



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**General Orders #1**

**"LOOKING OUT FOR VETERANS"**

**July 1, 2020**

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander of the State of South Dakota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I hereby command. **All previous State appointments are canceled.**
2. All personal communications to the State Commander can be sent to: Cody Mangold 1101 Main St., Tyndall, SD 57066. Requests for State Commander or State Officer attendance at events should be coordinated through the State Adjutant's office to ensure availability and deconfliction.
3. **All OFFICIAL Communications** to the State Headquarters, for the Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice and all line officers including the State Adjutant or the State Quartermaster shall be sent to: 5009 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.
4. **Post Commanders:** General Orders will be read at your meetings or printed and passed out, then filed for future use. General Orders will also be posted on the SD VFW Web site-[www.vfwsd.org](http://www.vfwsd.org).
5. Elected Officers for the State of South Dakota, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United State for the year 2020-2021, were elected and installed at the annual convention held via Zoom on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and all officers appointed are expected to carry out the duties of their respective offices to the best of their abilities. National and State By-Laws outline the duties of the offices.
6. **The National Convention has been cancelled**
7. All District and Post Commanders are asked to select a member or officer to be the Chairperson of VOD, Patriots Pen, Teachers Awards, Buddy Poppy, Veterans & Military Support, Membership, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT

and Scouting citations. Also, appoint a member to be the Post Service Officer and forward the names of these Chairpersons to the State Headquarter along with an email address and phone number.

8. All District Commanders, District Membership Captains, Post Commanders and Post Membership Captains please work to increase your District and Post membership so that you can qualify for the 2020-2021 All-State Team of District and Post Commanders.
9. All Post Commanders are asked to appoint a Chairperson for the observance of Veterans Day 2020. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY.**
10. **All Posts:** Report **any and all** Community Service projects on your Community Service report. It is so important to get everything on this so we can report to National what South Dakota is doing.
11. All State, District and Post Officers as well as all VFW members are asked to wear the official VFW cover to all District & State meetings and functions held in their communities.
12. The Fall Council of Administration, Commander and Auxiliary Presidents Homecoming will be held at Oacoma, SD on October 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Further information will be coming soon.
13. The State Convention will be held in June 2021 in Yankton, with Post #791 and Auxiliary as the host Post.
14. National and State Constitutions and By-Laws prohibit the use of the Veterans of Foreign Wars name by private business and commercial businesses operating under the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is prohibited. Post so operating are hereby directed to take corrective measures to eliminate such practice within 30 days. Again, some of the requirements are being reviewed at the National Convention, so watch for By-Law updates.
16. **The 2021 Membership year officially begins July 1, 2020.** All Districts and Posts are asked to start their kickoff immediately.
17. Membership plans for the year 2020-2021 both [State](#) and [National](#) are now on the VFWSD Website. There is also an All-State Post and District [qualification tracking sheet](#) on the website.

- 18. To report continuous, new, reinstated, continuous transfer or non-paying transfers, the Membership form will be used or done by direct membership.
- 19. Check the [SD VFW Baseball Website](#) or [Department of SD VFW Facebook Event Pages](#) for dates and locations of the 2020 VFW State Baseball Tournaments.
- 20. **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.
- 21. **HOT ITEMS COMING UP:** Bonds, State Fair Manning, Veterans Day, Fall Council of Administration, Homecoming, Big 10 Conference, Schedule for District Meetings, etc.

OFFICIAL:

*Darwin Tolzin*

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

BY ORDER OF:

*Cody Mangold*

**Cody Mangold, Commander  
Department of South Dakota  
Veterans of Foreign**

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**NOTICE: ALL reports (Comm. Service, Hospital, Memorial Day, etc.) will come through the State Office Headquarters in the future. We will then get them to the Chairman for review. This will save confusion for the posts and time changing the data on forms for the web master. PLEASE start sending all reports to 5009 W 12<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or [vfwsd@aol.com](mailto:vfwsd@aol.com).**

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**Commander Cody Mangold**  
**2020 July General Orders**

Greetings,

I want to start out by thanking everyone for their continued support for me through the Chairs of Leadership. I am very humbled to have been installed as the Department Commander for the 2020-2021 year. I want to congratulate all on the new leadership this year. We have a very strong Council of Administration this year and I want to thank everyone for taking on this responsibility this coming year. I want to Congratulate Past Dept. Commander Sean Johnson on a great year. He had an interesting year to say the least. I know we did not have a full Convention this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic to give Sean and Sandi Moss the “Bang” we wanted them to go out with. Things are much different

right now then they were just 6 months ago and our lives have been altered in one way or another. One thing that is happening is there are more and more posts and individuals utilizing technology for meeting. The department used Zoom to meet for the Council of Administration meetings, and the election and installation of officers. We all need to start getting a little more tech savvy as they say. I know I am learning new things every day. The Council of Administration has been utilizing Skype to meet to touch base, and for discussion. I will continue to have the Council of Administration meet utilizing Skype or other similar means for communication purposes. I have a few house Keeping things I would like to put out.

1. Please handle all issues at the lowest level of leadership starting at Post, District, Department, and National. This is using the chain of Command, and ask that you utilize this. This will help clear up confusion if it needs to be passed up. The Department and National are here to assist you, but please utilize the chain of Command first. If you are going to notify National it would be Greatly appreciated that the Department Headquarters is Notified First. I personally like to check in with Darwin (Quartermaster/Adjutant) prior to contacting National as he may know the answer beforehand.
2. Membership starts July 1, and I would appreciate it if we could come out of the gates running. Remember we have to go to them; they won't always come to us. Go where they are, as I am personally planning on trying to meet with various groups myself.
3. The VFW involvement with the Sturgis Rally will continue this year, and I do ask for support with representing the State at the membership booth at the Armory. Information for that is included along with the contact information. All help will be appreciated, and I very much understand if you do not feel comfortable with assisting. I talked to The National VFW as this is a program sponsored by them, and they do plan to have masks with to provide to the volunteers, but I do ask if you do volunteer to please wear a mask when at the booth. I will also have Hand Sanitizer available.
4. The Commander's and President project is on Homeless Veteran's this year, and we are working on getting all of our items ready to start a Raffle.
5. With Covid-19 please continue to perform “Buddy Check's” for each other. This is our time to show our fellow Veteran's and our Communities what we do. I know there are people out there calling others, helping get groceries, helping financially, and essentially doing what they can. I appreciate all of this and ask that we continue this mission all the time and not just during this pandemic.
6. At this time of Writing according to the South Dakota State Fair Website the fair is still going on. Please be Alert to any changes with this. At this time the Council of Administration and Homecoming at Oacoma is Still happening. We will plan as “normal” for all events at this time and will alert you when we know more. Thank you all for your continued support.

Looking out for Veteran's,

Cody Mangold Commander  
605-770-1030  
cody.mangold@hotmail.com

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

I am humbled and honored to be elected Senior Vice Commander for the Department of South Dakota. I know this year will be a busy one. I want to congratulate everyone elected to the Council of Administration. I also want to congratulate Sean Johnson on a successful, yet challenging command year. His year will be one for the books with the COVID-19 challenge.

I also want to congratulate Cody Mangold on being elected Commander of the Department of South Dakota. No doubt he will have a wonderful year!

I would like to ask that you start turning in your **Memorial Day reports** as soon as possible. I have already received some. Those sent to Cody have been forwarded to me. Remember to also send me your Veterans Day and Loyalty Day reports as they become due.

It is not too early to start working on your nominations for the EMT/EMS, Law Enforcement, and Firefighter of the Year. I consider those very important as they deserve recognition for their work for our communities.

I know reports seem to be annoying at times, but they do serve a purpose. Not just the reports I am responsible for receiving, but also the Community service and the Hospital and Safety. I know you all are doing the work so please take the time to complete the reports and get them to the correct point of contact. At the end of the year, all data is consolidated and sent to National.

Again, I want to thank you for entrusting me with this great honor. I am here to help you any way I can so please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Barbara McKean  
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**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
JULY GENERAL ORDERS**

Our Organization enters the new VFW Membership year with challenges on at least two fronts. First, we must replace members who have died this past year and second, we face the huge obstacle COVID-19 has placed before us. For the immediate future face to face contact will be difficult so we must rely on social media, email, phone calls and the regular mail to stay in contact with our Membership. Use whatever methods are most beneficial for you.

Per the State Commander's guidance each Post and District is to submit a Membership Plan. The Form is on the State website ([www.vfwsd.org](http://www.vfwsd.org)) as is the Department of South Dakota 2020-2021 Membership Plan. Please complete and submit your Plan early. Tailor your Plan to "what you do best" and what works for your situation. Review the 2020-2021 Membership Plan and formulate a plan of action that will assist you in meeting the Membership Achievement Goals. Your ideas will be shared with all entities. Although, National has not established our State Quota as of these General Orders I would guesstimate it to be around 8,100 plus or minus. A very attainable goal. Post and District Membership Chairpersons should consider forming a team to help with your Recruiting and Retention efforts. Please forward the name, email and phone number of Post and District

Chairpersons to me. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Junior Vice Commander. You will receive my best effort. You can contact me for assistance at the email and phone number listed below.

Tom Hafner  
Jr. Vice Commander  
[tbmhafner@santel.net](mailto:tbmhafner@santel.net) // 605-661-2750

### **OVERSEAS VETERAN NEWSPAPER**

The newspaper as we once knew it is being replaced by Social Media and Web Sites for the future. It had outlived its usefulness and very hard to find an editor after Dick Pickering retired. I think it can only be better and again it is only as good as the input and we encourage items be sent to the State Office to transition to the Web Site..... Wish us luck in this transition time.

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## **Sturgis Bike Rally Volunteers Wanted:**

The VFW will have a recruitment booth at the Armory downtown Sturgis again this year from **Friday, Aug 7 to Friday Aug 14**. We need local members to help man it for two shifts per day, 0900 -1400 and 1400 – 1700.

I've been asked to coordinate the volunteers. If you can help out please let me know.

Kris Fenton, Quartermaster, Post 5969. Cell #307-689-0086.  
Email : [post5969@midconetwork.com](mailto:post5969@midconetwork.com)

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**Council Of Administration: JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30PM there will be Skype meeting. I will send out an agenda and instructions closer to the date.**

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**A VAVS Representative is needed for the Sioux Falls. This doesn't take a lot of time so please consider what you can do. Call Darwin Tolzin @ 605-332-7441.**

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**ANYONE INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER SHOULD SUBMIT RESUME OR NAME TO THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS.**


# 2020 DECORATED VETERANS PHEASANT HUNT

VFW Post 8530 Gettysburg SD will host our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pheasant Hunt Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. In 2019 National VFW provided approximately 1/3 of the total cost. National VFW has cut funding for the Pheasant Hunt. We were allowed an application in the VFW Magazine. Post 8530 members voted to continue the Pheasant Hunt regardless. As a result, we will be asking our comrades through out the State of South Dakota for their very much appreciated support in selling raffle tickets.



2019 Decorated Veteran Pheasant Hunters

When a ticket stub has VFW Post xxxx in the Name line, the amount purchased by said Post will be recorded on the 5 Program donation list P Hunt column. Individual ticket sales will not count.

<b>2020 Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt Raffle</b>	<b>2020 Decorated Veterans Pheasant Hunt Raffle</b>	 <b>\$10.00 / ticket</b>
Name _____	.17 HMR Henry Golden Boy rifle	
Address _____	<i>Drawing on Veterans Day November 11, 2020</i>	
Phone _____	Need not be present to win	
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It would be preferable for Post Q-M to deposit cash proceeds and issue a check made payable to VFW Post 8530 Pheasant Hunt. Raffle ticket stubs and check can be sent to:

Lonny Potts, 313 W. King  
Gettysburg SD 57442.

**Thank You for your support**

2020 Hunt Chairman  
Isaac Full

Assistant Chairman  
Lonny Potts