

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

General Orders #8
"Tomorrow Is Today"

February 1, 2017

1. Have you paid Your 2017 Membership Dues Yet? THIS IS IMPORTANT! Members are reminded that their annual membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars may have expired December 31, 2016, under new subscription dues your dues are due in the month you paid them. For example - you paid your dues in February of 2016 then they will be due in February of 2017. All Officers are encouraged to make every effort to renew the membership of continuous members as soon as possible. Let's wrap up our membership drives as soon as possible and get this great VFW State to 100% in membership.

2. Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance: Remember, all unpaid members, lose their Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, unless you renew your membership. It is important for all Post Membership Teams to contact these members as soon as possible. We have only the policy that national provides.

3. Legislative Conference and Council of Administration: As this General Order is being received by members, the Department of South Dakota Council of Administration is being held on January 29th and 30th, 2017 in Pierre. Hope you were there to make it successful.

4. Audit Reports: THIS IS IMPORTANT! Have you sent in you last Audit Report yet? Maybe you are delinquent on some of the previous audit reports. Catch them up to date, as they are very important.

5. Loyalty Day: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2017 Loyalty Day Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Post Commanders; try to plan your Loyalty Day Programs early.

6. Buddy Poppy: Post Commanders, please appoint a 2017 Buddy Poppy Chairperson and forward his or her name to Department Headquarters as soon as possible and make plans for your 2017 distribution. Post Commanders, this is a reminder that all Poppy orders (remember 5 poppies per member) should be in by April 30, 2017 to count in the "All State Post Commanders" ratings. Order blanks may be downloaded from the web site - sdvfw.org.

7. Community Service Record Books: Attention Post Commanders & Community Service Chairpersons: Less than 60 days remain in this year's contest for Community Service Record Books. All Community Service projects completed during the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 should be included when making your Post/Auxiliary record book. Record Books must be received by April 18, 2017. Send books to State Chairman, Danny Frisby-Griffin 418 NE 5th St., Madison, SD 57042. Form for submitting the Record Books may be downloaded from the web site - sdvfw.org

8. The National Legislative and VOD Conference meeting will be February 26th to March 2nd, 2017 in Washington D.C. The Department Commander and some of his staff will be attending these important functions. Any Post or member who would like to have a problem discussed with our Congressional Delegation should contact the State Commander or State Adjutant giving full details prior to that time.

9. IRS Form 990: All Posts that enjoy tax exemption status are advised that they must answer all questions on pages 1, 2, and 3 of the IRS Form 990. Submitting a copy of the Post Financial Statement in lieu of answering the individual questions is not acceptable. If the questions are not answered, the IRS will return Form 990 to the Post. Form 990 must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year.

10. Roster Changes: Post Commanders are requested to notify Department Headquarters of any roster changes to their Posts.

11. Special Olympics: Please send in your Posts donations for the 2017 South Dakota Special Olympics Program and be generous. Donations should be sent to the VFW Department Headquarters. All donations will be presented during Special Olympics Games to be held in May.

12. Department Convention: The 2017 Department Convention will be held on June 22 - 24, 2017, in Pierre, hosted by Post 2038.

13. Sending In Material For General Orders: All Department Officers, State Chairpersons and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters by no later than the 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders.

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:

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

Dennis Sharp
Dennis Sharp, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of South Dakota
Commander Dennis Sharp
General Orders February 2017**

Comrades:

As we are preparing for the Legislative Conference in Pierre on January 29 and 30, it is also time to write General Orders for February. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend the Conference. This is a perfect time to visit with our legislators regarding veterans' issues in South Dakota that you may be concerned with.

I am looking forward to the announcement of the Voice of Democracy, Patriots' Pen and Teacher of the Year winners.

Membership is doing well, but we still need new members. Membership is currently at 91.72%. We are getting closer to our goal, just a little over 8% to go. National VFW Headquarters is challenging every Post, nationwide, to put together teams to get facetime with lapsed members whose membership has expired and members who will be coming due in the next few months. Get out and knock on the doors of your members in hopes to collect 2016-2017 membership dues.

January was a busy month with District Mid-Winter meetings. District 10 meeting was held in Rapid City with corresponding visits to the VA Hospitals in Fort Meade and Hot Springs and also a visit to the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. VFW Baseball meeting in Sioux Falls was followed by District 2 Mid-Winter meeting. A visit to the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls is being planned for a later date.

Some of the issues that will be addressed at the Legislative Conference will be Re-districting and District Commander duties and obligations. Information concerning VFW Post 3653, Kennebec and VFW Post 1640, Hot Springs charters has been revoked. Information for the State VFW Convention in Pierre, June 22 — 25, 2017 will be presented.

State Auxiliary President, Karen, and I will be going to Washington, DC on February 25 — March 2, 2017 for the National VFW Legislative Conference. While there, we will escort our State Voice of Democracy winner in the Parade of Winners, when the National Voice of Democracy and Patriots' Pen winners will be announced. The Commander-in-Chief's Congressional Testimony will be held on March 1, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST.

District Spring meetings will be determined at State Legislative Conference. If anyone has any questions concerning reports, membership or questions concerning the VFW, please feel free to contact me anytime.

"Tomorrow is Today"

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Rick L Williamson
Senior Vice Commander
February General Orders

January was a busy month. Time flies when you're having fun they say. I was able to make it out to Sturgis and Hot Springs to visit both of the VA Hospitals and enjoy a Buffalo feed with the residents. We also toured the facilities and was amazed by the new surgical department in Sturgis (Ft. Meade). Our tour of Hot Springs VA was nice, however it left us with many questions about the future of this facility. They do great things there and it is beyond me how they could close this down when the demand is so high. We also received a tour of the SD Veterans Home in Hot Springs, what a nice place. It is easy to see that they are doing the right thing when it comes to this facility. I was also able to get out to the Hills to attend the Mid-Winter meeting of District 10. As always it was great to see some old friends and meet a few new ones.

As we head in February I have a few things to accomplish yet. The biggest thing is Resolutions and By-Laws, if you have any proposals for this committee, please try to get them to myself or Darwin by March 1st. We will accept them after that date but I would like to get them together to be reviewed by the whole committee and out to the Posts with plenty of time to be voted on at the State Convention.

I have completed the Public Servant Awards for the Department, a big Thank You to all Posts who submitted entries. Our three winners have been forwarded to National Headquarters for judging. I would have liked to see more entries but that's the way it goes sometimes.

Have a great month and please keep doing what you do for veterans.

Yours in Comradeship,
Rick L. Williamson
Phone: 605-321-4935
rick@johnsonfeedinc.com

Greetings Comrades;

Slogans like "no one does more for Veterans" and "Every day is Veterans Day" are just words unless you believe in them, and love to be a part of all that it entails to make these words come true. Let's dedicate ourselves to make the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars, one hundred percent in programs and memberships! We know that there are some VFW's that aren't getting enough dedication to reach one hundred percent in membership. You know what happens if our military falls well below reaching their recruiting goal? Their capabilities would be drafted, that might be needed for future references. Every year that your post and our department fails to reach one hundred percent, at the end of the year, results in being less capable to do what we can for Our Veterans, Our Troops, and Our local communities. The Department membership updates as of January 4, 2017, are as follows.

<u>District 1</u>	91.16%
<u>District 2</u>	91.96%
<u>District 4</u>	86.94%
<u>District 6</u>	92.35%

District 7	87.33%
District 8	90.36%
District 10	92.71%
State total	90.45%

As amazing as these numbers are, I believe we can try harder and get these numbers to one hundred percent. We need to do this for our veterans, our troops, and our local communities. We are doing wonderful for the year and I appreciate all the hard work we have done in the past few years! My goal for us is to try harder to hit our mark of one hundred percent. I believe together we can accomplish this goal.

Sincerely Your State Junior Vice Commander,
 Willie Page
 Phone: 605-745-3740
 Ce11:605-891-8973

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota State Judge Advocate General Orders February 2017

I hope everyone is surviving the "dark ages" as we continue the march to spring and warmer, snowless weather. Have you gotten out into the community to listen, advocate and educate veterans and their families on the benefits of becoming a VFW or Auxiliary Member? Now is the time. In fact, Post 2638 is working with the Lake County and DSU VSOs to host a Veterans Forum in the first couple of weeks of April. We've got the Director of the Sioux Falls VA Hospital and his claims supervisor on the hook to join us. As the program develops, we'll make sure to get the information out so anyone interested can join us.

I've received 27 Community Service reports for the second quarter (**44%**, as of **01/20/2017**). **Canton and Burke** are the **first** posts to report the 3rd quarter. The Department of SD has distributed 2348 Flags, performed 233 Honor Guards, 140 Color Guards and provided 28 funeral lunches. In the category of community service, the Department has donated \$114,363.19; 12,384 hours and driven 35,360 (\$4,950) miles. Thank you for all you do!

2nd Quarter Reports (44%)

- District 1: Alcester, Canton, Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton
- District 2: Brookings, Madison, Sioux Falls
- District 4: Britton, Milbank, Sisseton, Watertown
- District 6: Aberdeen, Gettysburg
- District 7: Armour, Lake Andes, Marty, Mitchell, Parkston, Scotland, Wagner, Wessington Springs
- District 8: Burke
- District 10: Custer, Deadwood, Sturgis

If you're reading the General Order's on line you should be able to just click on the following links (or copy and paste to browser) to get the information that you need.

We've added placeholder pages for **all** the posts. Please see the first link below for an example. If you send me an email with what you would like posted

on your post page with 3 pictures, we'll get it done for you. We first announced this initiative in the last general orders. I haven't received information from any of you. I highly recommend updating the pages or at least swapping the pictures out once a quarter when you're preparing you required reports.

Individual Post Pages (example link for Ronald Westby VFW Post 2638 Madison):

<http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-madison-post>

Community Activities Record Book:

http://www.sdvfw.org/Uploads/documents/27/2017_COMMUNITY_ACTIVITIES_RECORD_BOOK.pdf

[The community service report \(version 5\) is available online!](#)

Over Seas Veteran: <http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-overseas-newsletter>

The 3rd Quarter reporting ended January 31 and are due February 10th. Please continue to submit previous Quarterly Reports as well as sending your 3rd Quarter data. Thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance.

State Judge Advocate, Danny "Wham-O" Frisby-Griffin
 Cell: 402-332-7423 Email: danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
 State Surgeon Sean Johnson General Orders February 2017**

It is so amazing to me how fast this year has gone. We made steady progress throughout the year in getting the Hospital and Safety Reports in but there definitely seemed to be a lack of interest in turning the required 1st and 2nd quarters. That means there are posts not being recognized for the work they have been doing. For 2016-2017 reporting periods 1st qtr. 32 out of 62 (54%) 2nd qtr. 23 out of 62 (44%).

With the information provided our Department has turned out some tremendous numbers for the first half of the year. We still need to work on the first half of the year but we should strive to get better numbers on the second half to get better credit for posts, and the Department We are meeting our Goal of Tomorrow is Today. I hope to see you at Pierre at the end of January!

1st Half Hospital Report

Number of Volunteers	Patients Visited	Total Hours	Total Miles	Blood Units Total	Cards	Flowers	Other Donations	Total Expenses
1215	3229	\$148,612.19	\$4,995.40	\$14,840.37	\$2,076.50	\$1,899.00	\$10,968.00	\$230,706.22

Safety Report 1st Half	Money	Hours	Miles
	\$ 5192.84	448	1327

<u>Year To Date Safety Totals item#</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>
1. Hunters Safety	5	4
2. Pedestrian Safety	2	1
3. Vehicle Safety	2	0
4. Drug Awareness	2	3
5. Home Fire Safety	2	4
6. Senior Safety	1	3
7. Recreation Safety (Bike)	2	1
8. Highway Safety	0	1
9. Other Projects	8	9

(54%) (44%)

I want to encourage you to continue to help us get these reports in. We should get the credit we deserve for the excellent work we do, Thank you for your amazing support this year. If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me.

State Surgeon, Sean Johnson
 Email: seanjohnson@abe.midco.net

DISTRICT COMMANDERS CORNER

In an effort to assist the State Commander in turning around a long downward trend in our Membership and promote the VFW the District Commanders Conference proposed an additional perk to any member who pays their **entire Life Membership** during the period **July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017**. The Council of Administration endorsed the gift of a Life Member Baseball Style Cap. Post Commanders are asked to forward the names of all members of their Post who have paid or pays their Life Membership during the above period to their District Commander. Distribution will begin as soon as Caps are received. These Life Member Baseball Caps are also available to any Life Member who wishes to purchase one. The cost is \$15 each.

Again, this is an effort to increase Life Membership and Promote our Organization. Support at all Levels is necessary for this effort to succeed. POC concerning this matter is Tom Hafner at (605) 661-2750 or tbmhafner@santel.net State VFW District Commanders Cody Mangold, Thomas Anez, Lyle Berg, Pam Heiser, Tom Hafner, Gary Knudsen, Roland Enninga



2017 District meetings schedule

- District #1 February 10th in Beresford at 1300 hours
- District #4 February 12th in Britton at 1330 hours
- District #6 to be announced/ check with Pam Heiser
- District #7 February 12th in Parkston at 1400 hours
- District #8 February 12th in Burke at 1400 hours

District #2 & #10 are completed



VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____
MM / YY MM / YY MM / DD / YYYY

MALE
 FEMALE

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE
 BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:
 WW II VIETNAM SERVICE AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present) HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
 OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE DESERT SHIELD/STORM IRAQ (2003 -2011)
 KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954) BOSNIA/KOSOVO SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA Location _____
 KOREA DUTY (1955 - present) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

- ANNUAL MEMBER**
 I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.
 I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____
- LIFE MEMBER**
 I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____
- LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN**
 I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.
 I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____
(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

Life Member Options		
AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

NEW Post # _____ FORMER MEMBER # _____
 TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____
 RECRUITER _____ ID# _____
(Please print)
 QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:
 I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.
 I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

 Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date _____
 \$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

The VFW has contracted the services of Front Line Support, LLC, with the assistance of United Partners Outreach, Inc., paid solicitors who are registered with the state, who shall receive as costs, expenses and fees, a portion of the solicited funds raised through this solicitation campaign. The VFW programs would not be possible without community sponsorship and support. A portion of the gross sponsorship proceeds is used to defray the expenses of public education, administration and the cost of this appeal. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to either deposit the check as a check transaction or use information on your check to make a one-time electronic debit from your account. Although our financial report is always sent free to anyone requesting a copy, certain states require us to advise you that a copy of our financial report is available from them. REGISTRATION WITH A STATE AGENCY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OR IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THAT STATE OF THE PAID SOLICITOR, THE ORGANIZATION OR THE CAUSE THE SOLICITOR REPRESENTS.



CONTINUING FREEDOM'S FIGHT

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**Here is a copy of the letter sent out when our phone
Solicitors call for pledges/donations. It is interesting
To know this information.
It is mailed to a Sioux Falls PO Box 2816**

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has a rich tradition in enhancing the lives of millions through its community service programs and special projects. From providing aide to veterans of foreign wars, including Gulf War veterans to raising money for the World War II memorial, the VFW is there. "No one does more for Veterans"

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of South Dakota

Sponsor Confirmation No: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your 1/4/17 pledge of \$25.00!

For what you've done, we wish we could send more than simply this letter. Frankly, we think you deserve a medal! You are one of the many people who agreed to give their sponsorship when one of our telephone representatives called. Please accept our decal as a token of our gratitude. We hope that you will display it proudly, knowing just how valuable your donation is to South Dakota's veterans.

Your participation will help us to improve and expand these programs to serve the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of South Dakota and build a better America. With your help, many veterans, military personnel, needy citizens of South Dakota and their families will be provided the following services:

- Service Officers assisting veterans or their survivors applying for state and federal benefits
- Representing the interests of veterans in Pierre and the halls of Washington, D.C.
- Serving veterans with information/communication with the state publication, the "Overseas Veteran"
- Local South Dakota Post members volunteering to help returning wounded and recovering military veterans in VA hospitals and communities throughout our state.

The men and women of our armed services and South Dakota National Guard, your neighbors and friends, stood in the breach to protect our freedom and the privileges we all enjoy as Americans. Please show them you appreciate their sacrifice, by giving as much as you can spare. After all, they gave their all for you! This makes it all the more important to do your duty and send in the enclosed invoice with your check.

These programs would not be possible without community sponsorship and support. The VFW is a not-for-profit organization and is deductible as a charitable donation for Federal Income Tax purposes. For inquiries regarding sponsor support, please call 1-877-509-8358.

Please take a moment to mail in your pledge today!

Yours,
Dennis Sharp
State Commander

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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**
PO BOX 2816
SIOUX FALLS SD 57101-2816

T2 5025
 Yes, please increase my pledge by adding __\$2 __\$5 __\$10
 Sponsor Confirmation No: [REDACTED] 1/4/17

Pledge Amt: \$25.00
Please Remit by: 1/12/17

*-12:00 AM-

Thank you.... Per phone conversation with: DENNIS

SPONSOR CONFIRMATION

REMIT TO: VFW-SD

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS,
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**
PO BOX 2816
SIOUX FALLS SD 57101-2816



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**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
JUNE 22 – 25, 2017**

(Tentative) CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 22, 2017

11:00 am -- 4:00 pm	Registration	Convention Registration Desk
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Recruiter Trainer Seminars	
11:00 am -- 1:00 pm	Officers and Chairmen Luncheon	Gallery A
11:00 am -- 1:00 pm	Lunch General Membership	On Your Own
1:00 pm -- 2:00 pm	Council of Administration Meeting	Gallery B and C
2:30 pm -- 3:00 pm	Officer March Practice	Gallery B and C
3:00 pm -- 3:30 pm	Ritual Practice	Gallery B and C
5:00 pm	Past Department Presidents' Dinner	
5:00 pm -- 7:00 pm	Dinner – General Membership	On Your Own
5:00 pm -- 6:00 pm	Award Presenters meet with VFW & Aux Chair	
7:00 pm	Joint VFW and Aux Awards Presentation	

Friday, June 23, 2017

8:00 am -- 4:00 pm	Registration	Convention Registration Desk
8:00 am -- 8:30 am	Flag and Banner Practice	Gallery B and C
9:00 am	Joint Memorial Service	Lutheran Memorial Church 320 E. Prospect, Pierre
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon	Gallery A
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch General Membership	On Your Own
12:30 am -- 3:30 pm	Joint Opening Session	
4:00 pm -- 5:00 pm	Opening Auxiliary Business Session	Gallery B and C
6:30 pm -- 8:30 pm	Hospitality Night	

Saturday, June 24, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration	Convention Registration Desk
8:00 am – 12:00 noon	Auxiliary Business Session	Gallery B and C
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch General Membership	On Your Own
1:30 pm -- 4:30 pm	Auxiliary Business Session	Gallery B and C
5:30 pm -- 6:00 pm	Social (cash bar)	Gallery A
6:00 pm -- 9:00 pm	Convention Banquet and Entertainment	Gallery A

Sunday, June 25, 2017

	Church Services At Your Choice and Location	
9:00 am – 10: am	Pictures of Incoming Officers	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	VFW and Auxiliary Joint Installation	
11:00 am	Council of Administration Meeting (2017/2018)	Gallery B and C

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
Convention Registration for the Department of South Dakota
June 22 - 25, 2017
Pierre Ramkota, 920 W. Sioux, Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Registration for Convention will be **\$75** per member prior to **May 20, 2017**, and **\$100** after **May 20, 2017**.

Those who have registered by **May 20, 2017**, will have their name entered into an "**Early Bird Drawing**." Two drawings will be made at the Convention for \$50 each. So, get your registration in by **May 20, 2017** to possibly be a winner. Individual banquet tickets will be sold to nonmembers only for \$30.00 each. This will include a name badge. Name badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and banquet. All events, except for the Joint Memorial Service, will be at Pierre Ramkota Convention Center.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership: Auxiliary Post. Post or Auxiliary # & Location: _____

Please list the title you want on your badge if you hold an elected office at the Post, Auxiliary, District, or Department level: _____

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Officers and Chairman Luncheon** June 22, 2017, at 11:00 am — 1:00 pm (CDT). \$15.00 by May 20, 2017.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registration Form: **VFW Past Department Commanders and District Commanders, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018, Luncheon** June 24, 2017, 12:00 noon -- 1:30 pm (CDT). \$15.00 by May 20, 2017.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registration Form: **VFW Auxiliary Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon** June 23, 2017, 10:45 m — 12:15 pm (CDT) **\$20.00** by May 20, 2017.

PRINT Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Auxiliary City, Name & Number

Are you a: Gold Star Mother Gold Star Family

Past Department President

45 Plus Member _____ Years

Make checks payable to: VFW Post 2038 Convention Fund

Mail Registration and Checks to:

VFW Post 2038 Auxiliary
P. O. Box 861
Pierre, SD 57501

Any requested refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. ** Please use one form for each individual registration**

Convention. Reg.	<input type="text"/>
Aux. Off. & Chm. Lunch	<input type="text"/>
Gold Star Family & 45 yrs. +	<input type="text"/>
VFW PDC & Dist. Comd. Lunch	<input type="text"/>
Non Member Banquet Ticket	<input type="text"/>
Total:	<input type="text" value="\$ 0.00"/>

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask for VFW Convention rates. Rates listed do not include tax.

Pierre Ramkota 920 W. Sioux, Pierre -- 605-224-6877 -- \$98.99 until May 20, 2017

A Block of 100 rooms are available at Pierre Ramkota. You are required to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement.

AmericInn: 312 Island Dr., Fort Pierre -- 605-223-2358 -- \$105.99

Baymont Inn & Suites: 713 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre -- 605-224-4140 -- 1 bed \$64.50; 2 bed \$74.99

Days Inn, 520 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre -- 605-224-0411 -- 1 Queen \$67; 2 Queen \$82

Governors Inn, 700 W. Sioux, Pierre -- 605-224-4200 -- \$95

VFW & Auxiliary Convention Ads

Department of South Dakota Convention — Pierre, SD, June 22 - 25, 2017

Order Date: _____ VFW or Aux. Representative: _____
Contact: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Black & White Ads:

- Full Page (\$125.00)
- Half Page (\$75.00)
- Quarter Page (\$50.00)
- Business Card (\$35.00)
- Signature Ads..... \$5.00

Color Ads — Inside Pages:

- Full Page (\$200.00)
- Half Page (\$125.00)
- Quarter Page (\$90.00)
- Business Card (\$50.00)

Color Ads — Cover Pages:

- Full Page (\$250.00)

Make Payments to: VFW Post 2038 — Convention Book Ads
Color ads must be submitted electronically to proudanglr@pie.midco.net
For camera-ready black & white ads only and all payments, send to:
VFW Post 2038 Auxiliary
P. O. Box 861
Pierre, SD 57501
All ads need to be camera-ready or submitted in digital format no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, May 20, 2017

(Customer Order Receipt below — cut along line)

Date of order: _____

Order received from:

Contact: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Black & White Ads:

- Full Page (\$125.00)
- Half Page (\$75.00)
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VFW or Aux. Representative: _____
Payment Amount Received: _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN Wars and AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HOSPITALITY NIGHT

ANNUAL CONVENTION - 2017

Friday, June 23, 2017

6:30 p.m. (CDT) - 8:30 p.m. (CDT)

FOOD (Prepared by Ramkota) and CASH BAR

Convention Badges Required

COST: \$100.00 PER CANDIDATE

All Candidates Required To Participate

Payment and Registration Form **Due May 20, 2017**

Make checks payable to: VFW Post 2038 Convention Fund

Send This Form and Checks to: VFW Post 2038 Auxiliary

P. O. Box 861

Pierre, SD 57501

PRINT Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Tables will be provided for candidates to campaign during the event and to display campaign materials.

If you need something else, please let us know.

If you have questions or concerns about Hospitality Night, please contact:

Karen Sharp - 605-223-2523 (Home); 605-222-3140 (Cell)

[Email: daksharp@pie.midco.net](mailto:daksharp@pie.midco.net)

South Dakota as of Saturday, February 04, 2017

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Adjusted Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
South Dakota	791	1	322	1	0	56	379	406	93.34%	2		YANKTON	SD	0	87	71.26%
South Dakota	915	1	39	1	0	14	54	61	88.52%	9		ELK POINT	SD	0	19	78.95%
South Dakota	2821	1	38	0	0	10	48	58	82.75%	9		PARKER	SD	0	13	76.92%
South Dakota	2975	1	63	1	0	15	79	87	90.80%	8		BERESFORD	SD	0	25	68.00%
South Dakota	3061	1	55	2	2	13	72	76	94.73%	8		VERMILLION	SD	0	21	66.67%
South Dakota	3164	1	109	2	0	33	144	149	96.64%	5		CANTON	SD	0	39	87.18%
South Dakota	3728	1	37	0	0	4	41	44	93.18%	10		FREEMAN	SD	0	5	80.00%
South Dakota	6149	1	47	1	0	18	66	72	91.66%	8		ALCESTER	SD	1	24	83.33%
South Dakota	7690	1	12	0	0	6	18	20	90.00%	10		NORTH SIOUX CITY	SD	0	8	87.50%
District Totals		1	722	8	2	169	901	973	92.60%					1		%
South Dakota	628	2	996	15	4	203	1218	1285	94.78%	1		SIOUX FALLS	SD	3	280	77.86%
South Dakota	2118	2	198	3	0	54	255	290	87.93%	3		BROOKINGS	SD	1	90	63.33%
South Dakota	2638	2	125	4	1	24	154	172	89.53%	5		MADISON	SD	2	45	57.78%
South Dakota	3351	2	37	0	0	3	40	43	93.02%	10		FLANDREAU	SD	0	5	60.00%
South Dakota	4726	2	93	1	1	23	118	121	97.52%	6		BRANDON	SD	1	28	85.71%
South Dakota	5770	2	22	0	0	5	27	31	87.09%	10		CROOKS	SD	0	7	71.43%
South Dakota	6822	2	5	0	0	3	8	10	80.00%	10		HOWARD	SD	0	5	60.00%
South Dakota	10632	2	12	0	0	2	14	15	93.33%	10		DELL RAPIDS	SD	0	2	100.00%
District Totals		2	1488	23	6	317	1834	1967	93.23%					7		%
South Dakota	750	4	350	2	3	101	456	523	87.18%	2		WATERTOWN	SD	0	164	67.68%
South Dakota	3342	4	111	2	0	31	144	169	85.20%	5		SISSETON	SD	1	53	64.15%
South Dakota	3486	4	141	1	1	24	167	171	97.66%	5		MILBANK	SD	1	31	83.87%
South Dakota	3507	4	58	1	0	24	83	97	85.56%	7		BRITTON	SD	0	33	75.76%
South Dakota	4690	4	84	1	0	29	114	127	89.76%	6		WEBSTER	SD	0	43	69.77%
South Dakota	5022	4	7	0	0	4	11	13	84.61%	10		SUMMIT	SD	0	6	66.67%
South Dakota	6361	4	20	0	0	5	25	26	96.15%	10		GOODWIN	SD	0	6	83.33%
District Totals		4	771	7	4	218	1000	1126	88.80%					2		%
South Dakota	17	6	252	1	22	66	341	333	102.40%	3		ABERDEEN	SD	0	64	92.19%
South Dakota	1776	6	164	0	0	40	204	226	90.26%	4		HURON	SD	0	54	87.04%
South Dakota	2741	6	17	0	0	5	22	26	84.61%	10		MOBRIDGE	SD	0	7	71.43%
South Dakota	2755	6	93	0	0	19	112	124	90.32%	6		REDFIELD	SD	0	24	87.50%
South Dakota	3179	6	54	0	0	8	62	67	92.53%	9		FAULKTON	SD	0	13	61.54%
South Dakota	3214	6	67	0	0	9	76	89	85.39%	7		MILLER	SD	0	13	61.54%
South Dakota	5094	6	12	0	0	5	17	18	94.44%	10		SELBY	SD	0	6	83.33%
South Dakota	5126	6	66	0	0	8	74	80	92.50%	8		EUREKA	SD	0	13	61.54%
South Dakota	6481	6	20	0	0	11	31	31	100.00%	10		TURTON	SD	0	11	100.00%
South Dakota	8530	6	58	0	0	9	67	65	103.07%	9		GETTYSBURG	SD	1	8	100.00%
District Totals		6	803	1	22	180	1006	1059	94.99%					1		%
South Dakota	1353	7	15	0	0	0	15	15	100.00%	10		MARTY	SD	0	0	100.00%
South Dakota	2750	7	118	4	1	58	181	199	90.95%	4		MITCHELL	SD	1	81	70.37%
South Dakota	2966	7	62	1	0	12	75	84	89.28%	8		SCOTLAND	SD	1	22	68.18%
South Dakota	3239	7	35	1	0	7	43	47	91.48%	10		LAKE ANDES	SD	0	10	70.00%
South Dakota	3298	7	57	8	0	8	73	72	101.38%	8		PARKSTON	SD	1	21	85.71%
South Dakota	5548	7	28	0	0	20	48	56	85.71%	9		WESSINGTON SPGS	SD	0	28	71.43%
South Dakota	6554	7	67	0	0	10	77	88	87.50%	7		PLANKINTON	SD	0	18	55.56%
South Dakota	6895	7	50	1	0	9	60	68	88.23%	8		TYNDALL	SD	0	19	57.89%
South Dakota	6897	7	29	0	0	19	48	48	100.00%	10		ARMOUR	SD	0	19	100.00%
South Dakota	7319	7	101	2	1	22	126	152	82.89%	5		WAGNER	SD	1	50	50.00%
District Totals		7	562	17	2	165	746	829	89.98%					4		%
South Dakota	2038	8	244	2	0	20	266	298	89.26%	3		PIERRE	SD	1	41	48.78%
South Dakota	4674	8	129	0	0	11	140	161	86.95%	5		WINNER	SD	1	20	65.00%
South Dakota	6436	8	30	0	0	2	32	36	88.88%	10		CHAMBERLAIN	SD	0	3	66.67%
South Dakota	9950	8	94	0	0	18	112	112	100.00%	6		BURKE	SD	4	20	100.00%
District Totals		8	497	2	0	51	550	607	90.60%					6		%
South Dakota	1273	10	897	4	2	89	992	1059	93.67%	1		RAPID CITY	SD	6	143	61.54%
South Dakota	2730	10	146	0	0	36	182	198	91.91%	4		STURGIS	SD	0	52	78.85%
South Dakota	2969	10	15	0	0	9	24	26	92.30%	10		LEMMON	SD	0	13	84.62%
South Dakota	3312	10	94	1	0	4	99	108	91.66%	7		BELLE FOURCHE	SD	0	13	46.15%
South Dakota	3442	10	317	2	3	45	367	366	100.27%	2		CUSTER	SD	9	72	75.00%
South Dakota	5751	10	22	0	0	3	25	26	96.15%	10		FAITH	SD	0	5	80.00%
South Dakota	5807	10	53	1	0	2	56	56	100.00%	9		NEWELL	SD	0	3	66.67%
South Dakota	5860	10	112	0	0	22	134	152	88.15%	5		SPEARFISH	SD	0	33	66.67%
South Dakota	5969	10	207	2	2	29	240	260	92.30%	3		DEADWOOD	SD	0	40	70.00%

South Dakota	9120	10	38	0	0	4	42	46	91.30%	10		QUINN	SD	0	7	100.00%
District Totals		10	1901	10	7	243	2161	2297	94.07%					15		%
South Dakota	15043	99	229	5	6	39	279	357	78.15%	2		SIOUX FALLS	SD	3		%
District Totals		99	229	5	6	39	279	357	78.15%					3		%
State Totals			6973	73	49	1382	8477	9215	91.99%					39		%