



## DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

### General Orders #3

### “LOOKING OUT FOR VETERANS”

September 1, 2020

1. **Fall Council of Administration** of the Department of South Dakota, on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 & 11, 2020.
  - a. **All State Officers and Committee Chairmen are hereby asked to submit reports on their programs to Department Headquarters by September 25th, 2020 to be included in the Book of Reports at Fall Council. October General Orders are also due September 25th, 2020.**
  - b. **Post Commanders, please plan on attending, or sending one of your Post Officers to the training class on Oct. 10th, 2020.**
2. **Hospital Fund, Service and Rehab Fund and Memorial Park and Chapel Fund:** All Posts are urged to contribute: \$0.35 cents per member to the Department Hospital Fund for supporting VA Medical Centers in the State. \$0.20 cents per member to the Department Service and Rehabilitation Fund to support our State Service Officer at the VA Centers. \$0.10 cents per member to the Department Memorial Park and Chapel to support the cost of maintaining the park and chapel located in the Black Hills. All contributions are based on the Post membership as of June 30, 2019 found in MEMSTATS. Make checks payable to VFW Department of South Dakota and marked to the appropriate fund with the amount to be donated. In addition, the amounts are to be recorded on your Community Service Report. Mail checks to Department Headquarters, 5009 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.  
  
**OTHER DONATIONS:** The 5 donation categories are National Home, VMS (Veterans Military Support), SD Pheasant Hunt, State Fair and Special Olympics, this is all in the SD Commanders Membership book. There are 6 categories and they pay according to membership. Here are the minimums for each, category 1 = \$10 per program, category 2 = \$25 per program, category 3 = \$40, category 4 = \$50, category 5 = \$75, and category 6 = \$100 per program. Each post is in the Department Membership Plan under their category, page 4.
3. **Department and National Membership Dues:** Department - \$8.00 per member, National - \$21.50 per member, **total:** \$29.50 per member. Any amount you charge a member above and beyond the \$29.50 is considered your Post dues.

4. **Fall District Meetings:** Dates of meetings and places have been set and are enclosed in this General Orders.
5. **All Post, District and Department Officers** who have not paid their VFW membership dues are expected to pay their dues immediately, thereby setting a good example for other members. (REF: Section 220 of National By-Laws).
6. **Post Commanders:** Reminder – appoint your Post Chairperson for Community Service, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. Report their names to Department Headquarters and the respective State Chairperson.
7. **Post Commanders:** Every Post should send in a Community Service, Hospital/Safety and Veterans and Military Support Reports to receive the total number of points for the All-State Team contests. Remember the Community Service and Hospital/Safety and Veterans & Military Support Reports and are sent in quarterly.
8. **Post Commanders:** Report all Community Service projects to Department Headquarters, 5009 W 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.
9. **Post Commanders:** Have you appointed your Veterans Day Chairperson yet? Post Veterans Day Chairpersons should start planning their programs. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce or like organization to coordinate programs in observance of this important day. Every Post should have some planned program in recognition of this day. A report form is on the website to view and report your Veterans Day functions or event.
10. **Post Publications:** All Posts are urged to publish a post publication of some type. A publications contest will be held again this year.
11. **Desecration of U. S. Flag:** Any member who has personal knowledge of any acts of desecration to the flag of the United States of America is asked to report the same to the State Commander or Department Headquarters.
12. **Patriot and POW/MIA Days: September 11** is designated Patriot Day and the United States Flag is to be at flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset to remember the victims of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year (**September 18, 2020**). Please take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.
13. **VOD, Patriots Pen and Teachers Award:** Remember all entries should be to the Post level by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Questions should be directed to Keith Blume, PO Box 215, Custer, SD 57730. Phone 605-673-4143 or Cell # 605-440-2331. [E-Mail: krlume@goldenwest.net](mailto:krlume@goldenwest.net). Forms can be downloaded from the [vfwsd.org](http://vfwsd.org) website. Other materials can be downloaded from the VFW website – [www.vfwsd.org](http://www.vfwsd.org)
14. **Big 10 Conference:** Members are reminded that the Big 10 Conference will be held on October 16-18, 2020 in Columbus, OH. Registration & Hotel forms call State Headquarters.

15. **Sending In Material For General Orders:** All Department Officers, State Chairman and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters or the Department Adjutant by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders. **Please send all material in a Word Document.**
16. If you would like to send an E-Mail to the QM/Adj, use the following: E-Mail [is\\_vfwsd@aol.com](mailto:is_vfwsd@aol.com). Phone Number 605-332-7441, or Cell number 605-695-5006.
17. **All Commanders & Quartermasters: PLEASE update your mailing address, phone, email and Skype addresses information at Headquarters, this will be our main line of communication from the State Headquarters.**

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:

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**Department of South Dakota  
2020 Fall District Meeting Dates**

District	Date	Time	Location	Representative
#1	Sep. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Canton	Cody Mangold
#4	Sep. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Zoom	Russ McKee/Darwin Tolzin
#6	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	SKYPE	Gordon Paul
#7	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Scotland / SKYPE	Tom Hafner
#10	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Sturgis / Memorial Park w/Potluck to follow at Noon.	Dave Baumiller/Cody Mangold

**BONDS :**

**These were due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. I still have many posts that have not sent them in, this needs to be done NOW to be in compliance with National By-Laws Sec 703. You are required to Bond individuals for total of all liquid assets, no exception.**

**BOOK OF REPORTS**

**COA and Committee Chairman:** I will need your report for the Fall Council book of reports by COB Friday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

# All Posts

**Veterans Military Support (VMS) Donations go directly to Kansas City.  
This used to be National Military Support (NMS)**

National VFW Headquarters  
406 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
**Attn: Mike Herron**

**Be sure to make a copy of your donation check to send to us at SD Dept. office for your records.**

**The NEW Veterans Military Support pins are in, they are very nice. The cost is the same as in the past. \$5 for Bronze, \$10 for Silver, and \$20 for Gold  
Let me know what you need and we'll get them to you.**

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**Please note & help:** Email Headquarters if your post has a Facebook page. We would like the address so we can add your link to our VFWSD website & VFW SD Facebook page, this will give even more opportunities for your page to be seen.

**Solicitation of Funds:** (i.e. Raffles, phones, etc) Please see Section 214 of the Manual of Procedure. The Department President and/or Department Commander projects are fully approved by the COA. Other Post, District or other fundraisers need Department approval to go beyond their area of influence (example: Pheasant Hunt is Post sponsored with Department approval).

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## Greetings,

It has been a very busy month for all of us, and I thank everyone for their understanding. The Veteran’s Council decided to not have the building at the State Fair for the safety of everyone, so there will be no activities at the State Fair this year. National VFW has cancelled the Armory at the Sturgis Rally this year, but there will still be a booth for Unmet Needs at the Full Throttle, and a National Recruiter will be present. Fall Council COA, and School of Instruction will be online that same weekend as previously scheduled. I appreciate everyone’s understanding and your flexibility with everything going on. Please understand lately information is changing every day. One of my biggest concerns of the members is their Health, and safety, and please know that is kept in mind at all knows. All events that I was to be a part of this month for National has been cancelled. If there are any questions on Executive Order #1 or the Commander in Chief Hal Roesch speech please contact the

Department or myself, and there were meetings held for clarity to be given on these items. Please continue checking in on your fellow veteran's, and their families. If able please get the Voice of Democracy, and Patriot pen out to the schools. This is a great time for the youth to show their Patriotism, and Americanism. It feels that if there is anytime right now that needs it more than ever it is now. I will step out and say that I do support the Commander in Chief's statement on equality in all areas. I do not want people to feel that they are not welcome because of their race, gender, or any other reason. We are all Veteran's and we all watched each other's backs at the most trying times of our lives. I want to thank everyone for their continued support for the Veteran's, and their families. Please keep up the good work.

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## **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER SEPTEMBER GENERAL ORDERS**

As of these General Orders just over 20% of the Districts and Posts have submitted a Membership Plan to Department Headquarters. These Plans are important as they provide insight as to how each District and Post will be addressing their Membership issue. They also provide the name and contact information for those who may need assistance. Take the time to formulate a Plan and submit it to Department Headquarters.

Asking Annual Members and New Members to convert their membership to Life is the route to pursue. Ideas received in promoting Life membership include offering the monthly payment plan; having the Post pay any member over 80 years young Life membership and/or paying the Life membership of all Purple Heart recipients and the Post offering the incentive of paying a portion of their Life membership. All ideas worth your consideration.

Life membership statistics should be coming online soon. This will give each Post a solid look at where they stand regarding their membership drive. In the last ten days each District Commander received a District Roster of Unpaid members for the current year. Get in contact with your District Commander and request their assistance with your Membership drive and plans.

Use all your options when contacting Unpaid and New members. Social media and phone calls are great; however, do not rule out sending letters and cards when contacting these Veterans. Veterans Day, Veterans in the Classroom, Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Programs are just around the corner. Mobilize your Post and participate in these activities. Sell yourself and the VFW in your community.

Thank you for your input it is greatly appreciated, so continue submitting your suggestions.

If you need any assistance feel free to contact me.

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## Department of South Dakota

# 2020 FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION & Training

Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2020  
All events will be held via Zoom

Hosted by Dept of SD VFW

Attire Casual

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<u>Saturday, Oct 10</u>	<u>10AM – 12 PM</u>	<u>VFW Familiarization of Virtual Means of Communications, Trustee Report, Inspection Training, Sexual Harasment, Suicide Awareness</u>
	<b>Lunch Period</b>	
<u>Saturday, Oct 10</u>	<u>12:30 – 12:45PM</u>	<u>Budget/Audit Committee Update</u>
<u>Saturday, Oct 10</u>	<u>1:00PM – 1:30PM</u>	<u>Membership Overview</u>
<u>Saturday, Oct 10</u>	<u>1:30PM – 3:00PM</u>	<u>Familiarization of SD and National Web Site Information</u>
	<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	
<u>Sunday, Oct 11</u>	<u>10AM – NOON</u>	<u>Council of Administration Fall Business Meeting</u>

Additional Committee Meetings can be scheduled as needed

Individual presenters to be assigned NLT 1 October 2020