

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota
General Orders and Bulletin
#7 – March 2017



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

General Orders Number 7 –March 2017

Must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference

I was hoping to have the entire General Orders for March emailed and mailed by today, but dealing with “crud” and doctor appointments since the Legislative Conference rearranged the schedule of many things in our household. Thus, I am emailing this brief President’s General Orders today, and the complete General Orders will be emailed and mailed upon my return from the Auxiliary Mid-winter Conference, VFW Legislative Conference and VOD Parade of Winners in DC, and hospital visits in Sioux Falls and Yankton.

March 6 – Hospital Visit at Royal C Johnson, Sioux Falls, 1:00 pm;

March 7 – Visit SD Human Services Center, Yankton, 1:00 pm;

March 31 – Patriotic Art Contest entries due to local Posts

April – Auxiliary Election of Officers

 Delegate Fees due to Department Treasurer

 District Meetings

April 15 – Chairman reports due to Department Chairman

 30 – Audit Reports due

MEMBERSHIP – We are presently at 94.30%, which is good, but means we still have a ways to go. **NOW IS THE TIME** to be making phone calls and personal visits to get those unpaid annual dues paid ASAP, and every day is a Recruiting Day for new members. If you need assistance, give me a call.

I have not yet heard of anyone planning to run for Department Guard. If you are planning to run, please let me know, and/or make contact with someone else who may just need a little bit of a nudge. Yes, it is a big commitment, but the Department needs YOU and the rewards far outweigh any doubts or fears of taking on the job. The sooner we have a candidate or candidates, the better.

With election of officers coming in April on both the local and district levels, there are even more opportunities to serve our veterans and families, which of course is our purpose. Getting more involved is the best way to learn more about the organization and to further your own ideas and goals.

Year-end reports are due to Department Chairman before April 15th. The report forms have previously been in the General Orders and the General Orders are the SDVFW.org website for your convenience. Start working on them now, so that you don’t miss anything that you have done. Don’t forget to report your Community Service hours to your VFW Community Service Chairman.

Thanks for all you do and for your understanding as we all recover from the winter illnesses and hectic schedules.

By Order Of:
Karen Sharp
SD VFW Auxiliary President

Attest:
Nancy Chester
SD VFW Auxiliary Secretary



KAREN'S FLUTTERS

March 2017

Here we are in March, State Basketball Tournaments, snow, wind, cool temperatures, and only three (3) months away from the end of our Auxiliary year. Membership as of March 10 is 94.64%. That's good, but we are still 326 members away from 100% Plus -- **\$1,000 to Department**. There have only been four (4) members recorded at National in the last two weeks. We need to do more. Now is the time to be making personal phone calls and knocking on doors. If someone hasn't paid their dues, has anyone talked with them as to why? Remember that the Auxiliary can pay members' dues from the Relief Fund for those that may need some assistance. It's not too late in the year to sign up new members. If you don't sign them up NOW, chances are you never will. Most Auxiliaries are less than a handful of members away from being 100% Plus. We just need to keep pushing forward toward our goal. **Membership is Everyone's Responsibility; and the More Members, the More We Can Do.**

I am pleased to report that during the SD Legislative Conference we raised over \$2,000 for the Auxiliary Department, to-wit: \$200 from Baked Potato Bar to go towards President's Project; \$405 from Super Bowl Boards to go to General Fund; and \$1,629 from the Silent Auction – one-half going to the SD VFW Pheasant Hunt, and the second-half went for the purchase of two coffee makers, 20 lbs. of coffee and postage to send to Kuwait soldiers, and the remaining amount to the Americanism fund for Patriots' Pen, Patriotic Art Contest, and Promotion and Postage. What an achievement!!!

We had a good time and worked hard while attending the Auxiliary Mid-winter Conference on the Caribbean Cruise, and the VFW Legislative Conference in DC. The proposed Bylaw changes will be in the next edition of the Auxiliary magazine. Please review and discuss them with your Auxiliary, and let your Delegates know how you wish them to vote.

While in Washington, DC, it was an honor and privilege for Commander Dennis and I to escort South Dakota's Voice of Democracy winner, Max Hawkins, in the Parade of Winners. Max placed 15th and received a \$2,000 scholarship. Our Patriots' Pen winner, Avery Blackman, placed 25th and received a \$500 scholarship.

In this General Orders, you will not only find the Program Bulletins, but also most all of the forms you will need to complete your year. Most of these forms have previously been distributed and they are also available on the VFW website: sdvfw.org. Please be timely with ALL the necessary reports. Don't forget to blow your own horn. Remember, this means recognition for individuals and auxiliaries and monetary rewards. You will also find State Convention registration forms, etc. Again, timeliness will be appreciated.

As requested, there is now a You Tube link to the song "A Soldier's Choice" written, arranged and sung by Pierre's St. Joseph School 5th Grade Choir under the direction of Mrs. Emily Asher, SD's Elementary Teacher of the Year, on the VFW Auxiliary Facebook page (VFW Auxiliary – Department of South Dakota), and it is also on the South Dakota VFW website (sdvfw.org).

Karen

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
Council of Administration Minutes
January 29, 2017 Pierre, South Dakota

President Karen Sharp called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Secretary Nancy Chester took Roll Call of Officers. All Council members were present except Past Department Presidents on Council Neta Peterka and Vicki Williams.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted according to ritual. Opening Prayer by Chaplain Sandi Moss and Pledge of Allegiance by Pam Vissia.

President Sharp had National Representative, National Chaplain Peggy Haake escorted into the meeting. Soloist, Dorinda Timmons accompanied by Musician, Norma Hanson sang a song to her. She also introduced National District Council Member #23 Vicki Rosse and National Certified Recruiter Trainer for South Dakota Nancy Worth.

Reading of minutes of the previous meeting: District #10 President Nancy Worth motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting since they were in General Orders. Chaplain Moss 2nd. Motion Carried. Communications were read: a Thank You from National District Council Member #23 Vicki Rosse and a donation of \$20.00 to the Capital Christmas Tree Fund with a note from Hobalt Cole, a WWII veteran with Life Memberships in the VFW, DAV, and American Legion.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carol Gross gave Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Budget Chairman's Report: Mildred Ratigan with Marilyn Jensen giving the budget report.

Audit Report: Junior Vice President Mary Kirkvold gave Audit Report. Junior Vice President Kirkvold motioned to accept the Audit Report, District President #4 Sharon Wellnitz 2nd. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business: Reports of Committees, standing and special:
Veterans & Family Support – Patti Mitchell reported on attending National Guard Units deploying events, she could use some help with putting tags on little soldiers and crocheting yellow flowers; the proceeds from the Day County Coyote Hunt will be divided between deploying units.
Americanism – Pam Vissia reported she attended the round table discussion in Pierre, shopped for 200+ pairs of socks and throws for the Veterans Homes, and participated in local community programs.

Extension/Chief of Staff – Jan Endes sent letters to the 17 bachelor Posts encouraging them to institute an Auxiliary. She encouraged Auxiliaries to use the National Auxiliary resource materials in the Healthy Auxiliary Tool Kit, the Mentoring Guide, the Ambassadors bulletins and blog posts and the Good Job Award.

Hospital – Leanne Payne went over the goals for this year of: Volunteer Service in Medical Facilities, Volunteer Recruitment & Recognition, Veterans Voices Writing Project (VWVP), Military Suicide Awareness, and Mental Health professionals brought in to educate on the invisible scars related to military service. Plus the new one of Mental Health Awareness.

This is not about raising money, but education on the different types of internal emotional turmoil our veterans experience due to their military service.

Legislative – Sandi Moss reiterated the importance of keeping informed on bills that affect veterans and veteran’s families. Read to be knowledgeable on upcoming State and National legislative voting.

Membership – Mary Kirkvold said the Department of South Dakota is at 93.31%. Congratulations to Auxiliaries at 100%. We were 1st in Big Ten, but now 9th place. Don’t give up! A suggestion to get people interested is to do what Sioux Falls 628 and Auxiliary is doing of hosting a family night once a month. They have hot dogs, treats and games for the children.

Scholarships – Donita Mullinix reported on the available Continuing Education Scholarships of \$300 from SD Department and \$1000 from an applicant in each of the four conferences.

State Fair – Patti Mitchell remarked Pam Vissia needed pictures for the DVD to be played of Post and Auxiliary projects as soon as possible.

Christmas Tree – Deb Fahey reported this year’s theme of “A Monumental Christmas” had 1,223 photos of veterans on “dog tags”. The ornaments will be displayed at Department Convention and then available to return home.

Reports of Line Officers: President Sharp commented on the Mid-winter Conference. Senior Vice President Carrie Alm reported \$261.00 was taken in from the potato bar luncheon. \$61.00 was paid for the meal products brought by Zoe Yellin and the potatoes were donated by President Sharp. The profit of \$200.00 was given to Treasurer Gross to put towards the President’s project.

Junior Vice President Mark Kirkvold asked that anyone wanting to become a District President be willing to be trained and willing to train others.

Chaplain Sandi Moss reported attending events.

Conductress Donita Mullinix attended National Presidents visit, the Freedom Event, Fall Council and Big 10 and worked at the State Fair.

Guard Wanda Mix attended Big 10, District #10 Fall Meeting, the Freedom Event, Wreaths Across America and Fall Council.

Standing Rules – Sharon Mitchell These changes will be effective immediately after the 2016-2017 Department Convention and for the 1st C of A for the year 2017-2018.

The first three proceedings are clean up items. Section II. MILEAGE AND EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICER

1st Subsection: A. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT 2nd subsection: 1. Mileage to attend: move 3rd subsection: a. One (1) day at the Fair TO Section VI. 1st subsection E. State Fair and re- subsection the rest of the 3rd subsections.

In same Section under the: 3rd subsection (after new subsectioning): c. Fall and one other Council of Administration (C of A) Meeting - reworded to: Fall and Legislative/Midwinter C of A Section II; 1st subsection B. MILEAGE ALL OTHERS (General Fund); 2ND subsection 1. Change Chairman to Chairmen

Section II. 1st subsection C. HOTEL ALLOWANCES (General Fund). Add a 2nd subsection number 4. Receipts for all hotel rooms must be submitted. Reimbursement is not to exceed \$70 per night. Senior Vice President Alm motioned. Chaplain Moss 2nd. Motion Carried.

Clean up item - Section III. TRAVEL (General Fund) When mileage or airfare is utilized, the least amount will be paid. – reworded to: When Mileage and/or airfare is utilized, the least amount will be paid.

Clean up item - Section VI. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES (General Fund) MOVE 1st subsection D. to be included in section description. VI. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES (General Fund) All expenses incurred, not covered by the Budget, shall be submitted to the Budget Committee for approval and voted on by the Council of Administration. Re- subsection the rest of 1st subsections.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection D. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 3. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each – Voice of Democracy – remaining four (4) District winners;. Chaplain Moss motioned to change to: Fifty Dollars (\$50) each – Voice of Democracy – remaining two (2) District winners;. District #8 President Connie Heggstad 2nd. Motion Carried.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection D. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 4.; 4th subsection a. Americanism taken from the Americanism Fund. Chaplain Moss motioned to remove “taken from the Americanism Fund”. Guard Wanda Mix 2nd. Motion Carried.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection E. (after new subsectioning): The last sentence: Department will pay for one (1) golf cart not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) yearly if VFW does not pay. Senior Vice President Alm motioned to delete “if VFW does not pay” from the sentence. District #10 President Nancy Worth 2nd. Motion Carried.

Motion made by District #8 President Heggstad to and add to this: Department will pay one (1) round trip mileage for an assistant chairman and week gate pass, with funds from the State Fair Fund. Department will pay one (1) round trip mileage for Department President and for one (1) day gate pass. District #4 President Wellnitz 2nd. Motion Carried.

Clean up item - In same subsection under 2nd subsection H. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 2.; 4th subsection b. correct spelling of PDC Daryl and Loretta Hailing to Halling.

Clean up item - In same subsection under 2nd subsection H. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 2.; 4th subsection d. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) – Fourth (4th) through Seventh 7th change Seventh 7th to Fifth 5th.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection I. (adding this new subsectioning): District #2 President Lois Ladegaard motion to add: Program Chairmen (General Fund) Each Program Chairmen shall be allowed up to Seventy Dollars (\$70) for supplies for their program. Chaplain Moss 2nd. Motion Carried.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection J. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 3. Chaplain Moss motioned to replace “remembrance, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15).” And read: The Department Chaplain is responsible to send a card in case of hospitalization of the VFW Department Commander, Auxiliary Department Officer, Program Chairman, VAVS representatives and deputy representatives, or Past Department Presidents. Guard Mix 2nd. Motion Carried.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection J. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 4. Senior Vice President Alm motioned to delete 4. Greetings to other Patriotic Organizations shall not exceed Ten Dollars (\$10) per organization. Guard Mix 2nd. Motion Carried. Re- subsection the rest of 3rd subsections.

Clean up item - In same subsection under 2nd subsection J. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 5. Reword last three (3) words of the number of District Presidents and add how distributed: The Department shall purchase a combined Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual each year National Headquarters publishes revisions to be presented to the incoming Department President, Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Conductress, Guard, Chief-of-Staff, Musician and all five (5) District Presidents to be distributed as conveniently as possible.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection J. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 9 to be added. District #4 President Wellnitz motioned to add: National Representative – The Department will pay the registration fee for Fall C of A and Legislative/Mid-winter C of A. District #10 President Worth 2nd. Motion Carried.

Clean up item - In same subsection under 2nd subsection K. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection numbers 3 and 4 to be switched so 3 is referencing Department Secretary and 4 references the Department Assistant Secretary.

In same subsection under 2nd subsection K. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection add 5. Chaplain Moss motioned to add number 5 to read: Stipend – Assistant Treasurer – Ten Dollars (\$10) for services rendered at the Department Convention. District #10 President Worth 2nd. Motion Carried. Re- subsection the rest of 3rd subsections.

Clean up item - In same subsection under 2nd subsection K. (after new subsectioning): 3rd subsection 9. Change purchase to provide and replace “to identify them throughout the convention” to “for Banquet”. New wording will read: Department Convention Committee to provide corsages and boutonnieres for the Department Auxiliary President, Commander, and National Representatives for Banquet.

Clean up item – Section VII under 2nd subsection B. Delete “Beginning with the 2015-16 year” and change last sentence to read: One (1) printed copy will be mailed to each Auxiliary President for distribution within the Auxiliary and only by request beginning with the 2015-2016 year.

Clean up item – Section VIII under 2nd subsection C. correct spelling of “Cemetery” and “Chairmen”.

Clean up item – Section X. HOSPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES (\$1.25 per member donation) – changed obligation to donation.

In same Section under 2nd subsection E. 3rd subsection 5. District #10 President Worth motioned to change amount for Yankton Human Services Center from Ninety-three and 75/100 Dollars (\$93.75) to One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130). 2nd District #7 President Leanne Payne. Motion Carried.

Clean up item - In same Section under 2nd subsection F. (after correcting 2nd subsections); 3rd subsection 3. Change vouchers to voucher.

Clean up item – Section XI. 1st subsection C. Change number of Districts to Five (5).

District #6 President Sheryl Ruckman motioned to have the \$682.69 check from Mobridge go to Hot Springs State Veterans Home to be used anyway they want. 2nd District #1 President Cindy Williamson. Motion Carried.

District #10 President Worth motioned to give half of the Silent Auction proceeds to the VFW Pheasant Hunt. 2nd District #8 President Heggstad. Motion Carried.

Sr. Vice President Alm motioned to divide the 2nd half of the Silent Auction proceeds as purchasing 2 12 cup coffee makers; 20 lbs of coffee and postage to send to Kuwait soldiers and the remaining amount to be placed in the Americanism Fund. 2nd District #4 President Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

District #1 President Williamson motioned to purchase a laptop for the Treasurer not to exceed Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800). 2nd District #4 President Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

President Sharp announced there will be VFW National Home for Children Trustee Election in 2017 for District 9. She also announced the Redistricting from Seven (7) Districts down to Five (5). Dissolving will be Districts 2 and 8. Next year's Department Commander and President's project will be to purchase an 80 foot flag pole at the Hot Springs VA Home.

Convention Report Penny Galinat announced the Department Convention will be from June 22 – 25, 2017 at the Ramkota in Pierre. Watch GO's and website for Registration forms.

National Chaplain, Peggy Haake remarks: Go to the National website for information and use the online academy. Department Officers and chairmen can learn the duties of your office. She hopes everyone will mentor new members and recruit to keep our organization strong. President Sharp presented her with a Black Hills Gold necklace.

National District Council Member #23 Vicki Rosse remarked the next National C of A will be the Midwinter cruise. The next District Council Member #23 will be from Michigan.

Declarations of Intent to Run for Office: President Carrie Alm; Sr. Vice Mary Kirkvold; Jr Vice Sandi Moss; Treasurer Carol Gross and Pam Vissia; Chaplain Donita Mullinix; Conductress Wanda Mix. No declaration for Guard was announced.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order: Sr. Vice Alm announced the Super Bowl Board proceeds after payouts will go the Americanism Fund.

President Sharp thanked everyone for all their hard work. Keep working on membership; get your convention registration in early; convention signature ads are being done and the silent auction is open.

Closing Ceremonies: Were conducted according to ritual and closed at 4:30 PM. The next meeting will be the Department Convention in Pierre on June 22, 2017.

Loyally Submitted,
Nancy Chester, Department Secretary

**VFW AUX DEPT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BUDGET REPORT
7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017**

2016-2017 BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Mildred Ratigan, Chairman

Carrie Alm, Mary Kirkvold, Sandi Moss

12/31/2016

Marilyn Jenson

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Department dues transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$5,369.50	\$4,100.63	\$1,268.87
Department dues (less 50% for dues reserve)	\$5,369.50	\$4,100.62	\$1,268.88
Life member dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$3,900.00	\$60.02	\$3,839.98
Life member dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)	\$3,900.00	\$60.03	\$3,839.97
Discount	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Awards	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Ways and Means	\$6,430.00	\$6,165.00	\$265.00
Transfer funds from previous years credit	\$3,426.28	\$0.00	\$3,426.28
Interest (checking)	\$30.00	\$16.63	\$13.37
Misc. Income	\$9,258.15	\$4,319.24	\$4,938.91
Interest (Short term CD's)	<u>\$1,233.97</u>	\$0.00	<u>\$1,233.97</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$40,067.40</u>	<u>\$19,322.17</u>	<u>\$20,745.23</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT</u>			
Allotment	\$599.95	\$300.00	\$299.95
Travel & Motel	2,600.00	\$1,008.79	\$1,591.21
Telephone	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Postage	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Hospital Mileage/Motel	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$3,839.95</u>	<u>\$1,308.79</u>	<u>\$2,531.16</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT SECRETARY</u>			
Allotment	\$599.95	\$300.00	\$299.95
Dues Mailing	\$900.00	\$481.07	\$418.93
Postage & Printing GO's	\$812.00	\$405.06	\$406.94
Supplies	\$750.00	\$312.20	\$437.80
Printing Official Information	\$976.00	\$0.00	\$976.00
Telephone	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$4,062.95</u>	<u>\$1,498.33</u>	<u>\$2,564.62</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT TREASURER</u>			
Allotment	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Telephone	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Internet Connection	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Supplies	\$850.00	\$384.62	\$465.38
Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Postage	\$250.00	\$98.44	\$151.56
Income Tax Service	\$450.50	\$372.75	\$77.75
Insurance	\$129.00	\$0.00	\$129.00
Bond	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$610.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$4,604.50</u>	<u>\$2,365.81</u>	<u>\$2,238.69</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>CHIEF OF STAFF</u>			
Travel	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
Postage & Telephone	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$81.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$81.00</u>
<u>NATIONAL CONVENTION</u>			
	<u>Charlotte</u>		
President Air Fare	\$550.00	\$459.30	\$90.70
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President Air Fare	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Immediate Past President Air Fair	\$550.00	\$460.00	\$90.00
Ground Travel	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Expenses for the three	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel	\$500.00	\$432.20	\$67.80
National President's Love Token	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,830.00</u>	<u>\$2,546.50</u>	<u>\$283.50</u>
<u>BIG 10 CONFERENCE</u>			
	<u>Kalamazoo</u>		
Dues	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
President's Air Fare	\$470.00	\$296.55	\$173.45
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$470.00
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr Vice President's Air Fare	\$470.00	\$453.30	\$16.70
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses for five (\$200 each)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$120.99</u>	<u>\$129.01</u>
Total	<u>\$2,835.00</u>	<u>\$2,020.84</u>	<u>\$814.16</u>
<u>MIDWINTER CONFERENCE</u>			
	<u>Carribbean Cruise</u>		
President's Air Fare	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$575.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Expenses for two (\$200 each)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Hotel for President	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION- VOD</u>			
President Expenses	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
<u>CHAIRMEN EXPENSES</u>			
Membership Awards	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Program Awards	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Chairman Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Gifts, Memorials, & Flowers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contingency Fund - for President	\$1,000.00	\$227.14	\$772.86
Contingency Fund - for Vice President	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Contingency Fund - for Secretary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Contingency Fund - for Treasurer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00

Overseas Veteran		<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,325.00</u>	<u>\$1,227.14</u>	<u>\$4,097.86</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Council & convention & Legislative Mileage		\$10,500.00	\$1,879.46	\$8,620.54
President's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Secretary's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Treasurer's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Four All-State President's Awards		\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
National President's Visit		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Past President's Jewel		\$49.00	\$0.00	\$49.00
Department Storage		\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Website Expense		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
VOD Awards		\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Trainer/Recruiter		\$300.00	\$60.93	\$239.07
Contingency Fund		<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$13,489.00</u>	<u>\$2,140.39</u>	<u>\$11,348.61</u>

<u>STATE CONVENTION</u>				
President's Hotel		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Secretary's Hotel		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Treasurer's Hotel		<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>\$40,067.40</u>	<u>\$13,107.80</u>	<u>\$26,959.60</u>
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUDGET</u>				
		<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>INCOME</u>				
Delegate Fees		<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>\$771.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>\$771.00</u>

<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
			<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Registration National Rep		\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Registration Department President		\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
National Representative		\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Department President		\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Gold Star Mothers		\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Assistant Secretary		\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Secretary Convention Minutes		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Musician-Asst Musician Token		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Soloist & Asst - love token		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Memorial Flowers		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Gift - National Representative		\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Gift - Pres., Sec., Treas.		\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Misc (Bylaws, Rituals, Etc)		\$175.00	\$199.75	(\$24.75)
Convention Booklets		<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>

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Total Expenses \$777.00 \$249.75 \$527.25

RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

HOSPITAL BUDGET

INCOME

	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>Donations from Auxiliaries</u>	<u>\$12,190.00</u>	<u>\$11,230.75</u>		<u>\$959.25</u>

EXPENSES:

		<u>USED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
Monthly Allowances (6 Hospitals X 12 mos)	\$8,775.00	\$2,490.06		\$6,284.94
Stipends	\$915.00	\$0.00		\$915.00
VAVS Reps & Chairman's Travel Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00
Other Miscellaneous for the Hospitals	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,975.00</u>		<u>\$25.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$12,190.00</u>	<u>\$4,465.06</u>		<u>\$7,724.94</u>

AMERICANISM

		<u>RECEIVED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$675.00</u>	<u>\$385.40</u>		<u>\$289.60</u>

Expenses:

		<u>USED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
Youth Essay (Patriots Pen)	\$400.00	\$0.00		\$400.00
Patriotic Art Contest	\$175.00	\$0.00		\$175.00
Promotion and Postage	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$675.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$675.00</u>

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

INCOME

		<u>RECEIVED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
Donations from Auxiliaries	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$295.40</u>		<u>\$54.60</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$295.40</u>		<u>\$54.60</u>

EXPENSES

		<u>USED</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
Scholarship Awards	<u>\$350.00</u>	\$0.00		<u>\$350.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$350.00</u>

Mildred Ratigan, Chairman

Carrie Alm, Member

Mary Kirkvold, Member

Sandi Moss, Member

Marilyn Jenson, Member

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

31-Dec-16

FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DIS-BURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED FUND	ENDING BALANCE
2017 DUES		\$4,100.62			\$4,100.62
LIFE MEMBER DUES RESERVE	\$3,875.90	\$60.02			\$3,935.92
DUES RESERVE (2016/2017)	\$3,950.00	\$4,100.63			\$8,050.63
LIFE MEMBERSHIP		\$35,215.00	\$35,215.00		\$0.00
GENERAL FUND	\$42,131.61	\$14,890.64	\$25,540.40		\$31,481.85
HOSPITAL FUND	(\$1,899.85)	11,230.75	\$4,465.06		\$4,865.84
WAYS & MEANS		\$6,165.00	\$264.94		\$5,900.06
CANCER AID AND RESEARCH		\$10,897.39	\$10,897.39		\$0.00
AMERICANISM FUND	-	\$385.40		-	\$385.40
VFW PARK & CHAPEL		\$25.00			\$25.00
VETERANS & MILITARY SCHOLAR		\$295.40		-	\$295.40
DEPT. DELEGATE FEES		\$6.00			\$6.00
EXTENSION & EXPANSION				-	-
SPECIAL OLYMPICS	1,194.75	\$878.90			\$2,073.65
VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT		\$5,294.50	\$5,294.50		\$0.00
YOUTH ESSAY	-			-	-
PRES. SPECIAL PROJECT		\$1,020.00			\$1,020.00
NATIONAL HOME PINS				-	-
STATE FAIR	1,827.12	\$3,277.00	\$859.06		\$4,245.06
TOTAL	\$51,079.53	\$97,842.25	\$82,536.35		\$66,385.43

DAKOTALAND FEDERAL CREDIT	\$67,440.75
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$490.00
DAKOTALAND OS CHECKS	\$1,545.32
TOTAL	\$66,385.43

BALANCE LAST AUDIT	\$51,079.53
TOTAL RECEIPT	\$97,842.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$82,536.35
TRANSFERRED FUNDS	
BOOK BALANCE	\$66,385.43

CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	\$66,385.43
CD SHORT TERM GENERAL (4)	\$117,540.69
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ACCOUNTS TOTAL	\$ 183,931.12

TOTAL CD'S	\$ 116,670.06	\$870.63	\$ 117,540.69
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\$50,000.00 for Hospital \$50,000.00 for SD Veterans Assistance (Vets in Need) \$17540.69 \$17,540.69 in CD's for Emergency
DATE: _____

VFW OF THE US AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 DEPARTMENT TREASURERS' INFORMATION
 AUDIT REPORT FORM FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THRU DECEMBER, 2016

ROLL FORWARD BY FUND PER BOOKS

CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND

GENERAL FUND - CASH & INVESTMENTS

Balance Last Audit	\$170,758.92	
+ Receipts	\$70,418.26	
- Disbursements	<u>\$74,104.45</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$167,072.73	(A)

DUES RESERVE FUND:

Balance Last Audit	\$7,825.90	
+ Receipts	\$4,160.65	
- Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$11,986.55	(A)

PASS THROUGH FUND:

CANCER AID & RESEARCH

Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	
+ Receipts	\$10,897.39	
- Disbursements	<u>\$10,897.39</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$0.00	(A)

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

HOSPITAL FUND

Balance Last Audit	(\$1,899.85)	
+ Receipts	\$11,230.75	
- Disbursements	<u>\$4,465.06</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$4,865.84	(A)

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUND

Balance Last Audit	\$0.00	
+ Receipts	\$6.00	
- Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Balance this Audit	\$6.00	(A)

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$183,931.12 (A's)

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance per Bank Statement	\$67,440.75
Deposits in Transit (attach list)	\$490.00
- Outstanding Checks (attach list)	\$1,545.32
+ Interest	\$0.00
- Bank Service Charges	
Other Reconciling Items	
Balance per Books	<u>\$66,385.43</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance Last Audit	\$5.00
+ Deposits	\$0.00
- Withdrawals	\$0.00
+ Interest	\$0.00
Balance this Audit	<u>\$5.00</u>

INVESTMENTS (attach list)

(e.g. Certificates of Deposit,
U.S. Treasury Bills/Notes, etc.)

Balance Last Audit	\$117,540.69
+ Purchases	
Balance this Audit	<u>117,540.69</u>

TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS

\$183,931.12

We certify that we have audited the Department's books including the books of the VAVS Representatives for the period referenced above and have found them to be correct.

Chairman Signature _____ Date _____

Committee Member Signature _____ Date _____

Committee Member Signature _____ Date _____

OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF 12/31/2016

9/1/16	Check #1707	Carrie Alm	\$100.00
12/28/16	Check #1788	VFW Auxiliary	\$142.00
12/28/16	Check #1789	VFW	\$468.30
12/28/16	Check #1790	VFW	\$400.00
12/28/16	Check #1791	VFW	\$250.00
12/28/16	Check #1792	VFW	\$75.00
12/28/16	Check #1793	VFW	\$25.00
12/31/16	Check #1794	Mary Kirkvold	\$85.02
		TOTAL--	<hr/> \$1545.32

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Auxiliary No. and Name _____

Auxiliary City _____

District No _____

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of South Dakota

DISTRICT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

For registration to District Meeting: One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each Fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof. Members must be in good standing. Election shall be held at regular Auxiliary meeting not less than thirty (30) days prior to date of District Meeting. The Auxiliary Secretary shall forward the list to the District Secretary. (Article III, Section 303)

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Mail to District Secretary prior to March 25, 2017



Auxiliary No. and Name

Auxiliary City

District No

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

DEPARTMENT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

For registration to Department Convention. One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof. Members must be in good standing. Election shall be held not less than thirty (30) days prior to Convention. The Auxiliary Secretary mails this list to the **Department Secretary**. A delegate fee of \$1.50 for each entitled delegate must be mailed to **Department Treasurer** regardless of number of members attending Convention, not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of the Department Convention each year. (Article III, Section 304)

See Delegate Fee Form in this mailing. **Do not send money to Department Secretary!**

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Mail or email to Department Secretary before May 15, 2017.

mail to: Nancy Chester, Department Secretary
PO Box 55
Fort Pierre, SD 57532-0055

email to: nancysdvwla@pie.midco.net

NOTE: Credentials will not be mailed. This is the only form we will use to acknowledge Convention Delegates and Alternates.

APPLICATION TO INSTALL OFFICERS

1. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary President-elect will select the Installing Officer and send the name to the Department Secretary in sufficient tie to permit issuing the necessary warrant. Auxiliary Officers shall be installed in their respective offices not more than 60 days prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department President is installed. **(Section 806A)**.
2. The Application to Install Officers shall be sent to the Auxiliary Department Secretary within 3 days of the April meeting (election of officers). The “warrant” is released by the Department Secretary upon receipt of this application provided the offices of VFW Auxiliary President and Treasurer are bonded, the Auxiliary is current in its audits, and item #3 below is adhered to.
3. National and Department dues must be paid to the Department Treasurer on a least ten (10) members for the current calendar year.
4. The VFW Auxiliary Secretary will read the “warrant” at the time of installation as set out in the Ritual. If for any reason, the installation is not held on the date originally stated, the Department Secretary should be notified as soon as possible.

NO VFW Auxiliary Is Permitted To Install Officers Without The Proper Warrant.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:

Auxiliary No. _____ **District No.** _____

Auxiliary Secretary: _____ **Member ID#** _____
Name

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Installation Date: _____ Location: _____

Installing Officer: _____

Highest Office Held: _____

(At least Past Auxiliary President or one who has held a higher elective office, in accordance with Sec. 806A)

Send to Department Secretary within 3 days of April 2017 meeting

Nancy Chester, PO Box 55, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

E-Mail: nancysdvfwla@pie.midco.net

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE.....FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Application received: _____

Date Warrant sent to Auxiliary Secretary: _____

**Veterans & Family Support
2016 -2017 YEAR - END REPORT**

(Please Use Additional Paper As Needed – preferably 8-1/2 x 11)

District _____ **Auxiliary** _____

Chairman's Name, Address and Phone Number:

Did your Auxiliary host /co-host with VFW fundraising activities for National Veterans Service?

Yes / No

Briefly described the best fundraising event hosted/co-hosted by your Auxiliary. _____

Did your Auxiliary make donations to SD President's Project of SD National Veterans Services? Yes _____ No _____ Total \$ _____

Did your Auxiliary make donations to VFW National Military Services?

Yes _____ No _____ Total \$ _____

Did your Auxiliary provide aid to veterans, active-duty military and/or their families? (i.e. meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.) _____

Total value of Donations and goods/service provided: \$ _____

No. of veterans/military personnel assisted: _____

Number of Veterans and Military personnel assisted: _____

Did your Auxiliary promote and/or make donations to the VFW National home for children?

Yes _____ No _____ Total \$ _____

Did your Auxiliary promote or use the Buddy Poppies throughout the year? Yes _____ No _____

How many Buddy Poppy's drives were held by your Auxiliary? _____

Briefly describe the best way your Auxiliary promoted the Buddy Poppy Program: _____

Did your Auxiliary participate in and/or sponsor events or projects for homeless veterans?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please describe (i.e., Stand Downs, Clothing Drives):

Did your Auxiliary host/co-host with the VFW fundraising activities for the VFW Veterans and Military Support programs: (i.e., Unmet Needs, Operation Uplink, etc.) Yes / No

How did your Auxiliary publicize these programs?_____

Number of veterans and military personnel served and/or assisted by **ALL ACTIVITIES** under this program:_____

Did your Auxiliary participate in or promote the Sports Clip Help a Hero Scholarship: Yes / No

Did your Auxiliary participate in the Military & Veterans Family Helpline from the VFW National Home: Yes / No

Did your Auxiliary participate in or promote sharing the impact of veterans, the military and their families? Yes/No

Did your Auxiliary participate in or donate to South Dakota Day County Coyote Hunt? Yes/ No
If yes, Total \$_____

How did your Auxiliary publicize these programs? Enclose examples of your newspaper articles, posters, etc._____

Thank You

Patti Mitchell
Veterans & Family Support
888 Slowacki Ave
Grenville, South Dakota 57239
Email : pattimitchell4@hotmail.com
Phone : 605-280-0777 cell
605-486-0016 Office

(Updated January 2017)

Americanism
VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
2016-2017 Year End Report

Auxiliary # _____ **Chairman Name** _____

Auxiliary City _____ **Chairman Phone** _____

1. Did you Auxiliary conduct a special program on a Patriotic Holiday? _____

of Members participating ___ Volunteer Hours__ Number Community members involved _____
Please describe the program.

2. Did your Auxiliary participate or sponsor a POW/MIA program? _____ Number of POW/MIA flags presented (at least 2"x3" or larger) _____ Number of American Flags presented(at least 2"x 3" or larger). Please describe your Auxiliary participation.

3. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Smart/ Maher National Citizenship Education Teachers Award?

4. Number of certificates Auxiliary presented to businesses or citizens for displaying the United States flag or POW/MIA flag or any other displays of American Pride. _____

5. Did your Auxiliary promote Americanism through the media? If so, please describe and send in article. _____

6. Did your Auxiliary conduct any Patriotic Education in your Auxiliary or community? If so, please list each activity and describe.

The forms need to be in to me by April 15th 2017. You can either email or mail them to me.

Pam Vissia
Box 371
Plankinton SD 57368
pvissia@siouxvalley.net Phone—605-942-7781 or 605-770-5089

Feel free to attach sheets describing your events.

Hospital
2016-2017 Department of South Dakota Year-End Report

1. Number of VFW Auxiliary members volunteering in **ALL** medical VA facilities and non-medical facilities Number of Volunteers _____ Total hours _____
2. Number of NEW volunteers recruited. _____ Adults _____ Youth _____
3. Did you sponsor or conduct an event or activity in both VA and non-VA? _____
What did you do?
4. Total amount spent on ALL Hospital projects? _____
5. How you promoted Veteran and Military Suicide Awareness?
6. Did you recognize volunteers throughout the year? _____
7. How did you use publicity and /or media to recruit volunteers and involve the community?
8. How do you participate in “The Many Faces of Hospital Volunteers”?
9. Were Hospital Volunteer Pins presented to members?
How many?
10. Explain how you conducted/participate in volunteer recognition events?
11. How did you participate in the Veterans Voices Writing Project?
12. How many burrito pillowcases did you make? _____
Who did you give them to?

Cash prizes will be given for #3, #5, and #11.

Auxiliary # _____ Chairman's Name _____
Auxiliary City _____ Chairman's Phone _____

Leanne Payne
Dept. of South Dakota Hospital/VAVS Chairman
PO Box 126 Plankinton, SD 57368

Phone; 605-942-7568
E-mail: oldcripp@siouxvalley.net

**LEGISLATIVE
2016-2017 YEAR-END REPORT**

Submit to the Legislative Chairman **no later** that 15 April 2017
Use back of sheet or extra paper if needed.

1. How did your Auxiliary promote the VFW Priority Goals? _____

2. How did your Auxiliary encourage members to communicate with legislators on veterans' issues?

3. How many members subscribed to Checkpoint Newsletter? _____
4. How many members signed up for the VFW Action Corps? _____
5. How did your Auxiliary communicate pending legislation and special legislative alerts?

6. Number of contacts made by members personally to legislators on veterans' issues:
Personal Contacts: _____ E-mails: _____ Faxes: _____
Letters: _____ Phone Calls: _____

7. Did your Auxiliary work to serve veterans and their families through effective legislative Advocacy? _____

8. Number of members who attended events where they could interact with legislators. _____

9. Number of members who promoted Get Out the Vote to their members and community. _____

Please mail this to me before 15 April 2017. You can attach any newspaper clippings or other information to your hard copy when your mail it. E-mails will also be accepted. My E-mail is sandimoss46@gmail.com.

Loyally,



Sandi Moss

Legislative Chairman 10577 Dogwood Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702-825

sandimoss46@gmail.com Home: 605-341-0442

Cell: 605-431-6897

MEMBERSHIP – LEADERSHIP

AWARDS 2016-2017

CASH AWARDS GIVEN TO EACH MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND THEIR AUXILIARY
WITH 100% PAID MEMBERSHIP IN EACH CATEGORY

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES 10-50

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2ND

3RD

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES 51-110

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2ND

3RD

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES 111-225

1ST

2ND

3RD

MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES 226+

1ST

2ND

3RD

Department Membership Chairman

Mary Kirkvold (605) 351-0839

2500 W Bethel Pl #203

Sioux Falls, SD 57105

marykirkvold@yahoo.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

2016-2017 YEAR – END REPORT

SUBMIT REPORT TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN BY APRIL 15, 2017

AUXILIARY NAME, NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

CHAIRMAN'S NAME _____ CITY _____

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTESTS:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in promoting this contest? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary submit an entry? _____ Number of students submitting an entry _____
3. Number of members involved _____ Dollar amount awarded by your Auxiliary to the participant's _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Continuing Education Scholarship? _____
2. What did you do to promote this program? _____

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes _____ No _____
 2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? _____
- Number of members involved _____
- Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

PATRIOT'S PEN CONTEST:

1. Did your Auxiliary assist your Post in conducting this contest? Yes _____ No _____
 2. Did your Auxiliary have an entry? _____
- Number of members involved _____
- Number of hours volunteered _____ Explanation of publicity and promotion _____

Please let me know how you promoted all of these programs. Include articles, pictures, copies of anything that shows how hard you worked promoting the Scholarship Programs within your Community. You may use the back of this sheet if extra room is needed to fill out any of the above questions.

Did you co-host or host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in these contests?

Please send your report to **Donita Mullinix, Scholarship Chairman, 104 W. Lincoln, Beresford, SD 57004**, before **April 15, 2017**. If you have any questions call me at 605-763-5595.

Youth Activities

2016-2017 Year-End Report

Submit to Tammy Chase before April 15, 2017

Auxiliary #: _____ Chairman's Name: _____

Auxiliary City: _____ Chairman's Phone #: _____

1. Participation in and/or publicized Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations: Number of activities: _____

Descriptions: _____

2. Number of youth groups that you worked with during the year: _____

Estimated number of youth involved: _____

Descriptions: _____

3. Did you use the R.A.P (Random Acts of Patriotism) program: _____

Number of R.A.P cards distributed: _____

Number of R.A.P coins distributed: _____

Descriptions: _____

4. Number of youth recognized in communities for their academic, athletic, scouting or other accomplishments: _____(number)

Descriptions: _____

Return to: Tammy Chase, 45980 SD Hwy 10, Sisseton, SD 57262

605-698-7438 – cbchase@venturecomm.net

Date Received: _____

VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S Judging – 2016-2017

Our Department President Karen's theme is ***"Now Is The Time"*** with a tailgate of ***Family: Support – Serve – Honor and Respect***. National President Colette's theme is ***"Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes"***. Utilizing these ideas, you, as Auxiliary President, can forge your leadership goals for the coming year as you work with the community and support our troops and veterans.

Please read the following thoroughly. To make reporting much easier for you, we are **NOT** requesting paragraphs by the President on what was done to assist each program. **However**, we are requesting a one paragraph report as to what YOU did for Veterans' Day, Memorial Day, Make a Difference Day and Loyalty Day. We also want a **one** paragraph report as to what was done for Veterans and Family Support.

ATTENTION: There are could be changes in our Programs this year. Please read the Chairmen's Bulletins carefully to understand and respond accordingly , guiding your Auxiliary Chairmen throughout the year.

Membership Categories:

The Auxiliary President's judging will be divided into four (4) membership categories. These categories are:

Category 1	10-50 members
Category 2	51-110 members
Category 3	111-225 members
Category 4	226 plus members

Awards

- 1. The first place winner in each category will receive a \$25 cash award from Department**
- 2. The second place winner in each category will receive a \$10 cash award from Department**
- 3. The Schat-Hammond-Seymour Awards:**

Past Department Presidents Joyce Schat, Mary Hammond and Connie Seymour will present a \$75 Cash Award to the Outstanding Auxiliary President of the Year. The winner will be chosen from the four First Place Winners.

VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND REVIEW IT OFTEN!!!

Keep a record of what you are doing to complete programs to simplify your year-end report which is due on May 1, 2017.

NOTE: Check your report to make certain everything is reported. **DO NOT** send copies of your chairmen's report with your President's report form.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Membership Criteria

- A. Auxiliary Presidents will be judged on the following point system. The figure used for 100% membership will be based on June 30, 2016 membership in each of the four membership categories.

6 points if 100% in Category 1 by September 1, 2016
6 points if 100% in Category 2 by October 1, 2016
6 points if 100% in Category 3 by November 1, 2016
6 points if 100% in Category 4 by December 1, 2016
5 points if 100% one month later than listed date
4 points if 100% two months later than listed date
3 points if 100% three months later than listed date
2 points if 100% four months or more later than listed date

- B. 1 point for each LIFE member by April 30, 2017 **IF** 100% membership is attained. The number of rejoined members in your auxiliary for 2017 will be used as a tiebreaker if needed. (Rejoined is any member who renews following a year or more lapse in membership)

Reporting and Donation Criteria

- C. One (1) point for each program chairman sending in year-end report to Department Chairman by listed deadline. This will be checked with the Department Program Chairman.
- D. Department Obligations are based on June 30, 2016 Membership
5 points for quota if met in August
4 points for quota if met in September
3 points for quota if met in October
2 points for quota if met in November
1 point for quota if met in December
- E. 1 point for each audit report sent in on time
- F. 1 point for participating in each of the following: (**IF** as President you participate in the four 'special days' ie. Veterans Day. We are asking for a one paragraph written report)

Veterans Day Activity
Make a Difference Day
Loyalty Day
Memorial Day Activity

Participates in Department President's Project

- G. Number of meetings you presided over (July through April – 10 maximum)

H. 1 point for each of the following projects that your Auxiliary completed.

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Americanism | Scholarships |
| Hospital | Youth Activities |
| Legislative | Veterans and Family Support |

I. Department Projects—1 point for participation in each:

- State Fair (worked and/or your Auxiliary made a donation)
- Christmas Tree or any Veterans Christmas Activity

J. 1 point for President attending each of the following: Fall Council of Administration; Spring Council/Legislative Conference; and District Meetings.

NOTE: Do Not add your own points. The judges will do that for you. **DO Check** your report to make certain everything is reported.

READ ALL THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN’S BULLETINS. KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOUR AUXILIARY FOR EACH PROGRAM. Keep in close contact with your Chairmen to see that they understand their programs and are promoting and reporting them.

National Program booklet: We understand that National is **NOT** printing Program Books this year. President Karen has run a complete copy for each Auxiliary President. They will be delivered by your District President to save postage. This book is a wealth of information providing you and your Chairmen with the information needed to provide the leadership and assistance to make your year successful. So share this information with your Chairmen, PLEASE!

The success of your Auxiliary, the District and the Department starts with you – the President. To be the solid base needed, you must read and re-read your General Orders and bulletins so that you can assist your Chairmen in meeting the goals set forth. You, as Auxiliary President, are the most vital part of our great organization. We know you can and will meet the Challenge!!!!!!

On behalf of our entire Organization, THANK YOU for you dedication and service.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS' JUDGING –2016-2017 YEAR END REPORT

Auxiliary Name _____ Number _____ City _____

Auxiliary President's Name _____

Number of new Members _____ Number of Rejoined Members _____ (Used in case of tie)

1. Did you send all four audits to Department Treasurer on time? _____
2. Did all Year End reports get sent in on time? _____
3. Number of Auxiliary meetings that you presided over? _____ (July through April, **Maximum 10**)
4. What month did your Auxiliary send in your quota for Department donations? _____
5. Number of District Meetings you attended? _____ (Maximum 2 points)

Please answer the following either Y or N

6. Did **you** attend Fall Council _____ Spring Council _____
7. Did **you** participate in or did Auxiliary donate to Department State Fair Program? _____
8. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in Auxiliary Capitol Christmas Tree Program or a Veterans Christmas Activity? _____
9. Did **you** actively participate (ceremony, program or activity) in the following?
Veterans' Day _____ Make A Difference Day _____ Loyalty Day _____ Memorial Day _____
(One paragraph on **each** of the above to be included in report)
10. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in the Department President's Project? _____
11. Did **your** Auxiliary complete the following projects? Americanism _____ Hospital _____
Legislative _____ Scholarships _____ Voice of Democracy _____ Patriot's Pen _____
Patriotic Art _____ Veterans & Family Support _____ Youth Activities _____

(**ONE** paragraph report on Veterans & Family Support to be included)

Your assistance is vital in meeting President Karen's goal of 100% participation. You and your Auxiliary are the backbone of this organization. We wish you a most successful year—**your success** is the basis for a successful District and Department. God Bless You and God Bless America.

If you have any question, PLEASE contact me. Phone number is 605-830-1916. Email bpcerny@gwtc.net.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2017. Your report must be postmarked before and in my hands by May 1, 2017, so mail a few days prior to deadline.

Send to: Pat Cerny
2916 Adkins Drive
Yankton, SD 57078
bpcerny@gwtc.net

March, 2017

Dear District Presidents,

I am enclosing a year- end report form for all of you so that you know what you will be judged on. By now, I am sure that most of you have finished your inspections. There are several important categories that you need to pay attention to, if you would like to be chosen as Outstanding District President at the Convention in June.

1 is COMMUNICATION. Send a letter each month to your Auxiliaries to let them know what is going on in that month. Do it before their meetings, so that they can let their members know at their monthly meeting.

#2 is PARTICIPATION. Participate in any Veteran's events held in your area. Some examples are Parades, Wreaths Across America, 4 Chaplain's ceremony, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and Stand Downs in your area. Also, you are expected to attend Department Council of Administration meetings and the Department Convention.

#3 is ATTEND & INSPECT each Auxiliary in your District. Be sure to keep copies of your inspections and the dates you inspected them.

#4 is to SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT HEALTHY AUXILIARIES. We need to make sure that all Auxiliaries are doing our programs and reporting to the right Chairpersons. Also, they need to make sure they are having monthly meetings according to the Demeter's Manuel. A lot has changed in the last few years, so let them know that if they have questions, you are there to help.

#5 is the NATIONAL PROGRAMS BOOK. Hopefully they all have a copy or have access to the computer for ideas on how to do our programs correctly.

I know I am preaching to the choir, but I know also that you care. Thanks for all you do. Most of all, THANKS FOR BEING A LEADER !!

Mary Hammond, PDP & Chairman of the DP Judging Committee.
20785 Maitland Rd.
Lead, SD 57754
Phone 578-3415 or cell 580-1168
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DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S JUDGING YEAR END REPORT 2016-2017

DISTRICT # _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

Membership as reported by State Treasurer: July 31st _____, Aug. 31st _____
Sept. 30th _____, Oct. 31st _____, Nov. 30th _____, Dec. 31st _____,
Jan. 31st _____, Feb. 28th _____, Mar. 31st _____, Apr. 30th _____,
Auxiliaries 100% and over _____ District over 100% _____ Date _____

Number of Auxiliaries that made donations to the State Fair Program _____

DID YOU ATTEND?

State Convention _____, President's Homecoming _____, National President's Visit _____,
Fall Council/ workshop _____, Spring Council/Legislative Conference _____, CAFÉ event _____

DID YOU CONDUCT: Fall _____ and Spring _____ District Meetings? Did you have a School of
Instruction or workshop at Fall Meeting? _____ Did you have a Memorial Service at the Spring
Meeting? _____ Did you notify all Auxiliaries about District Meetings? _____

DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING CEREMONIES OR PROGRAMS?

Your District's Day at the State Fair _____, POW/MIA Observance _____, Veteran's
Day _____, Loyalty Day _____, Memorial Day _____. Please explain how you
participated on back or on a separate sheet of paper.

**NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES THAT MADE 100% IN THEIR DONATIONS (OBLIGATIONS) BY MARCH
30th** _____

Ten points if you contacted your Auxiliary Presidents by letter or e-mail, with copy sent to Chairman of
Judging Committee, Mary Hammond, for months of Aug., Sept., Nov., Jan., & March.

LIST THE AUXILIARIES IN YOUR DISTRICT AND THE DATE YOU INSPECTED EACH.

REMEMBER DEPT. PRESIDENT KAREN'S THEME: "NOW IS THE TIME".

Did you attend National Convention? _____ Did you promote the Healthy Auxiliaries program? _____

Send your report to Mary Hammond, Chairman
20785 Maitland Rd., Lead, SD 57754 or e-mail to maryhammond@wildblue.net
By May 15th, 2017

Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota
Department President's Theme: Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
National President's Theme: Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016- 2017 by Patti Mitchell

General Orders Bulletin # 7

March 2017

Involve the whole family in these program by sending care packages, cards and participating in your Post or Auxiliary's Buddy Poppy drive.

Our troops and their families need support now more than ever remember, to keep your Adopt-A-Unit active, must receive an annual Adopt-A-Unit activity report. Units in need of your help I have names of unit's that need your help or to adopt a unit.

I've been going to yellow ribbons for these units and handing out toy soldiers with dog tags on them plus yellow flowers with a poppy in the middle. Family member love it and thanks us for them. This is how to get the VFW Auxiliary name out. Anyone who wishes to help make yellow flowers with poppy's in them, I have the pattern how to make them, plus, I need help with the dog tags on toy soldiers. This could be hours for Veterans and Family Support.

A lot of people, especially the elderly Veterans, do not like to or have a difficult time getting around on the snow and ice. Why not bring a basket along with some company to those who are shut-ins whether by choice or by necessity? It is not necessary for it to be a holiday to do something nice for our veterans. Either a fruit basket, or a meat and cheese tray, or maybe treats such as cookies (homemade are always special), or some basic groceries. It doesn't matter what kind of basket or what is in it as long as it is something the veteran might need or enjoy. Sometimes it may be warm gloves, hats, even blankets may be needed. Keep in mind that it doesn't have to be a "basket" – a brown grocery bag may not be as attractive as a pretty basket but it works just as well and I don't think our veterans really care what the goodies are in. If you plan the event and are going to use bags, talk to the local elementary schools and see if they can decorate them in their art classes prior to the date needed. Treat the veteran with respect and make him / her feel at ease accepting anything you can do for him/her. Treat the veteran with respect and make him / her feel at ease accepting anything you can do for him/her.

When sending care package to units overseas there are packages at the post office -- military special delivery. It's a box to send but cheaper than priority box. You have to ask for it.

How can members best support the VFW Post with this program? Remember that our Communities can be involved in almost every aspect of our VFW and VFW Auxiliary Program.

Promote Buddy Poppies, Assist with National Veterans Service and National Military Services, ask your local groups to help. Young people can assist veterans with Buddy Poppy drives and promotions. They can assist with singing to or reading to veterans in nursing homes or hospitals. The possibilities today are endless. We have available to us an endless resource of energy and activity. We have only to ask.

February 2017 marked 10 years of the DAY COUNTY COYOTE HUNT, which has been giving to OUR Veterans and soldiers

Thank you for the get well cards and phone calls the last few weeks.

Patti Mitchell, Chairman
888 Slowacki Avenue, Grenville, SD 57239
Cell phone # 605-280-0777
E-mail pattimitchell4@hotmail.com

*VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Americanism General Orders Bulletin March 2017
Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes
Now is the time: Family-Support-Serve-Honor and Respect*

Greetings Fellow Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers:

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Legislative Conference held this past weekend in Pierre. It was a very enjoyable and a learning experience for everyone. Thank you to everyone for all you do for the Auxiliary and promoting Americanism.

Your reports are due to me by April 15th. Please make sure that you email or have to me in the mail by the 15th. This will give me time to compile the information and get it to President Karen before the 1st of May. Every Auxiliary has done something for Americanism and no matter what it is please report it as it all adds up on our reports. We want President Karen to receive the outstanding Presidents awards at Convention.

The month of February brings Presidents Day—Remember to fly your flags so ever proudly.

Loyalty Day is May 1st and start making plans for your program or banquet. Invite members from far and near and other members of the community such as members of the Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Teachers and Volunteers. Have you thought about doing the White Table Presentation---have you given a presentation of the history of the Buddy Poppy. Invite your local Girl Scout, Cub Scout or 4-H Clubs to participate in your presentations.

Check out the South Dakota Auxiliary Face book page as well as the National Face book page for ideas and suggestions. Another tool is the National web page—lots of very informative information can be found.

I look forward to receiving your Americanism information and if I don't hear from you I will be calling and reminding you to get it sent in. It only takes a few minutes to fill out your forms and get them sent in. By working together it makes everything so much easier for everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone in June at State Convention and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

Pam Vissia
Americanism Instructor
pviissia@siouxvalley.net 605-942-7145 or 605-770-5089

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL

Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes

Now is the Time: Family-Support-Serve-Honor and Respect

Bulletin #7, March, 2017

President Karen and I, along with several others, made our visits to the VA Hospitals and Veterans Home. WOW! is the way to start. It was an incredible experience and most informative!! We started by going to the National Cemetery for a brief informative session on the history, what they are doing, and what they hope to do. We went on to the Ft. Meade VA and we were most impressed with the new wing of the hospital which opened last summer. It is super great that they are treating our Veterans with the new facility! Listening to the leadership members talk about all the happenings was above and beyond what I could image – very impressive.

The second day was on to the new State Veterans Home in Hot Springs – you have to see to believe it. Last year there was an empty building and now they are an up and running home for nearly 100 Veterans. The 'sitting' rooms with several TV's, tables for cards/games, lounging chairs are color coordinated with their neighborhood. Down the hall is Main Street just like we have – Post Office, barber shop/beauty salon, library, chapel (Yes, they can call it a chapel), etc. This year we toured the bio-mass wood chip fueled heating system. To me, it was huge, but does what it is suppose to at a low cost.

Each of these places provided a buffalo lunch which was outstanding and visiting with the residents added to the learning experience.

This whole experience was very humbling. We would like to thank the different staffs for the outstanding job that they are doing!!

We did learn that the VA Hospital Volunteer services in Hot Springs have several needs that we have NOT addressed before:

- Coats, larger sizes for men and women
- Winter Clothing of all kinds and sizes
- Shoes
- Toiletries (no bar soap at this time)
- Bedding of all sizes; sheets, blankets, towels, etc.
- Dishes except for cups
- Things needed to set up homes when you have nothing, such as small appliances: toasters, coffee pots, electric frying pans, pots and pans, etc.

Veterans Home in Hot Springs:

At this time, they do NOT need afghans, comforters, blankets, toothbrushes and

toothpaste, men's socks, briefs and under shirts.

Urgent needs; electric razors and diabetic socks

Regular needs: pump soap, shower gel, mouthwash, aftershave, denture cleanser and adhesive.

Sweat pants in L, XL, 2X

Jeans with sizes 30,32,34,36,and 38.

(If you have any questions about Hot Springs, contact Carrie Alm - 605-517-0287)

Fort Meade VA Medical Center is **not** accepting knitted/crocheted blankets, bars of soap, outdated magazines and suits at this time. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl at 605-347-7206.

They do need:

- Men's t-shirts and underwear is sizes – small, medium and large
- Hard soled slippers
- Jeans with 30's for waists
- Personal care items such as: full size shave cream
- Travel size body wash, denture adhesive, tooth paste and tooth brushes
- DVD's documentaries
- Movies based on local region
- Coffee, creamer, sugar, sweetener, stir sticks
- Word puzzle and other activity books
- Cookies and coffee for waiting room at the Rapid City clinic

Now, back to the Veterans in nursing homes, local hospitals, or that are home bound, don't forget that St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner followed very closely with Easter. Please send them a card or stop in for a visit.

My awards for this year are as follows:

#1 is to the Auxiliary with the best event that they sponsored for our Hospitalized Veterans.

#2 is for the best activity in a nursing home for Veterans.

#3 will go to the Auxiliary that best promoted Military Suicide Awareness.

Don't forget to get those reports in by April 15!!

Don't forget that volunteering is number one!! Visit veterans, most importantly – SMILE!!!

Leanne Payne - Dept. of South Dakota Hospital chairman

Phone: 605-942-7568

E-mail: oldcripp@siouxvalley.net

PO Box 126, Plankinton, SD 57368

BASIC ITEMS NEEDED ON AN ON-GOING BASIS

A. ITEMS: (not hotel samples)

Small travel size tubes of toothpaste, including Fixodent
Individual SOFT toothbrushes in store packaging
Travel size deodorant
6" pocket combs
Small size baby powder
Small size shaving cream
Disposable razors, double blade
Small size hand lotion
New playing cards (or casino)
Cans of coffee, preferably decaffeinated
Rolls of quarters for bingo prizes
Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Shopko, Target, Hy-Vee, Sunshine Foods for emergent needs of indigent Veterans
Gift cards to restaurants in Sioux Falls for occasional outings for inpatients

B. FUNDS: (cash or check accepted)

Transportation Fund: used to purchase city bus tickets for Sioux City, IA Veterans who rely on city transportation to go to the VA outpatient clinic in Sioux City for clinic appointments
Emergent Need Fund: provide for personal needs for indigent Veterans. (men's underwear, socks)
Newspaper Fund: to provide the Argus Leader for patient waiting areas and on the wards.
Coffee Fund: used to purchase coffee, sugar and creamer that is served to patients and families in various areas of our medical center and to replace broken coffee makers.
Chapel Fund: for Bibles and literature distributed to Veterans by our chaplains and to provide for music and worship bulletins for worship services.

C. SEWING/CRAFT NEEDS:

Tray Favors: for any occasion, 50 maximum. Can send store-purchased pre-wrapped candy. Do not use pins, toothpicks, wires or candy in the making of the tray favor.
Craft kits (new): car, ship and airplane models, woodworking, leatherworking, paint by number, sun catchers, etc.

**Additional information and patterns can be obtained by calling Voluntary Services at 605-333-6806 or 605-333-6851. Donated items can be sent to the Voluntary Service Office at the following address:

VA Health Care System
Voluntary Services (135)
2501 West 22nd, PO Box 5046
Sioux Falls SD 57105

Or delivered to room 032, lower level of building one.

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System Needs List, January 2017

Homeless Veterans Program

1. Winter gloves, hats, and coats in very good used condition or new (large, X-large 2X).
2. New winter weight socks

3. Personal hygiene: (new items) deodorant, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, combs, hairbrushes, nail clippers, toothpaste and chap stick
4. Bathroom: (new items) bath towels, shower curtains, toilet paper, plungers, toilet brushes, toilet bowl cleaners and wash cloths
5. Kitchen & cleaning: (new items) kitchen trash cans, Windex, Pine Sol, dishwashing liquid, dishcloths, sponges, mops, buckets, brooms, dustpans, paper towels
6. Miscellaneous: (new items): smoke detectors/battery, flashlights with battery, wall calendars, appointment books, garbage bags, laundry baskets, clothes hampers, laundry detergent, aluminum foil, Pampers diapers and light bulbs

Recreation Therapy

1. *Canoes, kayaks and other adaptive equipment. Contact Recreation Therapy
2. *Generic gift cards for patient outings, Sunday evening pizza suppers, end of life wishes
3. *Tickets to sports games, entertainment events, contact Recreation Therapy for details
4. Woodworking kits, leather kits, checkbook covers and other craft kits such as models, sun catchers, etc.
5. An organization that can directly pay \$1,200 to a vendor who supplies and imprints tee-shirts for Veterans participating in the Adaptive Sports Program
6. Sponsor Veterans to attend Golf Tournament in Iowa City in September, \$300

Miscellaneous

1. Cans of regular and decaffeinated coffee grounds for coffee service
2. Financial support for 33 Argus Leader newspapers delivered daily
3. Packages of men's boxers and briefs for inpatients, sizes large to 2X
4. Financial support to purchase jog suits for inpatients for this winter
5. *Gift cards to provide meals and lodging on occasion for family members of Veterans in Hospice

Items we do not have a source to purchase from are identified with an *. It would be very helpful if these items can be purchased and delivered to Voluntary Service at: Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

2501 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD

57104

Ph: 605-333-6851
Room 32B, basement of

Bldg. 1 or bring to

Information Desk at front entrance of VA.
Recreation Therapy can be reached at 605-336-3230 ext. 94143.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Department of South Dakota

General Orders #7

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Tomorrow is Today – Now is the Time – Family-Support, Serve, Honor & Respect

The weather outside is frightfull – now isn't that the truth. Winter is holding on for dear life but we are in a race against time. We are over halfway through our 2016-2017 Auxiliary year. We have accomplished so much but there is a lot more for us to do. National has sent out our Priority Goals for 2017 and we have a lot of work to do. It is time to put personalities aside and work for the good of our country. The elections are over, we need to unite and keep working for the good of our Nation. We need to keep our eye on a great future and make sure that our Veterans do not slip through the cracks!!

OUR 2017 PRIORITY GOALS:

Budget –

- > End budget sequestration and adjust outdated budget caps.
- > Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- > Authorize public/private partnerships for VA infrastructure needs.

Work Force Development and Accountability

- Improve hiring authorities to recruit and retain a high quality workforce.
- Provide quality training programs for employees and managers.
- Quickly investigate, discipline and remove employees who under perform or endanger veterans' lives.

Health Care

- Conducting demand/capacity analyses in each community.
- Consolidating VA's community care programs into a single, integrated system.
- Modernizing VA's scheduling system.
- Expanding current caregiver benefits to veterans of all eras.
- Strengthening VA and DOD mental health programs.
- Expanding gender-specific programs and competencies.
- Providing care and benefits to veterans and family members impacted by toxic exposures.
- Improving research for Traumatic Brain Injuries.
- Improving the review process for veterans with Other-Than-Honorable discharges.
- Preventing the increase of pharmaceutical co-payments.

Compensation and Benefits

- Reform the appeals process.
- Accept private medical evidence when processing disability compensation claims.

- Require treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.
- Extend presumptive conditions for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI and toxic exposures.
- Expand nursing home eligibility for all veterans.
- Increase burial allowances, expand marker medallion eligibility, and include spouses' information on all headstones.

Education, Employment and Transition Assistance

- High quality and sustainable education benefits.
- Strong employment and training programs.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetimes.
- Small business development opportunities.
- Civilian credentials or academic credit for the professional training they receive during service.
- Government hiring and contracting opportunities.
- A national veterans' treatment court advocate within VA.
- Homeless reintegration programs.

Defense and Homeland Security

- Halting the development and/or proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Fully fund and deploy a U.S. missile defense system.
- Securing America's borders.

Military Quality of Life

- Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- Pass full concurrent receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability compensation.
- Eliminate the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset for surviving military retiree spouses.

POW/MIA

- Ensuring the POW/MIA Accounting mission is fully funded.,
- Expanding partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.

The above **Priority Goals** reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the FVFW and VFW Auxiliary. This year is winding down but please continue to play a role in the process, keep current on issues in Action Corps and familiarize yourself with your congressional representatives. Visit the VFW website and click on Advocacy Grassroots Effort.

As members of the VFW Auxiliary and a partner with the VFW, we need to **stay** current and up to date on how the VFW is working across America to improve the quality of life for veterans, service members and their families, as well as improving communities world wide. We absolutely need to keep our ears to the ground and know the veterans' issues across America, we need to be up to date at all times. Every day the **VFW** posts and publishes information daily on their **Facebook** page and issues

alerts as needed. Every day the **VFW** is on **Capitol Hill** and out in our communities making sure **your voice** and our **Veterans voices** are heard. Lets be sure that our voices are heard and paid attention to!! We need to make sure our Veterans get what is needed, they fought to keep us free!!!

As I have continually emphasized this year, research, keep yourself informed of the bills before Congress that will change our Veterans lives. Go online and peruse the various websites that have information on pending Legislation. Find legislative information in the Press Room, the VFW Magazine, the Checkpoint and the FVFW Post Pride. These are all found under the News and Publications header on the VFW website.

Please feel free to contact me if you have a question or hear a rumor. Rumors hurt many people and we need to correct a lot of information that gets spread around. I continually get awesome information from by Big 10 Chairman and National Ambassador. I am currently forwarding information I get to about two dozen Auxiliary members, I would be happy to add you to my list.

Below are the names and contacts for our Senators and our Congresswoman. Let them know your thought on any pending Legislation. They work for you, let them know how you feel and what needs to be done.

Sen. John Thune - 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
<http://www.thune.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 224-2321

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Sen. Mike Rounds – 502 Hart Senate Office Building
<http://www.rounds.senate.gov/content/contact-mike>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 224-5842

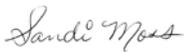
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Rep. Kristi Noem – 2422 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
<http://noem.house.gov/index.cfm/email-kristi>

Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-2801

Keep working for our Veterans. I am sure I will see many of you in the next few months. It is a privilege for us to help our Veterans at this time. Thank you for all you do. God bless you and God bless America.

Loyally,


Sandi Moss

Legislative Chairman - 10577 Dogwood Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702-8625
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Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes

Now is the Time Family: Support-Serve-Honor and Respect

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MEMBERSHIP – LEADERSHIP

Each member and Auxiliary must focus retaining those continuous members who have not paid their 2017 dues. While those members are not considered “ Members in good standing” – they do have until June 30th, 2017 to pay their 2017 dues and retain their continuous status. After that date they will need to reapply for membership. Don’t let those members slip out the back door. Call, e-mail, use social media or visit every member on that unpaid list. Find out why they have not paid their dues – have they been ill? Are they having financial difficulties? If so, perhaps the Auxiliary can assist this member in need. Have you made them feel welcome? Have you asked them to pay their dues? Membership is everyone’s responsibility, so I am asking each and every member to do your part.

Are you using all of the Membership Recruitment and Retention Recourses available on the VFW Auxiliary website behind Member Login? There is a wealth of information readily available to assist not only with recruiting new ones but retaining our current members. If you have not already checked out these recourses, please do so today.

Some states had a Men’s Auxiliary, with them disbanding on December 31st,2016, there is a golden opportunity to recruit those that are eligible for the VFW Auxiliary. I encourage you to be understanding when asking them to join our organization, as they are disappointed with the decision to disband, Make them feel wanted, tell them about what we have done, and what we continue to do for our Veterans and their families. This is about unity – think of how much more we can do with more members!

DON’T LOSE YOUR MOMENTUM AND DON’T LOSE YOUR FOCUS, WE CAN DO THIS ONE MEMBER AT A TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Department Membership Chairman 2016-2017

Mary Kirkvold (605-351-0839)

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Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103

marykirkvold@yahoo.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNWAVERING SUPPORT for UNCOMMON HEROES NOW IS THE TIME: FAMILY, SUPPORT, SERVE, HONOR & RESPECT

GENERAL ORDERS #7

What a great year this has been, not to mention a wonderful learning experience. I would like to thank Karen again for giving me this opportunity to be the Dept. Scholarship Chairman. I have enjoyed it very much. A big thank you goes out to all the Auxiliary Chairman for your participation in all the Scholarship programs. Without you, we would not be able to help our youth as they continue their education in whatever field they choose.

Looking back at GO's # 6, I see I made a big mistake in the National award for the Continuing Education Scholarship. I listed the awards for the Patriotic Art Contest instead. I apologize for any inconveniences. The Cont. Education Scholarship award is \$300 from the Dept. and the National award is \$1,000 to an applicant in each of the four Conferences.

As our year comes to an end, we have only one scholarship left and that is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. All entries must be in to your local VFW Auxiliary by March 31. By April 10 the local and District judging should be complete and I must receive the winners by April 15 for Dept. judging. One Dept. winner will go on to compete at the National level for May 15th judging. It will be judged on patriotic theme and technique. A few of the requirements are; any student in grades 9-12 and maximum age of 18 at the time of local entry, need not be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member, but must be a U.S. citizen, digital art or photography will NOT be accepted. Use stretcher frames or canvas board, do not frame, no smaller than 8" x 10" or larger than 18" x 24". For a registration form and all the rules go to the VFW Auxiliary web site at vfwauxiliary.org.

I just got back from Legislative Conference, and how interesting it was. I had the opportunity to spend time with the VOD, PP and Teachers of the Year. They are a great group of teachers and students. One of the teachers was also our tour guide through the Capital building, so we got some extra knowledge. I am sure all our winners will go far. There were 805 students that participated in the VOD contest. Our Dept. winner for the VOD essay contest was Max Hawkins, sponsored by Sioux Falls Post 628, District 2. Max will be representing SD in the National competition in Washington DC. We wish him well. There were 2160 entries into the Patriots Pen contest. Our Patriots Pen essay winner was Avery Blackman sponsored by Sioux Fall Auxiliary 628, District 2. Her essay will be forwarded to National for competition to win up to \$5,000. There were 13 schools that participated in the Teacher of the Year program. The Teachers of the Year were; K-5; Emily Asher, sponsored by Post 3442 Custer, grades 6-8: Jody Evjen, sponsored by Post 750 Watertown, & grades 9-12; Edward Jay Mickelson, sponsored by Post 2038 Pierre. Congratulations to all our winners.

There is a copy of the Year End Report in this General Orders. Please fill it out completely and get it to me by April 15. There are several awards for you as Scholarship Chairman. Along with those that I mentioned in the last GO's (#6), there will be two Awards from two of our Past Dept. Presidents. Neva Jean Corlett is giving a cash award for the best promotion of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests. Nelda Jorgenson is giving a cash award for the best promotion of the Continuing Education Scholarship and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest. So be sure to turn in your Year End Report to me on time.

Thank you again for all your hard work you have put into the Scholarship program. I know your involvement won't stop here as there is always something new to be learned in Patriotism.

Loyally

Donita Mullinix

Donita Mullinix, Dept. Scholarship Chairman
104 W. Lincoln St., Beresford, SD 57004

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

2016-2017

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-Tammy Chase, Department Chairman

Now that we are in the month of February – we hope that you are taking advantage of the numerous opportunities to get our Youth involved.

Black History Month/African American History Month – a time to remember important people and events in African American History.

Heart Month – schools may participate in Jump Rose for Heart, you can partner with the local school and host one of these events.

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month -

Valentine's Day – encourage youth to participate in Hospitalized Veterans Week (Feb. 12-19), they could deliver valentines and treats to local Veterans, help decorate the post home.

Predient's Day – a great day to distribute Poppies and the the story of American Leaders.

Fat Tuesday – have the youth help host a Mardi Gras party at a local nursing home.

Upcoming day to remember:

Memorial Day - A day to remember, show respect, and honor the brave men and women who died while in service to or country. They paid the ultimate sacrifice and are missed by their loved ones and comrades every day of the year. This day encourages other Americans to reflect on their sacrifice.

- Share the meaning of Memorial day with youth; tell them the differences between Armed forces day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- Enlist the help of youth of all ages to place flags on the graves of Veterans
- Have children create a poppy craft.

This is a great time to start getting all your information together for your year end reports. I have enclosed a copy of it for you to start working on.

PROGRAM GOALS

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations

Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.)

Loyally,
Tammy Chase, 2016-2017 Youth Activities Chairman
45980 SD Hwy 10 - Sisseton, SD 57262
(605) 698-7438
cbchase@venturecomm.net

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 Member ____
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**

Conv. Reg. ____ \$ ____
Aux. Off. & Chm. Lunch ____ \$ ____
Gold Star Family & 45 yrs. + ____ \$ ____
VFW PDC & Dist. Comd. Lunch ____ \$ ____
Non Member Banquet Ticket ____ \$ ____
Total ____ \$ ____

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. Soux Ave., Pierre -- 605-224-0411 -- 1 Queen \$67; 2 Queen \$82

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

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

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:	Color Ads – Inside Pages:	Color Ads – Cover Pages:
Full Page (\$125.00) _____	Full Page (\$200.00) _____	Full Page (\$250.00) _____
Half Page (\$75.00) _____	Half Page (\$125.00) _____	
Quarter Page (\$50.00) _____	Quarter Page (\$90.00) _____	
Business Card (\$35.00) _____	Business Card (\$50.00) _____	
Signature Ads.....\$5.00		

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:	Color Ads – Inside Pages:	Color Ads – Cover Pages:
Full Page (\$125.00) _____	Full Page (\$200.00) _____	Full Page (\$250.00) _____
Half Page (\$75.00) _____	Half Page (\$125.00) _____	
Quarter Page (\$50.00) _____	Quarter Page (\$90.00) _____	
Business Card (\$35.00) _____	Business Card (\$50.00) _____	
Signature Ads.....\$5.00		

VFW or Aux. Representative: _____
Payment Amount Received: _____