



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

General Orders #8 "You're Never Alone"

February 1, 2020

- 1. Have you paid Your 2020 Membership Dues Yet? THIS IS IMPORTANT!** Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars may have expired December 31, 2019, under new subscription dues your dues are due in the month you paid them. For example - you paid your dues in February of 2019 then they will be due in February of 2020. All Officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members as soon as possible. Let's wrap up our membership drives as soon as possible and get this great VFW State to 100% in membership.
- 2. Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance:** Remember, all unpaid members, lose their VFW sponsored Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance & AIL \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, unless you renew your membership. It is important for all Post Membership Teams to contact these members as soon as possible.
- 3. Legislative Conference and Council of Administration:** As this General Order is being received by members, the Department of South Dakota Council of Administration is being held on January 26th and 27th, 2020 in Pierre. Hope you were there to make it successful.
- 4. Audit Reports: THIS IS IMPORTANT!** Have you sent in your last Audit Report yet? Maybe you are delinquent on some of the previous audit reports. Catch them up to date, as they are very important.
- 5. Loyalty Day:** Post Commanders, please appoint a 2020 Loyalty Day Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Post Commanders; try to plan your Loyalty Day Programs early.
- 6. Buddy Poppy:** Post Commanders, please appoint a 2020 Buddy Poppy Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible and make plans for your 2020 distribution. Post Commanders, this is a reminder that all Poppy orders (remember 5 poppies per member) should be in by April 30, 2020 to count in the "All State Post Commanders" ratings. Order blanks may be downloaded from the web site - vfwsd.org.
- 7. Community Service Record Books:** Attention Post Commanders & Community Service Chairpersons: Less than 60 days remain in this year's contest for Community Service Record Books. All Community Service projects completed during the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 should be included when making your Post/Auxiliary record book. Record Books must be received by April 20th, 2020. **Send books to State Office, 5009 West 12th Street, STE 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or email vfwsd@aol.com. This is a change so please note!!!!** Form for submitting the Record Books may be downloaded from the web site - vfwsd.org
- 8. The National Legislative and VOD Conference** meeting will be March 1st to March 4th, 2020 in Washington D.C. The Department Commander and some of his staff will be attending these important functions. Any Post or member who would like to have a problem discussed with our Congressional Delegation should contact the State Commander or State Adjutant giving full details prior to that time.
- 9. IRS Form 990:** All Posts that enjoy tax exemption status are advised that they must answer all questions on pages 1, .2, and 3 of the IRS Form 990. Submitting a copy of the Post Financial Statement in lieu of answering the individual

questions is not acceptable. If the questions are not answered, the IRS will return Form 990 to the Post. Form 990 must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year. Because the IRS has turned the maintenance of the tracking of EIN numbers to the Department if you could forward a copy of your 990 to the Department Headquarters, 1009 West 12th Street, STE 1A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or email to vfwsd@aol.com it would be a great help in preparing the form required by the IRS on a yearly basis.

10. Roster Changes: Post Commanders are requested to notify Department Headquarters of any roster changes to their Posts.

11. Special Olympics: Please send in your Posts donations for the 2020 South Dakota Special Olympics Program and be generous. Donations should be sent to the VFW Department Headquarters. All donations will be presented during Special Olympics Games to be held in May.

12. Department Convention: The 2019 Department Convention will be held on June 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th, 2020, in Aberdeen, hosted by Post 17. All correspondence concerning the Convention should be directed to the Department Commander or Post 17.

13. Resignation: Colin Reisner resigned his position as the Judge Advocate and we at the VFW wish him smooth sailing as he is moving on and Colin, you will be missed as an asset to the staff. This set-in motion a series of events in that Adam Swift moved from Surgeon to Judge Advocate and Charles McKean, Parkston is filling the Surgeon position on an interim basis until the end of the VFW year.

14. HELP!!!! The Commander/President 2019-2020 project (PTSD research & treatment) is at a standstill and we still have many months to go. Please help them distribute the Sweepstakes Tickets for this tremendously needy and high visibility project. We are well short of the goal so please get onboard.

15. Sending In Material For General Orders: All Department Officers, State Chairpersons and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters by no later than the 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders. We do reserve the right to edit or determine if material is necessary in this document.

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:

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Darwin Tolzin, Adjutant
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**Sr. Vice Commander
Cody Mangold
February General Orders 2020**

Greetings all,

It was a busy month for me. I was able to go to the District 10 midwinter meeting, and also go visit the Sturgis, and Hot Springs VA, and the Veterans home. We had some good Buffalo with the individuals at the Sturgis VA, and at the Hot Springs VA. I also was able to attend the Legislative council in Ft. Pierre, the VOD/Patriot Pen awards, and teachers of the Year. I have to say after hearing the speeches from the kids, I don't know how

they wouldn't win at the National level. I have to thank those who sent in for teacher of the year, and congratulate the teachers that won this year. Each one of them seem to be an amazing teacher, and person. Now on to the nitty gritty of things. This year so far there are not many bills out relating to veterans. There are a few but honestly, I do not see much opposition to them. Remember always though to talk to your representatives in your District as they can not represent you if they do not know what you think. I also want to officially announce my intent to Run for Department of South Dakota Commander for the 2020-2021 year. I would appreciate your support and Thank you for your past support. I personally believe that the Veteran's of South Dakota have a strong team in office and would look forward to being able to represent the Veteran's of Foreign Wars in the ensuing year. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and their dedication.

Yours in Comradeship,
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**Adam Swift Department Surgeon
February 2020**

Greetings Comrades!

By the time you get this the Legislative Conference will have been completed and the winners of the VOD, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year will have been announced. Each District has submitted great entries once again! I would like to congratulate these winners.

3rd Quarter Hospital and Safety Reports are coming due by February 10th. Below is the list of who I have recorded as turning in their Hospital and Safety Reports to date for the year so far. If I missed yours, please let me know.

1st Quarter

District 1: Alcester, Beresford, Brandon, Canton, Elk Point, Elk Point, Vermillion

District 4: Brookings, Madison, Milbank, Watertown

District 6: Aberdeen, Gettysburg, Huron, Pierre, Turton

District 7: Armour, Burke, Lake Andes, Marty, Mitchell, Parkston, Plankinton, Scotland, Tyndall, Wagner, Winner

District 10: Custer, Deadwood, Newell, Rapid City, Spearfish

2nd Quarter

District 1: Brandon, Vermillion

District 4: Brookings, Madison, Milbank, Watertown

District 6: Aberdeen, Gettysburg, Huron, Turton

District 7: Armour, Burke, Mitchell, Parkston, Scotland, Wagner

District 10: Custer, Deadwood, Newell, Rapid City, Spearfish

3rd Quarter

District 1:

District 4:

District 6: Aberdeen

District 7: Mitchell

District 10:

Please remember to send in your quarterly reports...even if it is late, it's better than not reporting at all!

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"For Our Veterans...We Aim Higher"

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Life Membership Incentive: now through June, when you join the VFW as a Life member, you will receive a \$50 credit to use at the VFW store.

Sitting on Membership: VFW National Commander Doc Schmitz is reminding VFW leaders, “I need you to motivate your troops...not for me, not for you, but for our organization. You gotta get off your duff – you gotta get out there and recruit.”. Watch “[Sitting on Membership](https://www.youtube.com) (https://www.youtube.com),” and keep your eyes open for more videos to come.

South Dakota as of Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent
District Totals	1	1667	22	2	264	1955	2120	92.21%
District Totals	4	1094	7	2	198	1301	1447	89.91%
District Totals	6	937	2	3	206	1148	1326	86.57%
District Totals	7	765	11	2	133	911	1004	90.73%
District Totals	10	1789	17	1	220	2027	2158	93.92%
District Totals	99	176	16	2	26	220	253	86.95%
State Total		6428	75	12	1047	7562	8308	91.02%

Mem Stats as of, January 28, 2020

City	Post	Dst	Percent	City	Post	Dst	Percent	City	Post	Dst	Percent
SIoux FALLS	628	1	95.04%	WATERTOW	750	4	89.83%	ABERDEEN	17	6	75.69%
YANKTON	791	1	83.72%	BROOKINGS	2118	4	82.37%	HURON	1776	6	91.57%
ELK POINT	915	1	92.30%	MADISON	2638	4	88.62%	PIERRE	2038	6	92.33%
PARKER	2821	1	100.00%	SISSETON	3342	4	93.58%	MOBRIDGE	2741	6	82.35%
BERESFORD	2975	1	88.31%	FLANDREAU	3351	4	94.59%	REDFIELD	2755	6	94.05%
VERMILLION	3061	1	94.80%	MILBANK	3486	4	98.70%	FAULKTON	3179	6	88.00%
CANTON	3164	1	89.28%	BRITTON	3507	4	92.68%	MILLER	3214	6	97.36%
FREEMAN	3728	1	96.55%	WEBSTER	4690	4	86.32%	EUREKA	5126	6	98.36%
BRANDON	4726	1	95.48%	GOODWIN	6361	4	100.00%	WESS SPRIN	5548	6	76.59%
CROOKS	5770	1	94.44%	DELL RAPIDS	10632	4	108.33%	TURTON	6481	6	92.30%
ALCESTER	6149	1	86.88%			4	89.91%	GETTYSBUR	8530	6	90.76%
		1	92.21%							6	86.57%

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MARTY	1353	7	100.00%		RAPID CITY	1273	10	91.17%		SIOUX FALL	15043	99	86.95%
MITCHELL	2750	7	86.36%		STURGIS	2730	10	90.27%					
SCOTLAND	2966	7	86.84%		LEMMON	2969	10	100.00%		STATE			91.02%
LAKE ANDES	3239	7	92.10%		BELLE FOURC	3312	10	92.30%					
PARKSTON	3298	7	93.54%		CUSTER	3442	10	98.13%					
WINNER	4674	7	98.33%		FAITH	5751	10	100.00%					
CHAMBERLAIN	6436	7	93.54%		NEWELL	5807	10	94.11%					
PLANKINTON	6554	7	81.33%		SPEARFISH	5860	10	90.27%					
TYNDALL	6895	7	92.06%		DEADWOOD	5969	10	100.00%					
ARMOUR	6897	7	91.30%		QUINN	9120	10	100.00%					
WAGNER	7319	7	100.82%				10	93.92%					
BURKE	9950	7	83.48%										
		7	90.73%										

Thanks again for your support! Keep up the good work and keep working to reach 100%!

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2019-2020 "What Makes America Great"

VOD

				Post
1 st	Mackenzie A Roberts	Wagner	Dist. #7	7319 Wagner
2 nd	Megan E Nash	Mansfield	Dist. #6	2755 Redfield
3 rd	Parker Rinehart	Volga	Dist. #4	2118 Brookings
4 th	Adrik D Fisher	Rapid City	Dist. #10	1273 Rapid City
5 th	Zachary W Christensen	Yankton	Dist. #1	791 Yankton

Patriot's Pen

1 st	Carter M Jensen	Lennox	Dist #1	3164 Canton
2 nd	Aaron Mark Hawkes	Madison	Dist. #4	2638 Madison
3 rd	Bennett Bruce Gordon	Whitewood	Dist. #10	2730 Sturgis
4 th	Katrina M Hiles	Doland	Dist. #6	6481 Turton
5 th	Morgan M Schroeder	White Lake	Dist. #7	6554 Plankinton

Teachers

K-5 Jeanette M Drapeaux – C.C. Lee Elementary, Aberdeen

6-8 Jennifer Flemming – Madison Middle School, Madison

9-12 Anthony (Tony) R Kinneberg – Parkston School District 33-3, Parkston