

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

General Orders #9

“Dig In”

March 1, 2018

1. **Absence of the Commander:** During the period of March 4th to 7th, several of The Department Officers will be in Washington, D.C. attending the Legislative Conference/Voice of Democracy Awards Presentation. During this period, anyone having any questions and/or needing assistance is to contact the State Office, 605-332-7441.
2. **Special Notice:** 2018-2019 Themes for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen are: VOD – “Why My Vote Matters”. PP – “Why I Honor The American Flag”.
3. **March is “Membership Quota Month”.** All State and District Officers are asked to assist Posts in membership. If your Post hasn’t had a membership team working, now is the time to help organize and join in on the recruiting of members.
4. **Audit Reports: THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Has your Post sent in its last Audit Report yet? Maybe some of the previous audit reports are delinquent. Catch them up to date, as they are very important.
5. **Special Olympics:** Post donations to the Special Olympics Fund are hereby requested to help with the 2018 Special Olympics Program. Posts are asked to be generous and to send their donations to VFW Department headquarters. Our goal this year is \$2,500. Thank You to those Posts that have already sent in their donations.
6. **Post Elections:** Attention is called to Section 217, page 71, Manual of Procedure, Nomination Election, Installation, of Officers and Term of Office. Posts will conduct the Election of Officers in accordance with the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Post Officers shall be nominated in March and shall be elected in April. Nominations shall remain open until the Post is ready to vote.
**Remember that on the 1st of June if you have not submitted your election report you will receive a letter from the Commander-in-Chief suspending your Post until the election report is sent. At that time the Department Commander will issue a follow-up letter and establish a committee to oversee the Post business. All Post business must be overseen by the established committee includes any meetings, any disposition of property, any financial transactions, etc. This is an inconvenience for all persons concerned. PLEASE submit you Election Reports timely. (March nominate; April elections; May installation; June take office when Department Commander does.)*
7. **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. An officer-elect who may be absent for good and sufficient reason or cause may be installed at any regular or special meeting 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.

8. District Commanders: Attention is called to Section 417, Page 21 of National By-Laws. The elected District officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention or Spring Meeting. Nomination, election and installation shall be in a manner prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. The District Commander will be installed again at the Department Convention in June 2018 as a member of the Department Council of Administration.

9. Ritual Changes: Several changes or modifications were made to the 2018 National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual that members need to know about. The one addressed here is a change authorized in the Order of Business – Posts. Section 1004, page 113 and 114 of the Manual of Procedure lists two orders of business for Posts. One being the Traditional and the one added called Order of Business Contemporary we will address the Contemporary. It is shortened up and is approved for Post usage. However, you can use discretion at the Post and modify to meet your needs. The approved order is:

1. Call to order
 2. Check dues cards
 3. Roll call of officers
 4. Read, refer membership applications
 5. Read minutes
 6. Quartermaster's report.
 7. Report of Service Officer.
 8. Report on Comrades or the families of Comrades in distress.
 9. Committee reports.
 10. Unfinished Business.
 11. New business.
 12. Good of the order.
 13. Close meeting.
- The options that you have are to satisfy your needs for a successful meeting.

10. Community Service Record Books: Attention Post Commanders and 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, 2017 to March 31, 2018, should be included when making your Post/Auxiliary Record Book. Record Books must be received by April 18, 2018 and are to be sent to State Chairman, Cody Mangold, 1101 Main Street, Tyndall, SD 57066. A Community Record Book form may be downloaded from the Department Web site – www.sdvfw.org.

11. Buddy Poppies: All Posts are reminded to order their Buddy Poppies and poppy supplies and to complete arrangements for their year's poppy distribution. Order forms may be downloaded from the Department Web site – www.sdvfw.org.

12. Department Convention: The 2018 Department Convention will be held on June 14th-16th, 2018 in Sioux Falls, hosted by Post 628. For more convention information, ie: registration, motel information, convention schedule, etc., go to the Home Page at the Department web site – www.sdvfw.org.

13. Convention Ads: All Posts, Districts, Candidates for Department Office and any others are reminded that the deadline for Ads in the 2018 Convention Booklet is due by May 4th, 2018. Ads need to be in camera ready or submitted in digital format. Convention book ad submission form may be downloaded from the Department web site - sdvfw.org.

14. National Citations: To qualify for the National Citations that are presented at the Department Convention, Posts must have reported projects in each of the following programs: Youth, Safety, Community Service and Citizenship Education (Americanism) and reports need to be into the State Chairman Cody Mangold, 1101 Main Street, Tyndall, SD 57066 by March 20, 2018. The deadline date to get the information to National is April 1, 2018.

15. Memorial Day: The observance of Memorial Day is the obligation of every Post. According to Section 223-Commemorative Dates. Each Post shall properly observe commemorative dates, as prescribed in the Ritual and Manual of Procedure. Please plan a suitable observance in your Community. Place American Flags at the gravesites of departed comrades of your Post and Veterans of your Community. Remember to report details of

these events in your Community Service Report. Memorial Day report form may be downloaded from the Department web site - sdvfw.org.

16. **Peace Officer Memorial Day:** The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast until noon on May 15, 2018. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

17. **Spring District Meetings:** See separate sheet on meeting places, dates and times.

OFFICIAL:

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

BY ORDER OF:

Rick Williamson
Rick Williamson, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

**March 2018 General Orders
Commander Rick Williamson**

Spring is just around the corner, and not coming soon enough for some of our members. I would be fine with a few more ice fishing trips, but I will be a team player and root for spring because I am sick of moving snow these last few weeks. March is MEMBERSHIP MONTH, we need your help. We are doing great but we need to get over the hill. Now is the time to get into your relief fund and pay up those members who are ill, in a nursing home, or may have just fallen on difficult times. "Nobody does More for Veterans", let's prove it by taking care of our very own when we can. By now almost every continuous member had received a 90-day notice, I think it would be appropriate to ask them to pay 90 days before so that we can tell exactly where we are at for this year. Then we will know how much work we have to do to achieve that 100% goal that I have. We did it last year, we can do it again. We need to work together and get it done. Please don't hold on to new members for next year, you're not doing them or yourself any good, make them a member now. Again, please help Sean, DD, and myself and get every member you can on the rolls ASAP.

I am pleased to say that at this time our efforts for an East River Veterans Cemetery are on the right track, as of Feb 26th, the bill has been approved out of committee, and is on the way to the Senate floor. We feel we have the votes in both the senate and house to move forward. The only obstacle we see could be if the Governor would veto this legislation. However, we still belief we have the support of the legislation to override and get this long overdue cemetery completed. This effort would not be possible if it were not for the South Dakota Veterans Council choosing to unite as one voice for all veterans throughout the state. By doing so we achieved so much more political say so by having larger numbers. We are not done with this by any means. However, we are so much closer than we have ever been. I want to thank everyone for your calls to your legislators to voice your support, we would have never gotten this far without it.

March 5-8 I will be in Washington, DC for our National Legislative Conference. I look forward to representing the Department and letting our State Leaders in DC know where we stand back here in South Dakota. As much fun as I find in representing you to your legislators, I am sure the highlight of this trip will be when President Carrie and I get the honor of escorting Ms. Olivia Heinecke during the VOD March of Champions. I wish her the best in the National contest, and I have no doubt she will represent South Dakota well.

Have a great month, enjoy the nice weather and get out and get a new member for our VFW.

Rick Williamson
Commander
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“The Future is Now”
“Dig In”
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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
State Sr. Vice Commander Danny Frisby-Griffin General Orders 03/18**

Greeting Comrades,

It's hard to believe that Spring is right around the corner and we'll be getting ready for Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, State Convention, July 4th, VFW Baseball Tournaments, National Convention, Sturgis Bike Rally Recruiting Support and the start of a new school year. Before we know it, it'll be 2020. YIKES!

Please, continue to send me your Memorial and Veterans Day program reports.

As of **February 25, 2018**, I've received 27 Memorial Day reports (Brandon*, Canton, Elk Point*, Sioux Falls*, Vermillion*, Brookings*, Madison*, Milbank*, Sisseton*, Aberdeen*, Gettysburg*, Pierre*, Turton*, Armour*, Burke*, Lake Andes*, Marty*, Mitchell*, Parkston*, Scotland*, Wagner*, Winner*, Custer*, Deadwood*, Newell*, Quinn* and Rapid City*).

As of **February 25, 2018**, I've received only 28 Veterans Day reports (Brandon*, Canton, Elk Point*, Sioux Falls*, Vermillion*, Brookings*, Madison*, Milbank*, Sisseton*, Webster, Aberdeen*, Gettysburg*, Pierre*, Turton*, Armour*, Burke*, Chamberlain, Lake Andes*, Mitchell*, Marty*, Parkston*, Wagner*, Winner*, Custer*, Deadwood*, Newell, Quinn and Rapid City*).

A * signifies the posts that met the **December 31, 2017** early reporting requirement.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to hearing from you.

State SR Vice Commander, Danny “Wham-O” Frisby-Griffin

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**General Orders March 2018
Sean Johnson
VFW Junior Vice Commander**

Hello Comrades:

Welcome to March, I was welcomed with snow in Aberdeen the first real good snow this year we shall happily take it. All is full steam ahead on membership we have posts turning in new, reinstates, and continuous, members every day. We now have:

8 – Quota Busters

11 – 100%
11 – 97
5 – 96
15 – 90 – 9
3 - < 90

We obviously still have some work to do. Let's get it done because the buck stops with me as far as membership goes. I want to also thank you for the good job you all have done. I do know it takes effort and time. Trust me when I say it's worth it. Remember, also if a member is in a nursing home, is older or has low income and can't pay you can use your relief fund to pay their dues. I want to take this time to remind you also to look through your reports to make sure you have turned everything in. I know it is a pain but do it now and again in April and rest assured it will be a great accomplishment for judging in May for white hats for the state. Commanders check your officers and make sure they are turning in their reports. I want to encourage you strongly to get your membership to 97% or higher. District Commanders I hope you can work with them to get this accomplished. I will see you at convention but you will hear from me before then.

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**Cody Mangold
Judge Advocate
April 2018**

Comrades,

Well same old thing, please keep sending in your reports, so far, I have a little less than 20 reports in for this Quarter. Remember I am always accepting reports for all quarters. I know unfortunately that darn influenza A and B along with pneumonia has been hitting our elderly members pretty hard, so please make sure you are remembering them and paying them your due respects. I know my post lost 3 life members within a week and a half. On a Different note I would like to announce my intent to run for Junior Vice this ensuring year, and ask for your support. I also ask for your support to Senate Bill 91 which is for the East Side Veterans cemetery and talk to your local legislators for support. This is our year to get this through and accomplished. Thank you for entrusting me in the position of Judge Advocate this last year and I hope to be able to continue to represent you all well in the future.

Yours in Comradeship,
Cody Mangold Judge Advocate

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**Barbara K. McKean
State Surgeon
March General Orders**

Your 3rd quarter reports were due on Feb 10 (approximately 10 days after end of Quarter). For the 3rd quarter, as of 2/26/18, I have received 22 hospital reports. District Commanders, give me a call if you want to see any of the reports your posts turned in. Let's work together to bring up our state quarterly percentage rates!

2nd qtr. Hospital reports rcvd (The * indicate the submission of the safety report also rcvd):
District 1: Brandon, Elk Point, Sioux Falls, Vermillion* and Yankton

District 4: Brookings, Madison*, Milbank, Watertown* and Webster
District 6: Aberdeen*, Huron*, Pierre
District 7: Armour*, Burke*, Lake Andes, Marty, Mitchell*, Parkston*and Wagner
District 10: Deadwood and Newell

You can access to the Overseas Veteran www.sdvfw.org/Uploads/documents/27/201707OSV.pdf . All reports are available on the state website at www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-forms . In addition, the VFW Convention/councils forms are available under VFW Convention at same website. The 2018 SD Annual Convention and Registration Information link is now live. Dates are June 14-16 at Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls.

I look forward working with you. Please reach out and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist.

v/r, Barb

Barbara McKean

State Surgeon

504 S Wallace St, Parkston, SD 57366

C: 605-630-0771; Email: mckean4@live.com

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General Orders

NOTICE: In interest of cutting costs we are asking everyone on the General Order mailing list if they could get along with going to the web site and print your own copy, or we could email one. Please E-mail me with your thoughts as we would like to implement the cost savings as soon as possible. –
Thanks, Crystal

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District Spring Meetings 2018

- #1 Not set up at this time
- #4 Sunday April 22nd 2pm @Watertown #750
- #6 Not set up at this time
- #7 Sunday April 22nd 2pm @Burke #9950
- #10 Sunday April 15th 10am @Sturgis #2730

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention
Thursday, June 14 thru Saturday, June 16, 2018
Ramkota Hotel 3200 W Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

10:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
10:00am-11:00am	Council of Administration Meeting	Amp Theater 2
11:00am-12:00pm	Post/District Quartermaster Meeting	Amp Theater 2
12:00pm-1:00pm	Luncheon on your own	
12:00pm-1:00pm	District Commanders (old/new) dinner	Maple Room Café Room
1:30pm-3:30pm	Committee Meetings	Amp Theater 2 & Conf Room 1
4:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner on your Own	
6:30pm-7:00pm	Award Presenters Meeting	Conference Room 1
7:00pm-9:00pm	Joint VFW/Aux Awards Presentations	Roosevelt Room/Lincoln Room

Friday, June 15, 2018

7:00am-8:00am	Past Dept. Chief of Staff Breakfast	Maple Street Café
8:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
8:00am-10:00am	Opening VFW Business Meeting	Amp Theater 2
11:00am-12:00am	Joint Memorial Service	Veterans Memorial Park
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch on your own	
12:00pm-1:30pm	Past Dept. Commander Luncheon	Maple Street Café Room
2:00pm-4:00pm	Joint Opening Session	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner on your Own	
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hospitality Night (VFW 628)	VFW Post 628
8:00pm-	Entertainment	VFW post 628

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
8:00am-12:00pm	VFW Business Meeting	Amp Theater 2
10:00am-10:15am	Coffee Break	East Lobby
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	On your own
1:00pm-2:00pm	VFW Business Meeting	Amp Theater 2
2:15pm-3:30pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Jefferson Room
3:45pm-4:00pm	Close Convention	Amp Theater 2
4:00pm-4:30pm	Council of Administration Meeting (new)	Amp Theater 2
4:30pm-5:00pm	Mandatory District Commanders Meeting	Amp Theater 2
5:30pm-6:30pm	Social Hours (cash bar)	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms
6:30pm-9:00pm	Convention Banquet	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms

Sunday, June 17, 2018 (if required)

8:30am-9:30am	Council of Administration Meeting (new)	Amp Theater 2
9:30am-10:30am	Mandatory District Commanders Meeting	Amp Theater 2

**Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Convention
Thursday, June 14 thru Saturday, June 16, 2018
Ramkota Hotel 3200 W Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

10:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
10:00am-11:00am	Council of Administration Meeting	Jefferson Room
11:00am-12:00pm	Recruiter Trainer Seminar	Jefferson Room
12:00pm-1:30pm	Officers and Chairman's Luncheon	Lincoln Room
12:00pm-1:30pm	Luncheon on your own	
1:30pm-2:30pm	Officer March Practice, Ritual Practice. Flag & Banner Practice	Jefferson/Lincoln Room
3:00pm-4:30pm	Opening Auxiliary Business Meeting	Jefferson Room
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner on your Own	
4:30pm-6:00pm	Past Department President's Dinner	Maple Room Café Room
6:30pm-7:00pm	Award Presenters Meeting	Conference Room 1
7:00pm-9:00pm	Joint VFW/Aux Awards Presentations	Roosevelt /Lincoln Room

Friday, June 15, 2018

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
8:00am-10:00am	Auxiliary Business Meeting	Jefferson Room
11:00am-12:00pm	Joint Memorial Service	Veterans Memorial Park
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch on your own	
12:00pm-1:30pm	Gold Star Mother/Recognition Luncheon	Lincoln Room
2:00pm-4:00pm	Joint Opening Session	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms
4:30pm-6:00pm	Dinner on your Own	
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hospitality Night (VFW 628)	VFW Post 628
8:00pm-	Entertainment	VFW post 628

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:00am-4:00pm	Registration	Convention Hall Lobby
8:00am-12:00pm	Aux Business Meeting	Jefferson Room
9:45am-10:00am	Coffee Break	East Lobby
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Aux Business Meeting	Jefferson Room
2:15pm-3:30pm	Joint Installation of Officers	Jefferson Room
3:45pm-5:00pm	Council of Administration Meeting (new)	Jefferson Room
5:30pm-6:30pm	Social Hours (cash bar)	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms
6:30pm-9:00pm	Convention Banquet	Roosevelt/Lincoln Rooms

Sunday, June 17, 2018

8:30am-?	Council of Administration Meeting (new) (If needed)	Jefferson Room
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**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY
STATE CONVENTION**

CONVENTION HOTEL

Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel
3200 W. Maple Street
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57107

Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel
Direct at **605-336-0650**.
When making your reservations, please indicate
you are with the VFW.

Check-in time is after 4:00pm and n
Check-out time is 11:00am.

Cost for is \$125 per night plus 9.5% sales tax
and \$2 City Occupancy Tax
Cancellations may be made until
4pm one day prior to check-in.

Cutoff date for reservations is **May 15, 2018.**

Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Convention Registration June 14 –16, 2018

Registration for Convention will be **\$75** per member prior to May 11, 2018. **\$85** after May 11, 2018.

Individual Banquet tickets will be sold to non-members for **\$40** this will include a name badge for the Hospitality Night. You can purchase these tickets in advance, please inform us on your registration form.

Name badges will be required for entrance into the Hospitality Night Event. **Cut off time for additional Banquet Tickets will be 4:00 PM Friday June 15, 2018.**

Those who have registered by **May 11, 2018** will have their names enter into **“early bird drawing”**. Two drawings will be made at the convention for **\$75** cash. So be a winner and send your registration in by **May 11, 2018**.

Name:

(First Name)

(Middle Initial)

(Last Name)

Address:

City:

State

Zip Code

Membership:

Auxiliary Member:

Post Member:

Post or Auxiliary:

(Location of Post or Auxiliary)

(Post or Auxiliary Number)

**Do you hold an elected office at the Post, Auxiliary, District, or Department Level?
Please list the title you want on your registration tag.**

Registration for Auxiliary Officers and Members Luncheon will \$25 per member. Please submit before May 11, 2018.

Name:

(First Name)

(Middle Initial)

(Last Name)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Registration for Auxiliary Gold Star Family Luncheon will be \$25 per member. Please submit before May 11, 2018.

Name:

(First Name)

(Middle Initial)

(Last Name)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Make checks payable to: **VFW Post 628 Convention Fund**

Send to:

VFW Convention 2018
Post 628 VFW
3601 South Minnesota Ave.
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

Convention Registration Auxiliary Officers/Members Luncheon Gold Star Family Luncheon Total
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Please fill out a registration form for each member and additional Banquet Tickets

Convention Ads
for
Department of South Dakota Convention
Veterans of Foreign Wars
June 14-16, 2018
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

	Black/White	Color
Full Page	\$150	\$200
Half Page	\$75	\$100
Quarter Page	\$50	\$75
Business Card	\$35	\$40
Signature Ads	\$5	----
Inside Front/Back Pages	\$200	\$250

All ads must be submitted by **May 4, 2018**.

All ads shall be in electronic form (jpeg), send electronic file to jmbliss628@aol.com and payment to the following address:

VFW Post 628 Convention Fund
3601 S. Minnesota Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

Order Date:

VFW or Aux. Representative:

Contact:

Business Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

**DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY**

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY NIGHT

Friday June 15, 2018
6:30pm to 8:30pm Food and Open Bar
Entertainment 8:00pm to 12pm

VFW Post 628
3601 S Minnesota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Convention Badges Required

Cost \$100.00 per candidate includes food

Make checks payable to: VFW Post 628 Convention Fund
Send to 3601 S. Minnesota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Candidate Name:

For the Office of:

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

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