



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

General Orders #9 "You're Never Alone"

March 1, 2020

- 1. Absence of the Commander:** During the period of February 28th to March 4th, several of The Department Officers will be in Washington, D.C. attending the Legislative Conference/Voice of Democracy Awards Presentation. During this period, anyone having any questions and/or needing assistance is to contact the State Office, 605-332-7441.
- 2. Special Notice:** 2020-2021 The theme has not been announced yet this year for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. We will let you know next month what they will be.
- 3. March is "Membership Quota Month".** All State and District Officers are asked to assist Posts in membership. If your Post hasn't had a membership team working, now is the time to help organize and join in on the recruiting of members.
- 4. Audit Reports: THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Has your Post sent in its last Audit Report yet? Maybe some of the previous audit reports are delinquent. Catch them up to date, as they are very important.
- 5. Special Olympics:** Post donations to the Special Olympics Fund are hereby requested to help with the 2020 Special Olympics Program. Posts are asked to be generous and to send their donations to VFW Department headquarters. Our goal this year is \$2,600. Thank You to those Posts that have already sent in their donations.
- 6. Post Elections:** Attention is called to Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure, Nomination Election, Installation, of Officers and Term of Office. Posts will conduct the Election of Officers in accordance with the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Post Officers shall be nominated in March and shall be elected in April. Nominations shall remain open until the Post is ready to vote.
Remember that on the 1st of June if you have not submitted your election report you will receive a letter from the Commander-in-Chief suspending your Post until the election report is sent. At that time the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter and establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business must be overseen by the established committee includes any meetings, any disposition of property, any financial transactions, etc. This is an inconvenience for all persons concerned. PLEASE submit your **Complete Election Reports timely. (March nominate; April elections; May installation; June take office when Department Commander does.)*
- 7. Installation of Officers:** Attention is called to Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure. The Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that of Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting. An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause may be installed at any regular or special meeting prior to the Department convention. If not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year except that three

trustees shall initially be elected for terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years and thereafter one (1) trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

8. District Commanders: Attention is called to Section 417, Page 21 of National By-Laws. The elected District officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention or Spring Meeting. Nomination, election and installation shall be in a manner prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. The District Commander will be installed again at the Department Convention in June 2020 as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

9. Ritual Changes: Several changes or modifications were made to the 2018 National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual that members need to know about. The one addressed here is a change authorized in the Order of Business – Posts. Section 1004, page 112 and 113 of the Manual of Procedure lists two orders of business for Posts. One being the Traditional and the one added called Order of Business Contemporary we will address the Contemporary. It is shortened up and is approved for Post usage. **However, you can use discretion at the Post and modify to meet your needs.** The approved order is:

1. Call to order
2. Check dues cards
3. Roll call of officers
4. Read, refer membership applications
5. Read minutes
6. Quartermaster's report.
7. Report of Service Officer.
8. Report on Comrades or the families of Comrades in distress.
9. Committee reports.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New business.
12. Good of the order.
13. Close meeting.

The options that you have are to satisfy your needs for a successful meeting.

10. Community Service Record Books: Attention Post Commanders and 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 18, 2020 and are to be sent to State Headquarters at 5009 W 12th St., Ste. 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. A Community Record Book form may be downloaded from the Department Web site - vfwsd.org.

11. Buddy Poppies: All Posts are reminded to order their Buddy Poppies and poppy supplies and to complete arrangements for their year's poppy distribution. Order forms may be downloaded from the Department Web site - vfwsd.org.

12. Department Convention: The 2020 Department Convention will be held on June 4th-7th in Aberdeen, hosted by Post 17. For more convention information, i.e.: registration, motel information, convention schedule, etc., go to the Home Page at the Department web site - vfwsd.org.

****Attached is a copy of Convention Information, which is subject to minor changes****

13. Convention Ads: All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office and any others are reminded that the deadline for Ads in the 2020 Convention Booklet is due by May 6th, 2020. Ads need to be in camera ready or submitted in digital format. Convention book ad submission form may be downloaded from the Department web site - vfwsd.org.

14. National Citations: To qualify for the National Citations that are presented at the Department Convention, Posts must have reported projects in each of the following programs: Youth, Safety, Community Service and Citizenship Education (Americanism) and reports need to be into the State Headquarters at 5009 W 12th St. Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, by March 20, 2020. The deadline date to get the information to National is April 1, 2020.

15. Memorial Day: The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223-Commemorative Dates. Each Post shall properly observe commemorative dates, as prescribed in the Ritual and Manual of Procedure. Please plan a suitable observance in your Community. Place American Flags at the

gravesites of departed comrades of your Post and Veterans of your Community. Remember to report details of these events in your Community Service Report. Memorial Day report form may be downloaded from the Department web site - vfwsd.org.

16. **Peace Officer Memorial Day:** The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on May 15, 2020. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

17. **Spring District Meetings:** See separate sheet on meeting places, dates and times.

OFFICIAL:

Darwin Tolzin
Darwin Tolzin, Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

BY ORDER OF:

Sean D. Johnson
Sean D. Johnson, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Please Note: Community Service Reports should be sent to the Department Headquarters for the rest of this Command year. THANK YOU!

The Department is looking for a new VAVS Representative at the Sioux Falls VA. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, PLEASE contact Darwin at 605-332-7441 or 605-695-5006.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

District #1: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #4: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #6: (Department Rep: TBD)

District #7: Sunday April 19th, 2 PM at Scotland Post #2966 (Department Rep: TBD)

District #10: Sunday April 26th, 1 PM in Newell @ Sr. Citizens Center (Department Rep: TBD)

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Cody Mangold, Sr. Vice Commander
March 2020 General Orders

Greetings Comrades,

Another month has passed and Spring is upon us (maybe). I am certain though that Easter is coming soon, and so are the next batch of District meetings. I hope all have figured out times for their meetings, and are getting ready for elections. It's not just time for District's Elections, but also for Posts. Please think hard about your election for Post and District officers. Once you have completed the elections please get a copy to the Department and National right away. Election reports need to be turned into the Department office by May,15 2020. I know this may seem far off, but really its 2 months away. I would like to ask everyone to start thinking of the events to

come. We have Post Elections, District meetings and Elections, State Convention in Aberdeen, then the Sturgis Rally. We are looking for some volunteers for the Rally for the booths. National VFW sponsors the event, but it's up to us to man the booths. The dates are August 7-15th and we are looking for people who are willing to help out for at least a few hours a day. I would like to break the shifts up if possible, to make it so it's not such a long day for people. Please let me know if you are able to help and what days. I would like to see as many people come to help as possible. Please feel free to contact me at 605-770-1030 (if I don't answer please. Leave a message with your name and number). Also, can be reached at cody.mangold@hotmail.com
 Yours in comradeship,
 Cody Mangold

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
Dept Jr. Vice Commander - Barbara McKean General Orders Mar 2020

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

For this month's Commander's challenge, we are focusing on total growth in the organization. We will hold a drawing from the top 10 Posts in each division, based on the membership increase in the month of February, to receive a \$1,000 stipend deposited into the Post account. In addition to the \$1,000, we will randomly draw 10 of the top 20 Posts in each division to receive a special edition KA-BAR combat knife from Commander-in-Chief Doc Schmitz!

DEPARTMENT "FIRST TO FINISH" INCENTIVE

For the Department that is first to attain 100% in membership, the Commander (plus guest) and the Quartermaster (plus guest) will each receive:

- ❖ **\$2,500 voucher through Veterans Travel Services (VTS) applied toward airfare, accommodations and transportation for a trip of their own choice.**

KANSAS CITY SPREE

The top two Post Commanders and the top two District Commanders in each division who achieve 100 percent membership by April 1, 2020, along with their spouse or guest, will be awarded:

- ❖ Round-trip airfare to Kansas City, MO, from the airport nearest the awardee's home.
- ❖ A fun-filled weekend (May 16-17, 2020) that may include but is not limited to – touring, shopping, and a complete tour of the VFW National Headquarters.

South Dakota as of Monday, February 24, 2020

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent
District Totals	1	1670	23	2	291	1986	2120	93.67%
District Totals	4	1096	8	2	213	1319	1447	91.15%
District Totals	6	937	3	3	243	1186	1326	89.44%
District Totals	7	767	11	2	141	921	1004	91.73%
District Totals	10	1792	20	2	231	2045	2158	94.76%
District Totals	99	177	20	2	28	227	253	89.72%
State Total		6439	85	13	1147	7684	8308	92.48%

What are you doing to help your post and district reach 100%. Please don't rely on someone else to do all the work, dig in, get out of your comfort zone and just talk to fellow veterans about their eligibility to join our wonderful organization. I promise, you'll get great satisfaction when you do!

Thanks again for your support! Please keep working to reach 100%!

Barbara McKean
Dept Jr. Vice Commander
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota

Thursday, June 4th Thru Sunday, June 7th, 2020

Post 17 Aberdeen, South Dakota

Thursday, June 4, 2020

10:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Center
10:00am-11:00am	Council of Administration Meeting (Last)	
11:00am – 12:00pm	Post/District Quartermaster Meeting	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Luncheon (on your own)	
1:30pm-3:30pm	Committee Meetings	
4:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	
6:30pm-7:00pm	Award Presenters Meeting	
7:00pm-9:00pm	Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations	

Friday, June 5, 2020

7:00am-8:00am	Past Department Chief of Staff Breakfast
8:00am-4:00pm	Registration
8:00am-10:00am	Opening VFW Business Meeting
10:30am-12:00pm	Joint Memorial Service
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch (on your own)
12:00pm-1:00pm	District Commanders (old/new) luncheon
12:00pm-1:30pm	Past Department Commander Luncheon
2:00pm-4:00pm	Joint Opening Session
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hospitality Night

Saturday, June 6, 2020

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration
8:00am-12:00pm	VFW Business Meeting
10:00am-10:15am	Coffee Break
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00pm-2:00pm	VFW Business Meeting
2:15pm-3:30pm	Joint Installation of Officers
3:45pm-4:00pm	Close Convention
4:00pm-4:30pm	Council of Administration Meeting (new)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30pm-9:00pm	Convention Banquet

Sunday, June 7, 2020

8:30am-9:30am	Mandatory District Commanders Meeting
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All Functions will be held at the Convention Center unless otherwise designated



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota Auxiliary

Thursday, June 4th Thru Sunday, June 7th, 2020

Post 17 Aberdeen, South Dakota

Thursday, June 4, 2020

10:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Center
10:00am-11:00am	Council of Administration Meeting (Last)	
11:00am – 12:00pm	Officers and Chairman’s Luncheon	Buffet
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Officer March Practice, Ritual Practice,	
2:30pm-3:00pm	Flag & Banner Practice	
3:00pm-4:30pm	Opening Auxiliary Business Meeting	
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	
4:30pm-6:00pm	Past Department President’s Dinner	Millstone Cafe
6:30pm-7:00pm	Award Presenters Meeting	
7:00pm-9:00pm	Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations	

Friday, June 5, 2020

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration	
8:00am-10:00am	Auxiliary Business Meeting	
10:30am-12:00pm	Joint Memorial Service	
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch (on your own)	
12:00pm-1:30pm	Gold Star Mother/Recognition Luncheon	Plated
2:00pm-4:00pm	Joint Opening Session	
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner (on your own)	
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hospitality Night/Game Night	

Saturday, June 6, 2020

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration
8:00am-12:00pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting
10:00am-10:15am	Coffee Break
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting
2:15pm-3:30pm	Joint Installation of Officers
3:45pm-4:00pm	Closing Ceremonies
5:30pm-6:30pm	Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30pm-9:00pm	Convention Banquet

Sunday, June 7, 2020

9:00am-????	Council of Administration Meeting (new)
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary
CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 4 - 7, 2020

Please us one form for each individual registration

Registration will be \$95 per member prior to May 3, 2020 & \$105 after

Individual banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for \$40. This will also include a name badge for the Hospitality Night. You can purchase these tickets in advance by informing us on your registration form. Cut-off Time for additional banquet tickets will be 4pm Friday June 5th, 2020.

Those who have registered by May 3rd, 2020 will have their name entered into an "Early Bird Drawing". Two drawings will be made at convention for \$50 each. So get your registration in by May 3rd, 2020 to possibly be a winner.

Name Badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and Banquet. Events will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel.

Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership: Auxiliary _____ Post: _____ Post or Auxiliary Location: _____ Post # _____

Please list the title you want on your Badge if you hold an elected office at the Post, Auxiliary, District or Department.

VFW Past Department Commander's Luncheon / District Commander's (2020-2021) Luncheon are each \$20.00 by May 3rd, 2020.

___ VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chair Luncheon \$20.00 by May 3rd, 2020

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration form: VFW Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon \$20.00 by May 4th, 2020.

Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Auxiliary City, Name & Number _____

Are you a ___ Gold Star Mother ___ Gold Star Family - Member

___ Past Department President ___ 45 Plus member ___ years

Make check payable to: VFW Post 17 Convention Fund
1005 North Main Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401



Any requested refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis:

Convention Registration _____
VFW Past Department Commander's Lunch; _____
District Commander's Lunch _____
Auxiliary Officer and Chair Lunch: _____
Gold Star Family, PDP & 45 years Plus _____
Non-Member Banquet Ticket; _____
Total \$ _____



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

90TH VFW/AUXILIARY CONVENTION

CONVENTION HOTELS

June 4 – 7, 2020

YOU MUST MAKE OUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask to see if they have SD VFW Convention or military/veteran rates. Rates listed do not include tax. This is for other hotels as we are already receiving a break at the Ramkota hotel.

Best Western Ramkota Hotel: 1400 8th Ave., NW, Aberdeen, SD 605-229-4040. Single rooms are \$119.99 Plus Tax, Suites are available 4 to 6 occupancy, \$139. The rooms are larger and have all been refurbished with new beds, etc. Every room does have a refrigerator and microwave. **There is a block of rooms reserved for VFW/Auxiliary Convention.** There is no elevator. Continental Breakfast (small buffet) from 6:00am – 9:00am daily. There are two Handicapped rooms.

Super 8: 2405 6th Ave., SE 605-824-6422 – Double \$92.31

Quality Inn: 2923 6th Ave., SE 605-226-0097 – Standard \$94

Hampton Inn & Suites: 3216 7th Ave SE – 605-262-2600 - \$149

Holiday Inn Express: 3310 7th Ave., SE – 605-725-4000 - \$149

My Place: 410 S Harvard St – 605-262-4600 – Double \$90



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

Friday June 5th, 2020

Post 17 Aberdeen, South Dakota

HOSPITALITY NIGHT GAME SHOW

90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION – 2020

Friday, June 5th
6:00pm – 9:00pm

(Taco Bar, Alcohol and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Provided)

Location: Primrose Headquarters Gym
815 North 2nd Street

Convention Badges Required

Cost \$100 per candidate

Make checks payable to:

VFW Post 17 Convention Fund
1005 North Main Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
seanjohnson@abe.midco.net

Print Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

Post 17 Aberdeen, South Dakota

90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ADS

Order Date: _____ VFW Or Aux Representative _____

Contact: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Black & White Ads:

- ___ Full Page - \$150.00 7.5W X 10H
___ Half Page - \$75.00 7.5W X 4.75H
___ Quarter Page - \$50.00 3.5W X 4.75H
___ Business Card - \$35.00 3.5W X 2.25H

Color Ads - Inside Pages:

- ___ Full page - \$200.00
___ Half Page - \$125.00
___ Quarter Page - \$80.00
___ Business Card - \$45.00

Color ads - Cover Pages

- ___ Full Page - 7.5W X 10H: \$250.00 (only 3 available)

ALL ads must be submitted electronically (jpeg) to troy@mcquillencreative.com

All payments sent to:

VFW Post 17 Convention
1005 North Main Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401

All ads need to be submitted in digital format no later than 4:00pm on Monday, May 4th, 2020

(Please make a copy for your Customer Order Receipt)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

90TH VFW/AUXILIARY CONVENTION

VFW AUXILIARY CHAIR FOR BUDDY POPPY/

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Now that Legislative Session is over, we are moving closer to State Convention in June. So please don't forget the challenge to all posts and auxiliaries to do a Buddy Poppy Display for it. Do it as partners with your post or the auxiliary can do it alone. But let's see just how many we can come up with.

There are three categories for the Poppy Display contest.

1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, poster display, campaign promotions, etc)
2. Memorial or Inspirational Display (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country.
3. Artistic or Decorative use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques).

At least one poppy must be in original form and color with label attached. Post name, number, city or state (including shape of state) may NOT be visible on display.

Buddy Poppy Chair Guide can be viewed from www.vfwauxiliary.org/resources

We are asking to pre-register your Poppy Display this year, so we know how much room we will need. So here is a form to fill out and send to me by:

Name of Post or Auxiliary: _____

Category you're entering in: _____ Number of poppies: _____

Send to: Gerri Dahlin
46788 SD Hwy 46
Beresford, SD 57004