



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

General Orders #3

“SPEAK UP & REACH OUT”

September 1, 2021

1. **Fall Council of Administration** of the Department of South Dakota, on Saturday and Sunday, October 8, 9, & 10 2021.
 - a. **All State Officers and Committee Chairmen are hereby asked to submit reports on their programs to Department Headquarters by September 25th, 2021 to be included in the Book of Reports at Fall Council. October General Orders are also due September 25th, 2021.**
 - b. **Post Commanders, please plan on attending, or sending one of your Post Officers to the training classes on Oct. 9th, 2021.**

2. **Hospital Fund, Service and Rehab Fund and Memorial Park and Chapel Fund:** All Posts are urged to contribute: \$0.35 cents per member to the Department Hospital Fund for supporting VA Medical Centers in the State. \$0.20 cents per member to the Department Service and Rehabilitation Fund to support our State Service Officer at the VA Centers. \$0.10 cents per member to the Department Memorial Park and Chapel to support the cost of maintaining the park and chapel located in the Black Hills. All contributions are based on the Post membership as of June 30, 2021 found in MEMSTATS. Remember, these are recommended amounts and more can be donated. Make checks payable to VFW Department of South Dakota and marked to the appropriate fund with the amount to be donated. In addition, the amounts are to be recorded on your Community Service Report. Mail checks to Department Headquarters, 5009 W. 12th St., Ste. 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

OTHER DONATIONS: The 5 donation categories are National Home, VMS (Veterans Military Support), SD Pheasant Hunt, State Fair and Special Olympics, this is all in the SD Commanders Membership book. There are 6 categories and they pay according to membership. Here are the minimums for each, category 1 = \$20 per program, category 2 = \$30 per program, category 3 = \$40, category 4 = \$50, category 5 = \$75, and category 6 = \$100 per program. Each post is in the Department Membership Plan under their category, page 4.

3. **Department and National Membership Dues:** Department - \$8.00 per member, National - \$21.50 per member, **total:** \$29.50 per member. Any amount you charge a member above and beyond the \$29.50 is considered your Post dues.

4. **Fall District Meetings:** Dates of meetings and places have been set and are enclosed in this General Orders.
5. **All Post, District and Department Officers** who have not paid their VFW membership dues are expected to pay their dues immediately, thereby setting a good example for other members. (REF: Section 220 of National By-Laws). Please see attached list of positions that have passed or very close to delinquent.
6. **Post Commanders:** Reminder – appoint your Post Chairperson for Community Service, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. Report their names to Department Headquarters and the respective State Chairperson.
7. **Post Commanders:** Every Post should send in a Community Service, Hospital/Safety and Veterans and Military Support Reports to receive the total number of points for the All-State Team contests. Remember the Community Service and Hospital/Safety and Veterans & Military Support Reports and are sent in quarterly to the Department Office for further distribution to Program Chairman.
8. **Post Commanders:** Report all Community Service projects to Department Headquarters, 5009 W 12th St., Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.
9. **Post Commanders:** Have you appointed your Veterans Day Chairperson yet? Post Veterans Day Chairpersons should start planning their programs. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce or like organization to coordinate programs in observance of this important day. Every Post should have some planned program in recognition of this day. A report form is on the website to view and report your Veterans Day functions or event.
10. **Post Publications:** All Posts are urged to publish a post publication of some type. A publications contest will be held again this year. In the future discussions are in progress to see if Posts would like to submit newsletters to be published via the Web Site which would give National Exposure. They could also be part of the judging process.
11. **Desecration of U. S. Flag:** Any member who has personal knowledge of any acts of desecration to the flag of the United States of America is asked to report the same to the State Commander or Department Headquarters.
12. **Patriot and POW/MIA Days: September 11** is designated Patriot Day and the United States Flag is to be at flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset to remember the victims of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year (**September 17, 2021**). Please take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.
13. **VOD, Patriots Pen and Teachers Award:** Remember all entries should be to the Post level by October 31st, 2021. Questions should be directed to Keith Blume, PO Box 215, Custer, SD 57730. Phone 605-673-4143 or Cell # 605-440-2331. E-Mail: krlume@goldenwest.net. Forms can be downloaded from the vfwsd.org website. Other materials can be downloaded from the VFW website – www.vfwsd.org

14. **Big 10 Conference:** Members are reminded that the Big 10 Conference will be held on October 15-17, 2021 in Rapid City, SD. Registration & Hotel forms are available on the VFWS.D.ORG Web site. Chairman of the event is PDC Mike Mullen (ph 605.490.1240 or email: mmullen@rushmore.com)
15. **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 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders. Submissions will be edited to maintain appropriate content and professionalism. **Please send all material in a Word Document.**
16. If you would like to send an E-Mail to the QM/Adj, use the following: E-Mail is vfwsd@aol.com. Phone Number 605-332-7441, or Cell number 605-695-5006.
17. **All Commanders & Quartermasters: PLEASE update your mailing address, phone, email and Skype addresses information at Headquarters, this will be our main line of communication from the State Headquarters.**

OFFICIAL:

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

BY ORDER OF:

Barbara McKean
Barbara McKean, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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**Department of South Dakota
2021 Fall District Meeting Dates**

District	Date	Time	Location	Representative
#1	Sep. 26 th	TBA	??Brandon??	Sr Vice Tom Hafner
#4	Sep. 19 th	2pm	Watertown	Judge Adv Sean Johnson
#6	Oct. 3rd	1pm	Pierre (Legion Club Room)	Jr Vice Dave Baumiller
#7	Oct. 24th	2pm	Winner Legion	Commander McKean/Surgeon Collier
#10	Sept. 19 th	1pm	Spearfish	QM/ADJ Tolzin

(Please arrange sub if necessary)

BONDS:

These were due by August 31st. I still have many posts that have not sent them in, this needs to be done NOW to be in compliance with National By-Laws Sec 703. You are required to Bond individuals for total of all liquid assets, no exception.

BOOK OF REPORTS

COA and Committee Chairman: I will need your report for the Fall Council book of reports by COB Friday Sept. 25th, 2020.

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All Posts

**Veterans Military Support (VMS) Donations go directly to Department Office.
This used to be National Military Support (NMS)**

State VFW Headquarters
5009 W. 12th St., STE 6A
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

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The NEW Veterans Military Support pins are in, they are very nice. The cost is the same as in the past. \$5 for Bronze, \$10 for Silver, and \$20 for Gold

Let me know what you need and we'll get them to you.

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Please note & help: Email Headquarters if your post has a Facebook page. We would like the address so we can add your link to our VFWSD website & VFW SD Facebook page, this will give even more opportunities for your page to be seen.

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Solicitation of Funds: (i.e. Raffles, phones, etc) Please see Section 214 of the Manual of Procedure. The Department President and/or Department Commander projects are fully approved by the COA. Other Post, District or other fundraisers need Department approval to go beyond their area of influence (example: Pheasant Hunt is Post sponsored with Department approval). There are also State of South Dakota stipulations on some types of fundraising.

COMMANDERS & PRESIDENTS FUNDRAISER

Two raffles will happen during the year to raise money for the DTOM 22/0 (Don't Tread on Me) horse farm in Warner, SD.

1. Black Hills Jewelry (necklace and earrings)
2. Three Firearms:
 - Henry Golden Boy Military Service Tribute -22 Long Rifle
 - Browning X-Bolt Hunter LLB – 6.5 Creedmoor
 - TriStar Setter ST O/U – 410 gauge

Further details see attached flyer.

Post Expired Officers as of 9/1/2021

The following Posts have the indicated officers Vacant:

- Post 4690 Post Service Officer**
- Post 2755 Senior Vice Commander**



News from the Staff Members and Committee Chair's

Barbara McKean, Commander

September 2021 General Orders #3

Greeting Comrades,

I had a great trip to the VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO Jul 30-Aug 3 rd . There were about 15 VFW members in attendance from SD. Our new CIC Fritz Mihelcic has hit the ground running and has set out some new requirements for All-American. Please make sure you familiarize yourself with the National and South Dakota Membership guides (both available on website wwwsd.org).

One new item this year is having your Facebook page established by Jan 2022 (active for 6-month requirement for All-American). We can assist any posts during our Fall Council with establishing a Facebook page if needed. Bring your laptops for assistance!

Each Post will also need to sign up and then update the dashboard with the number of new sign-ups for the Action Corps emails. This can be anyone, brother, mother, sister, friends etc. All they need to do is send a TEXT to 50457, then text them the word VFW. Report those numbers to Darwin's office to be updated in the dashboard (unless you are updating the dashboard yourselves).

I spent Aug 8-13 at the Bike Rally in Sturgis with our Chief of Staff. In attendance was also the National Commander, Fritz Mihelcic. We kept extremely busy with PR events, tours, Post visits, and most importantly at the VFW Recruiting booth. We had 21 volunteers working the booth. We also took donations for poppies and raised about \$150. Our recruiting efforts combined w/ 2 recruiters from National led to about 90 members being recruited, reinstated or converting to life. Thank you to everyone who made this a great success. Kris Fenton, Dist 10 Commander took the lead on this event and knocked it out of the park!

The All-Star VFW Baseball tournament took place on Sunday, Aug 15 th in Webster, SD, followed by the Annual VFW Baseball meeting on Sunday, Aug 22 nd in Madison, SD. Refer to baseball website for meeting minutes. <https://www.sdvfwbasketball.com/> All VFW Posts that sponsor a baseball team needs to be involved and active with the team(s)!

Get your Voice of Democracy and Patriots pen information sent to all your local schools. I would also like at least one submission from each Post for Teacher of the Year!

The Fall Council of Administration (Homecoming Banquet) at Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma, SD is scheduled for Oct 8-10, 2021 (banquet theme will be "Western"). Post Commanders and Quartermasters are encouraged to bring a 1st time attendee or two with you. At a minimum, you both or your designee(s) should be in attendance.

New this Year: The SD VFW will be featuring our members who have proudly worn the uniform of our country and continue that legacy of service in their communities today. Please visit www.vfwsd.org to access this document (Weekly Social Media (Facebook under Department of South Dakota VFW) Highlight).

Coming up in September is Veterans Day at the Huron State Fair on Sep 2 nd . This is the only day the VFW will have a table. If you can help man the table this one day, please let me know. Also, our District meetings will be held in September/October (please try and bring a 1 st time attendee with you).

If there is anything I can do to assist, please give me a call. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara McKean
State Commander
Barbara.mckean@uj.s.state.sd.us
605-630-0771



**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
TOM HAFNER
SEPTEMBER GENERAL ORDERS**

Just a short reminder that District Meetings, Fall Council, Homecoming and the Big 10 Conference are scheduled in the next sixty days. Your participation is essential for our continued success.

It is not too early to appoint a Veterans Day Chairperson, send the name to Department Headquarters and get your Program off and running. Also, it is time to begin the search for your Post's submission for EMT, Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the Year.

This is out of my lane, but hopefully each Post has their Membership drive in high gear. As of the date of these General Orders the following Posts have submitted a Memorial Day

Report:

District 1: Yankton & Alcester

District 4: Brookings & Webster

District 6: Aberdeen, Pierre, Turton & Gettysburg

District 7: Marty, Mitchell, Scotland, Lake Andes, Parkston. Chamberlain, Tyndall, Armour & Wagner

District 10: Newell, Deadwood & Quinn

A Negative Report is necessary if you did not conduct a Memorial Day Program. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If I can be of any assistance contact me at the email or phone number (leave a message if no answer) listed below.

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



**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
DAVE BAUMILLER
SEPTEMBER GENERAL ORDERS**

As of these General Orders just over 28 % of the Districts and Posts have submitted a Membership Plan to Department Headquarters. These Plans are important as they provide insight as to how each District and Post will be addressing their Membership issue. They also provide the name and contact information for those who may need assistance. Take the time to formulate a Plan and submit it to Department Headquarters. Prior year we had 7863 members, we need 137 members to reach that same number this year, 273 members to get to 8000. We don't get credit for Life Members until September. Altogether we can do this!

Thank you for your input, it is greatly appreciated.

Dave Baumiller
Jr. Vice Commander
davebaumiller@gmail.com // 605-593-3389



**DEPARTMENT SURGEON
GLYNIS COLLIER
SEPTEMBER GENERAL ORDERS**

Hello Comrades,

I hope you all are enjoying the cooler temperatures these days. I'd like to thank CDR Barb for all of her hard work since she took command of the Dept. Of South Dakota VFW! I was honored to attend the Sturgis Rally and Recruit new members for the VFW and VFW Auxiliary with her and our SD Line Officers and Member Volunteers. I had a wonderful time meeting Veterans from all over our great nation! I was so proud as the Dept. of SD VFW Surgeon to enlist a variety of Veterans into our organization!

Please be on the lookout for reminders and requests from me regarding your reports and Post obligations.

If you need copies of any of this year's reports, please email me at dakpatriot@gmail.com and I will send them to you.

Please submit your reports to your Post Surgeon by the tenth day of September.

Thank you for your Service and everything you do each day for Veterans and their Family Members.

Respectfully,
Glynis Collier
State Surgeon



Ceremonial Rifles

The following posts need to contact Department Headquarters about their Ceremonial Rifles. The government has reached out to the Department and needs to know if you still have these rifles and what their serials #'s are. Please send this information as soon as possible. We will provide you with the forms required to satisfy the depot's needs.

Posts: Sturgis 2730, Mitchell 2750, Beresford 2975, Miller 3214, Lake Andes 3239, Sisseton 3342, Flandreau 3351, Custer 3442, Freeman 3728, Faith 5751 & Crooks 5770.

Thank You in advance

2021-2022 South Dakota VFW Raffles

Money will be donated to DTOM (Don't Tread on Me) 22/0 to combat veteran PTSD and Suicide Prevention. This is a horse Farm in Warner, SD! Winners will be drawn at State Conventions in June 2022 (return tickets & money to State office 605-332-7441).

1st Raffle
(for Raffles
only \$20)

Gun Raffle \$20 per ticket (3 winning tickets)

- #1 – Henry Golden Boy Military Service Tribute – 22 long Rifle
- #2 – Browning X-Bolt Hunter LLB - 6.5 Creedmoor
- #3 – TriStar Setter ST O/U – 410 Gauge

All winners must be 18 years of age or older & Must pass a NICS Background Check to take possession.

#1



#2



#3



2nd Raffle
(for Black
Hills Gold
only \$10)

Black Hills Gold Pear Cut Onyx Earrings & Pendant Set Raffle - \$10 (1 Winner)

This beautiful earrings and pendant set features classic Black Hills Gold: a solid 10k gold base with brilliant 12k rose and green foliage accents. A complimentary gold-filled chain is also included.



If interested in donating to this raffle, please visit any VFW Post in SD or call Barb at 605-630-0771.
Can also pay using VENMO @Barbara-McKean (and we can fill in your name & phone # for drawing) 🐾

THE VFW POST #4726 AUXILIARY

AND

THE THREE RIVERS VFW POST #4726

THE FIRST ANNUAL

WE SALUTE

ALL VETERAN'S BALL

SAT. OCTOBER 23RD, 2021

VFW POST #4726

321 MAIN AVE

BRANDON, SD 57005

FORMAL DRESS ATTIRE

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM — DINNER 7:00PM

TICKETS: \$40/PERSON

BUY
TICKETS
HERE:

Brandon VFW

Brandon VFW



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A NIGHT OF DINNER AND DANCING
(VETERAN AND GUEST ONLY)

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VFWAUXILIARY4726](https://www.facebook.com/vfwauxiliary4726)

EMAIL: VFWAUX4726@GMAIL.COM

CALL: (605) 582-3411



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

**Department of South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary
FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

*******REGISTRATION*******

ADVANCE **\$95.00** (Includes breaks, Saturday Lunch & Banquet)
\$30.00 Per meal for anyone attending that is not registered and guests

Deadline for Registration: September 27th, 2021 - Late Registration **\$115.00**

All events will be held at Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma I-90 Exit 260, 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, SD 57365 (605.734.6376) – **Rate \$99.00**

NAME _____

Address _____

VFW/AUX# _____ **CITY** _____

Total Amount Submitted _____

Payable to: Department of South Dakota VFW

**Mail to: Department of South Dakota VFW
5009 West 12th St.; STE 6A
Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

EARLY REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED

Please fill out a separate registration form for each individual



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Department of South Dakota VFW & Auxiliary FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Friday Oct 8th, Saturday Oct 9th and Sunday Oct 10th at Oacoma, South Dakota

All events will be held at **Cedar Shores Resort**, Oacoma

I-90 Exit 260, 100 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, SD 57365 (605-734-6376)

Committee Meetings will be held on Friday, Oct 8th starting at 3:00pm

MEMBERSHIP 3:00pm, **BUDGET** 3:45pm, **VFW RIDERS** 4:00pm

Hosted by Department of SD VFW and Auxiliary

Friday, Oct 8 th	3-5 PM	VFW Committee Meetings (see above) Cedar Shores
Friday, Oct 8 th	5 - 10PM	“Speak Up & Reach Out”
		Hospitality Social Cedar Shores (RM 233)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	8:00AM – 3:00PM	REGISTRATION
Saturday, Oct 9 th	8:00AM	ANNUAL VFW TRAINING
Saturday, Oct 9th	8:00AM	School of Instruction
Saturday, Oct 9 th	8:00 – 8:15AM	Opening Remarks
Saturday, Oct 9 th	8:15 – 9:00AM	Selling the VFW (Rick McKenna)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	9:00 – 9:35AM	Quartermaster/Audit/Inspection Training (Ken Payne)
Saturday, Oct 9th	9:35 – 9:45AM	Break (in hall area)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	9:50 – 10:30AM	Retention Training (National Membership)
Saturday, Oct 9th	10:30-11:30AM	Districts Presidents Meeting (Board Rm 2nd Flr)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	10:30 – 10:50AM	VOD/PP Dashboard Training (Tom Hafner)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	10:50 – 11:20AM	Community Service Training (Sean Johnson)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	11:20 – 12:00AM	All American Dashboard Training
Saturday, Oct 9th	11:30AM	Dept. Aux. Line Officers Mtg & Luncheon
		Buffet – eat in Restaurant
Saturday, Oct 9 th	12:00 – 1:30PM	Past Commanders/Current & Past District Commander
	LUNCH PROVIDED	To all registered members
Saturday, Oct 9th	1:00 – 4:15PM	School of Instruction
Saturday, Oct 9 th	1:30 – 2:15PM	OMS (updating Members Information)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	2:15 – 3:00PM	SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK, ETC.)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	3:15 – 3:45PM	VFW Websites (National and State)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	5:30 PM	Social Hour (cash bar)
Saturday, Oct 9 th	6:30 PM	BANQUET (Western Style)
		Hospitality after Banquet (Room 233)
Sunday, Oct 6 th	9:00 – 11:00 AM	VFW Council of Administration
Sunday, Oct 6th	9:00AM – 5:00 PM	Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting

Bold = Auxiliary Function