

General Orders

APRIL 2026



MEMBERSHIP

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Calling all State, District, and Post Officers to help increase membership this month. Time is running short to achieve 101%!

BUDDY POPPIES

PRICE CHANGE

As a reminder, the price of the Legacy Buddy Poppies is \$.30/poppy, and the Tin Tap Poppy is \$.15/poppy. Each Post must order at least 500 Poppies (of either kind) to qualify for the All-American and All-State programs.

AUDIT REPORTS

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Today is April 1st, which means the quarter just ended. Please turn your 3rd quarter audit reports into the Department office no later than April 30th!



POST ELECTIONS

Attention is called to Section 217 - Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office:

Post Officers shall be nominated, elected and installed as prescribed in Section 217 of the Manual of Procedure.

Election Report Reminder

We want you to remember that on the 1st of June if the Commander-In-Chief has not received your Post/District Election Report, your Post/District will be suspended. At that time, the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter to establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business will then be overseen by the established committee.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 217, PAGE 72, 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 case may be installed at any regular special meeting prior to the Department Convention. In not then installed, the office will automatically become vacant.

**Roster
Changes:
Please contact
the Department
Headquarters of
any changes to
their Posts.**

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JUNE 11-14, 2026 IN MITCHELL, SD

The Department Convention will be held June 11-14, 2026, at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell, SD. The registration will be at the back of these General Orders.

All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office, and any others who would like to submit a Convention Ad to the Booklet, the information will be at the back of these General Orders.

www.vfwsd.org

MEMORIAL DAY

The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223 - Commemorative Dates: Each Post shall make arrangements for observances of Memorial Day, see that suitable grave markers, wreaths and flags of the United States are placed on the graves of deceased members and, if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services in the cemeteries in its locality.

Peace Officer Day is to be observed on Monday May 15th, 2025.

District 1 – 4/26/2026 at 2pm in Alcester - Rick

District 4 – 4/12/2026 at 2pm in Watertown – Dale

District 6 – 4/19/2026 at 1pm in Huron – Dale

District 7 – 4/12/2026 at 2pm in Wagner – Marty

District 10 – 4/12/2026 at 2pm in Deadwood – Rick

Delegates at State Convention: Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held **NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS** prior to the Department Convention. Posts are entitled to **ONE** Delegate and **ONE** Alternate for **EACH THIRTY (30)** members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31st. Review your meeting Date to make sure it is **AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR** to June 11, 2026.



The Department has been approved for the use of our 'VFW Logo' on our South Dakota License Plates starting January 1, 2023. If you would like to purchase a logo, please contact Anna at the Department office. Email anna@vfwdeptsd.com or 605-332-7441. Each sticker is \$10.00.

This is what the sticker looks like:



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Sticker goes here



\$10.00 per sticker

Send check to Department office at:
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57045

Would make a great Stocking Stuffer for Christmas

Any Comrade interested in placing their name in the nomination for any of these Offices should contact Department Headquarters.

HATS IN THE RING 2025-2026

- Commander – Rick VandenHoek
- Senior Vice Commander – Dale Greenfield
- Junior Vice Commander – Kat Pyka
- Quartermaster – Brent Jones
- Chaplain - Russel Dramstad
- Judge Advocate – Dan Klimisch
- Surgeon – Dave Huntimer
- Inspector - Allan Ochsner

OFFICIAL:



Anna Arnold

Quartermaster / Adjutant
Department of South Dakota
VFW

BY ORDER OF:

Dr. Martin Christensen

Commander
Department of South Dakota
VFW



General Orders – APRIL 2026
Doc Marty Christensen, Commander SD Dept VFW

1. Membership remains a primary goal. As of 3/24/2026, VFW Dept SD is 99.12% with a goal of 101%. We currently need 131 members to reach our goal of 101%. District commanders should be discussing membership with each of their Posts – especially working on the renewals and look at converting 10% of your annual members to lifetime members this year.
2. Spring District meetings
 - a. District 1 – 4/26/2026 at 2pm in Alcester - Rick
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3. Election reports from post & Districts-are critical in April and to be sent into National HQ.as soon as completed. I believe we have good leadership coming ahead and a great transition for next year.
4. I attended the National VFW Legislative conference March 1-5 in Washington, DC. Our National Legislative Representative – Rick Williamson guided and helped us with the arrangements. Sr Vice Rick VandenHork, National Rep Barb Mckean, Rick, Cindy and I discussed, rehearsed and executed successfully our talking points to our National Legislators - Rep Dusty Johnson, Sen Rounds, & Sen Majority Leader Thune. We watched National Commander Carrol Whitmore testify before Veterans Affairs Committee. This was recorded on National VFW website for all to view.
5. Planning and coordination are ongoing for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Black Hills National Cemetery on May 25, 2026. We have guest speakers - COL Lord from Ellsworth AFB and National VFW Rep Barb McKean. Color Guard has been contacted. The Director of the Black Hills National Cemetery is helping us to coordinate activities. Kurt Belawski, QM of Sturgis Post and Judge Advocate, Katherine Pyka from Rapid City Post are helping me coordinate a plan.
6. The SD VFW and Auxiliary 96th Annual Convention will be held on June 11-14, 2026, at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell, SD. I plan to have information on registration, hotel reservations and advertising for the Program Booklet. We invite all of you to Mitchell and the Convention.
7. Our National VFW Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada on July 25-29, 2026. We are making arrangements and plans to attend the Convention for Dept Staff. I Have notified those that were selected to committee assignments. Travel and hotel arrangements should be made for all who plan to attend.

April General Orders
Senior Vice Commander

Spring looks like it is sneaking up on us. Please be careful since it is dry out there. With Spring coming, it also means we are in the home stretch for this command year. We are getting close on membership but we need to ensure we are retaining our continuous members. Retention will be a part of next year's All-American and All-State programs.

The Washington Conference was a big success. We had time to get in front of Rep. Johnson's staff and had time with both Senator Thune and Senator Rounds. All were receptive to our initiatives we pushed. We had a great team and worked will together. We also had the opportunity to take part of the first "Bonus Army" march. It was fitting that it was snowing during the march. If you do not know what the "Bonus Army" is, I would encourage you to look it up.

It will be a busy month for me. I will be heading out to the District 10 meeting on the 12th of April. The next week I head to Kansas City for Sr. Vice training. I will attend the district 1 meeting the following weekend. I am always still available if you need anything from me.

I have been busy finalizing things for my command year if I have your continued support. I am working with the current commander along with past commanders to get things lined up. We have a pool of knowledge out there that I think we should all be utilizing even down to the post level. I have been working with my COA to ensure we have a strong team and have a good plan for the next year.

As I finish up, I ask that we all finish the year strong. We will have some challenges in the future as our membership is aging. Let's continue to look forward and how we can surge forward instead of falling behind. Thank you for all you do.

Rick Vanden Hoek
Sr. Vice Commander

April 2026 General Orders

We have been doing a great job of membership. We should meet our goal of 101% easily. Recruiting new members and retaining our current members should be one of our priorities.

We will be doing elections of officers at the post and district levels for the 2026-2027 year in April. Make sure you get your election reports in right away.

If your post hasn't signed up for Day of Service, please consider doing so.

The 2026-2027 Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy information should be distributed soon.

It would be great to have a representative from all our posts at the State Convention in Mitchell. Your opinion matters and we need your thoughts and ideas to make this organization successful.

Thank you for all you do.

Dale Greenfield

State JR Vice Commander

A Health Reminder for South Dakota Veterans

As State Surgeon for the VFW Department of South Dakota, promoting the health and well-being of our veterans must remain a priority. Many veterans carry lasting effects from their service, and they must take advantage of the healthcare benefits they have earned. Regular medical checkups, staying physically active, and maintaining healthy habits can go a long way in preventing serious health issues and improving overall quality of life.

As we move into spring, it is also important to remember that winter is not quite finished in South Dakota. We can still expect snow and icy conditions, and early spring snow is often heavy and wet, creating hazardous travel conditions and sometimes causing power outages. Veterans and their families should ensure they have at least a week's supply of food and water at home so they are not forced to travel in adverse conditions. It is

also wise to keep an extra supply of vitamins and necessary medications on hand. Preparing ahead helps ensure everyone stays safe and healthy during the final weeks of winter.

Dan Klimisch
State Surgeon VFW – Department of South Dakota
Post 791

General Orders, April 2026

The third quarter has come to an end and I hope you all have been enjoying this year as I have. We just cleared the last few Posts from the 2nd quarter's requirements on the Dashboard this last week. Please remember to turn in Trustee audits and report Community Service early during the 4th quarter. All-State judging will be conducted in early May.

It is election time at the Posts and Districts. If you are unhappy in any way with how your Organization has conducted business, now is the time to step up and volunteer your own efforts. Get to the meetings and use your votes.

It is also time for our spring membership drives. The Department started this command year very strong and we set ourselves up for success in meeting 101% for All-American. We should be able to make it happen with minimal effort. District 7 has already met the All-American requirements. This is only because of the great performances of 6 Posts that have individually met the All-American requirement and a few more Posts that only need another member or two. I don't have any doubts that they will be able to achieve their goals.

I look forward to seeing District 7 in Wagner soon and the rest of you at our upcoming Department Convention in Mitchell.

Thank you all again for all that you do,

For the Veterans

Brent Jones

Commander

District 7, Dept. SD VFW

**Department of South Dakota**

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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To: Post Commanders and Quartermasters

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a Post Credential Registration Sheet to register your Post's **Delegates** and to register your Post's **Alternates** to the 96th Annual Convention of the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars to be held June 11-14, 2026, in Mitchell South Dakota. According to **National Bylaws Section 222 (a)** *the Delegate strength shall be one for every thirty members or fraction thereof in good standing. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in accordance with the Manual of Procedure.*

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The Delegate Credential Sheet and Delegate Fee Form **must** be filled out and sent to State Headquarters by May 31, 2026. For example, if your Post is allowed 10 Delegates and only two attend the Convention, the two who do attend the State Convention shall be entitled to vote the full Delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.

Please remember to have your Post Delegate Registration Sheet and your Delegate Fee Form and payment sent to the State Office by May 31, 2026.

Yours in Comradeship,

Copy and Paste this link or QR code to pay the Delegate Fee:

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Post Commander _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Membership Total _____ Divided by 30 = _____

Number of Post Delegates _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Current Members of Council of Administration who are members of the Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Name _____ Office Title _____

Total State Officers _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Past State Commanders who are members of your Post. (Registration and Fee Form)

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Name _____ Name _____

Total Past State Commanders _____ at \$1.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Remitted \$ _____

*****If you have a member who is a Past State Commander AND a member of the Current Council of Administration, please list the member ONLY once for ONE Delegate fee payment******

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars
DELEGATES**

The Comrades listed below are the Delegates for Post # _____ located at _____, South Dakota for the 96th Annual Convention of the State of South Dakota. Make sure you have listed a Post member who may qualify as a voting member of Convention as a member of the Council of Administration or as a Past State Commander. This will allow them to pass their vote to the Post if they choose to do so.

List of members who will be registered as Delegates at the Convention:

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List of members who will be registered as Alternates at the Convention:

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Thank You for Supporting Folds of Honor – South Dakota

Dear Golfers, Businesses, and Community Supporters,

On behalf of the Folds of Honor – South Dakota Board, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of our scholarship program. Because of your generosity, last year we provided **43 scholarships totaling over \$200,000** to the spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled military service members and first responders.

We are working diligently to raise the bar even higher this year and hope we can count on your continued partnership. One of the most valuable ways you can help is by spreading awareness. Please follow our Facebook page, **Folds of Honor – South Dakota**, and like and share our posts to help us reach more families across the state.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1aRVNaTgsj/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

The **2026 scholarship application window opened February 1 and will close March 31**. If you know a family who may benefit, please encourage them to apply:

Scholarships: <https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/#dependent>

We are also selling **Folds of Honor apparel** to help fund additional scholarships and increase recognition of our mission. We would truly appreciate your support by purchasing and proudly wearing our name:

Shop: <https://bit.ly/FoldsOfHonorShop2026>

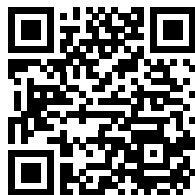
Thank you again for your continued support and for honoring the sacrifice of our heroes through education.

With gratitude,

Folds of Honor – South Dakota Board



Shop Apparel



Apply for Scholarships



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South Dakota Post Delegate Strength

Post	District	Life	New Member	Reinstate	Continuous	Expiring	Continuous Transfer	Non-Pay Transfer	Installment Life	Total
628	1	751	3	1	40	14	0	0	2	811
791	1	284	1	10	26	3	0	0	0	324
915	1	25	2	0	7	3	0	0	0	37
2975	1	49	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	53
3061	1	57	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	71
3164	1	81	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	87
4726	1	149	0	0	12	2	0	0	1	164
6149	1	26	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	35
750	4	275	0	2	27	7	0	0	1	312
2118	4	153	1	2	20	4	2	0	0	182
2638	4	127	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	136
3342	4	132	4	0	6	1	0	0	0	143
3351	4	33	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	46
3486	4	114	1	0	8	2	0	0	0	125
3507	4	40	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	48
4690	4	76	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	86
6361	4	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
17	6	172	3	0	193	0	0	0	1	369
1776	6	155	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	162
2038	6	194	0	0	7	6	0	0	1	208
2755	6	58	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	69
3214	6	35	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	44
5126	6	38	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	44
5548	6	16	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	28
6481	6	18	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	25
8530	6	62	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	66
1353	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
2750	7	271	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	282
2966	7	53	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	58
3239	7	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
3298	7	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
4674	7	76	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	78
6436	7	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
6554	7	54	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	59
6895	7	35	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	37
6897	7	29	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	33
7319	7	131	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	132
9950	7	72	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	79
1273	10	734	8	1	25	67	2	3	6	846

2730	10	135	0	0	18	12	0	0	0	165
2969	10	39	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	43
3312	10	76	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	81
3442	10	435	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	444
5807	10	58	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	60
5860	10	150	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	155
5969	10	231	0	1	9	1	0	0	2	244
9120	10	24	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	26



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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/delegate-fee-for-the-96th-state-convention>



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VFW & AUX STATE



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

June 11 - 14, 2026

Convention Location:
 Highland Conference Center
 2000 Highland Way
 Mitchell, SD 57301
 Hotel Options:
 Comfort Inn & Suites @ \$189/Night
 605-990-2400
 Hampton Inn @ \$189/Night
 605-995-1575

Email:

Telephone Number:

Full Name:

Title: Post:

Location: VFW / AUX:

Gluten Free Option:

Register after May 11, 2026 - \$150

Convention Registration - \$125

**Includes: Gold Star Luncheon*



Non-Member Banquet ONLY - \$40

Non-Member Name: _____

****Disclaimer: Banquet Only is not applied to VFW/AUX members.***



Grand Total: \$ _____



Make checks payable to: Dept of SD VFW
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135 Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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Greetings,

The South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Auxiliary are pleased to announce that the annual Department Convention will be held at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell, SD June 10-13, 2026 at 2000 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD 57301.

Our **VFW State Commander, Dr. Martin Christensen**, belongs to Corn Palace City VFW Post #2750 in Mitchell. **Auxiliary President, Sue Jones**, belongs to Charles E. Thorne VFW Post #2038 Auxiliary in Pierre.

South Dakota's VFW Members and their families are excited about offering your business an opportunity to help sponsor this event. The 2026 meeting is anticipated to bring an estimated 150+ visitors to the Mitchell area.

We are looking for area businesses who support Veterans by offering the opportunity to sponsor this event in Mitchell, SD. We have several different options in sponsorship to choose from or combine options into a package that works best for your business.

Sponsorship of meals:

- Sponsorship of Convention Banquet:
 - Saturday June 13 at Highland Conference Center:
 - \$1,000 and includes full-page color advertisement in the convention booklet along with a vendor table during Convention and 2 tickets for Banquet meals on Saturday night and lunch covered on Friday and Saturday.
- Sponsorship of Hospitality Night:
 - Friday June 12 at Mitchell VFW Post #2750:
 - \$500 and includes a full-page color advertisement in the convention booklet and 2 tickets for Banquet meals on Saturday night.
- Sponsorship of Convention Lunches:
 - Past and Present Commanders Luncheon, Gold Star Family Luncheon
Friday, Saturday June 12, 13:
 - \$300 and includes a 1/2-page color advertisement in the convention booklet.
- Sponsorship of Meeting Breaks:
 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday June 11-13:
 - \$200 and includes a 1/4-page color advertisement in the convention booklet.

Sponsorship by renting a vendor's table:

- Operate a table and display your product in the entrance/breezeway of the conference center throughout duration of the convention.
 - \$300 and includes 1/2-page color advertisement in the convention booklet.
(tables first come, first served with a limited number are available)

Sponsorship by placing an advertisement in the convention booklet:

- **Convention Program Book size is 8 ½" X 11"** - Book ad rates are as follows:

<u>PAGE SIZE</u>	<u>B&W RATE</u>	<u>COLOR RATE</u>
Full Page	\$150.00	\$200.00
1/2 Page (8" X 5 1/8")	\$75.00	\$125.00
1/4 Page (3 3/4" X 5 1/8")	\$50.00	\$80.00
Business Card	\$35.00	\$45.00

**Ads should be formatted as JPEG or into a Microsoft word document to meet printer's request. All ads should be sent electronically via email to anna@vfwdeptsd.com*

**Deadline for ads for Conference Program Book is May 30, 2026, at 4:00 pm CST.*

We are also offering the opportunity for businesses to supply promotional material by June 3rd, 2026, to be placed in the conference welcome bags for attendees.

Mail payments to:

Department of South Dakota VFW
1600 W Russell St, Ste 135
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

OR

**Go to the link or QR Code to send payment.
Update may be needed**

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/96th-annual-state-convention-sponsors-and-vendors>

