

General Orders

JULY 2023



PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

All personal communications to the State Commander can be sent to:

Commander Dave Baumiller
 18645 Youngberg Rd
 Newell, SD 57760
 Email:
davebaumiller@gmail.com
 Cell: 605-593-3389

REQUESTS FOR ATTENDANCE

STATE COMMANDER

All requests for State Commander or a State Officer should be coordinated through the State Adjutant's office.

605-332-7441 or
anna@vfwdeptsd.com

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

All official Communications to the State Headquarters for the Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and all other line officers shall be sent to:

anna@vfwdeptsd.com



ALL PREVIOUS STATE APPOINTMENTS ARE CANCELED

Having been 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.

General Orders

Post and District Commanders: General Orders will be read at your meetings or printed and passed out. You can also find copies of the General Orders on the Department website: www.vfwsd.org > Resources > General Orders



ELECTED OFFICERS

COMMAND YEAR 2023-2024

Elected Officers for the State of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the year 2023-2024, were elected at the 93rd Annual State Convention held in Mitchell, SD June 15-18, 2023. All officers appointed are expected to carry out the duties of their respective offices to the best of their abilities. National and State Bylaws outline the duties of the offices.

Attached to these General Orders is a list of all the Elected Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

The 2023 Membership kicks off July 1, 2023.

All Posts and Districts are asked to start their kickoff immediately.

Good luck in the year ahead!

DISTRICT AND POST COMMANDERS

COMMAND YEAR 2023-2024

All District and Post Commanders are asked to select a member of officer to be the Chairperson of VOD, Patriot's Pen, Teachers Awards, Buddy Poppy, Veterans & Military Support, Membership, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, and Scouting Citations. Please also appoint a member to be the Post Service Officer and forward the names of these Chairpersons to the State Headquarters office along with an email address and phone number.

All State, District and Post Officers are as well as all VFW Members are asked to wear the official VFW cover to all meetings and functions held in the communities.



NATIONAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS 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. Posts so operating are hereby directed to take corrective measures to eliminate such practice within 30 days.

Please check the www.sdvfwbasketball.com for updates on dates, times, and locations for the 2023 State VFW Baseball Tournaments.

The Fall Council of Administration will be held in Oacoma, SD at the Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center on October 6-8, 2023.

The 94th Annual State Convention will be held in Spearfish, SD on June 6-9, 2023, with Spearfish Post #5860 as the Host Post.

Your 2023-2024 State Line Officers



OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:



Anna Arnold
QUARTERMASTER / ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VFW

Dave Baumiller
COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VFW



COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION	
POSITION	NAME
Commander	Dave Baumiller
Sr. Vice Commander	Glynis Collier
Jr. Vice Commander	Dr. Martin Christensen
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Anna Arnold
Chaplain	Russel Dramstad
Judge Advocate	Robert Harrington
Surgeon	Rick VandenHoek
Past State Commander	Tom Hafner
Chief of Staff	Dwight Griffiee
Inspector	Allan Ochsner
District 1 Commander	Jackie J. Voight
District 4 Commander	Troy D. Foster
District 6 Commander	Dale Greenfield
District 7 Commander	Dennis Pense
District 10 Commander	Katherine A. Pyka
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
National Council Member	Barbara McKean
National Veterans & Military Support Member	Kenneth Payne
National Legislative Committee Member	Rick Williamson
APPOINTED	
POSITION-CHAIRPERSONS	NAME
Aide-de-Camp	Bill Barlow
Aide-de-Camp	Lonny Potts
Adjutant-Assistant	Barbara McKean
Buddy Poppy	Anna Arnold
Citizenship Education	Sean Johnson
Community Service	Robert Harrington
Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement	Glynis Collier
Guard/Sergeant-at-Arms	Darren Bigge
Historian	Rick VandenHoek
Homeless Veteran	Delane Fickbolm
Hospital	Rick VandenHoek
Life Membership	Dr. Martin Christensen
Loyalty Day	Glynis Collier
Memorial Day	Glynis Collier
National Cemetery (Primary)	Mike Mullen
National Cemetery (Secondary)	Kris Fenton
National Home for Children	Chris Engbrecht
National VOD & PP Committee Liaison	Jerry Seiner
Parliamentarian	Robert Harrington

Public Relations Officer	Anna Arnold
Safety	Rick VandenHoek
Scouting	Dr. Martin Christensen
Special Olympics	Glynis Collier
Student Veterans Representative	Connie Johnson
Sturgis Bike Rally	Dave Baumiller
VAVS Rep Ft. Meade	Mike Mullen
VAVS Rep. Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VAVS Rep. Sioux Falls	Donald Dahlin
VVS Rep/State Hospital/ Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VVS Rep/State Hospital/Yankton	Donald Dahlin
Veterans Day	Glynis Collier
Veterans & Military Support	Kenneth Payne
Veterans Service Officer	David Huntimer
VFW Riders	Dave Baumiller
Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teachers	Jerry Seiner
Youth Activities	Dr. Martin Christensen
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS	
NAME	POSITION
BASEBALL COMMITTEE	
Danny Frisby-Griffin	Chair
Dave Baumiller	Commander
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Barbara McKean	Grant Committee
Class AA, A, B Representatives	
AUDIT/TRUSTEE COMMITTEE	
Barbara McKean	Past State Commander
Sean Johnson	Past State Commander
Mike Mullen	Past State Commander
BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Russel Dramstad	Chair
Tom Hafner	Past State Commander
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Glynis Collier	Senior Vice Commander
Dave Baumiller	Commander
CREDENTIALS and TIME/PLACE COMMITTEE	
Donald Dahlin (Credentials)	Co-Chair
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
William Cerny	Past State Commander
Bill Barlow (Time & Place)	Co-Chair
Tom Hafner	Past State Commander
CONVENTION COMMITTEE	

Dave Baumiller	Chair
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Dwight Griffiee	Chief of Staff
Derek Besler	Member
Nila J. Charles	Member
Newell Post 5807	Members
Glynis Collier	Senior Vice Commander
Pam Vissia	President
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE	
Rick VandenHoek	Chair (Surgeon)
All VAVS Reps.	Members
ALL VVS Reps.	Members
NAME	POSITION
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE	
Rick Williamson	Chair
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Dave Baumiller	Commander
DD Couch	Member
Derek Besler	Member
Robert Harrington	Judge Advocate
David Huntimer	Veterans Service Officer
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	
Dr. Martin Christensen	Chair
Anna Arnold	Quartermaster/Adjutant
Kenneth Payne	National Veterans & Military Rep
Rick Williamson	National Legislative Committee Mbr
Jackie J. Voight	District 1 Commander/Captain
Troy D. Foster	District 4 Commander/Captain
Dale Greenfield	District 6 Commander/Captain
Dennis Pense	District 7 Commander/Captain
Katherine Pyka	District 10 Commander/Captain
MEMORIAL PARK & CHAPEL COMMITTEE	
D.D. Couch	Co-Chair
Dave Baumiller	Co-Chair
Anna Arnold	Quartermaster/Adjutant
Dave Baumiller	Groundskeeper
Mike Mullen	National Cemetery Council Appointee
Dwight Griffiee	Chief of Staff
All District 10 Post Commanders	
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE	
Allan Ochsner	Chair (Inspector)

Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Dr. Martin Christensen	Junior Vice Commander
RESOLUTIONS & BY LAWS	
Robert Harrington	Chair (Judge Advocate)
Anna Arnold	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Barbara McKean	Past State Commander
Eric Kinslow	Member
Tom Hafner	Past State Commander
NAME	POSITION
SERVICE & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	
Tom Hafner	Chair
Glynis Collier	Senior Vice Commander
Rick VandenHoek	Surgeon
Anna Arnold	Chair
Russel Dramstad	Chaplain
Mike Mullen	Past State Commander
VETERANS COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
Anna Arnold	Chair
Dan Klimisch	Member
Derek Besler	Member

Thank you for Electing me your commander. I am proud to serve the South Dakota veterans. We have a real challenge this year as we need to be at one hundred and two percent with no amnesty. We will have to be recruiting in places we haven't done before, bring your ideas.

We will be doing zoom meetings monthly for any South Dakota VFW member to participate in, there's so much you can learn by listening and sharing your ideas and experience. I would like to see all Posts engaged; hearing how other Posts are dealing with similar issues can help you find solutions to your own issues.

Please read over the new membership guide which will help you find your way through to All-State and/or All-American. Please pay special attention to page 12 section 10, it could be an extra 20 points toward those goals.

A special welcome to all new district commanders: District 1 Jackie Voight, District 4 Troy Foster, District 6 Dale Greenfield, District 7 Dennis Pense, District 10 Katherine Pyka.

Feel free to contact me anytime.

South Dakota State Commander,

Dave Baumiller

Greetings Fellow Veterans!

June has been full of excitement as I am planning to attend the Sturgis Rally for 5 days to work membership while our Commander takes care of business in August 2023. I will also be attending the Chislic Festival July 29, 2023 assisting our Dept. Adj/QM with her membership drive. I will be visiting east river Posts throughout the meeting schedule this command year to get to know how posts are run and prepare for my command year as effective communication is key to a healthy and successful organization.

I will be attending the VFW National Convention July 21-28, 2023.

My duties as the Senior Vice are to be supportive of the State Commander and each member of our SD VFW Family. I intend to do my job within the 150% standard ranking. Hooah!

I am here for you if you need anything or have any questions concerning membership. I am here to serve you. Thank You for Everything You Do for Veterans and their Family Members each day!

Very Respectfully,

Glynis Collier
Sr. Vice CDR
DEPT of SD VFW
dakpatriot@gmail.com
Cell #803-466-7031

General Orders from Jr. Vice - July 2023

I'm happy to serve you as your new Jr. Vice Commander for the 2023-2024 year. My major focus will be supporting the Commander's guidance with a goal to achieve 102% plus 1 for every post, district and department for the upcoming year. We have a lot of work to do. Our goal will be to recruit new members to life members and also convert annual members into life members. We are looking for the posts and districts to help set up recruiting events in your local town or district to help you achieve your membership goals. Perhaps the post can provide incentives to help members convert to life memberships. Every post and district should be submitting a membership plan in July. The membership form can be found on the Dept Website. I will be working on developing a membership plan for the department.

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Martin Christensen
Dept SD Jr Vice

Comrades, I would like to thank you for your support in electing me to this position. I am looking forward to working with you this year.

We are in summer. Please take caution during the 4th of July Holiday. Fireworks can be dangerous. Also, during this warm weather we have had, do not surpass your limits. We all have our limits of how we handle heat and humidity. Take care of yourself and drink plenty of fluids if working outside.

Many people indulge in summer activities. Whether you are a fisherman, hiker, motorcycle rider, etc., watch out for each other. Be prepared when you go out and do these activities. The weather can change rapidly. Let someone know your plans in case something happens.

Rick Vanden Hoek
Department Surgeon

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

A huge Thank You to all members of the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars. The past Command year has had both its challenges and rewards, with the rewards far outweighing the challenges. As a Department WE met our goal in Membership (80% of both our Districts and Posts reached their Quota), our Programs, and our Projects. Following is a memo received at Department Headquarters from Veterans Honored Interment recognizing our donation to their commitment to providing caskets and urns to Veterans and their spouses in their time of need. Again, THANK YOU all for your contributions and support.

Tom Hafner
Past Department Commander



VETERANS

HONORED INTERMENT

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A Final Tribute

1705 S Andrew Ave. Sioux Falls SD 57106

West River: 605-535-2214 Joe

Rapid City: 605-391-5726 Joe Gogan

East River: 605-553-1370 Steve

605-941-5251 Roger

June 20, 2023

Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Tom Hafner, State Commander
1600 W Russell St. Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Dear Commander Hafner:

On behalf of Veterans Honored Interment I want to Thank You for your interest
In our program.

The goal of Veterans Honored interment is to provide every eligible veteran and their
spouse a dignified burial vessel "made for veterans by veterans".

Thank you for your generous donation of \$10,000.00.

Your donation will enable us to continue to provide this service.

Sincerely,

Judy Chaffins
VHI Secretary