



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota

General Orders #10 “You’re Never Alone”

April 1, 2020

1. **Membership.** All State, District and Post Officers are asked work harder on membership this month as time is running short. This is necessary for our Great State of South Dakota to achieve 100% membership this year. Please help your membership drive by putting on a **push now** to attain your Posts membership quota.

2. **Special Notice.** 2020-2021 Theme for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen is: **Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?**

3. **Arrearages, Deficiencies and Omissions. Reference Section 213, Page 15 of National By-Laws.** Any Post in arrears for any financial obligation to District, Department and National for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to assure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, failing to submit properly completed Quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post-Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligation, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

4. **Audit Reports.** Has your Post sent in its last Audit Report yet? A review of the Posts submission of Audit Reports indicates that some are missing. It is the Post Commander’s responsibility to ensure that they are sent in on a timely basis. If you don’t know what reports you have sent in, call the State Office to find out.

5. **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. **Report must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year. PLEASE send a copy to Department Headquarters at 5009 W 12th St. Ste. 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106,** so we can verify your EIN number.

6. **Special Olympics.** Our goal this year is \$1,500 and we are at \$1,390. Posts are asked to make generous donations to the Special Olympics Fund Program. Send donations to VFW Department headquarters.

7. **Post Elections.** Reference Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure, Nomination Election, Installation, of Officers and Term of Office. Officers shall be nominated in March and shall be elected in April. Nominations shall remain open until the Post is ready to vote.

8. **Attention is brought to Commander-in-Chief Executive Order No. 1 dated March 17, 2020,** which states,

“Pursuant to the authority under Section 618(a)(4), effective immediately and until rescinded, we ask that Posts, Districts and Departments, if possible and within the requirements of mandated State Declarations, make the attempt to elect officers. For such Posts, Districts or Departments that are not able to elect officers as a result of COVID-19, all current officers shall continue to function within their capabilities until new officers are elected. It is further stipulated that no Post, District or Department be sanctioned as result of the inability to properly function, as mandated by state or local government declarations, as a direct cause of COVID-19.”

9. **Installation of Officers.** Reference 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.

10. **2020-2021 Report of Election Forms.** These forms are mailed out by National Headquarters to the Post Adjutants who have been instructed to return the completed document directly to National Headquarters. **Post Adjutants are asked to make a copy** and send it to the State Headquarters so that we will know the election report has been completed. It is very important that you complete these election forms in the time allowed or your Post or District will be removed from the rosters at National Headquarters. The deadline is June 1, 2020 and if your election report is not in by June 1st 2020, your post will be put on the suspension list immediately. There will be no grace period. All positions must be filled and a member is not allowed to hold more than one elected office, see Sections 216, Elected and Appointed Offices, page 16. If the election report is not sent in on time the Post and officers will not receive any information from National and your dues notices will not be sent out to your membership.

11. **Delegates State Conventions.** Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election. **Review your meeting date and make sure it's at least 30 days prior to June 4th. Forms are on the Web Site please fill out as required.**

12. **National Convention Delegates.** Reference National By-Laws, Section 222, page 17. Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall entitle the Post to a packet of Convention information materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional attending delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10.00) delegate fee.

13. **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 22, 2020 and are to be sent to State Headquarters at 5009 W 12th St., Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Community Service Record Book forms may be downloaded from the Department Web site - **vfwsd.org**.

14. **Judging for the All-State Team of Commanders, District Commanders and Post Quartermasters.** Judging will be May 9th, 10:00am Video conference. All report information must be received at State Headquarters by 5 pm, Thursday May 7th, 2020. Please refer to the 2019-2020 Department Membership Program Booklet for details on these contests. A copy may be downloaded from the Department Web site - **vfwsd.org**.

15. **Buddy Poppies.** 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**.

16. **Department Convention.** The 2020 Department Convention will be held on June 4th-7th, 2020 in Aberdeen, SD, 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**. Convention Ads for the 2020 Convention Booklet is due by May 4, 2020. Convention book ad submission form may be downloaded from the department web site - **vfwsd.org**.

17. **Commemorative Dates. Reference Section 223, Page 76-77 of Manual of Procedure.** Posts shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day. See that suitable grave markers, wreaths and United States flags are placed on the graves of deceased veterans and if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services at the cemeteries in its locality. **Posts** shall see that suitable arrangements are made for the observance of Flag Day and Loyalty Day. **Also, Posts** should arrange special ceremonies, and all Commanders should alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of other dates specified in the Ritual. Remember to report details of these events in your Community Service Report.

18. Inquires from outside sources about sensitive VFW business concerning Adam Swift should be:

We were appalled to learn of the abhorrent cause for investigation into one of our local and state officers. If the allegations against Swift are true, our hope is that he is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

We have policies and procedures in place to take organizational action against members who engage in conduct unbecoming to the organization. Disciplinary action can include several measures including removal from VFW office and termination of membership to the organization. At this point, provided the severity of the allegations against Swift, we are in the process of initiating VFW disciplinary action as outlined in our bylaws.

19. Do to the situation that we are operating under it behooves all of us to understand this and be very flexible in coming times. Just today the Governor stated that projections of COVID-19 do not show a peak in South Dakota until mid-June. Several alternatives are being tried to be able to get the job done. THANKS for understanding.

OFFICIAL:

Darwin Tolzin

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

BY ORDER OF:

Sean David Johnson

Sean David Johnson, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Covid-19 update: Many things are being canceled or delayed with this virus pandemic, so please know dates may change or be updated as we learn more.

As we go forward please know we still need your reports even if they are blank or negative.

Example: We were unable to hold Loyalty Day ceremony because of the Covid-19 virus.
Any report turned in is credited for All State.

Loyalty Day is May 1st
Please get your reports in ASAP for judging.

2020-2021 Post Election Report
Report online to National Headquarters. VFW.ORG

BUDDY POPPIES
GET YOUR POST ORDER IN TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

Order forms are posted on the Web site, vfwsd.org.

Department Judging for ALL-STATE AWARDS for 2019-2020

Saturday May 9th, at 10:00am Video

5009 W 12th St. Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD

All reports must be in to State Headquarters by 5 pm, Thursday, May 7th, 2020

Election of Officers for Department

At this time the following members have announced their candidacy for the 2020-2021 VFW year:

Commander	Cody Mangold	Post 791	Yankton
Sr. Vice Commander	Barbara McKean	Post 3298	Parkston
Jr. Vice Commander			
Quartermaster	Darwin Tolzin	Post 2118	Brookings
Chaplain	Russ Dramstad	Post 1776	Huron
Judge Advocate			
Surgeon			

HOSPITAL & SAFETY REPORTS: At this time please send these reports to the Department Headquarters at vfwsd@aol.com, or mail to 5009 W 12th St., Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Sr Vice Commander Cody Mangold
March 2020

Greetings,

I know the last month has been a difficult time for many people. I know most of you have heard numerous times to be flexible, and honestly now is one of those times. I want you to remember that we will get through this, and we will overcome it. I am aware that some Posts may postpone or cancel their meetings, but remember there are still ways to hold meetings. Meetings can be held remotely using the technology that we have. Do you have a Smart phone? If you do there are many apps that can be used. You have a good old sturdy phone that's not to smart, no problem, you can still do conference calls. Now is the time to start doing "buddy checks." Give another Veteran a call just to see how they are doing. If you know of a someone that is "High risk" perhaps offer to get them supplies (that's if people haven't already raided it). We can use this time to get back to the basic's and remember we are here to help Veteran's. Personally, my biggest scare is those Veteran's that unfortunately are currently out of work due to this pandemic. Let's try to help those individuals and their families if possible, in any way we can. Remember not working usually equals not getting paid. Some things that perhaps all of us can do for them is maybe trying to help with some food, and other essentials in our lives. This looks

like this current situation is going to be at least a few months more, and can greatly impact all of us. Please remember if you need something please contact me. The best way is my e-mail: cody.mangold@hotmail.com. Please feel free to call me, but if I don't answer leave a message, as I have been continuing to receive numerous scams calls a day. Remember we are all in this together and with each other WE will get through this.

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 Apr 2020**

South Dakota is at 94.16% in membership. By now each post should have contacted those individuals on your membership list that are past due. Now may be the time to look at assisting those comrades that may not be able to afford to pay their annual dues using your post reserve funds.

We can do this Comrades! Everyone needs to help; you are not alone. We are here to assist you with whatever it takes to make this happen. Let me know if I can help you achieve your membership goal! Thanks!

South Dakota as of Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Post	Dist	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent
District Totals	1	1671	23	2	303	1999	2120	94.29%
District Totals	4	1097	11	2	226	1336	1447	92.32%
District Totals	6	938	3	3	311	1255	1326	94.64%
District Totals	7	767	12	2	153	934	1004	93.02%
District Totals	10	1796	24	2	246	2068	2158	95.82%
District Totals	99	177	21	2	31	231	253	91.30%
State Total		6446	94	13	1270	7823	8308	94.16%

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

Barbara McKean
Dept Jr. Vice Commander
504 S Wallace St, Parkston, SD 57366;
C: 605-630-0771; Email: mckean4@live.com

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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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All Functions will be held at the Convention Center unless otherwise designated



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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

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

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: _____