



DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
General Orders #11
"Looking Out for Veterans"

May 1, 2021

**The National Convention in Baltimore is CANCELLED
arrangements are being made to schedule elsewhere.**

1. There will be no General Orders for June 2021.

2. Membership. All State Officers and District Officers are asked to assist Posts in membership. This is necessary for the Great State of South Dakota to achieve 100% membership this year. We must all work harder this month as time is running short. Please help your membership drive by putting on a push now to attain your Post membership quota.

3. Audit Reports. Has your Post sent in its last Quarterly Audit Report yet? A review indicated that some Audit Reports are missing, catch them up to date, as they are important. It is the **Post Commander's** responsibility to ensure that they are sent in on a timely basis. If you do not know what reports you have sent in, call the State Office to find out. If your Post has not submitted the Quarterly Audit Reports for the year of 2020-2021, all representation of your Post at the Department Convention shall be deprived until the proper adjustment of such deficiencies are presented to the proper authorities, at such time representation shall be restored promptly.

4. Special Olympics. Posts are asked to send their 2021 donations for the Special Olympics Fund to VFW Department Headquarters. Our goal this year is \$3,000. \$1,285 donated so far. All Posts are asked to be generous and put us over the top. Thank You to the post that have already sent in their donation.

5. VFW Buddy Poppy. Distribution will be conducted under the authority of Section 711, page 98 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and according to the rules of the National Buddy Poppy Committee. Posts are reminded to order their Buddy Poppies and to complete arrangements for their year's poppy distribution. Order forms are posted on the Web site, **vfwsd.org**. According to the National By-Laws, Section 219, page 75, all net proceeds of the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be credited to the Post Relief Fund and deals with authorized expenditures from the Post Relief Fund account.

6. 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. Officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause may be installed at any regular or special meetings 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.

7. District Commanders. Attention is called to Section 417, Page 79-80 of National Manual of Procedures concerning elected District Officers at the District Convention or Spring Meeting. Nomination, election, and installation shall be in a manner prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. The District Commanders will be installed again at the Department Convention on June 19th, 2021, as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

8. 2020-2021 Post Election Report. This form was mailed out by National Headquarters to the Posts and with instructions to return the completed document directly to National Headquarters. We are asking the Post to make a copy and send that copy to the State Headquarters so that we will know the election report has been completed. **We highly encourage Posts and Districts to use the OMS System to input their Election Results and this generates a copy to the Department automatically.** It is very important that the election report forms are completed in the time allowed or your Post or District will be removed from the rosters at National Headquarters. The deadline is June 1, 2021 and if your election report is not in by the deadline, your Post will be put on the suspension list immediately. **There will be no grace period.** All positions must be filled, and a member is not allowed to hold more than one elected office, see Section 215 and 216, Eligibility for Office and Elected and Appointed Offices, page 15-16. If the election report is not sent in on time the Post and Officers will not receive any information from National and your dues notices will not be sent out to your membership.

9. Delegates, District Convention & Meetings, Department and National Conventions. Reference National By-Laws, Section 222, Page 76. Post delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention with one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post at the time of the election. The Department Quartermaster shall verify the delegate strength of each Post using the month-end membership report immediately prior to the convening of the convention or as the Department By-Laws so provide. Delegates and alternates of each Post shall be members in good standing in the respective Post within the Department. Review your meeting date making sure it is at least 30 days prior to June 17.

10. National Convention Delegates: Reference National By-Laws, Section 222, page 17. Each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall entitle the Post to a packet of Convention information materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten-dollar (\$10.00) delegate fee.

11. Judging for the All-State team of District Commanders, Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters will be on May 8th, 2021. All report information must be received at State Headquarters by COB May 6th, 2021. Please refer to the 2020-2021 Department Membership Program Booklet for

details on these contests. A copy is on the South Dakota VFW web site and may be downloaded by going to vfwsd.org.

12. 2019 Department Convention will be held on June 17th-20th, 2021 in Yankton hosted by Post 791. Convention information is included in the VFW Web site at vfwsd.org.

13. Commemorative Dates. Reference Section 223, Page 76-77 of Manual of Procedure. Each Post shall arrange for observances of Memorial Day. See that suitable grave markers and United States Flags are placed on the graves of deceased members and if practicable, conduct Memorial Day Services in the cemeteries in its locality. Each Post shall see that suitable arrangements are made for the observance of Loyalty Day, Flag Day, and Veterans Day. In addition, the Posts should arrange special ceremonies, and all Commanders should alert comrades to their obligations for appropriate commemoration of other dates specified in the Ritual. Remember to report details of these events in your Community Service Report.

14. Peace Officer Memorial Day. The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on **May 15, 2021**. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

15. Unpaid Bills & Expense Vouchers. Department Quartermaster reminds all members with unpaid bills and expense vouchers that have been incurred during this administration are hereby requested to submit the same for payment by May 25, 2021 so that payment can be made prior to the closing of the books for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021.

16. Contributions. All Posts that have not done so are urged to contribute \$0.35 cents per member to the Department Hospital Fund, \$0.20 cents per member to the Department Service and Rehabilitation Fund and \$0.10 cents per member to the Memorial Park Fund. All donations should be received at Department Headquarters by May 3, 2021.

17. National By-Laws, Section 213, page 15, Arrearages: Any Post in arrears for any financial obligation to District, Department or National, for fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of Quartermaster properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, page 39, failing to ensure that the Post is properly insured in accordance with Section 709, page 40, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post-Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies.

OFFICIAL:

Darwin Tolzin

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

BY ORDER OF:

Cody Mangold

Cody Mangold, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department Judging for ALL-STATE AWARDS for 2020-2021
Saturday, May 8th, 2021

**All reports must be into State Headquarters by 5 pm, Thursday,
May 6th, 2021**

2020-2021 Post Election Report
The deadline is June 1, 2021

Report online to National Headquarters. VFW.ORG

Election of Department Officers

At this time, the following members have announced their candidacy for the 2021-2022 VFW year:
If anyone else is interested in candidacy for any offices, please notify the Department Office.

Commander	Barbara McKean	Post 3298	Parkston
Sr. Vice Commander	Tom Hafner	Post 3298	Parkston
Jr. Vice Commander	Dave Baumiller	Post 5807	Newell
Quartermaster	Darwin Tolzin	Post 2118	Brookings
Chaplain	Russel Dramstad	Post 1776	Huron
Judge Advocate	TBD		
Surgeon	TBD		

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Sturgis Bike Rally
Sturgis SD
August 2021

Please Sign up by Emailing your Name, Phone, Post, Days Available, Needs for Housing to Kris Fenton,
Deadwood Post 5869 deepseadv@icloud.com or call [307-689-0086](tel:307-689-0086).
The National Recruiter should be there and so will the National Commander-In-Chief Hal Roesch. This is your
chance to meet both so come out and help us recruit.
We plan to do this in 4-hour Segments to not wear any one out to exhaustion. We start by 8:00 a.m. and are
usually done by 6:00 p.m.

BUDDY POPPIES

GET YOUR POST ORDER IN TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

Order forms are posted on the Web site, vfwsd.org.

We would appreciate orders in multiples of 500 if possible.

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REPORTING OF DECEASED COMRADES

Quote from National Membership Department:

If someone pays dues for the current year, they count on you MEMSTATS for the complete year. They may disappear from your roster.

Tell members to go ahead and report them as they occur, there won't be any amnesty this coming year. Plus, when they report a member deceased, it generates a Sympathy Card from the VFW, we don't want that going to a family six month after the member has passed.



News from the Staff Members and Committee Chair's

Cody Mangold, Commander

May General Orders

Greetings,

Congratulations to all the Officers for the Post and Districts for this next year. Please plan to attend the State Convention in Yankton as we are still taking registrations. There are Raffle tickets available for the Commander and Presidents project for Homeless Veteran's. I want to thank you all for the great support this year as the State Commander. I am incredibly grateful for all you have done this past year, and I know you will do great things next Year. I feel blessed to get to know more of you over the years and feel extremely comfortable with the leadership coming up. Remember just because our year is almost over, that does not mean our mission to veterans, and recruiting end. We need to continue these efforts. Thank you again for your confidence in me and I look forward to seeing you in Yankton, SD in June for the convention. All details for the convention are available on the state website.

"Looking out for Veteran's"

Cody Mangold Commander 2020-2021

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**Senior Vice Commander
Barbara McKean General Orders May 2021**

Greetings Comrades,

Below are the Reports and Programs received for the year 2020-2021. State judging will take place in Sioux Falls on May 8th. If you want to get credit for any of these programs, please make sure your reports are received by the Dept office **prior to 5/8/21**. These stats below are as of 4/27/21.

Memorial Day Reports:

Dist 1: Sioux Falls, Elk Point, Vermillion, Brandon & Alcester

Dist 4: Brookings, Madison & Milbank

Dist 6: Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Wessington Springs, Turton & Gettysburg

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

Dist 10: Custer & Deadwood

Veterans Day Reports:

Dist 1: Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Brandon & Alcester

Dist 4: Watertown, Brookings, Madison & Milbank

Dist 6: Aberdeen, Pierre, Wessington Springs, Turton, Huron & Gettysburg

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

Dist 10: Custer & Deadwood

Loyalty Day Reports:

Dist 1: Sioux Falls, Vermillion

Dist 4: Brookings

Dist 6: Wessington Springs

Dist 7: Scotland, Armour & Parkston

Dist 10: None

EMT/EMS Awards:

Dist 1: None

Dist 4: None

Dist 6: None

Dist 7: Mitchell & Parkston

Dist 10: Custer

LE Awards:

Dist 1: Sioux Falls

Dist 4: None

Dist 6: None

Dist 7: Mitchell

Dist 10: Custer & Deadwood

Firefighter Awards:

Dist 1: None

Dist 4: Madison

Dist 6: Aberdeen

Dist 7: Mitchell

Dist 10: None

Thanks for all the work you do for the VFW, community, and fellow Veterans! I do plan to continue my 5-year progression through the Department VFW Chairs to hold the office of Commander for the year 2021-22. I am once again asking for your vote.

If elected, I will continue to work hard on continuing to move our VFW forward with innovative ideas and visibility on VFW programs and activities, Veterans issues and concerns and the impact the VFW in local Communities! We have so much to be proud of!

Please reach out if there is anything I can do to help you or your post.

Barbara McKean

Dept Sr. Vice Commander

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JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER May 2021 GENERAL ORDERS

As of the date of input for these General Orders the Department Membership stands at 95.29%.

The following Posts have achieved or exceeded their Quota.

Achieved 100%: Crooks, Custer, Deadwood, Dell Rapids, Faith, Lake Andes, Marty & Tyndall.

Quota Buster: Brandon-101.48%, Mitchell-100.45%, Scotland-101.40%, Sisseton-103.42%, Spearfish-103.70, Vermillion-101.26%, Wagner-100.80% & Webster-100.93%.

Outstanding job by those Posts. Our Membership year is not over; we owe it to our Veterans to keep them engaged with the VFW, so please contact Unpaid and/or Expired Comrades and make another push at retaining them.

The Department has received feedback regarding the Proposed Bylaws changes published in the April General Orders. Following is a point of clarification concerning Article 7, Section 1 of the Department Bylaws which state verbatim: "The Officers of this Department, their nomination, election or appointment and installation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional Charter and National Bylaws."

Section 516a, b & c of the National Bylaws state verbatim:

- (a) "The elected officers of each Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster and Chaplain."
- (b) "The Department Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Inspector and Service Officer."
- (c) "The Department may elect, or the Department Commander may appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chief of Staff or Officer of the Day if so, required by Department Bylaws."

Mr. Matt Nute at National Headquarters was contacted requesting clarification on regard to Section 516c as to whether the Department of SD should be electing or appointing the Judge Advocate and Surgeon. Mr. Nute stated that because our Department Bylaws do not address the issue of electing officers to these positions; they are to be appointed.

Again, the purpose of the Proposed Amendment, and it is only a Proposal, is to clarify positions the Department wishes elected. This Proposal, as will all Proposals, will be open for discussion during the State Convention. Thank you for and please continue to provide input.

I am asking for your continued support as I am a candidate for Department Senior Vice Commander for 2021-2022.

Thank you for your guidance and assistance during the past year and congratulations to Commander Mangold and his staff on a highly successful year. If you need any assistance, feel free to contact me.

Tom Hafner
Jr. Vice Commander
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Tom Hafner
Resolutions & By-Laws Chairman

Following are Proposed Amendments to the Department of South Dakota and National Bylaws submitted to the Department Resolutions & Bylaws Committee.

For reference and comparison, the current Department of South Dakota Bylaws are on the Department website (www.vfwsd.org), under the Resources, Bylaws and Dept. of SD tabs.

This posting will serve as notification to the VFW Posts of South Dakota in accordance with Article 18 (Amendments) of the Department of South Dakota Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS

Proposed Amendments to Department Bylaws submitted to the Resolutions & Bylaws Committee.

ARTICLE 5 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

SECTION 1 – Convention Dates amend to add following sentence:

The Department may be allowed to conduct said Convention using technology, if authorized by the National Bylaws, that allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

ARTICLE 7 – DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – Election of Department Officers amend to read:

(a) The elected Officers of this Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Surgeon.

(b) The Department Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector and Service Officer.

(c) The Department Commander may appoint an Officer of the Day and other such chairmen and committees as deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Department or as may be required by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9 – COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 2 – Department Districts/Posts amend to read:

District 4 – Delete Post 5022 Summit.

District 6 – Delete Post 3179 Faulkton.

SECTION 4 – Council Meetings amend to add:

The Council may be allowed to participate in regular and special meetings using technology, if authorized by the National Bylaws, that allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

SECTION 5 – Installation of District Commanders amend to read:

Change shall to may in line one.

ARTICLE 10 – STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

SECTION 3 – Audit Committee amend to read:

(a) The State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Auditing, consisting of the second, third and fourth Past State Commanders, or other VFW members if a Past State Commander cannot fulfill this duty. They shall in addition to the quarterly audit make an annual audit immediately preceding the Convention and shall make a report of same to the Department Convention.

(b) The State Commander and/or three (3) members of the Council of Administration may require an independent audit by a certified outside agency under unusual or exceptional circumstances, such as a change of Quartermaster at the Department level; and are authorized to expend the funds necessary to conduct such audit.

(c) The State Commander and/or three (3) members of the Council of Administration may at their pleasure demand an audit at any time other than set out in this Section.

SECTION 4 – Membership Committee amend first sentence to read:

The State Commander shall appoint a Membership Committee consisting of the State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, State Junior Vice Commander, all District Commanders, and any other members he/she may deem appropriate.

SECTION 7 – Publications Committee amend to read:

The State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Department Publications consisting of the State Adjutant, the State Quartermaster, the State Inspector, and any other members he/she may deem appropriate. This Committee will formulate and provide oversight on the Department's media plan to include print, broadcast, and social media. The goal of the Department media plan is to provide increased visibility, information sharing, improved communication, and customer service.

SECTION 8 – Hospital Committee amend to read:

The State Commander shall appoint a Hospital Committee that consists of the State Surgeon, all Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) representatives and all Veterans Voluntary Service (VVS) representatives. The purpose of the Committee is to communicate with Veterans Administration centers and State of South Dakota facilities to help provide needed voluntary goods and services for Veterans and families.

SECTION 9 – Veterans Council Committee amend the first sentence to read:

The Commander shall appoint a Veterans Council Committee that consists of the State Commander, the State Senior Vice Commander and as a continuing appointment the current State Adjutant.

ARTICLE 14 – CONVENTION ENACTMENTS



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SOUTH DAKOTA VFW RIDERS

1st 2021 Meeting May 15
In Gettysburg SD @ 1:30CDT

Motel rooms: Gettysburg Inn
\$74 & up, 605-765-2373
Bring ideas for jacket patch design!

Please ride safely!!
Riders Chairman, Dave Baumiller
For more info call Dave @605-593-3389