this year:

#1 An award will be given to each chairman in the three membership categories for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen program.

#2 An award to each chairman in the above categories with the best promotion of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program.

#3 An award to each chairman that has an entry in the Young American Creative Art Program.

#4 An award to the District Chairman that sends in her report to me.

The Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship is our next goal. The application is due to National Headquarters by February 15, 2016. Only members, their spouse, daughter, and son of a member are eligible to apply. These applications go directly to National. There is a copy included in these General Orders.

I am sure that all of you have sent the information for the Young Patriotic Art Scholarship Program to your schools – don’t forget Home School. The student deadline is March 31 to the local Auxiliary, the Department deadline is April 15th (your entry must be into me), and I have to have our state winner into National by May 5th, 2016. The students need time to complete their project. Please use the information that your District President passed on to you from the Fall Council, you may make copies of the application which was also in General Orders #2. Many students use the flag and unfortunately many use it incorrectly, that is why I included copies of the Flag Etiquette book in the handouts. With the correct flag information we may be able to avoid those mistakes!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me and I will get you an answer if I don’t know it myself. See you in Pierre!

Loyally,



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VFW AUXILIARY
CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

The VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present scholarships to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at technical school.

ONLY the spouse, daughter, and son of a member are also eligible to apply.

One scholarship will be presented each year to a selected candidate in each of the four VFW Auxiliary Conferences. **Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. Qualifying member must have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for one year prior to application. Previous national winners are not eligible.**

Complete this application in full and **MAIL** to:
VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
Attn: Director of Programs & Communications
406 W. 34th St. 10th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64111

Application due to National
Headquarters by
February 15, 2016!

Applicant Name _____ Relationship to Member _____
(self, spouse, son, daughter)

Member Name _____ Auxiliary Membership ID# _____

Auxiliary Name & Number _____

Applicant Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone (____) _____ Today's Date _____

Email _____ Date member joined Auxiliary _____

This scholarship shall be used in the 2016-2017 academic year to further my education, and will be in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the American college or vocational/technical school of my choice.

Signature of Applicant _____

On a separate sheet of paper please answer each of the questions below:

1. Name of college, university or vocational school that you plan to attend?
2. Course or major? Have you been accepted?
3. Adjusted Gross Income from the family's Federal Income Tax return for the previous year?
4. How many dependents in household?
5. What are your financial reasons for applying for this scholarship?
6. Have you been awarded Financial Aid from any other sources? Please specify.
7. A brief essay (**no more than 300 words**) describing your commitment to your goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals.

All questions MUST be answered for your application to be considered.

2015-2016 Chairman Mary Kirkvold

National Theme: "Our Veterans - Now and Forever"
**SD Department Theme: "Remembering Our Promise, Advocating
for the Veterans & Their Families"**

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We are now starting a new year. Hopefully everyone has been able to attend a Christmas Program with your youth at a church or school.

In our new VFW store the "R.A.P. coins" are \$35.00 for 100. They can be found on page 91. Let's see how many we can give out this year.

Now that the men can join our auxiliary we need to concentrate on the Boy Scouts and the Boys Club too.

Our National Youth Director Gloria Faulk is hoping to unlock new doors in Youth Activities. You and I are those KEYS!! It is our responsibility to teach our Youth both patriotism and love of country. We know many things now and can teach our Youth what veterans have done for our country.

The National Ambassador wants us to think about what a key can do: 1) Start an engine to move you forward toward your goals; 2) Lock out negative thoughts and attitudes; 3) Unlock and open doors to new and unlimited possibilities. It is our goal to ensure the Youth of South Dakota learn about the many programs we have for our Youth and have the opportunity to avail themselves of these opportunities.

As the KEYS, we need to get busy and open doors in the towns and cities in South Dakota, and get the youth interested in our projects. We can teach our youth and help them learn what the veterans have done for us.

Remember what a key can do: start an engine, lock out negative thoughts and attitudes; and unlock and open doors to great new possibilities.

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