

General Orders

JULY 2026



PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Commander Rick Vanden Hoek
 Email : wepsman69@gmail.com
 Phone : 605-321-6263

REQUESTS FOR ATTENDANCE

STATE COMMANDER

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

605-759-7127, 605-759-7753
Brent@vfwdeptsd.com

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

All official Communications to the State Headquarters for the Commander and all other line officers shall be sent to:

1600 W. Russell St., Ste. 135
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104



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.

“One Team, One Mission”

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 2026-2027

Elected Officers for the State of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the year 2026-2027, were elected at the 96th Annual State Convention held in Mitchell, SD June 13th, 2026. 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 2026 Membership kicks off July 1

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

Good luck in the year ahead!

DISTRICT AND POST COMMANDERS

COMMAND YEAR 2026-2027

All District and Post Commanders are asked to select a member to be the Chairperson of Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Citizenship, Buddy Poppy, and Community Service. Send these names filled out on the Program Chairperson Appointments Form found on the Department website: www.vfwsd.org > Resources > Templates and Forms. Please also appoint a member to be the District or Post Benefits Advisor.

All State, District and Post Officers are as well as all VFW Members are asked to wear the official VFW cover or ball cap 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 2026 State VFW Baseball Tournaments.

The Fall Council of Administration will be held in Rapid City, SD at the Ramkota Convention Center from September 25-27, 2026. Set-up day 24 September 2026.

The 97th Annual State Convention will be held in Brandon, SD on June 10-13, 2027, with the Brandon Post #4726 as the Host Post.

Your 2026-2027 State Line Officers



OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:



Brent Jones
ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VFW

Rick Vanden Hoek
COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VFW



COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

POSITION	NAME
Commander	Rick Vanden Hoek
Sr. Vice Commander	Dale Greenfield
Jr. Vice Commander	Katherine Pyka
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Brent Jones
Chaplain	Russel Dramstad
Judge Advocate	Dan Klimisch
Surgeon	Dave Huntimer
Past Commander	Dr. Martin Christensen
Chief of Staff	Robert Harrington
Inspector	Alan Ochsner
District 1 Commander	Don Kranz
District 4 Commander	Troy Foster
District 6 Commander	Chris Forster
District 7 Commander	Barbara McKean
District 10 Commander	Dave Huber

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

National Council Member	Barbara McKean
National Legislative Committee Member	Rick Williamson

APPOINTED

POSITION-CHAIRPERSONS	NAME
Aide-de-Camp	Lonnie Potts
Aide-de-Camp	Charles McKean
Aide-de-Camp	Ken Payne
Executive Assistant	Amy Cummings
Buddy Poppy	Brent Jones
Citizenship Education	Dale Greenfield
Community Service	Dan Klimisch
Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement	Dale Greenfield
Historian	Brent Jones
Homeless Veteran	DeLane Fickbohm
Hospital	Dave Huntimer
Life Membership	Dale Greenfield
Loyalty Day	Rick VandenHoek
Memorial Day	Dale Greenfield
National Cemetery (Primary)	Mike Mullen
National Cemetery (Secondary)	
National Home For Children	Martin Christensen
National VOD & PP Committee Liaison	Dale Greenfield
Parliamentarian	Katherine Pyka
Public Relations Officer	Brent Jones
Safety	Dan Klimisch
Scouting	Rick VandenHoek

Special Olympics	Brent Jones
Student Veterans Representative	Connie Johnson
Sturgis Bike Rally	Rick VandenHoek
VAVS Rep. Ft Meade	Mike Mullen
VAVS Rep. Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VAVS Rep. Sioux Falls	Mark Winters
VVS Rep/State Hospital/ Hot Springs	Rob Shay
VVS Rep/State Hospital/Yankton	Don Dahlin
Veterans Day	Brent Jones
Veterans & Military Support	Brent Jones
Veterans Service Officer	Dave Denson
Veterans Service Officer (Assistant)	
VFW Riders	Bill Barlow
Voice of Democracy/Patriots	Dale Greenfield
Pen/Teachers	
Youth Activities	Katherine Pyka

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**NAME****POSITION****BASEBALL COMMITTEE****COMMITTEES**

Danny Frisby-Griffen
Rick Vanden Hoek
Brent Jones
Barb McKean

Chair
Commander
Adjutant/Quartermaster
Grant Committee

AUDIT/TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Rick Williamson
Martin Christenson
Sean Johnson

Past State Commander
Past State Commander
Past State Commander

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Russell Dramstad
Rick VandenHoek
Dale Greenfield
Katherine Pyka
Brent Jones
Robert Harrington

Chair
Commander
Sr Vice Commander
Jr Vice Commander
Adjutant/Quartermaster
Chief of Staff

CREDENTIALS and TIME/PLACE COMMITTEE

Don Dahlin
Brent Jones
William Cerny
Bill Barlow
Tom Hafner

Co-Chair - Credentials
Adjutant/Quartermaster
Past State Commander
Co-Chair - Time and Place
Past State Commander

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Cindy Christensen	Chair
Brent Jones	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Robert Harrington	Chief of Staff
Dale Greenfield	Senior Vice Commander
Karen Sharp	President

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Dave Huntimer	Chair (Surgeon)
All VAVS Reps.	Members
All VVS Reps.	Members

NAME**POSITION****LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Rick Williamson	Chair
Rick Vanden Hoek	Commander
Dale Greenfield	Senior Vice Commander
Dan Klimisch	Member
Brent Jones	Adjutant/Quartermaster
Kathrine Pyka	Jr Vice Commander
Veterans Service Officer	Dave Denson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Katherine Pyka	Chair - Jr Vice Commander
Brent Jones	Quartermaster/Adjutant
Ken Payne	Aide-de-Camp
Lonnie Potts	Aide-de-Camp
Dan Klimisch	Judge Advocate
Dave Huntimer	Surgeon
Don Kranz	District 1 Commander/Captain
Troy Foster	District 4 Commander/Captain
Chris Forster	District 6 Commander/Captain
Barb McKean	District 7 Commander/Captain
Dave Huber	District 10 Commander/Captain

MEMORIAL PARK & CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Dwight Griffie	Chair
Brent Jones	Quartermaster/Adjutant
Dwight Griffie	Groundskeeper
Mike Mullen	National Cemetery Council Appointee
Robert Harrington	Chief of Staff

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Allen Ochsner	Chair (Inspector)
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Brent Jones
Ken Payne

Adjutant/Quartermaster
Aide-de-Camp

RESOLUTIONS & BY LAWS

Dan Klimisch
Brent Jones
Tom Haner
Katherine Pyka

Chair (Judge Advocate)
Adjutant/Quartermaster
Past State Commander
Junior Vice Commander

NAME

POSITION

SERVICE & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

DJ Montreal
Dale Greenfield
Dave Huntimer
Brent Jones
Russell Dramstad
Mike Mullen

Chair
Senior Vice Commander
Surgeon
Chair
Chaplain
Past State Commander

VETERANS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Brent Jones
Dan Klimisch
Rick Vanden Hoek
Katherine Pyka

Chair
Surgeon
Commander
Judge Advocate

Commander's General Orders

July 2026

First, I would like to thank you for your continued support getting me to this point. Secondly, I am going to ask for your continued support throughout this command year. We can accomplish great things if we continue to keep the momentum from this past year. Our team, which includes all of you, worked hard for our veterans last year. Let's keep that going.

The year has started out busy already. The Wednesday after the state conference, QM/ADJ Jones and myself went up to post 4690 in Webster to sit in on a town hall with the Deputy Secretary of the VA Paul Lawrence. This was a great event to have the opportunity to ask questions and get the VA perspective on current bills. I want to thank the post for their hospitality and work they did preparing for this. On Saturday the 19th, I had the honor of speaking at the American Legion State Conference. What an honor to be able to do this so early in my command year. It was interesting to listen to their National Commander discuss our differing view points on bills currently in Congress.

In this month, I have several events already on my schedule. I have been asked to participate in a 4th of July parade. I am planning on attending a VFW baseball tournament in Humbolt, SD on the 10th of July. At the end of the month, our delegation will be heading to Reno for the National Convention. If you have never been to one, it is a great learning experience how our National office works. I also have several post events that I will participate in.

I am looking forward to getting our district meeting schedules so we can start assigning line officers to attend. I am looking forward to getting to every district this year. Please let myself or the QM/ADJ know if there is any specific training you would like to do at these meetings and we will get it arranged.

Now is the time to start looking for new members. All posts can achieve All-State with a little effort. Also look at trying to convert continuous members to life members. Each district has some incentive money for life memberships to use as they see fit. Take advantage of what your community is already doing and use those as recruiting events. We do not need to recreate the wheel when the opportunity is already there. I want districts to look at what big events are going on in your areas. We do have a recruiting budget if there is a cost to set up. Let's not miss the opportunity to get our story in front of people and let them know what we can do for them. One more thing to look at is the At-Large list. Let's get those members into posts. It is advantageous to both parties. By adding an At-Large member to your post, it counts towards your membership goals.

Community service is our key to growth. The more we are seen being active in our communities, the more our membership grows. It also helps us gain community support. When a community supports our local veteran's service organizations, we have more means to help our veterans in need. Therefore, all posts need to be active in social media. I would like to see every post start a social media account. This is where we can get the attention of the audience we are trying to recruit. I know there is push back on this, but every post should have at least one member that can figure it out. It makes more of an impact than what you think. On that note, make sure that we are taking credit for the things we are doing. Add your post's work into the dashboard. We do lots for our veterans, let's get credit for it.

Legislative is also a priority. We need to continue to fight to save our benefits we have and to get all the benefits we were promised with no compromise. The government needs to Honor The Contract. I encourage all of you to sign up for the VFW Action Alert. This lets you know of important legislation and votes. Anyone can sign up for this, not just members. Spread the word to make our voices stronger.

I am willing to assist any post that wants help with whatever they need help with. Our QM/ADJ is also on board with this. We need to work as a team to continue to keep our VFW strong at every level in the Department. I am planning on attending meetings and visiting as many posts as I can but, will be in contact with all of you. You need to let us know what we can do for you. We are here to serve you. If you have any questions on any of the programs, the All-State program, or the All-American program, please reach out to us. We want to ensure everyone understands these programs and how they benefit the VFW.

To conclude, I again want to say thank you for your support. I ask for your continued support to work for our veterans here in the great state of South Dakota. I hope we can continue the momentum we gained last year and keep it going. We are here to work for you. Let's make this one of the best and most envied departments in the nation by what we do for our veterans.

Rick Vanden Hoek

Commander

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SR Vice Commander

I am always grateful that the Department of South Dakota VFW members continue to support me on my journey up the chairs. I am here to work for our members and all Veterans. Your input and opinions will always be important to me. The best way to make sure that your ideas and opinions are heard, is to attend the department level events, ie Fall Council, Legislative Conference and the State Convention. I also encourage our members to attend their district meetings. I also ask that your Post work side by side with your auxiliary if you have one.

Membership is always important. Take a look at the 2026-2027 South Dakota Program & Membership Guide and the 2026-2027 VFW National Membership Plan. All I ask is that you do your best to support State Commander Rick Vanden Hoek and the National Commander in Chief in their programs.

The South Dakota State Fair is 2 September – 7 September 2026. The VFW will have a booth in the Expo Center. Hours are from 9 AM – 8 PM on all days expect for 7 September, the hours that day are 9 AM – 5 PM. If anyone would like to support this event, please email me at dale.greenfield@yahoo.com. If you could do an entire day it would be great but at least 5-6 hours minimum would be preferred. We will have a max of 4 people at the booth at any time.

Margaret and I will be the department chairs for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy again this year. The Post flyers were printed, emailed to the district commanders and available on Scholars Application. Scholars Application is accepting applications. The essays have to be loaded in Scholars Application by COB 31 October 2026. Teacher of the year submissions need to be submitted by 31 October 2026 also. Those can be emailed to me also. I also have Public Servant of the Year Awards; those need to be submitted by 31 December 2026. Watch your suspense dates and let's try to get award recommendations in a timely manner. Send via email.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Dale Greenfield

State Senior Vice Commander

dale.greenfield@yahoo.com

Dear Comrades,

First and foremost, thank you for the confidence you've placed in me by electing me as your Department Junior Vice Commander. It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of you. As we begin a new VFW year, I can honestly say I believe we're in for something special.

Now... let's address the elephant in the room.

Have you looked at this year's All-American standards yet? If you have, you probably had the same reaction I did: "*Well... that's ambitious.*" Some of our Posts are looking at membership goals as high

as **113%** with **80% retention**. For many, especially our smaller Posts, those numbers may seem overwhelming.

But here's the thing—I refuse to believe "impossible" is part of the VFW vocabulary.

If there's one thing veterans have never been known for, it's backing down because the mission looks difficult. We don't quit before the mission even begins, and we certainly don't throw in the towel because the objective is challenging.

This year, membership will be the deciding factor. Every conversation matters. Every application matters. Every member we retain matters.

I also believe we have one of the most underutilized recruiting tools sitting right in front of us: **social media**.

For years I've heard people ask, "*What does the VFW actually do?*" The truth is, we do incredible things every single day—we're just not always the best at telling our story.

Across South Dakota, our members honor veterans with military funeral honors in every kind of weather. We serve our communities, mentor youth, support schools, help veterans in need, advocate for legislation, volunteer thousands of hours, and quietly make our towns better places to live.

Imagine what could happen if more people actually saw that.

Over the coming weeks, I'll be visiting Posts' social media pages and reaching out to the members who manage them. My goal isn't to tell anyone they're doing it wrong. My goal is to help. I'll be sharing ideas, tips, and strategies that can help your Posts reach more people, increase engagement, recruit new members, and proudly showcase the incredible work you're already doing.

Whether your Post has 20 followers or 2,000, there's room to grow—and I'd love to help you get there.

This isn't *my* membership campaign.

It's *our* membership campaign.

When one Post succeeds, our entire Department succeeds.

I truly believe we have the people, the passion, and the determination to make this one of the strongest membership years South Dakota has ever seen. It won't always be easy, but the best accomplishments rarely are.

So let's roll up our sleeves, have a little fun along the way, share our stories, recruit the next generation of eligible veterans, and show South Dakota exactly who the Veterans of Foreign Wars are.

I couldn't be more excited to be on this journey with all of you.

Let's get after it.

Yours in Comradeship,

Kat Pyka

Junior Vice Commander

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It is an honor to serve as your Department Judge Advocate for 2026–2027. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to working with our Department, District, and Post leaders throughout the coming year.

As Judge Advocate, my responsibility is to provide guidance on the VFW National and Department Bylaws and help ensure our organization operates with integrity, fairness, and transparency. I encourage Post and District leaders to contact me whenever they have questions regarding bylaws, elections, officer duties, or other governance matters. Together, we can continue to strengthen the Veterans of Foreign Wars and better serve our fellow veterans.

Yours in comradeship,

Dan Klimisch

State Judge Advocate VFW – Department of South Dakota

Post 791

Greetings Comrades,

I want to thank the Department, past and present Department Officers and the membership as a whole for serving as the Department Service Officer for the last 4 years. It has been great to get to know many of you at the various conventions, meetings and outreach programs. I am fully confident that Dave Denson will do a great job moving forward as the Department Service Officer and I am honored to also call him my friend.

I am looking forward to serving the membership in this new role as Department Surgeon. My goal is to attend the monthly meetings at the VA Hospital and keep the membership up to date with information as it comes available. If there are any particular issues that you would like me to bring up during these meetings, please feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to learning the responsibilities of the various chairs and assisting wherever I can.

With the 4th of July and summer months here, please keep in mind your summer safety. Keep a fire extinguisher and first aid kit always close at hand. When summer storms are in the forecast, get all electronic devices charged fully before the storm hits. As always, stay hydrated early. If you wait until your thirsty and completely sweating, it's too late and you are now playing catch up to get hydrated. Please reach out to Veterans that you know and check in on them, both their physical and mental health. No one should fight alone.

Department Surgeon
David Huntimer
Dah613613@gmail.com

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Martin Christensen, VFW Past Dept of SD Commander

Since our last COA meeting, I have not slowed down in keeping up with the VFW. Thanks for a Great Year and all the team work. We really finished strong, All American for the Department, all 5 Districts,

and 24 of our Posts!!! We really did well on our dash board with our Community Service, Audit reports, and AAR for recruiting.

Our new membership goal is 100% plus one for 26-27 VFW Post 2750 is at County fair 29 June- 5 July 2026 recruiting, distributing poppies and raffles. We have made plans for Corn Place Bingo, Pre-Sturgis, and SD State Fair. Mitchell plans on hosting Mid- Winter District 7 Meeting on 7 FEB 2027 and this has been sent to Barb McKean , District 7 Commander.

QM/ADJ Brent Jones and I have finished up paying all bills on the 96th VFW/AUX State Convention in Mitchell. I and Cindy plan to ride in the 4th of July Parade in Romona, SD for Madison Post 2638 with VFW State Van. I will attend the VFW baseball tournament in Humboldt, SD on the 10th of July.

Looking forward to National 127th VFW Convention in Reno NV on 25-29 July 2026. Carol Whitmore sends an invite to all. All our membership who have Committee assignments must attend and sign in to their respective meeting to get paid for their trip.

Martin Christensen, Past 25-26 Commander Dept SD VFW

Jul 2026 GO Inputs - District 7 Commander – Barb McKean

2026-2027 District 7 Meetings:

Fall – Oct 11, 2026 in Scotland at 2 pm

Winter – Feb 7, 2027 in Mitchell at 2pm

Spring – Apr 11, 2027 in Wagner at 2pm

From the Adjutant/Quartermaster's Desk

Upcoming events and deadlines:

- 4th Quarter Audit Reports due by 30Jul2026
- Department Dues, Donations, & Obligations for the 2026-2027 year can be sent in now, please see below information on sending just one check this year
- Register early for Fall Conference
- Community Service reporting for the year has started, please report, report, report your events
- Kickstart your recruitment efforts

Please use the “Posts Invoice” (excel spreadsheet) below to determine your total dues and obligations to the Department for the year. Send one single check to the Department for this year. You will find the total amount due from your Post in the highlighted “Yellow” to include the cost of legacy Poppies, or the highlighted “Green” for the price of tin tab Poppies. Then add your rate for Bonding from the listed rates below.

For example:

Sioux Falls Post 628 would pay \$1,004.80 for all dues/obligations with the legacy poppies, plus \$900 to bond at a \$300,000 bond amount. Total to Department \$1,904.80

Please call or email with any questions, brent@vfwdeptsd.com 605-759-7127

Note: these prices only reflect the minimum 500 poppies, adjust according to desired amount.

District 1

Post #	Members	Department Dues	Category	Total Donations	Buddy Poppies (500)		Minimum Total Due	Total Due	
		\$.65 per Member			Recruit, N. Home, S. Oly	Tin Tab	legacy	Tin Tab Poppies	Legacy Poppies
D-1	1607								
628	829	538.85	4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$924.80	\$1,004.80	Add Bond Amount
791	327	212.55	4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$598.50	\$678.50	Add Bond Amount
915	36	23.4	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$169.35	\$249.35	Add Bond Amount
2975	55	35.75	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$211.70	\$291.70	Add Bond Amount
3061	74	48.1	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$224.05	\$304.05	Add Bond Amount
3164	88	57.2	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$233.15	\$313.15	Add Bond Amount
4726	163	105.95	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$341.90	\$421.90	Add Bond Amount
6149	35	22.75	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$168.70	\$248.70	Add Bond Amount

District 4

Post #	Members	Department Dues	Category	Total Donations	Buddy Poppies (500)		Minimum Total Due	Total	
		\$.65 per Member				Tin Tab	legacy	Tin Tab Poppies	Legacy Poppies
D-4	1115								
750	318	206.7	4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$592.65	\$672.65	Add Bond Amount
2118	185	120.25	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$356.20	\$436.20	Add Bond Amount
2638	134	87.1	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$323.05	\$403.05	Add Bond Amount
3342	149	96.85	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$332.80	\$412.80	Add Bond Amount
3351	47	30.55	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$176.50	\$256.50	Add Bond Amount
3486	127	82.55	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$318.50	\$398.50	Add Bond Amount
3507	51	33.15	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$209.10	\$289.10	Add Bond Amount
4690	90	58.5	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$234.45	\$314.45	Add Bond Amount
6361	14	9.1	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$155.05	\$235.05	Add Bond Amount

District 6

Post #	Members	Department Dues	Category	Total Donations	Buddy Poppies (500)		Minimum Total Due	Total	
		\$.65 per Member				Tin Tab	legacy	Tin Tab Poppies	Legacy Poppies
D-6	1038								
17	375	243.75	4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$629.70	\$709.70	Add Bond Amount
1776	163	105.95	3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$341.90	\$421.90	Add Bond Amount
2038	218	141.7	4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$527.65	\$607.65	Add Bond Amount
2755	71	46.15	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$222.10	\$302.10	Add Bond Amount
3214	45	29.25	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$175.20	\$255.20	Add Bond Amount
5126	45	29.25	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$175.20	\$255.20	Add Bond Amount
5548	29	18.85	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$164.80	\$244.80	Add Bond Amount
6481	25	16.25	1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$162.20	\$242.20	Add Bond Amount
8530	67	43.55	2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$219.50	\$299.50	Add Bond Amount

District 7

Post #	Members	Department Dues		Category	Total Donations	Buddy Poppies (500)		Minimum Total Due		Total	
		\$.65 per Member				Tin Tab	legacy	Tin Tab Poppies	Legacy Poppies		
D-7	940										
1353	11	7.15		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$153.10	\$233.10	Add Bond Amount	
2750	290	188.5		4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$574.45	\$654.45	Add Bond Amount	
2966	59	38.35		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$214.30	\$294.30	Add Bond Amount	
3239	26	16.9		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$162.85	\$242.85	Add Bond Amount	
3298	87	56.55		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$232.50	\$312.50	Add Bond Amount	
4674	86	55.9		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$231.85	\$311.85	Add Bond Amount	
6436	29	18.85		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$164.80	\$244.80	Add Bond Amount	
6554	66	42.9		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$218.85	\$298.85	Add Bond Amount	
6895	39	25.35		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$171.30	\$251.30	Add Bond Amount	
6897	33	21.45		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$167.40	\$247.40	Add Bond Amount	
7319	135	87.75		3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$323.70	\$403.70	Add Bond Amount	
9950	79	51.35		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$227.30	\$307.30	Add Bond Amount	

District 10

Post #	Members	Department Dues		Category	Total Donations	Buddy Poppies (500)		Minimum Total Due		Total	
		\$.65 per Member				Tin Tab	legacy	Tin Tab Poppies	Legacy Poppies		
D-10	2076										
1273	835	542.75		4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$928.70	\$1,008.70	Add Bond Amount	
2730	169	109.85		3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$345.80	\$425.80	Add Bond Amount	
2969	41	26.65		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$172.60	\$252.60	Add Bond Amount	
3312	83	53.95		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$229.90	\$309.90	Add Bond Amount	
3442	454	295.1		4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$681.05	\$761.05	Add Bond Amount	
5807	59	38.35		2	\$90	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$214.30	\$294.30	Add Bond Amount	
5860	163	105.95		3	\$150	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$341.90	\$421.90	Add Bond Amount	
5969	246	159.9		4	\$300	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$545.85	\$625.85	Add Bond Amount	
9120	26	16.9		1	\$60	\$85.95	\$165.95	\$162.85	\$242.85	Add Bond Amount	

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The South Dakota VFW has proudly served as a voice for veterans, military members, and their families while continuing to support communities across our state.

DEDICATION

With more than 11,000 members statewide, the Department of South Dakota VFW continues to grow in service, leadership, and impact.

SD VFW'S IMPACT LAST YEAR

- Over \$444,000 in donations
- More than 36,000 hours of community service
- Military honors and dignified interments for veterans
- Visits to VA facilities and nursing homes
- Food drives, clothing drives, and community outreach
- Respectful retirement of American flags
- Scholarships and youth program support
- Advocacy for veterans' rights and benefits in Pierre and Washington, D.C.

SPONSORED EVENTS

Our conferences brings together VFW leaders and members from across South Dakota for:

- Training and education
- Networking
- Legislative discussions
- Planning future service efforts
- Strengthening programs that support veterans, families, and local communities

PARTNER WITH US

Your sponsorship helps offset conference expenses and allows us to continue expanding programs that directly benefit veterans, their families, and communities throughout South Dakota.

We would be honored to have your organization partner with us in supporting this important event. Any contribution or donation is greatly appreciated and directly supports our mission of service.

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This year (July 1 – June 30) our members have:

- ★ Donated over **\$444,000**
- ★ Provided over **36,000** hours of community service

OUR MEMBERS ARE:

- ✓ Ensuring every Veteran has a proper internment
- ✓ Spreading cheer at VA & nursing homes
- ✓ Retiring millions of American flags with dignity
- ✓ Conducting food & clothing drives
- ✓ Providing \$1000s in scholarships
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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 2026 Fall Conference will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, SD September 25-26 2026, at 2111 N Lacrosse St, Rapid City, SD 57701.

The VFW has long stood as a voice for veterans, military members, and their families while continuing to strengthen the communities we call home. The Department of South Dakota VFW proudly represents more than 11,000 members across our state, and our organization continues to grow each year.

This past fiscal year our members have contributed over \$444,000 in donations and more than 36,000 hours of community service throughout South Dakota. These numbers represent real people making a real difference.

Our members are out in every season and all-weather conditions to ensure veterans receive proper military honors and dignified internments. We visit VA facilities and nursing homes to bring comfort and companionship to veterans. We organize food drives, clothing drives, and community outreach events for those in need. We ensure millions of American flags are respectfully retired with honor and dignity. We also provide thousands of dollars in scholarships and youth program support to help invest in future generations.

In addition to community service, the VFW remains one of the strongest advocates for veteran rights and benefits. Our members work directly with legislators in Pierre and Washington, D.C., ensuring the voices of South Dakota veterans and military families are heard on issues that impact their lives.

The Fall Conference brings together VFW leaders and members from across South Dakota for training, networking, legislative discussion, and planning future service efforts. Sponsorships help offset our conference expenses and allow us to continue expanding programs that directly benefit veterans, their families, and local communities.

We would be honored to have your organization partner with us in supporting this important event. Any contribution, sponsorship, or donation would be greatly appreciated and will directly assist us in carrying out our mission of service.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued support of veterans across South Dakota. If you would like additional information or would like to discuss sponsorship or partnership opportunities, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Community Sponsor - \$500

- Full page recognition in conference program book
- Social Media recognition
- Verbal thank-you on all days during the event

Silver Sponsor - \$1,000

- Full page recognition in conference program book
- Social Media recognition
- Verbal thank-you on all days during the event
- Logo placement on sponsor banner
- Three months of placement on website as sponsor
- Table in vendor area

Gold Sponsor - \$5,000

- Full page recognition in conference program book
- Social Media recognition
- Verbal thank-you on all days during the event
- Logo placement on sponsor banner
- Three months of placement on website as sponsor
- Table in vendor area
- Table for eight at Saturday night banquet where organization will be brought to stage

Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000

- Full page recognition in the next two conference program books
- Social Media recognition
- Verbal thank-you on all days during the event
- Prominent logo placement on sponsor banner for the next two events
- Six months of placement on website as sponsor
- Table in vendor area
- Table for eight at Saturday night banquet where organization will be brought to stage

Presenting Sponsor - \$15,000

“All advertising for event will be Department of South Dakota VFW Fall Conference Presented by...”

- Full page recognition in the next three conference program books
- Social Media recognition
- Verbal thank-you on all days during the event
- Prominent logo placement on sponsor banner for the next three events
- Twelve months of placement on website as sponsor
- Table in vendor area
- Table for eight at Saturday night banquet where organization will be brought to stage
(Limited to one sponsor)

Vendor Tables

An 8ft table with white tablecloth, and two chairs will be provided if electricity is needed, please inquire for availability. Comes with a ½ page color add in program booklet.

Non-Profit Organization - \$100

Veteran Owned Business - \$200

All others - \$300

Advertising opportunities in the conference booklet

- Conference 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 brent@vfwdeptsd.com*

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

We are also offering the opportunity for businesses to supply promotional material by September 16th, 2026, to be placed in the Conference welcome bags for attendees.

Mail payments to:

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OR

Go to the link or QR Code to send payment.

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