



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

GENERAL ORDERS #9

"LOOKING OUT FOR VETERANS"

March 2021

1. VFW Virtual March Legislative Conference

The VFW's Virtual March Legislative Conference provides an opportunity for VFW leaders from each state to virtually meet with their respective lawmakers and advocate for VFW legislative priorities. Though this year is different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, VFW will continue to fight for veterans, while pivoting on how we connect, to ensure that VFW's voice is heard on Capitol Hill. We encourage members to prepare for their meetings with their senators and representatives by familiarizing themselves with the VFW 2021 Legislative Priorities. The priority goals provide our organization's overview of the areas of focus regarding military benefits and quality of life programs. It is imperative that Congress provide sufficient funding for the DOD and VA programs needed by service members, veterans, and families, and that VA is held accountable for the timeliness and quality of services it delivers to our veterans.

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 has not 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! Have you sent in you last Audit Report yet? Maybe you are delinquent on some of the previous audit reports. Catch them up to date, as they are important.

5. Special Olympics: Post donations to the Special Olympics Fund are hereby requested to help with the 2021 Special Olympics Program. Posts are asked to be generous and to send their donations to VFW Department Headquarters. Our goal this year is \$3,000 and we do know this is energetic. Thank You to those Posts that have already sent in their donations.

6. Buddy Poppy: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2021 Buddy Poppy Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible and make plans for your 2021 distribution. Post Commanders, this is a reminder that all Poppy orders (remember 5 poppies per member) should be in by April 30, 2021 to count in the **"All State Post Commanders"** ratings. Order blanks may be downloaded from the web site - vfwsd.org.

VFW SILVER, GOLD, AND DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY POPPIES

We have several Posts with anniversaries upcoming and this is for you.

The silver, gold and diamond anniversary Buddy Poppies are only for Posts that are currently in their 25th, 50th, 75th or 100th anniversary years. The anniversary poppies are approximately three times as expensive for us to produce, but because of the small quantities we deal in, we **do not** pass those costs on to the Posts. Please limit your order of anniversary poppies to 1,000 to ensure stock does not run out. These are ordered through the Department Office and processed the same as the red poppies. Annotate on the order to National that it is for anniversary poppies and specify which one.

Good luck in distribution and **CONGRATULATIONS** to the anniversary Posts.

7. Community Service Record Books: Attention Post Commanders & Community Service Chairpersons: Because of the lack of participation in this program the Posts will receive extra credit for submitting a Community Service Book but there will not be any judging. All Community Service projects completed during the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 should be included when making your Post/Auxiliary record book. Record Books must be received by April 20th, 2021. **Send books in digital form to State Office, Via email to vfwsd@aol.com or vfwdeptsd@gmail.com. This is a change so please note!!!!** Form for submitting the Record Books may be downloaded from the web site - vfwsd.org

8. 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.***

9. 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.

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

11. 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 2021 as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

12. Department Convention: The 2021 Department Convention will be held on June 17- 20 in Yankton, hosted by Post 791. 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, at this time this is a working document subject to changes****

13. HELP!!!! The Commander/President 2020-2021 project, "**HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS**". Please help by purchasing raffle tickets with multiple prizes. We are well short of the goal so please get onboard. You can get tickets from the Commander or President. Also, there are Auxiliary fundraisers in progress that are supporting the same project. Check with any Auxiliary member or the Auxiliary web site: [//sites.google.com/site/site/sdvfwaux](https://sites.google.com/site/site/sdvfwaux) .

14. Convention Ads: All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office, and any others are reminded that the deadline for Ads in the 2021 Convention Booklet is due by May 6th, 2021. 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.

15. 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 12 St. Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, by **March 20, 2021**. The deadline date to get the information to National is April 1, 2021.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

19. Sending 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 appropriate and necessary in this document.



Senior Vice Commander Barbara McKean General Orders March 2021

While COVID may have required us all to change the way in which we conduct business, it has not stopped us from completing required actions of the VFW. Please continue to work your programs, recruit, and maintain contact with fellow comrades.

Remember, every post in SD should submit reports for Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Loyalty Day to me or Darwin's office. Just because your post may not have been able to hold a ceremony due to COVID-19, does not mean you are not reaching out and taking care of our veterans in South Dakota. I need you each to complete the reports and indicate whether you held a program/ceremony and if not, why. That also goes for your quarterly financial Audit Reports, Community Service and Hospital and Safety Reports. Commanders and Quartermasters please get those reports submitted for each of your posts. Below are the reports received to date:

Memorial Day Reports Revd.:

Dist. 1: Elk Point, Vermillion, Brandon, Alcester

Dist. 4: Brookings, Madison, Milbank

Dist. 6: Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Wessington Springs, Gettysburg

Dist. 7: Mitchell, Scotland, Parkston, Chamberlain, Armour, Wagner

Dist. 10: Deadwood

Veterans Day Reports Revd.:

Dist. 1: Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Brandon, Alcester

Dist. 4: Watertown, Madison, Milbank

Dist. 6: Pierre, Wessington Springs, Turton, Gettysburg

Dist. 7: Mitchell, Scotland, Parkston, Chamberlain, Armour, Wagner

Dist. 10: Custer, Deadwood

Please reach out if I can assist you in any way.

v/r,

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

Sr. Vice Commander Shirts for 2021-2022

Barb McKean is taking orders for Command Shirts for the 2021-2022 year. The orders MUST be received by April 1st, so they will be here by Cody's Convention in Yankton in June. Please just email me your name and the size you'd like. The cost will be approximately \$30 (I'll know exact cost once order is placed). I have tried on this shirt and the fit is generous. I will collect payment when the shirts arrive.

Men's or ladies embroidered left chest your logo only **Ladies small thru 3X**

Small thru x large \$24.00

2X \$25.00

3X \$28.00

4X \$29.00

- 6.5 oz./yd² / 225 gsm
- 100% polyester Snag Protection Plus jersey
- Moisture-wicking and anti-microbial
- UV 15-39 protection



Barb McKean

Dept SVC

605-630-0771

barbara.mckean@ujs.state.sd.us



**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
MARCH 2021 GENERAL ORDERS**

Post 5860, Spearfish has exceeded quota, joining Crooks, Dell Rapids, Faith, Lake Andes, Marty, Sisseton, Tyndall, and Wagner as Posts who have achieved or exceeded their quota. Thank you for the exceptional effort by these Posts regarding Membership.

As a Department we have 20 Posts who need five or less Members to meet their quota and an additional 9 Posts who need ten or less members to make quota. Please take the time to continue to communicate with your Unpaid and Expired members. Thank you for all you do for the VFW.

Information concerning Amendments to the Department Bylaws will be forthcoming. If you have changes or additions to the Department Bylaws you wish to propose submit them to Department Headquarters ASAP.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need any assistance feel free to contact me.

Tom Hafner
Jr. Vice Commander
tbmhafner@santel.net // 605-661-2750

NOTICE

MEMBERS:

Several changes and updates will be forthcoming hopefully by Convention time. Among them will be General Orders will only be sent to the Council of Administration via email everyone else has availability on the VFWSD.ORG under [Resources](#). The reason being the tracking of email address changes has become quite time consuming. If you need to contact the State Office please call, mail, email or via the Web Site.

The forwarding of the Weekly Reports that lets you track your status of required reports will be forwarded to the COA via email and the remainder of Posts will have access on the VFWSD.ORG under [Resources](#) named [POST PROGRAM STATUS](#). Includes all programs currently emailed to Commanders and Quartermasters.

Our email address that has been VFWSD@AOL.COM will be changing to VFWDEPTSD@GMAIL.COM we will be removing AOL from our email service during the year but in the meantime we will continue to receive both.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary
CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 17 - 20, 2021

Please use one form for each individual registration

Registration will be \$\$ per member prior to May 17, 2021 & \$\$\$ after

Individual banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for \$\$\$. 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 ??? Friday June 18th, 2021.

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

Name Badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and Banquet. Events will be held at the ????????????

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 (2021-2022) Luncheon are each ??? by June ??, 2021.

___ VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chair Luncheon ??? by June???, 2021

E-Mail Address: _____

Registration form: VFW Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon ??? by June ??? 2021.

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 791 Convention Fund
209 Cedar Street
Yankton, SD 57078-4387



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

Thursday, June 17th Thru Sunday, June 20th, 2021

Post 791 Yankton, South Dakota

Thursday, June 17, 2021

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| 10:00am-4:00pm | Registration |
| 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 18, 2021

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| 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 19, 2021

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| 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 20, 2021

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



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| 11:30am – 1:00pm | Officers and Chairman's Luncheon |
| 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 |
| 6:30pm-7:00pm | Award Presenters Meeting |
| 7:00pm- 9:00pm | Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations |

Friday, June 18, 2021

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 19, 2021

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 20, 2021

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| 9:00am-???? | Council of Administration Meeting (new) |
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All Functions will be held at the BEST WESTERN unless otherwise designated



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

Post 791, Yankton, South Dakota

91ST 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 791 Convention
209 Cedar St
Yankton, SD 57078-4387

All ads need to be submitted in digital format no later than 4:00pm on ??????

(Please make a copy for your Customer Order Receipt)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA & AUXILIARY

FRIDAY JUNE 17TH, 2021

Post 791 Yankton, South Dakota

HOSPITALITY NIGHT

91ST ANNUAL CONVENTION – 2021

Friday, June 18th

6:00pm – 9:00pm

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED

Location: Yankton Post Home

Convention Badges Required

Cost \$100 per candidate

Make checks payable to:

VFW Post 791 Convention Fund

209 Cedar Street

Yankton, SD 5707-4387

cody.mangold@hotmail.com

Print Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



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Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

91ST VFW/AUXILIARY CONVENTION

CONVENTION HOTELS

June 17-20, 2021

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.

Best Western Kelly Inn: 1607 E. Highway 50 Yankton, SD 605-665-2906. Single rooms range from \$121.99 to \$139.99 Plus Tax. **There is a block of rooms reserved for VFW/Auxiliary Convention.**

Econo Lodge: 611 W. 23rd St, 605-689-3400 – \$99 to \$109

Days Inn: 2410 Broadway Ave. 605-679-6519 – Standard \$65



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota & Auxiliary

91ST 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