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Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of South Dakota
Nancy Worth, President
PO Box 47, Piedmont, SD 57769-0047

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Ladies Auxiliary VFW
SOUTH DAKOTA
2015-2016

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Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Department of South Dakota

General Orders Number 1, July, 2015

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

1. Having been duly elected and installed as President of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota at the convention in Yankton, SD on June 21, 2015, I hereby assume the duties of this office. I pledge to uphold the principles of this organization and will do my very best to carry out the duties of the office in a prudent manner. Thank you for your confidence.
2. **Officers and Chairmen:** Officers and Chairmen elected and appointed on all levels for the 2015-2016 term of office shall assume the duties of their respective office immediately. All 2014-2015 appointments are null and void. Past Officers and Chairmen are requested to give your successor all books, papers and other items pertaining to your office. Please offer them your assistance and guidance. Thank you for accepting these positions.
3. **Ladies Auxiliary Secretary:** Please distribute the Program bulletins included with each General Orders to the respective chairmen prior to the meeting so she can study the bulletin and promote the program at your meeting.
4. **Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer:** Membership dues may be collected beginning July 1, 2015 for the 2016 year. Please send them to Department Treasurer, Carol Gross, PO Box 657, Huron, SD 57350 as soon as possible after you receive them. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO SEND A LARGE TRANSMITTAL, once a week is preferred.** All Memberships must be into National Headquarters by the LAST working day of the month to be credited for that month. To allow Treasurer Carol to meet this deadline, your transmittal MUST be postmarked by the 20th of the month. **There are no longer reinstated memberships. Any memberships not paid before June 30, 2016 (June 20th for transmittal purposes) will be dropped; member would need to reapply for membership and prove eligibility.**

All checks are payable to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota. Please earmark each check itemizing program or account to which the money is being sent. All checks are sent to the Department Treasurer and must be signed by the Ladies Auxiliary President and Treasurer.

5. **President and Treasurer Bonds for Ladies Auxiliaries and Districts:** The Bond Applications will be emailed in early July, 2015 with a link to purchase these Bonds online. Those without email can find the Bond Applications in the Treasurer's Kit CD. Be sure to complete the applications and mail them with a check (earmarked Bond) IMMEDIATELY to: Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, 406 W. 34th Street 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111. Remember President **and** Treasurers are required to be bonded per Section 814.

6. **Communication:** All General Orders from Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference for one year. (Reference: Booklet of Instruction, page 6.) All other communications from National or Department Officers are also official and should be read at once. All Chairmen bulletins should be read in advance by the Program Chairman and only a report should be given on the Auxiliary floor.

7. **Correspondence:** 2015 Bylaws, Section 812. All communications of any nature whatsoever intended for the consideration of the National Body shall be signed by the President and forwarded by the Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Department President. All official communications to National Officers from the Ladies Auxiliary must also be forwarded through channels. See Booklet of Instruction, pages 9-10 as to how correspondence is to be handled.

8. **Audit: The second quarter Audit is due July 30, 2015.** It shall be conducted during the month of July with both the outgoing and incoming Treasurer and Trustees present. Refer to 2015 Bylaws Section 814, Pages 95-96; Trustees, Duties of (All Levels). The President, Secretary and Treasurer should attend the Audit. The Trustees shall submit and read the written report during a Ladies Auxiliary meeting. A motion to accept the audit is required. A copy of the accepted audit shall be included in the minutes record book. It is recommended that the Senior Trustee sends a signed copy of audit immediately to the Department Treasurer who will review it for accuracy and corrections.

9. **National Convention:** National Convention will be July 18-22, 2015, in Pittsburgh, PA. Advance registration for this event is closed. Members can register onsite for \$20.00. Those wanting the 2015-2016 National Program Book may send \$20.00 to Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 W. 34th Street 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111; attention Programs Department. Hope to see a lot of South Dakota sisters there.

10. **National President's Visit to South Dakota:** National President, Francisca Guilford, will make her official visit on August 16-17, 2015. She will land at the Rapid City Airport around 10:00am on August 16th. We will meet her with the Aisle of Flags, then have lunch and go to Sturgis. See attached bulletin for details.

11. **Department and Auxiliary Roster:** The roster is included in this General Orders. Please review for accuracy and notify Department Secretary, Nancy Chester, with corrections. Nancy's email is: nancysdvfwa@pie.midco.net and her mailing address is: PO Box 55, Fort Pierre, SD 57532.

12. **Make plans for:** SD Fall Council of Administration with School of Instruction, which will also include Homecomings for State Commander and Department President on October 3-4, 2015 at Cedar Shore Resort near Oacoma and Chamberlain. Big Ten Conference is in Bettendorf, Iowa October 16-18, 2015.

13. **Congratulations:** Congratulations to Department Commander Mike Mullen on your election and installation as Department Commander. All members of the South Dakota Ladies Auxiliary extend our best wishes to Mike and his Officers and Chairmen for a most successful year.

14. **Thank you** to each and every SD Auxiliary member for all you do for Veterans and their families. Remember that this is our purpose and needs to be our emphasis. We will be "Remembering Our Promise; Advocates for Veterans and their families."

By Order of:

Attest:

Nancy Worth
Department President

Nancy Chester
Department Secretary

Remembering Our Promise



Thank you for electing me as your 2015-2016 Department President. Please know that I am always open to any ideas you may have to help our Department become better.

“If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies.”

Program changes for the 2015-2016 year are:

- **Cancer Aid & Research:** will no longer be a National Program. The Cancer Aid & Research Fund will continue and will always be restricted in use for Cancer Grants (now considered a member benefit) along with donations to cancer research facilities. There will no longer be a Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship. Auxiliaries are encouraged to continue to support this fund with a \$2.00 per member donation.
- **Junior Girls Units:** as of July 1, 2015, there is no longer a Junior Girls Unit Program. The steady decline in participation and the low number of girls reported being active no longer justify the time and resources that were devoted to it. The National Organization is encouraging Auxiliaries to continue with girls who had been active and sponsor a youth group inviting other youth, including boys, to join in their activities. This can be reported under Youth Activities. It is an excellent opportunity to engage more of the community.
- **Military Suicide Awareness:** has been added to the Hospital Program. The Veterans Crisis Line, run by Veterans Affairs, can assist veterans and their families with many issues.
- **National Certified Recruiter Trainer:** This wonderful addition to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW will continue with Jan Endes as the Recruiter Trainer.

National President, Francisca Guilford, will visit South Dakota August 16-17. She flies out early on August 18th. Please make plans to join us in the Black Hills and meet her. President Francisca wants to our Veterans. Please see the following pages regarding this visit.

There are NEW Officers, Chairmen, Appointed Officers and District Presidents. Please introduce yourselves to them and get to know them. Volunteering for positions at the Department level is extremely commendable. And to all the members of South Dakota's Ladies Auxiliary VFW – THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES.

In Sisterhood:

LA VFW South Dakota 2015-2016 Department President

**National Ladies Auxiliary VFW
President Francisca Guilford
Visit to South Dakota, 2015**

National President Francisca Guilford arrives in **Rapid City Airport Sunday, August 16th** at 9:41 am via Delta Flight #4576. We meet at the airport at 9:15 am with the **Color Bearer flags for the Isle of Honor to greet her.**

President Francisca loves meeting Veterans, so invite your Veteran to join in all or part of the visit! **Event registration is \$35.00 (includes bus ride, driver gratuity and Mt. Rushmore parking fee) payable by August 11, 2015 to: VFW Auxiliary #2730 (earmarked Nat'l. Pres. Visit), % Jackie Dale, 1716 Fulton, Sturgis, SD 57785.**

Schedule of events (subject to updates, of course!):

- August 16 -**
- 9:41 am** Welcome at airport
 - 11:30 am** Lunch at Rushmore Post #1273, 420 Main St., Rapid City
 - 12:30 pm** President Francisca's interview with local media at Post #1273
 - 2:00 pm** Hotel Registration – free time
 - 5:00 pm** Social time at VFW Post #2730, 868 Main, Sturgis
 - 6:00 pm** Dinner at The Knuckle Brewery, 918 Second St., Sturgis (rsvp to Jackie Dale by 8/11 @ 605-721-1705 or Nancy Worth at 605-490-1220)
- August 17**
- 7:45am** Board bus at Sturgis Supper 8 hotel (605-347-4447) and proceed to Black Hills National Cemetery (see attached for program information)
 - 8:30am** 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony at Cemetery (ceremony to last about ½ hour)
 - 9:30am** Board bus and proceed to Mt. Rushmore via I-90 and Highway 16
 - 11:30am** Board bus and head for Crazy Horse Monument (plan is to pull into the entrance area for an opportunity of photos – visitor will be given material regarding the monument, but will not physically go into the area)
 - 12:30pm** Lunch at the Custer VFW Post on Mt. Rushmore Road (free-will offering)
 - 1:45pm** Proceed to Hot Springs via Highway 87 (through Wind Cave Nat'l. Park)
 - 2:30pm** Tour of newly constructed SD State Veterans Home with snack
 - 4:00pm** Board bus to return to Sturgis via Highway 79 and I-90
 - 5:30pm** Stop at Sturgis Super 8 to allow change of clothes (if necessary)
 - 6:00pm** Proceed to Deadwood VFW Post located at 10 Pine Street, Deadwood
 - 6:30pm** Supper at Deadwood Post #5969 (\$14.00)
 - 9:00pm** Board bus to return to Sturgis Super 8 hotel

President Francisca **leaves Tuesday, August 18 @ 7:30 am** on United Flight #3858 so there will be no functions with her on Tuesday; Continental Breakfast at hotel.

Hotels in the area (all serve a complimentary breakfast) – **you need to make your own hotel reservations**, which are available at a first come, first serve basis:

Super 8	2 queen beds	\$76.49 + tax	605-347-4447
Holiday Inn Express	2 queen beds	\$99.00 + tax	605-347-4140
Days Inn	2 queen beds	\$140.00 + tax	605-347-3027

50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration

South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to present the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony. The 2015-2016 VFW Commander-in-Chief, John Biedrzycki will be in attendance. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, National President, Francisca Guilford, will also be present to assist with the POW-MIA wreath presentation.

The date for the event is **Monday, August 17, 2015 – 8:30am at Black Hills National Cemetery Internment Center**. This will be a short ceremony to enable BHN Cemetery staff to continue their funeral schedule by 10:00am.

The proposed agenda for the event is:

Welcome	South Dakota Veterans Cemeteries Support Council
Master of Ceremonies	VFW State Commander, Mike Mullen
Presentation of Colors	Sturgis Honor Guard (mix of American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars members)
Opening Prayer	SD VFW Department Chaplain, Jerry Heggstad
Pledge of Allegiance	Srey Austin, Director Black Hills National Cemetery
National Anthem	Joyce Jefferson, DAV Auxiliary State Chaplain
Statistics of Vietnam	National VFW Representative, John Biedrzycki
Wreath Presentations	Announced by VFW State Commander, Mike Mullen
	Vietnam Veterans of America
	Army – Black Hills National Cemetery staff
	Marines - Black Hills Marine Corps League
	Navy – Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary
	Air Force – Sturgis American Legion
	Coast Guard – SD Veterans Cemeteries Support Council
	POW-MIA – VFW Commander-in-Chief, John Biedrzycki and VFW Auxiliary National President, Francisca Guilford
Passing of the Flag	American Legion Riders
Rifle Volley & Taps	Sturgis Honor Guard
Benediction	SD VFW Department Chaplain, Jerry Heggstad

FIVE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN STATUS AS A “LADIES AUXILIARY VFW”

- 1. Elect and install officers for the current year in accordance with Section 806A.**
- 2. Hold at least ten (10) business meeting per year and a quorum (five [5] members in good standing) shall be present.
(See Sections 210 and 212)**
- 3. Bond the offices of President and Treasurer not later than August 31 of the current year.
(See Section 814)**
- 4. Quarterly audits shall be completed in compliance with Section 814.**
- 5. Dues shall be transmitted on at least 10 members on or before February 1 of the current year.
(See Section 207)**



**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota
Karen Sharp, Sr. Vice
Bulletin #1 – July 2015**

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What a great convention. Thank you to all that worked so hard to make it such a great success. I also wish to thank the membership for its faith and confidence in me and for electing me to the position of Sr. Vice President for the 2015 – 2016 year.

I don't have a program chairmanship this year, so I am making myself available to the membership for whatever and wherever I'm needed. I'll be helping to keep you informed on the new things with the Auxiliary of which there will be many. If you have something you wish me to try to research and find an answer for, do not hesitate to contact me. I'll do my best to help.

By the end of July, if the amendment to the By-Laws is passed, the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW will become Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary 30 days after adoption (target date August 20, 2015), and husbands, sons, fathers, brothers, grandfathers, grandsons, will be eligible for Auxiliary membership. Current dual members will be "grandfathered" in, but only until August 20, 2015. Auxiliary units will have up to 5 years to replace the seal, uniform, emblems, badges, and insignia. The VFW Store will offer select items needed for meetings at a discounted price during the transition period. The Department of SD will keep members informed as information is made available. If you have not already done so and were unable to attend the Department of SD convention, I urge you to go to the website: sdvfw.org and click on the Ladies Auxiliary tab to review the information provided.

Obviously, the changes will give us greater opportunities to recruit new members. Let's not let this slip through our hands. Dues notices will be going out shortly. Hit the ground running to reach 100% Plus. The earlier in the year that you achieve your goals, the easier it is. If anyone needs help with their membership roster, please contact me. Again, the earlier in the year that we can resolve any discrepancies between the Auxiliary and National, the easier it is.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the National President's visit in Sturgis and the Black Hills August 16 – 18 and Celebrating America's Freedom Event at Fort Snelling August 29th. It may be a long time before we have this event again as close as Fort Snelling. Registration deadline for this event is August 1st. To register go to the Ladies Auxiliary website: ladiesauxvfw.org – login – Event Registration.

Karen Sharp
Sr. Vice President
P. O. Box 1133
Fort Pierre, SD 57532
Phone: 605-223-2523 – Home
605-222-3140 – Cell
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LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

2015-2016

Dear Auxiliary Treasurers:

Welcome to the exciting year of 2015-2016 as your local Auxiliary Treasurer!

There are a lot of new changes this year in how we conduct our business. If you have any questions or problems, please contact me and I will help you in any way I can.

Some of the changes for this year include:

1. All member transfers or new member applications (annual or life) must be sent in using the following form filled out completely. This is the **only** way National will accept them. You cannot use the old forms any longer.
2. All address changes, name changes, continuous annual dues that you do NOT have a pre-printed card for, or if an annual member converts to Life—must be accompanied by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Membership Update form. These forms are self-explanatory and **are the only ones accepted!**
3. There are NO LONGER any reinstates. Anyone who has not paid their dues and sent to me no later than June 26, 2015 must fill out the new member application form and send to me by an Auxiliary Treasurer and will start their membership again as year #1. (This is a National Ruling, and they will make no exceptions.)
4. Please check your work and make sure that a current card (2016) for each member accompanies the dues submitted to me. Make sure that you have sent in the correct monetary amount for the number of dues you are submitting. For example, if you send in a membership summary totaling 10 members, please make sure that there are an equal number of cards with that transmission. (If you send me a summary of 10 annual members paying and only 9 cards, I cannot possibly know who the 10th paying member is.)

If anyone has any questions about this information, please let me know.

Loyally,



Carol Gross, Department Treasurer

Dear Auxiliary Treasurer

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO SEND IN YOUR OBLIGATIONS THIS YEAR!

Another year is past and I want to thank all of you for the great job you did in getting the dues in to me. These obligations are very important because of the many changes that are being made by National this year.

OBLIGATIONS FOR 2015-2016

Obligations are paid per membership as of June 30, 2015. I am enclosing this form for the obligations, please fill it out and send it in when you pay your Auxiliary Obligations. It is fine to write one check for the total amount, BUT please fill out the form so I know what amount you pay for each area.

AUXILIARY _____	MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 _____			
Cancer Aid & Research		\$2.00 X _____	=	_____
Hospital	\$1.25	-\$1.00 X _____	=	_____
Ways & Means		\$1.00 X _____	=	_____
Canteen Books -----		.25 X _____	=	_____
Veterans & Family Support		.10 X _____	=	_____
Americanism		.05 X _____	=	_____
Veterans & Family Scholarship		.05X _____	=	_____
	TOTAL	X _____	=	_____

Other Donations _____

TOTAL DONATIONS _____

(Other Donations could be Special Olympics, Pres Project, or an extra Donation to any of the Department Projects.)

Remember the sooner you send in your obligations the more points your Auxiliary President receives in the Judging for Outstanding President. Any Auxiliary can send in more than the \$4.45 per member if they desire.

Obligations are to be sent to the Department Treas: Carol Gross
PO Box 657
Huron SD 57350

Health and Happiness (.10 per member) is sent to the National Treasurer at:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW, 406 W 34 St Floor 10, Kansas City, Mo 64111

Any donations made to the National Home for Children are to be sent directly to them at

3573 S Waverly Rd

Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

See you at Fall Council!

Carol Gross, Department Treasurer

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____

- Annual Membership Life Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____
 Member-at-Large Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Ladies Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Ladies Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
 Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (If applicable)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)
 Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying ____ or Nonpaying ____? (check one)

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Foreign Service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I affirm that the above eligibility meets all eligibility requirements of the National Bylaws. I further state that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Election Date _____ Obligated Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Check here if this is a gift. Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer

Payment: Cash Check Visa

Mastercard Discover

Life Membership Fee \$ _____

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

C. C. # _____

CVV Code ____ Exp. ____/____

Signature _____ Date _____

ACH (Bank withdrawal)

Name of Bank _____

Bank Routing No. _____

Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$220
21-25	\$210
26-30	\$200
31-35	\$190
36-40	\$185
41-45	\$175
46-50	\$170
51-55	\$160
56-60	\$150
61-65	\$140
66-70	\$130
71-75	\$115
76-80	\$95
81-85	\$75
86-90	\$60
91 and over	\$50

OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature _____

(Must be signed by all members.)

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Membership Update Form

Rev. 3-15

REQUIRED FIELDS:

Member's Current Name _____ Membership ID No. _____

Current Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Current Auxiliary # _____ Department of _____ Date of Birth _____

NAME CHANGE Former Name _____
First Last

ADDRESS CHANGE

CONTINUOUS ANNUAL DUES (no pre-printed card)

CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBER

Life Membership Fee \$ _____

Check here if this is a gift. It will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.

Payment Methods:

Check: Make check payable to: **Ladies Auxiliary VFW**

Credit Card ___VISA ___MasterCard ___Discover

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Address associated with the card holder: _____

Credit Card Number _____

CVV Code ___ ___ ___ (3 digit code shown on back of credit card) Expiration ____/____
Month / Year

Card Holder's Signature _____ Date _____

ACH (Bank withdrawal) Name of Bank _____ Routing Number _____

Attached voided check HERE (required) Account Number _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES	
Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.	
Through 20	\$220
21-25	\$210
26-30	\$200
31-35	\$190
36-40	\$185
41-45	\$175
46-50	\$170
51-55	\$160
56-60	\$150
61-65	\$140
66-70	\$130
71-75	\$115
76-80	\$95
81-85	\$75
86-90	\$60
91 and over	\$50

REPLACE MY LIFE MEMBER CARD

NAME CHANGES OR LOST CARD REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK made payable to Ladies Auxiliary VFW for \$5.00 or complete the payment information above if using a credit card or ACH. Please send directly to National Headquarters at 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111.

DEATH REPORT Date of Death _____



Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NOTICE

Beginning July 1, 2015, only the new Cancer Grant Application form will be accepted at National Headquarters. Please dispose of any old copies of Cancer Grant Applications. The new Cancer Grant Application can be found on the Treasurer's CD and on the Ladies Auxiliary VFW website under the tab of Benefits on the homepage.

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APPLICATION FOR A CANCER GRANT

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for one (1) full year.
- Current dues must be paid before applying for a cancer grant.
- After twelve (12) months have passed from date of diagnosis or last treatment, application will not be accepted.
- A member is allowed two (2) grants during her lifetime. Twelve (12) months **must** elapse between new diagnosis and/or treatment for a second application to be considered. Continuous treatment which lasts beyond the twelve (12) month period will qualify for a second grant.
- Application will be rejected if member has been deceased for longer than 30 days.

Instructions:

- Member must complete in its entirety the Member's portion of the application.
- If the member has deceased, a family member may submit this application with documentation of proof of death such as an obituary, doctor's letter, etc.
- Physician must complete in its entirety the Physician's portion of the application.
- Mail completed application to:

**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW
ATTN: CANCER GRANTS
406 W. 34TH STREET, 10TH FLOOR
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111**

This section to be filled out by the Member

Membership ID No. _____ Member's Full Name _____
(as shown on face of membership card)

Auxiliary No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone No. (____) _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

Member's or Power of Attorney (attach P.O.A. document) Signature _____ Date Signed _____

This section to be filled out by the Attending Physician

1. Type of cancer diagnosed? _____
2. Date diagnosed with **this** cancer? _____
3. Most recent date of treatment for **this** cancer? _____

ATTENTION DOCTOR: Thank you very much for your cooperation in furnishing information pertaining to the diagnosis and treatment of cancer for our Ladies Auxiliary VFW member.

Physician's Signature _____ Date _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone No. (____) _____
(please print)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S JUDGING—2015-2016

Our Department President Nancy's theme is "*Remembering Our Promise—Advocates for Veterans & Their Families*" National President Francisca's theme is "*Our Veterans—Now and Forever.*" With these in mind as Auxiliary President, please provide the leadership to your members to attain those goals in your Auxiliary, your community and your support of 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 she did to help in each program. However, we are requesting a 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 changes in our Programs this year. Please read the Chairmen's Bulletins carefully to understand and respond accordingly as some have been modified and expanded.

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 \$50 Cash Award to the Captain of the Team and \$25 Cash Award to the Co-Captain of the Team. These two awards are to be chosen from the four First Place Winners.

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 due on May 1, 2016.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY VW, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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, 2015 membership in each of the four membership categories.

6 points if 100% in Category 1 by September 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 2 by October 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 3 by November 1, 2015
6 points if 100% in Category 4 by December 1, 2015
5 points if 100% one month later than listed date
4 points if 100% two months later
3 points if 100% three months later
2 points if 100% four months or more later

- B.** 1 point for each **life** member by April 30, 2016, **if** 100% membership is attained. The number of rejoined members in your auxiliary for 2016 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 Program Chairmen.

- E.** Department Obligations are based on June 30, 2015 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 met in December

- F.** 1 point for each audit report sent in on time.

- G.** 1 point for participating in each of the following: (If as President she participates 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

Participating in Department President's
Project
Donation to National Military Services

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

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

Americanism
Hospital/VAVS
Legislative

Scholarships
Youth Activities
Veterans and Family Support

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

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

K. 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.

As President, you will receive from National Headquarters a National Program booklet **if you register** for the National Convention. This book is a wealth of information describing each program that your Auxiliary should participate in during the year. We encourage you to register, read the booklet and share the information with your Auxiliary chairmen.

The success of your Auxiliary depends, to a great extent, on your role as Auxiliary President. Please read and re-read the General Orders and bulletins to better assist your Program Chairmen. As Auxiliary President, your role is one of the most important of our organization.

Thank you for your service as President to our Ladies Auxiliary VFW

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS' JUDGING—2015-2016 YEAR END REPORT

Auxiliary Name _____ Number _____ City _____

Auxiliary President _____

Number of New Members _____ Number of Rejoined Members _____ (Used as tie breaker)

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 points**)
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/Legislative Council _____
7. Did **you** participate or Auxiliary send a donation 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)
10. Did **your** Auxiliary participate in the Department President's Project? _____
11. Did **your** Auxiliary complete the following projects? Americanism _____ Hospital/VAVS _____
Legislative _____ Scholarships _____ Voice of Democracy _____ Patriots' 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 Nancy'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 each of you.

If you have any questions, PLEASE contact me. Home phone 605-452-3270 Email: tendes@goldenwest.net

DEADLINE: May 1, 2016. Your report must be postmarked before and in my (Jan) hands by May 1, 2016, so mail a few days prior to deadline.

Send to: Jan Endes
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South Dakota State Fair 2015

Comrades and Sisters,

Becky and I would like to thank Commander Mike Mullen for appointing us as co-chairpersons of the State Fair. Under the mentorship of Lois and Gary Knudson we hope to continue the excellent program currently in place. Each District is asked to have personnel at the VFW and Auxiliary tables from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Veterans Building on the dates assigned. Scheduling two individuals at each table for two or four hour shifts has worked well in the past. District Commanders and Presidents; please contact your Post Commanders and Presidents in regard to having personnel present on the appropriate day. This year's Fair schedule is:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>District(s)</u>
Thursday	September 3	2
Friday	September 4	1 & 7
Saturday	September 5	8 & 10
Sunday	September 6	5
Monday	September 7	6

The South Dakota State Fair is part of the VFW Donations Division in the State Commander's Membership Program Book. Posts should consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. Donations should be sent directly to **Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Carol Gross, P.O. Box 657, Huron, SD 57350**. Also mail a copy of your check to Department Headquarters in Sioux Falls.

If you are planning on attending the State Fair I would encourage you to visit the Veterans Building which is located on Midway Avenue as there are several Veterans Organizations present and numerous exhibits on display. See you at the Fair.

Tom Hafner

State Fair Chairman

Ladies Auxiliary VFW
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| 1935-36 Charlotte Mantel, Aberdeen | 1993-94 Kaye Ruby, Sioux Falls |
| 1936-37 Frances Sweeney, Sioux Falls | 1996-97 Delores Joynt, Rapid City |
| 1937-38 Martha Wheeler, Yankton | |
| 1938-40 Myrtle Winesburg, Madison | |
| 1940-41 Kathryn Robinson, Sioux Falls | |
| 1941-42 Vina Calhoon, Lead | |
| 1942-43 Thana Lawler, Madison | |
| 1943-44 Ella Lyngheim, Canton | |
| 1944-45 Leona Peterson, Aberdeen | |
| 1945-46 Sylvia Guenther, Sioux Falls | |
| 1946-47 Lula McKinney, Madison | |
| 1947-48 Rosalia Johnson, Yankton | |
| 1948-49 Clara Baker, Rapid City | |
| 1949-50 Olive Diekman, Canton | |
| 1950-51 Gertrude Lenhart, Lead | |
| 1951-52 Maye Burr, Vermillion | |
| 1952- Ruby Buttemeier, Sioux Falls | |
| 1952-53 Lorena Getz, Sturgis | |
| 1953-54 Elizabeth Rempp, Yankton | |
| 1954-55 Elfrieda Tice, Mitchell; Past National
President in 1962-63 | |
| 1955-56 Lula McKinney, Madison | |
| 1956-57 Helen Weber, Watertown | |
| 1957-58 Esther Kopel, Parkston | |
| 1959-60 Kay Afdahl Jones, Redfield | |
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| 1961-62 Evelyn Cossart, Deadwood | |
| 1962-63 Betty Wertz, Aberdeen | |
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| 1965-66 Marie Robley, Deadwood | |
| 1966-67 Ethel Risty, Sioux Falls | |
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| 1972-73 Mary Bisgard, Flandreau | |
| 1973-74 Marlene Amundsen, Vermillion | |
| 1977-78 Tina Gabel, Deadwood | |
| 1978-79 Susie Radigan, Vermillion | |
| 1979-80 Marcia Burrows, Pierre | |
| 1980-81 Helen Johns, Aberdeen | |
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| 1983-84 Reva DePauw, Rapid City | |
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Treasurer	Shelly Stoddard	105 Curlie St	Yankton, SD 57078	605-661-7124		vfw791auxiliary@gmail.com
Elk Point Auxiliary 915 - Dist. 1		Meeting: Hair Studio #3, 7:30pm, 2nd Thurs.			Dues: \$12.00	
President	Starr Welch	701 E. Washington St.	Elk Point, SD 57025-219			starrwelch48@gmail.com
Secretary	Sarah Renee Dossdall	607 E Jefferson St.	Elk Point, SD 57025-2268			sarah.dossdall@gmail.com
Treasurer	Winna Mary Lanning	PO Box 151	Elk Point, SD 57025-0151	605-356-2355		
Turner Auxiliary 2821 - Dist. 1		Meeting: Turner Village Community Room, 7:30pm, 3rd Monday			Dues: \$13.00	
President	Lamara Kuck	340 N Juniper Ave	Parker, SD 57053	605-941-8561		
Secretary	Mary Miller	PO Box 125	Parker, SD 57053	605-297-4744		mmiller06@knology.net
Treasurer	Jennifer Verhey	PO Box 577	Parker, SD 57053	605-929-4424		queenlillian@yahoo.com
United Auxiliary 2975 - Dist. 1		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:30pm, 2nd Monday			Dues: \$21.00	
President	Donita Mullinix	104 W Lincoln	Beresford, SD	605-763-5595		do_mullinix@yahoo.com
Secretary	Marion Neuroth	305 So 2nd	Beresford, SD	605-763-2596		
Treasurer	Kathy Andre	211 So 6th	Beresford, SD	605-763-5596		
Clay Auxiliary 3061 - Dist. 1		Meeting: City Hall, 7:30pm, 3rd Tues.			Dues: \$17.00	
President	Donna Schafer	304 Canby St.	Vermillion, SD 57069	605-670-4538		donnaschafer@vyn.midco.net
Secretary	Barbara Kronaizl	108 S Norbeck St	Vermillion, SD 57069	605-624-8929		

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Treasurer	Boneva Albers	104 S Norbeck	Vermillion, SD 57069	605-624-3670		
Lincoln Auxiliary 3164 - Dist. 1		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Tues.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Laurie Mulder	47970 W 5th St	Canton, SD 57013	605-940-0158		l_mulder@yahoo.com
Secretary	Sharon Mitchell	27677 481st Ave	Canton, SD 57013	605-987-5449		swmitchell@outlook.com
Treasurer	Alice M Upshaw	48096 274th St	Canton, SD 57013	605-553-4452		alicemae.71@gmail.com
Wilde Auxiliary 3728 - Dist. 1		Meeting: 904 Cherry St. (Phyllis Kaufman's home), 4:00pm, 4th Friday				Dues: \$18.00
President	Kay Tjaden	Box 602	Freeman, SD 57029	605-661-9371		
Secretary	Mary Jo Walter	Box 104	Freeman, SD 57029	605-925-7594		
Treasurer	Phyllis Kaufman	Box 606	Freeman, SD 57029	605-925-4521		
Alcester Auxiliary 6149 - Dist. 1		Meeting: Sr. Citz Bldg., 7:30pm, 4th Monday				Dues: \$20.00
President	Clarice J Paulson	PO Box 726	Alcester, SD 57001	605-934-2094		claricepaulson365@hotmail.com
Secretary	Nancy Fickbohm	47965 301st	Alcester, SD 57001	605-934-2414		dfickbohm@alliancecom.net
Treasurer	Dolores Sommervold	31048 477th Ave	Akron, IA 51001	605-565-3003		deesom@wildblue.net
District 2 Department of South Dakota						
President	Lois Ladegaard	908 Christine Ave., #204	Brookings, SD 57006	605-692-1991		laddie426@hotmail.com
Secretary	Janice Olson	1924 9th Ave S Unit 108	Brookings, SD 57006	605-695-0377		jano@mchsi.com
Treasurer	Janice Olson	1924 9th Ave S Unit 108	Brookings, SD 57006	605-695-0377		jano@mchsi.com
John M. Bliss 628 - Dist. 2		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 1st Wed.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Norma Walters	520 S. Blauvelt Ave.	Sioux Falls, SD 57103	605-338-3889		gnwalters@sio.midco.net
Secretary	Kim Vennard	4512 S. Graystone Ave.	Sioux Falls, SD 57103	605-370-8409		kiv57103@gmail.com
Treasurer	Michele Prestbo	2209 S. Stephan Ave.	Sioux Falls, SD 57103	605-338-2337		prestbo@sio.medco.net
George Dokken Auxiliary 2118 - Dist. 2		Meeting: VFW Post, 7:00pm, 3rd Tues.				Dues: \$15.00
President	Wanda Mix	205 Mustang Pass	Brookings, SD 57006	605-690-0170		wandarmix@gmail.com
Secretary	Sandy Meisenheimer	518 44th St S	Brookings, SD 57006	605-693-4495	605-690-7639	sanlar@itctel.com
Treasurer	Janice Olson	1924 9th Ave S Unit 108	Brookings, SD 57006	605-697-5463	605-695-0377	jano@mchsi.com
Ronald Westby Auxiliary 2638 - Dist. 2		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 5:15pm, 2nd Mon.				Dues: \$19.00
President	Paula Barrick	702 SW 2nd	Madison, SD 57047	605-270-2984		paulabarrick@hotmail.com
Secretary	Roberta Janke	177 Ramm Hts	Madison, SD 57047	605-427-1643		rjanke5@iw.net
Treasurer	Imogene Ellis	PO Box 306	Madison, SD 57047	605-270-1665		imogene1665@gmail.com

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Moody Auxiliary 3351 - Dist. 2		Meeting: 7:30pm, 1st Wed.			Dues: \$13.00	
President	Patty Clark	21993 479th Ave	Elkton, SD 57026	605-690-2569		
Secretary	Karen Lang	105 N Bates St	Flandreau, SD 57028	605-573-7030		
Treasurer	Lavonne Jepsen	625 E Pipestone Ave	Flandreau, SD 57028	605-997-3537	605-864-1741	harryandlavonne@gmail.com
Three Rivers Auxiliary 4726 - Dist. 2		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 6:30pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$25.00	
President	LaVonne Schrader	1716 Parkview Blvd	Brandon, SD 57005	605-310-3998		lavm@alliancecomm.net
Secretary	Betsy Montgue	5501 E 6th St #20	Sioux Falls, SD 57140	605-271-7167		montaguebet@AOL.com
Treasurer	Amy Von Holtom	104 S Main	Brandon, SD 57005	954-610-4199		
District 4 Department of South Dakota						
President	Sharon Wellnitz	401 S. Viola St.	Milbank, SD 57252	605-949-2108		wellnitzsharon@yom
Secretary	Yvonne Pauli	14642 474th Ave.	Milbank, SD 57252	605-432-4387		
Treasurer	Gloria Fortin	515 8th St. NE	Watertown, SD 57201	605-882-4459		jgfortin@wat.midco.net
Frank H. Adams Auxiliary 750 - Dist. 4		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Wed.			Dues: \$17.00	
President	Joan Bowers	PO Box 1582	Watertown, SD 57201	605-237-1315		jobear_44@yahoo.com
Secretary	Kathryn M Holen	PO Box 622	Clear Lake, SD 57226-0622	605-881-6534		kmholen@itctel.com
Treasurer	Debra Maifield	44705 173rd ST	Watertown, SD 57201	605-868-9439		dmaifield@hotmail.com
Fort Sisseton Auxiliary 3342 - Dist. 4		Meeting: Sr. Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Mon.			Dues: \$17.00	
President	Tammy Chase	45980 SD Hwy 10	Sisseton, SD 57262	605-698-7438		cbchase@venturecomm.net
Secretary	Karen Sebek	45285 103rd St	Claire City, SD 57224	605-652-4658		karenls@tnics.com
Treasurer	Julie Stapleton	45696 116th St	Sisseton, SD 57262	605-698-7079		stapletn@venturecomm.net
Grant County Auxiliary 3486 - Dist. 4		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 6:30pm, 1st Tues.			Dues: \$20.00	
President	Myrna Bell	2055 3rd St.	Milbank, SD 57252	605-949-0502		
Secretary	Sharon Wellnitz	401 S Viola St	Milbank, SD 57252	605-949-2108		wellnitzsharon@yahoo.com
Treasurer	JoAnn Hoeke	401 E Bell Ave	Milbank, SD 57252	605-432-6276		
Marshall Auxiliary 3507 - Dist. 4		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Thurs.			Dues: \$20.00	
President	Donna Symens	11520 412th Ave.	Clarmont, SD 57432	605-448-5800		ddsymens@venturecomm.net
Secretary	Donna Symens	11520 412th Ave.	Clarmont, SD 57432	605-448-5800		ddsymens@venturecomm.net
Treasurer	Lori Greenmyer	PO Box 478	Britton, SD 57430	605-448-9919		mcdirector2@venturecomm.net
Webster Auxiliary 4690 - Dist. 4		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Claudette Lewno	PO Box 173	Waubay, SD 57273	605-947-4806		lewnotc@hotmail.com

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Secretary	Claudette Lewno	PO Box 173	Waubay, SD 57273	605-947-4806		lewnotc@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Beverly B Bachman	916 Main Ave Apt 6	Webster, SD 57274	605-345-4616		
Francis-Wayne Auxiliary 5022 - Dist. 4		Meeting: Stoneybrook Suites, 6:30pm, 2nd Mon.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Disbanding					
Secretary						
Treasurer						
John H. Larson Auxiliary 6361 - Dist. 4		Meeting: Goodwin Fire Hall, 1:30pm, 1st Thurs.			Dues: \$20.00	
President	Doris Rose Jaeger	46967 169th Ave.	Strandburg, SD 57265-5002	605-795-3171		
Sec/Treas	Carol Rust	16738 467th Ave.	Goodwin, SD 57238-5028	605-795-3481		
District 6 Department of South Dakota						
President	Sheryl Ruckman	1215 S. Penn St.	Aberdeen, SD 57401	605-225-0168		
Secretary	Nelda Jorgensen	1626 Cedar Dr	Aberdeen, SD 57401	605-225-7060		nktikijorg@ndc.net
Treasurer	Midred Ratigan	26 W. 6th Ave., Apt. 101	Redfield, SD 57469	605-472-2209		mratigan@ave.midco.net
C.C. Croal Auxiliary 17 - Dist. 6		Meeting: County Courthouse Annex, 7:30pm, 2nd Thurs.			Dues: \$25.00	
President	Sheryl Ruckman	1215 S Penn St	Aberdeen, SD 57401	605-225-0168		
Secretary	Nelda Jorgenson	1626 Cedar Dr	Aberdeen, SD 57401	605-225-7060		nktikijorg@ndc.net
Treasurer	Lisa Jensen	13065 395th Ave	Bath, SD 57427	605-229-7556		
Forrest McMullen Auxiliary 1776 - Dist. 6		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 3rd Wed.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Beverly Freng	540 Ohio Ave NW	Huron, SD 57350	605-352-5997		dickorbevfreng@santel.net
Secretary	Leanne Voorhees	462 6th S NE	Huron, SD 57350	605-765-9522		leannevoorhees@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Debra Meyers	PO Box 501	Ft. Thompson, SD 57339	605-350-7309		dmeyers@horizonhealthcare.org
Mobridge Auxiliary 2741 - Dist. 6		Meeting: River Ridge Apt. Social Room, 2:00pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Carol Baer	102 4th Ave E	Mobridge, SD 57601	605-845-3723		
Secretary	Shirley Baer	210 3rd St West	Mobridge, SD 57601	605-853-3343		
Treasurer	Bonnie Larson	1002 1st Ave W	Mobridge, SD 57601	605-845-2439		
Paul A. Schieher Auxiliary 2755 - Dist. 6		Meeting: Knights of Columbus Hall, 7:00pm, 3rd Mon.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Mildred Ratigan	26 W 6th Ave Apt 101	Redfield, SD 57469	605-472-2209		mratigan@ave.midco.net
Secretary	Sandra Schmidt	38221 174th St	Redfield, SD 57469	605-472-0427		pschmidt@nrctv.com
Treasurer	Carol Leinen	PO Box 437	Redfield, SD 57469	605-472-1619		carolleinen@gmail.com

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Faulkton Auxiliary 3179 - Dist. 6		Meeting: East View Meeting Room, 2:00pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$11.00	
President	Ardyce Hadrick	Box 296	Faulkton, SD 57438	605-598-6206		ahadrick@venturecomm.net
Secretary	Donna Hogg	Box 415	Faulkton, SD 57438	605-598-6694		
Treasurer	Mary Stevens	16155 343rd Av	Faulkton, SD 57438	605-598-4380		burkemere@venturecomm.net
Miller Auxiliary 3214 - Dist. 6		Meeting: Am. Legion Hall, 8:00pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$20.00	
President	Jean D Johnson	19810 389th Ave	Miller, SD 57362	605-853-3662		
Secretary	Doris Schultz	207 East 8th St	Miller, SD 57362	605-652-4658		dschultz@hur.midco.net
Treasurer	Pamela Williams	PO Box 205	St Lawerance, SD 57373	605-953-3883		
Eureka Auxiliary 5126 - Dist. 6		Meeting: Eureka Info Center, 7:30pm, last Tues.			Dues: \$14.00	
President	Pamela Ottenbacher	PO Box 461	Eureka, SD 57437-0461	605-284-2181		pam_ottenbacher@hotmail.com
Secretary	Connie Jung	PO Box 554	Eureka, SD 57437-0554			
Treasurer	Gladys Busk	PO Box 642	Eureka, SD 57437-0642	605-284-2768		
Miles-Davis-Fortin Auxiliary 6481 - Dist. 6		Meeting: Community Center, 4:00pm, 2nd Wed.			Dues: \$15.00	
President	Alina Becker	PO Box 223	Turton, SD 57477-0233	605-897-6649		aebeccker@nvc.net
Secretary	Teresa Barrie	PO Box 114	Turton, SD 57477-0111	605-897-6637		
Treasurer	Kris Barrie	PO Box 111	Turton, SD 57477-0114	605-897-6637		
Winston M. Toomey Auxiliary 8530 - Dist. 6		Meeting: Lucy's Bar & Grill, 4:30pm, 3rd Wed.			Dues: \$16.00	
President	Roseland Eldeen	106 S East St Apt 1	Gettysburg, SD 57442	605-765-2665		
Secretary	Nota Berg	607 S Park St	Gettysburg, SD 57442	605-765-9522		
Treasurer	Bev Thomas	301 E Garfield Ave	Gettysburg, SD 57442	605-765-9392		dthomas@venturecomm.net
District 7 Department of South Dakota						
President	Leanne Payne	PO Box 126	Plankinton, SD 57368-0126	605-942-7568	605-999-2414	oldcripp@siouxvalley.net
Secretary	Gale Kurtenbach	301 Fourth St.	Parkston, SD 57366		605-928-3141	gmkurtenbach@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Pamela Vissia	PO Box 371	Plankinton, SD 57368-0371	605-942-7145	605-770-5089	pvissia@siouxvalley.net
Corn Palace City Auxiliary 2750 - Dist. 7		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 1:30pm, 1st Tues.			Dues: \$20.00	
President	Carol Schoenfelder	818 East 7th	Mitchell, SD 57301	605-996-2155		
Secretary	Margaret Weiland	1105 W. 3rd Ave.	Mitchell, SD 57301	605-996-3548		
Treasurer	Irene Wilson	3201 W Havens St	Mitchell, SD 57301	605-996-8833		
Paul Grossheusch Auxiliary 2966 - Dist. 7		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:30pm, 2nd Tues.			Dues: \$18.50	

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Treasurer	Mona Nelles	731 E 6th St	Scotland, SD 57059	605-583-4588		
Charles Mix Auxiliary 3239 - Dist. 7		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 3rd Tues.				Dues: \$18.00
President	Carla Pesicka	238 N 8th Ave	Lake Andes, SD 57356	605-491-4192		carlakay1@hotmail.com
Secretary	Carol Blaha	Box 727	Lake Andes, SD 57356	605-487-7468		
Treasurer	Susan Schultz	Box 23	Pickstown, SD 57367	605-487-7037		sjschultz@charles-mix.com
Hutchinson County Auxiliary 3298 - Dist. 7		Meeting: VFW, 2nd Thurs.				Dues: \$15.00
President	Donna Nolz	115 S 2nd St	Parkston, SD 57366-2126	605-928-7176		
Secretary	Becky Hafner	301 West Cherry St.	Parkston, SD 57366-2126	605-928-7345		tbhafner@santel.net
Treasurer	Gale M. Kurtenbach	301 N 4th St.	Parkston, SD 57368-2033	605-928-3141		gmkurtenbach@hotmail.com
Aurora County Auxiliary 6554 - Dist. 7		Meeting: Plankinton School, 7:00pm, 3rd Tues.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Colleen Foland	404 South Kimball	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-999-3348		
Secretary	Sherry Staller	PO Box 451	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-942-7428		
Treasurer	Pam Vissia	Box 371	Plankinton, SD 57368	605-942-7145		pvissia@siouxvalley.net
Simek-Ptak Auxiliary 6895 - Dist. 7		Meeting: member homes, 7:00pm, 1st Wed.				Dues: \$13.23
President	Darlene Tycz	30421 SD Hwy 37	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-589-3717		
Secretary	Dorothy Walkes	1811 Birch	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-589-3458		
Treasurer	Debbie Branaugh	Box 214	Tyndall, SD 57066	605-589-3981		
Rollie Bucholz Auxiliary 7319 - Dist. 7		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Tues.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Velda Jerke	11 SE Sheridan Ave. SE	Wagner, SD 57380	605-384-4259		
Secretary	Carol Tolliver	PO Box 563	Wagner, SD 57380	605-384-3392		queenbee@hcinet.net
Treasurer	Sandy Seiner	39396 288th St.	Armour, SD 57313	605-481-1339		sandy.seiner1@gmail.com
District 8 Department of South Dakota						
President	Nancy Chester	PO Box 55	Fort Pierre, SD 57532-0055	605-220-1468		nancysdvwfla@pie.midco.net
Secretary	Lois Knudson	1415 E. Dakota Ave.	Pierre, SD 57501-4110	605-224-4295		
Treasurer	Georgia Serr	PO Box 204	Burke, SD 57523	605-775-2929		georgiaserr@yahoo.com
Charles E. Thorne Auxiliary 2039 - Dist. 8		Meeting: Perkins - Ft. Pierre, 6:00pm, 2nd Tues.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Glynis Collier	1912 Riggs Dr	Pierre, SD 57501	605-224-9044		glyniscollier@yahoo.com
Secretary	Penny Galinat	1114 N Hwy 14 Apt 3	Pierre, SD 57501	605-224-9586		plgalinat@yahoo.com

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Treasurer	Dorinda Timmons	309 S Monroe Av	Pierre, SD 57501	605-224-7409		davet259@pie.midco.net
Winner Auxiliary 4674 - Dist. 8		Meeting: Am. Legion, 7:00pm, 2nd Mon.				Dues: \$20.00
President	SandraVan Kekerix	PO Box 191	Witten, SD 57584-0191	605-879-2556		skvank@yahoo.com
Secretary	Connie Heggestad	PO Box 388	Winner, SD 57580-0388	605-842-0530		ajnegg@gwtc.net
Treasurer	Norma Storms	PO Box 666	Winner, SD 57580-0666	605-842-2244		
Burke Auxiliary 9950 - Dist. 8		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 8:00pm, 3rd Tues.				Dues: \$17.00
President	Elsie Forsch	29727 SD Hwy 47	Burke, SD 57523	605-775-2217		
Secretary	Deborah Serr	30047 336th Ave	Gregory, SD 57433	605-835-8222		
Treasurer	Georgia Serr	PO Box 204	Burke, SD 57523	605-775-2929		georgiaserr@gmail.com
District 10 Department of South Dakota						
President	Diane Ward	636 Cathedral Dr #406	Rapid City, SD 57701	605-343-5657		dcward@centurylink.net
Secretary	Beth Hendricks	1031 Park Hill Dr.	Rapid City, SD 57701-5842	605-381-5176		walkusa@rushmore.com
Treasurer	Jackie Dale	1716 Fulton St	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-720-1705		angler08@wowway.com
Rushmore Auxiliary 1273 - Dist. 10		Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 2nd Thurs.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Kay Rypinski	636 Cathedral Dr #502	Rapid City, SD 57701	605-381-9365		kay_rypinski@hotmail.com
Secretary	Beth Hendricks	1031 Park Hill Dr	Rapid City, SD 57701	605-381-5176		walkusa@rushmore.com
Treasurer	Lila Reindl	8199 Captain Soelzer St	Black Hawk, SD 57718	605-787-6492	605-484-5832	
Clayton VanHouten Auxiliary 1640 - Dist 10		Meeting: Canyon Cottage (State Vets Home), 5:00pm, 2nd Tues.				Dues: \$16.50
President	Caren M Howard	12198 Argyle Rd	Hot Springs, SD 57747	605-673-3602		
Secretary	Susan Knapp	PO Box 173	Hot Springs, SD 57747	605-745-4792		psknapp@gwtc.net
Treasurer	Susan Knapp	PO Box 173	Hot Springs, SD 57747	605-745-4792		psknapp@gwtc.net
Paha Sapa Auxiliary 2730 - Dist. 10		Meeting: Veterans Club, 7:30pm, 1st Thurs.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Joyce Kruse	870 Park St.	Sturgis, SD 57785-2458	605-720-5586		mjkruse@rushmore.com
Secretary	Carol M. Imhoff	2305 Colorado Dr.	Sturgis, SD 57785-2227	605-720-5462		imhoff@rushmore.com
Treasurer	Jackie Dale	1716 Fulton St.	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-720-1750		angler08@wowway.com
Lemmon Auxiliary 2969 - Dist. 10		Meeting: Brick Villa Square, 5:00pm, 2nd Mon.				Dues: \$20.00
President	Toni Huber	608 1st Ave E	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-3217		tdhuber@sdplains.com
Secretary	Ortha M Pennie Gilpin	Box 127	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-5479		
Treasurer	Iona I Baumeister	206 6th St. E #12	Lemmon, SD 57638	605-374-3549		

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Center of the Nation Auxiliary 3312 - Dist. 10 Meeting: Sr. Citizen Center, 7:30pm, 2nd Mon.						Dues: \$20.00
President	Helen Amunson	208 9th Ave	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	605-723-3549		
Secretary	Rose Larson	10536 Hlousek Lane	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	605-892-0074		
Treasurer	Patricia Ruzicka	19270 US Hwy 85	Belle Fourche, SD 57717	605-892-6235		lpruzicka@spe.midco.net
Kenneth Kuper Auxiliary 3442 - Dist. 10 Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:00pm, 3rd Thurs.						Dues: \$20.00
President	Zoe Berman Yellin	25071 Ruby Rd.	Custer, SD 57730	605-673-2948		faelith@live.com
Secretary	Jennifer Little	360 S 1st Street	Custer, SD 57730	605-517-0288		littlegirlz3@msn.com
Treasurer	Jeanine Gould	25346 Beaver Lake Rd.	Custer, SD 57730	605-440-0611		pacerjeanine@gwtc.net
Queen City Auxiliary 5860 - Dist. 10 Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:30pm, 2nd Tues.						Dues: \$20.00
President	Carol Hess	2217 Windmill Drive	Spearfish, SD 57783	605-642-2857		cahess@rushmore.com
Secretary	Sherry Burr	215 Evans Lane	Spearfish, SD 57783	605-722-2125		sherryburr@wy.usda.gov
Treasurer	Colleen Abernathy	3215 Lester Ln	Spearfish, SD 57783	605-642-3866		abernathy@spe.midco.net
Black Hills Auxiliary 5969 - Dist. 10 Meeting: VFW Post Home, 7:0pm, 2nd Tues.						Dues: \$20.00
President	Betty Bender	122 Wall St	Lead, SD 57754	605-722-3408		bettysextonb@hotmail.com
Secretary	Sheila Deserly	12194 Washington Loop	Sturgis, SD 57785	605-561-0124		fivedes@midco.net
Treasurer	Mary Hammond	20785 Maitland	Lead, SD 57754	605-578-3415		maryhammond@wildblue.net
F.J. Willuweit Auxiliary 9120 - Dist. 10 Meeting: Wall Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Wed.						Dues: \$13.00
President	Neva Hamann	23330 Sage Cr Rd	Wall, SD 57790	605-279-2477		wmhamann@gwtc.net
Secretary	Cindy Weaver	Box 254	Wall, SD 57790	605-279-2374		
Treasurer	Carol Lakner	23502 Sandy Flat Rd	Wall, SD 57790	605-279-2228		

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department of South Dakota
Council of Administration Meeting
June 18, 2015**

Call to Order by President Vickie Rosse at 1 PM on Friday June 18, 2015.

Roll Call 18 Officers were present. Pro-tem Guard was Kay Rypinski and pro-tem District 6 President Nelda Jorgenson.

National Representative Colette Bishop was escorted in by Conductress Mary Kirkvold. Introductions of others were: Jan Endes National Trainer Recruiter, Nancy Chester Big 10 Hospital Chairman, Pat Cerny State Auxiliary Chairman, Joyce Stahlecker Auxiliary Chairman, Marlys List Luncheon Chairman and all Past Department Presidents . No first timer.

Minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting were sent out in General Orders #7. Corrections printed in General Orders #8. Article VII item 5 remove entire motion. Article VIII item B only by request, one printed copy will be mailed to each Auxiliary. Approved as corrected.

Communications: Letters of nomination for all National Line Officers. Memos from National Headquarter of the deaths of 2 PNP Connie Atkinson and Mona Longly. Information on hearing aid policy and getting more volunteers for VA hospitals. Thank You from Special Olympics. Change of address for Joyce Schat.

Financial Report Carol Gross

Budget Report Janice Vreim She thanked Carol for her help.

Jan Endes made motion to accept budget and pay overages 2nd by Karen Sharp
Motion carried

Audit Report Karen Sharp motion by Karen to accept audit report 2nd by Sharon Wellnitz motion carried

Carol Gross let us know there are new forms starting July 1 for membership transfers and update form and these are the only ones that will be accepted

Unfinished Business none

New Business

Paperwork in place for Sunday Installation.

Many pages to National Headquarters resolutions and ritual changes. All on Auxiliary website. Please read so you are familiar with them.

Motion by Sandi Moss to pay Convention bills. 2nd by Jan Endes. Motion carried.

Carol Gross reminded that vouchers that are late will not be paid. Get them in as soon as possible and must have a receipt.

Standing Rules change by Nancy Worth. To change Article X Hospital Funding Expenditures (\$1.25 per member donation) F. If any of the sponsored veteran's facilities (Fort Meade VA, Royal C Johnson VA, Hot Springs VA, SD Veterans Home and Yankton Human Services) find they are in need of a special purchase to benefit veteran residents, the VAVS or hospital representative will request a letter of need to be sent to the Department President and Treasurer with details of the need and the cost involved. As Canteen Books are needed by the above mentioned facilities, VAVS or hospital representatives will purchase the books and make them available to VA or hospital staff.

2nd by Carrie Alm motion carried.

Car magnets for the President need to be replaced. Motion by Sandi Moss to replace

2nd by Donita Mullinix. Motion carried

Special Olympics President Vickie attended the Opening Ceremonies. Great experience. Auxiliary gave \$744 to them.

National Representative Colette Bishop spoke about Resolution #302. It is a VFW resolution and the Auxiliary has no vote. No choice in outcome of the eligibility of men in the Auxiliary. Membership needs new members to keep organization going. If you have any applications please send in immediately don't hold them. We need to get back to our purpose of helping the Veterans.

Reminders: Officers March practice right after the close of the meeting with ritual practice after that. PDP Dinner at the Old Mill. Joint Awards at 7 PM.

The Objects of Our Organization were read by all.

President Vickie thanked everyone for the courtesies extended to her this year and Thank You for what you do for the Veterans.

Closing of meeting done according to ritual

Next meeting will be Sunday June 21, 2015 after the Joint Installation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy

Sandy Meisenheimer Department Secretary

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of South Dakota
Convention
June 19, 2015**

Opening Pat Cerny State Convention Chairman opened the Convention and meeting at 4 PM by giving President Vickie Rosse her gavel to use as she presides over the meetings of Convention.

Opening by ritual

Roll Call 18 Officers were present pro-tem Guard Kay Rypinski and pro-tem District #6 President Nelda Jorgenson, pro-tem Banner Bearer Sharon Mitchell. 22 Past Department Presidents. 26 Auxiliaries were represented and 6 District Presidents. First timers were 3.

Conductress and the Colors escorted in the National Representative Colette Bishop National Junior Vice and then brought in Jan Endes National Trainer Recruiter and Nancy Chester Big 10 Hospital Chairman.

Minutes from the June 6-7, 2014 Convention were printed in General Orders #1. Corrections are Page 4 Junior Girls Unit was INSTITUED not installed; Buddy Poppy Display winners were Category 1 Public promotion Beresford, #2 memorial or inspirational Milbank and #3 artistic or decorative Yankton. Minutes approved as corrected.

Convention Rules Imogene Ellis read the rules and made a motion to accept. 2nd by Nancy Worth. Motion carried. Imogene also had resolutions and there were none.

Officers and Chairman Booklets are prepared for each office, chairman and Auxiliary and should be pick up.

Recognized the District Presidents and announced they would be the pages for Convention.

**Communications
Announcements**

Chaplain Carrie Alm closed the Bible. Meeting adjourned until 8 AM Saturday June 20, 2015.

Saturday June 20, 2015

Joint meeting to hear Brian Richardson from the SD Veterans Home.

The Presidents with Flags and Banners March
Officers March

Imogene Ellis opened this day of Convention

Chaplain Carrie Alm opened the Bible

Information Tom Hafner reminds everyone to pick up their Community Service Books. Look at the Buddy Poppy Displays and gifts from President Vickie being distributed. Welcome to Gerri Dahlin the Commander's wife.
Convention Registration by Pat Cerny Aux. 96 Post 79
Ways and Means Marion Grant Jewelry \$23 and Ways and Means \$150

Outstanding Presidents and runners-up recognized by Pat Cerny
Category #1 runner-up tie Clarice Paulson Aux 6149 Alcester
Helen Amunson Aux 3312 Belle Fourche
Outstanding President Doris Rose Jaeger Aux 6361 Goodwin

Category #2 Runner-up LeAnne Payne Aux 6554 Plankinton
Outstanding President Myrna Bell Aux 3486 Milbank

Category #3 Runner-up Donna Hogg Aux 3179 Faulkton
Outstanding President Lois Ladegaard Aux 2118 Brookings

Category #4 Runner-up Betty Bender Aux 5969 Deadwood
Outstanding President Norma Walters Aux 628 Sioux Falls
Captain and Co-Captain announced at Banquet.

Awards

Veterans and Family Support Patti Mitchell

\$10 to Aux that best supported the (new) National Veterans Service with donations to Operation Changing Lives and/or Department Presidents Project. Winner District 10 Aux. 5969 Deadwood Betty Bender.

\$10 Aux that promoted NMS, with MAP, Operation Uplink Unmet needs, Sports Clips Winner is District 4 Aux 6361 Goodwin

\$10 Best use of Buddy Poppies District 2 Aux 2118 Brookings Norma Hansen

\$10 Best promotion of VFW National Home District 2 Aux 2118 Brookings

,Norma Hansen

A certificate to those who supported the Coyote Hunt.

Brookings, Goodwin, Custer and Miller.

Past Department President's Award

Evelyn Haynes \$15 Best Overall Promotion of Program 10-50 Goodwin, 51-110 Vermillion 111-225 Brookings Norma Hansen and 226+ Sioux Falls Marilyn Jensen .

Janice Vreim cash award for Best Promotion of Unmet needs Carrie Alm

Pat Cerny and Mildred Ratigan cash award to Auxiliary Chairman best overall promotion of program by membership group.

10-50 Belle Fourche Pat Ruzicka

51-110 Milbank Jo Gilliland

111-225 Sisseton Karen Sebek

226+ Sioux Falls Ethel Christensen

National Citation presented by Colette Bishop National Junior Vice President to Auxiliary 1640 Capt. Clayton Van Houten Hot Springs for Health and Happiness Program 2015 year.

Auxiliary 6149 Alcester for National Veterans Services 2015 Program

Buddy Poppy

Emma King , family of Marcella Albee and Jan Cauley cash award for Poppy Displays Inspirational and Memorial Norma Hansen Brookings 2118

Public Promotion Gerri Dahlin Beresford 2975

Artistic and Decorative Norma Hansen Brookings 2118

Emma King Cash award to Auxiliary collecting most money from Poppy Distribution

Norma Hansen Brookings 2118

Americanism Tammy Chase

\$10 Aux for overall Patriotism promotion Sisseton Karen Sebek

Past President Sharon Mitchell, Evelyn Boortz and Carol Gross for Auxiliary and Chairman with best promotion of Patriotism specializing in youth winners are Spearfish- Carol Hess Burke – Avis Wilhelmsen Aberdeen- Sheryl Ruckman

Jan Endes Cash award to Auxiliary and Chairman best overall Americanism Program

10-50 Belle Fourche

51-110 Milbank

111- 225 Sisseton

226+ Sioux Falls

Cancer Aid and Research Carrie Alm 100% reporting

\$10 to Auxiliary Chairperson with best promotion of Cancer Grant Wagner 7319

\$10 to Auxiliary Chairperson with best promotion of public awareness regarding cancer Betty Bender Deadwood 5969

\$10 to Auxiliary Chairperson with best Cancer Prevention and/or Education program Cindy Williamson Canton 3164

PDP Award by Nancy Fickbohm, Gloria Fortin, Imogene Ellis, and Thelma Dittman

Nancy 10-50 Parker

Gloria 51-110 Tyndall

Imogene 111-225 Sisseton

Thelma 226+ Yankton

Hospital Nancy Fickbohm

\$10 Auxiliary with best event that they sponsored for our hospitalized Veterans

1st Brookings 2118 did something every month for Veterans 2nd Yankton had a sing-a-long every month.

\$10 Auxiliary that recruited most new volunteers 1st Wagner with 14 adults and 4 youth 2nd Sioux Falls 4 adults and 12 youth

No Hospital Volunteer of the Year.

VAVS and Deputy

Royal C Johnson VA Mary Kirkvold and Connie Foss

Hot Springs VA and State Home Carrie Alm and Laura (Suzie) Clyde

Ft Meade Dianne Ward

SD Human Services Jane Slowey and Dorothy Stanage

SD Development Center Kim Benning and Faye Lower

Past Department President's Award Marva Barg, Clara Wiedemer, Arlene Propst and Nancy Fickbohm for Best Overall Hospital Program

10-50 Goodwin

51-110 Milbank

111-225 Wagner

226+ Pierre

Legislative Jan Endes

6 \$5 awards

#1 Aux with best promotion of VFW Priority Goals Sandi Moss Rushmore Aux 1273 Rapid City

#2 Aux with best promotion for their members' communications with legislators

Jeanine Gould Kenneth Kuper Aux 3342 Custer

#3 Aux with most members subscribing to Checkpoint Newsletter Sandi Moss Rushmore Aux 1273 Rapid City 83 members

#4 Aux with most members subscribing to VFW Washington Weekly Sandi Moss Rushmore 1273 Rapid City 75 members

#5 Aux with best pro motion of pending legislation and alerts Sandi Moss Rushmore Aux 1273 10 members

#6 Aux with the most members communication with legislators on veterans issues

Sandi Moss Rushmore Aux 1273 Rapid City 183 personal contacts 453 emails 133 letters mailed and 159 phone calls.

PDP Award Imogene Ellis, Pat Cerny monetary award for promotion of VFW Legislative Priority Goals Sandi Moss

Membership Karen Sharp Leading in Big 10 and membership group Aux 100%

10-50 Goodwin Patti Mitchell

51-110 Milbank Sharon Wellnitz

111-225 Brookings Lois Ladegaard

226+ Sioux Falls Norma Walters

Awards Aux. 10-50 Goodwin \$50

51-110 Milbank \$50

111-225 Faulkton \$37.50

Brookings \$12.50

226+ Winner \$37.50

Sioux Falls \$12.50

Districts 8 \$60

4 \$40

PDP Award

Imogene Ellis \$20 for greatest gain over quota (1-111) Parkston and (112 +) Brookings

Evelyn Haynes greatest numerical gain (1-111) Parkston and (112 +) Sioux Falls

Scholarships Lois Ladegaard

Best Promotion of Patriot Pen Eileen Kramer Pierre #2038

Best Promotion of Voice of Democracy Gloria Fortin Watertown #750

Best promotion of Young American Creative Art Scholarship Imogene Ellis Madison 2638

Best promotion of Continuing Education Mary Ellen Luikens Scotland #2966

Best overall promotion of all scholarships Mary Ellen Luikens Scotland #2966

PDP Award

Neva Jean Corlett Best overall promotion of Patriot Pen Essay Mary Luikens Scotland

Best overall promotion VOD Mary Gonsor Custer

Nelda Jorgenson Best overall promotion of Continuing Education Imogene Ellis

Beat promotion of Young American Creative Art Sherry Burr Aberdeen

Youth Activities Mary Kirkvold

\$10 Chairman with best promotion of Junior Girls, Girl Scouts and Buddy Poppy groups

District 8 Burke Aux. 9950 Georgia Serr

\$10 Chairman with best publicity of youth programs District 2 Aux 2118 Brookings

Virginia Halvorson

\$10 Chairman using the R.A.P. coins or cards District 1 Beresford Chris Gavin

PDP Diane Hickenbotham, Nancy Chester, and Net Peterka

\$10 to Chairman and Auxiliary in each membership group for Best Youth Activity Program

10-50 Vermillion 3061 Donna Schafer

51-110 Scotland 2996 Mary Ellen Luikens

111-225 Burke 9950 Georgia Serr

226+ Sioux Falls 628 Mary Kirkvold

Ways and Means \$204 and \$46 jewelry

State Fair Lois Knudson No report

National Cemetery Clara Wiedemer everything covered by Director at Joint Meeting

VFW Parks and Chapel Pat Larkin no report

Capital Christmas Tree Deb Fahey no report

Credentials Sharon Mitchell closes at noon
PDP donation Jan Endes \$50 Marge Carlin
\$50 Vickie's Project
\$10 National Military Services

Chaplain Carrie Alm closed Bible for Lunch

Afternoon Session

A skit by Line Officers for President Vickie.
Buddy Poppy Hat Parade winners Mary Gonsor and Gerri Dahlin

Chaplain Carrie Alm opens the Bible

Memorial Service

Address by Colette Bishop National Junior Vice

Chaplain Carrie Alm closes the Bible

Break President Vickie, National Representative Colette Bishop, Chief of Staff Nelda Jorgenson and Commander's wife Gerri Dahlin visited the VFW.

When they returned President Vickie was escorted in by the Colors and Sandi Moss sang her a song. National Representative Colette Bishop was also escorted in by the Colors and received a song from Sandi.

Certificates for Health and Happiness Nelda Jorgenson

District 1

Alcester, Beresford, Canton, Elk Point, Freeman, Parker, Vermillion, and Yankton

District 10 Custer

District 6 Aberdeen, Eureka, Gettysburg, Faulkton, Huron, Miller, Mobridge, Redfield, & Turton

Good Job Awards District 1 Donita Mullinix

District 6 Sheryl Ruckman District 10 Sandi Moss

VFW visited Commander Don Dahlin, National Council member Rus Dramstad, Keith Harmon National Junior Vice Commander, Chief of Staff Rick Williamson and Dick Pickering.

National Representative Colette Bishop National Junior Vice brought us greeting from President Ann and National Line Officers. She was having a lot of fun being in SD again. She praised her aid Linda Vollan. Great convention and enjoyed the marches with the colors and officers.

Election

Judge Gloria Fortin Tellers Mary Hammond and Nancy Fickbohm

Office of President Joyce Kruse nominated Nancy Worth
Senior Vice Nancy Chester nominated Karen Sharp
Junior Vice Donita Mullinix nominated Carrie Alm
Treasurer Sharon Mitchell nominated Carol Gross
Chaplain Marilyn Jensen nominated Mary Kirkvold
Conductress Imogene Ellis nominated Sandi Moss
Guard Pat Cerny nominated Donita Mullinix
National Council Member Sandy Meisenheimer nominated Vickie Rosse

Elections will stay open until tomorrow.

Pat Cerny asked that the room be cleared so they can set up for the banquet.
Marion Grant Ways and Means report \$51 jewelry and \$273 ways and means

Chaplain Carrie Alm closed the Bible
Meeting adjourned until 8 AM Sunday morning

Sunday June 24, 2015

Thelma Dittman and Neva Jean Corlett opened the meeting

President Vickie presented Pat Cerny, the State Convention Chairman with a gift and much thanks for a wonderful Convention.

Outstanding Auxiliary President Lois Ladegaard
Outstanding District President and winner of the Susie Radigan Award Sharon Wellnitz

Elections

Judge Gloria Fortin Tellers Mary Hammond and Vicki Williams

President Nancy Worth
Senior Vice Karen Sharp
Junior Vice Carrie Alm
Treasurer Carol Gross
Chaplain Mary Kirkvold
Conductress Sandi Moss
Guard Donita Mullinix
National Council Member Vickie Rosse

Dismissed Judge and Tellers
Closed meeting according to ritual at 8:20 AM Next meeting June 2016

Respectfully submitted in Sisterhood,
Sandy
Sandy Meisenheimer
Department Secretary

Department of South Dakota
Council of Administration Minutes
Yankton, SD
June 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Worth at 11:01 AM. Guard Donita Mulinex reported the Membership Cards were checked at the door. Roll Call by Secretary Nancy Chester. All Council Members were present except PDP on Council Neta Peterka and District President #6 Sheryl Ruckman.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Mary Kirkvold and Pledge of Allegiance by Nelda Jorgenson. President Worth shared the Basket Exercise with the members. The exercise is to mentally or physically write down what you dislike about a person in the meeting room. You then put it in the basket at the door to leave any feelings of difference behind. We are here to better the lives of veterans and their families.

President Worth recognized dignitaries Lois Ladegaard, Captain of Auxiliary Presidents and Sharon Wellnitz, Susie Ratigan Award winner - District President. New to Council - Secretary Nancy Chester; Guard Donita Mulinex; Past Department President Vickie Rosse; District Presidents, #1 Cindy Williamson; #2 Lois Ladegaard; #10 Diane Ward.

President Nancy announced the minutes from the previous Council of Administration will be in the first General Orders.

Official and other communications: None at this time.

Financial Report: Treasurer Carol Gross reported no change.

Budget Report: Janice Vreim gave report. Senior Vice President Karen Sharp motioned to accept Budget Report. Seconded by District President #4 Wellnitz. Motion carried.

Reports of Program Chairman: Veterans & Family Support Patti Mitchell. Use Buddy Poppies 365 days a year. We will continue to do projects that benefit veteran's lives.

Americanism Nelda Jorgenson. Now is time to contact schools to go in to do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Membership Carrie Alm. We still need membership for this year - be a dues Angel and pay someone's dues or dues for a member in the nursing home. The number of members needed for 2016 breaks down to 4 members per each person. Please use Carrie's cell phone number to call her.

Scholarships Sandi Moss. Start promotions now. Go online to get information. Make a Bulletin to display at the YMCA, swimming pool, Girl's Inc and other youth areas.

Youth Activities Mary Kirkvold. Mary would like Auxiliaries to promote the RAP coins and cards to more youths this year.

Hospital Leanne Payne. Leanne is reviewing past year's Hospital Chairman Nancy Fickbohm's material and information to form a plan for this year.

Unfinished Business: Treasurer Gross reminded members to turn in bills and convention expenses within the month.

New Business: Themes for the 2015-16 year - National "Our Veterans - Now and Forever" and Department "Remembering Our Promise; Advocates for Veterans & Their Families"

President Worth revealed the National President's Visit will be on August 16 - 18, 2015 which includes the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Ceremony and the National Commander in Chief also plans to be present.

Big 10 Meeting, October 16-18, 2015 in Bettendorf, Iowa. Junior Vice President Carrie Alm motioned to have Chaplain Kirkvold as Delegate. Seconded by Senior Vice President Sharp. Motion Carried. Junior Vice President Alm motioned to have the Delegates be listed as President Worth, Senior Vice President Sharp, Junior Vice President Alm, Chaplain Kirkvold and Conductress Moss. Alternates listed as Treasurer Gross, Nelda Jorgensen, PDP on Council Rosse, National Recruiter Trainer Jan Endes and Guard Mulinex. Seconded by District #4 President Wellnitz. Motion Carried.

Celebrating America's Freedom Event will be at Fort Snelling, Minnesota on August 29th. Registration is due August 1, 2015.

State Fair is September 3-7 in Huron, SD. Tom and Becky Hafner have agreed to assist with our area in the Veteran's Building during the event.

Homecoming for incoming National President, Francisca Guilford will be Sept. 18-20 in Anchorage, Alaska. President Worth has her pins, jewelry and shirts for ordering and she'll pick up at National Convention.

Homecoming and Fall Council of Administration will be October 2-4 at Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD. We already have an Agenda change of having a joint meeting with the VFW members concerning the re districting of SD Posts.

Standing Rules Committee will be Senior Vice President Sharp and District #8 President Chester.

President Worth announced the SD Commander's and her President's pins are available.

General Orders are due now. General Orders #2 are due July 10th and should include information on their Year End Report.

PDP Award changes will be in General Orders #2. Cancer Aid and Research awards have been deleted. Youth Activities PDP Nancy Chester, Diane Hickenbotham and Neta Peterka will add Gloria Fortin and maybe one more if Diane Hickenbotham doesn't want to continue award. Americanism PDP Jan Endes will add Nancy Fickbohm.

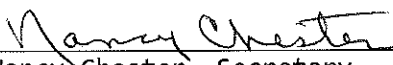
Junior Vice President Alm asked us to be thinking of General Fund. She has an offer for a place to hold a Line Officers workshop for up to 20 line officers to review Internet use, duties and programs.

District #4 President Wellnitz motioned to pay the bills. Seconded by Conductress Moss. Motion Carried.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order: None

Following the Closing Prayer by Chaplain Kirkvold the meeting closed at 12:17 PM. Next meeting will be Fall Council of Administration and Homecoming Oct 2-4 at Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD.

Nancy Worth, President.
Department of SD LA AUX.


Nancy Chester, Secretary
Department of SD LA AUX. Date Approved: _____

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
PROPOSED BUDGET
 2015-2016

2015-2016 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Janice Vreim, Chairman;
 Karen Sharp, Carrie Alm Mary Kirkvold
 Vickie Rosse

RECEIVED AS

<u>INCOME:</u>	BUDGET	OF FEB 28,	PROPOSED
	2014-2015	2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
Department Dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	4,830.19	5,602.50	5,369.50
Department Dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)	4,830.19	5,602.50	5,369.50
Life Members Dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	3,950.00	3,860.66	3,950.00
Life Members Dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)	3,950.00	3,860.66	3,950.00
Discount	150.00	\$0.00	150.00
Awards	1,000.00	1,100.00	1,000.00
Ways and Means	6,494.00	6,857.55	6,500.00
Transfer funds from previous years credit	3,426.28	\$0.00	3,426.28
Interest (checking)	8.04	23.62	30.00
Interest (savings)	27.48	5.00	5.00
Misc Income	9,256.25	3,247.53	9,256.25
Interest (Short term CD's)	\$ 1,233.97	\$ 78.93	\$ 1,233.97
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 39,156.40	\$ 30,238.95	\$ 40,240.50

EXPENSES

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	BUDGET	AS OF FEB 28,	PROPOSED
	2014-2015	2015	BUDGET 2015-2016
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT			
STIPEND	599.95	300.00	599.95
TRAVEL AND MOTEL	2,600.00	460.00	2,600.00
TELEPHONE	200.00	\$0.00	200.00
POSTAGE	90.00	\$0.00	90.00
HOSPITAL MILEAGE/MOTEL	\$ 350.00	\$ 86.89	\$ 350.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,839.95	\$ 846.89	\$ 3,839.95

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

STIPEND	599.95	300.00	599.95
DUES MAILING	935.00	874.58	900.00
POSTAGE	930.00	938.49	812.00
SUPPLIES	750.00	98.70	750.00
COPIER & RISOGRAPH MAINTENANCE	950.00	963.88	976.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,189.95	\$ 3,175.65	\$ 4,062.95

DEPARTMENT TREASURER

STIPEND	1,200.00	600.00	1,200.00
TELEPHONE	240.00	150.00	240.00
INTERNET CONNECTION	360.00	150.00	360.00
SUPPLIES	850.00	665.55	850.00
AUDIT	500.00	81.60	500.00
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX	15.00	-	-

POSTAGE	250.00	113.00	250.00
INCOME TAX SERVICE	450.50	450.00	450.50
INSURANCE	127.00	131.00	129.00
BOND	625.00	625.00	625.00
	\$ 4,617.50	\$ 2,966.15	\$ 4,604.50

EXPENSES:

CHIEF OF STAFF Travel	56.00	-	56.00
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	25.00		25.00
	\$ 81.00	\$ -	\$ 81.00

NATIONAL CONVENTION

	<i>Louisville</i>		<i>Pittsburgh</i>
President Air Fare	400.00	-	572.00
Ground Travel	25.00	403.80	25.00
Sr. Vice President Air Fare	450.00	450.00	694.20
Ground Travel	25.00	25.00	25.00
Immediate Past President Air Fare	400.00	-	450.00
Ground Travel	10.00	369.81	10.00
Expenses for the Three	600.00	600.00	600.00
President's Hotel	270.00	261.88	372.50
National President's Love Token	20.00	-	20.00
	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,110.49	\$ 2,768.70

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	<i>Indiana</i>		<i>Bettendorf</i>
Dues	150.00	-	150.00
President Air Fare	470.00	470.00	435.00
Ground Travel	25.00	25.00	25.00
Sr. Vice President Air Fare	300.00	-	463.00
Ground Travel	-	242.80	-
Jr. Vice President Air Fare	435.00	-	435.00
Ground Travel	-	442.80	-
Expenses for five (\$200 each)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
President's Hotel	208.00	208.00	208.00
	\$ 2,588.00	\$ 2,388.60	\$ 2,716.00

MID WINTER CONFERENCE

	<i>Anaheim</i>		<i>Dominican Republic</i>
President Air Fare	450.00	450.00	765.70
Ground Travel	25.00	25.00	25.00
Sr. Vice President Air Fare	450.00	450.00	765.70
Ground Travel	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses for two (\$200 each)	400.00	400.00	400.00
Hotel	476.00	93.28	372.00
	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 1,443.28	\$ 2,353.40
	<i>Washington, DC</i>	\$ -	<i>Washington, DC</i>

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION - VOD

Washington DC	700.00		700.00
	<u>700.00</u>		<u>700.00</u>

CHAIRMEN EXPENSES

Membership Awards	300.00	\$0.00	300.00
Program Awards	225.00	\$0.00	225.00
Chairmen Expenses	500.00	322.26	500.00
Gifts, Memorials, & Flowers	300.00	\$0.00	300.00
Contingency Fund - for President	1,000.00	480.00	1,000.00
Contingency Fund - for Sr. Vice President	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contingency Fund - Secretary	600.00	\$0.00	600.00
Contingency Fund - Treasurer	1,800.00	300.00	1,800.00
Overseas Veteran	400.00	\$0.00	400.00
	\$ 5,325.00	\$ 1,302.26	\$ 5,325.00

EXPENSES:**OTHER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES**

Council & Convention & Legislative Conference Mileage	10,500.00	4,194.69	10,500.00
President's Hotel for two Council Meetings	210.00	210.00	210.00
Secretary's Hotel for two Council Meetings	210.00	70.00	210.00
Treasurer's Hotel for two Council Meetings	280.00	280.00	280.00
Four All State Presidents Awards	140.00	-	140.00
National President's Visit	200.00	200.00	200.00
Past President's Jewel	49.00	-	49.00
Department Storage	1,200.00	200.00	1,200.00
VOD Awards	350.00	350.00	350.00
Trainer/Recruiter	300.00	-	300.00
SD Veterans Support Council	50.00	-	50.00
	\$ 13,489.00	\$ 5,504.69	\$ 13,489.00
	<i>Yankton</i>		<i>Deadwood</i>

STATE CONVENTION

President's Hotel	100.00	-	100.00
Secretary's Hotel	100.00	-	100.00
Treasurer's Hotel	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 39,156.40	\$ 19,738.01	\$ 40,240.50

RESTRICTED FUNDS:**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUDGET****INCOME:**

	BUDGET	REC'D	PROPOSED
	2014-2015		BUDGET
			2015-2016
DELEGATE FEES:	698.00		777.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 698.00		\$ 777.00

EXPENSES:

REGISTRATION NATIONAL REP	65.00	\$0.00	65.00
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT PRES.	65.00	\$0.00	65.00
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	14.00	\$0.00	16.00
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT	14.00	\$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-ASS'T MUSICIAN TOKEN	50.00	\$0.00	50.00
SOLOIST& ASS'T--LOVE TOKEN	50.00	\$0.00	50.00
MEMORIAL FLOWERS	20.00	\$0.00	20.00
GIFT--NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES	75.00	\$0.00	75.00
GIFT--PRES., SEC, TREAS	90.00	\$0.00	90.00
MISC.(BY-LAWS, RITUALS, ETC.)	175.00	254.75	175.00
Convention Booklets			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 698.00	\$ 254.75	\$ 777.00

HOSPITAL BUDGET

INCOME:

Donations from Auxiliaries	<u><u>\$ 12,190.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,669.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,190.00</u></u>
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EXPENSES:

		<u>USED</u>	
Monthly allowances(6 Hospitals X 12 months)	8,775.00	7,547.81	8,775.00
Stipends	915.00	\$0.00	915.00
VAVS Representatives' & Chairman's' Travel Expens	500.00	\$0.00	500.00
Other Miscellaneous for the Hospitals	2,000.00	3,065.00	2,000.00
	<u><u>\$ 12,190.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,612.81</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,190.00</u></u>

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<u>Income</u>	<u><u>\$ 675.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 604.90</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 675.00</u></u>
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INCOME: Donations from Auxiliaries & VFW

EXPENSES:

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

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

INCOME: Donations from Auxiliaries	<u><u>\$ 350.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 352.90</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 350.00</u></u>
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EXPENSES:

		<u>USED</u>	
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	350.00	\$0.00	350.00
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 350.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 350.00</u></u>

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***Ladies Auxiliary VFW
Department
of
South Dakota***

National President,
Francisca Guilford's
Theme:
***“Our Veterans—
Now and Forever”***

Veterans & Family Support
Bulletin #1

How exciting! This year the VFW National Home for Children celebrated 90 years of existence! The home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has been there for military families and children. A great way for the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to support the National Home is through the donations of 10 cents per member to the Health & Happiness Fund. For more information, please go to the National Home's website at www.vfwnationalhome.org. And military families not living on campus can get assistance through the Military and Veteran Family Helpline – 1-800-313-4200.

Please help spread the word about National Veterans Service (NVS). This VFW program helps veterans and active-duty military members and their families get the benefits they deserve. The NVS helps 256 VFW Service Officers who help veterans navigate the Veterans Affairs system. These Service Officers are able to get over \$1 billion annually in benefits for veterans and their families.

Veterans and Military Support programs include four VFW programs:

VFW Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship – Sports Clips are giving scholarships to our veteran heroes to thank them for their service. To learn more, go to www.vfw.org/scholarship/.

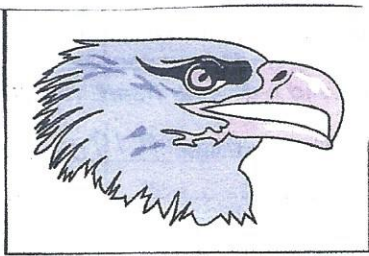
Unmet Needs – Helps soldiers when there are problems at home; money problems with car repairs, rent, mortgage, insurance, utility costs, food and clothing. Grants up to \$2,500 can be applied for and the dollars go directly to the creditor.

Operation Uplink – helps connect active-duty military, their spouses and children with Free Call Days. Unlimited calls home on three (3) days a month are provided in more than 450 Internet cafes.

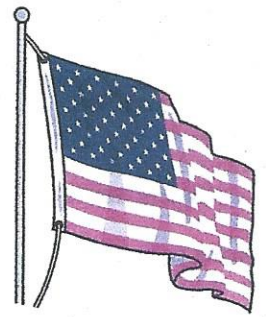
Military Assistance Program (MAP) – MAP helps VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members do more and give more to their local military units. Grants are available for send-offs, homecoming and get-togethers. More information can be found on the VFW website.

Don't forget that the Buddy Poppy. Money collected from the Buddy Poppy drives must be placed in your relief fund and only used to help veterans and their families. You can have a buddy Poppy drive anytime, but most are held around Veterans' Day or in May. Talk with local youth groups to help with the Buddy Poppy drive. This can be made into an educational time to teach youth about our veterans and patriotism.

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AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF SD JULY 2015



**National President Francisca Guilford's Theme
"OUR VETERANS-- NOW & FOREVER"**

**Department President Nancy Worth's Theme
"REMEMBERING OUR PROMISE; ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES"**

This is the beginning of a new year for all the VFW Ladies Auxiliary programs. Time to commit new dedication and energy while instructing students as well as our communities the importance of being a good citizen. We have to teach them how proud we are to be an American and the values of our Great Country. The selflessness of all the men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces to give us the many Freedoms we have.

Now is the time to plan your programs for the schools and contact the teachers so they have time to add them to their agenda. Start with the pre-school children so they learn the Pledge to the Flag how to respect it.

"Americanism" is an unflinching love of Country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity"

Remember we are all volunteers so we have a responsibility to educate our youth. There are many ways to show our Patriotism, fly your flag daily, Celebrate Patriotic Holidays, contact sports announcer at school events to make sure they are asking the audience to remove their hats and put their hand over their heart for the Pledge to the Flag and the National Anthem.

It is time to begin to think about the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education teacher award and provide any teacher you know with the pamphlets that have all the information needed to enter.

Go to the Nursing Homes and Senior Citizens housing to include them in activities that are patriotic, visiting the Veterans in these facilities as well as Hospitals is so rewarding for them as well as you. They need to be reminded that they are not forgotten.

*I will be listing the Patriotic Holidays for the next few months: Independence Day – July 4
Labor Day Sept. 1, Patriot Day September 11, POW/MIA Recognition Day (traditionally the 3rd
Friday of Sept.) Now you can start planning your celebration for each of these.*

Congratulations to each of you for accepting this chairmanship and I would appreciate it if you would provide me with your Name, Address/e-mail and Phone number. You may contact me anytime.

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PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The Stars and Stripes—the flag of the United States of America, is the symbol of our Nation's high ideals. Do we get so involved doing our commitment for a program or position that we no longer understand or think what we are saying as it has become a habit. We see the flag every day or many times a day flying majestically at State and Federal buildings, stores, school yards, businesses and homes but how well do we appreciate it? It is not just another national emblem. Our Flag is the symbol of all that has been accomplished before us and all that we strive to contribute to the strength, to the freedom and to the greatness of our land.

Our Flag is beautiful in Color and in Meaning. The seven Red stripes denote our Courage and Readiness to Sacrifice for the defense of what we call the American Way of Life. The six White stripes symbolize our Purity and Purpose—our precious Independence. The field of Blue suggests Loyalty and Unity and out of the blue shines the Stars, one for each state in the Union.

If you are the Patriotic Instructor, it is your duty to be helpful to new members. When the Flag is displayed and the National Anthem is played or sung, all present should stand, face the flag and salute with your hand over your heart. (Your hand is flat and fingers together.)

Attention in the Auxiliary room means to stand, hands at side, head up with eyes looking straight ahead.

When Parade Rest is announced: your left foot is moved slightly to the side while bringing arms to the small of the back, clasp the left thumb in the right hand. Bow your head slightly.

Heart Salute/Military (Women Veterans): *During Auxiliary meetings the Heart Salute or Military Salute (Women Veterans) shall be used all the time when salute is used. Members shall stand and salute the Flag by placing the palm of the right hand flat over the heart when the Flag passes by in parade or **Military Salute may be used by Women Veterans.***

Military Salute: *With the passage of the February 2008 Defense Authorization Act, specifically S. 1877 which amended Title 4, U.S. Code, veterans may now salute the U.S. Flag during the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review. In September, 2008, Congress passed and the President signed the 2009 Defense Authorization Act which included Sec. 595 and added the playing of the National Anthem to the occasions for a military hand salute by veterans. Later legislation is planned to add the Pledge of Allegiance. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary VFW encourage all veterans to render a hand salute under these circumstances regardless of their headgear or lack of headgear.*

*When the Flag IS displayed, and the National Anthem IS played and/or sung, all present shall stand, face the Flag and salute – **Heart Salute or Military Salute (Women Veterans)**.*

*When the Flag IS NOT displayed and the National Anthem is played and/or sung, all present shall stand, face the music and salute – **Heart Salute or Military Salute (Women Veterans)**.*

When Taps is played, all present shall stand, face the Flag and salute – Heart Salute or Military Salute (Women Veterans).

All of this information is in the BYLAWS AND RITUAL book, I just thought it would be helpful to draw your attention to it. It is very important for you as Patriotic Instructor to help the new members of the correct ways of addressing all of the above. Please show them by example. It only takes a few minutes and may relieve some embarrassment to those new members.

In a gentle way, remind new members that they do not walk between the Altar and the President's Station. There will be no moving around or talking when the Bible is opened or closed. We as long-time members know these rules, but we forget new ones do not. Be gentle and kind when correcting someone. Always be pleasant and smile.

Nelda Jorgenson, Department Patriotic Instructor

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota
CHIEF OF STAFF & EXTENSION
“Our Veterans—Now and Forever”
“Remembering Our Promise—Advocates for Veterans and Their Families”
Bulletin #1, July, 2015

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and welcome to the beginning of a new and exciting Auxiliary year! I am very excited and honored to be your Department Chief of Staff. Thank you President Nancy for placing your trust in me.

What does the Chief of Staff do? She is the main point of contact for the Extension program. This includes establishing new Auxiliaries and maintaining our current 48 Auxiliaries in the Department.

In this bulletin, let us address maintaining our current Auxiliaries. Do you think your Auxiliary is healthy? Here are just a few questions you can ask about your Auxiliary:

1. Does your Auxiliary hold at least 10 business meetings a year? Remember: you must have no less than 5 Auxiliary members in good standing at each meeting to constitute a quorum.
2. Have at the least 10 members have their dues paid before February 1 of the current year?
3. Do your Auxiliary Trustees submit to the Department Treasurer quarterly audit reports?
4. Are your Auxiliary officers elected and installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30th?
5. Are the offices of your Auxiliary President and Treasurer bonded by August 31st?

These questions are just a part of the *RU Healthy Auxiliary Checklist*. Over the next year we will be offering other tools we can use to become an active and healthy Auxiliary in our community.

There is the anonymous survey of *Healthy Auxiliary Member Questionnaire* that can help us determine our Auxiliary's challenges.

Also available is the *Auxiliary Meeting Clinic*. This can help us solve issues at our meetings.

Healthy Communication with your Auxiliary members will also be addressed. We will discuss the use of tradition and non-traditional forms of communication to our members for meetings, events and programs.

Offering a *Good Job Certificate* to say “thank you” will be presented. Having the Auxiliary show their appreciation to a member (or non-member) for their help, participation or support in our events and programs is a key ingredient to the health of our Auxiliary.

I am certain that when we take advantage of these wonderful resources our Auxiliary will become stronger. This can help us in **“Remembering Our Promise—Advocating for Veterans and Their Families.”** We will always think of **“Our Veterans—Now and Forever”** in our hearts. Thank you for your great dedication to our Veterans and their families.

Loyally,
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**LADIES AUXILIARY VFW, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL
& VAVS**

“Our Veterans – Now and Forever”

“Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Bulletin #1, July 2015

The goal of the Hospital & VAVS program is to meet the needs of hospitalized patients in VA Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country. With the influx of this generation’s veterans and the rise in long-term rehabilitative services, there is a greater need for volunteers. However, the type of help needed is changing. Be sure to speak with your local VAVS Representative to find out how you can serve these special veterans.

Our Hospital Ambassador is Grace Matz from Mount Clare, WV. Here are some of what she has in the program book that is very interesting.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW members have been volunteering in the hospitals and medical facilities since the organization's inception in 1914. The Hospital Program was one of the first nationally adopted programs for the organization.

Who can serve?

Members	Non-members
Youth	Families

Where can we serve?

Members, non-members and youth can volunteer in many different types of facilities under this program.

Local hospitals	Veterans' homes	Nursing homes
Domiciliaries	Both VA and non-VA medical centers and clinics	

What can we do?

Volunteer opportunities are different based on the facility in which you are volunteering. Some facilities will have a volunteer program in place with specific jobs, events, and needs. Many facilities will have varying types of opportunities with different ages and abilities. Be sure you follow all the guidelines given by the facility and regularly ask how you can assist them.

The Hospital program has always been very focused on the Veteran!

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Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota
LEGISLATIVE

“Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families”

Bulletin #1

July 2015



Thank you, President Nancy, for appointing me to serve as your Legislative Department Chairman for the coming year. I will strive to do my very best to get you and our Sisters the most current and important Legislative information.

It is imperative that we take care of our Veterans by working with the Legislature on all levels. This includes local, state and national levels. Now is the time for us to start taking action on the Legislative level to protect our Veterans, Active Military and National Guardsmen.

We ask that all Auxiliaries take part in any way they can to protect the rights of our heroes. There is no one more deserving. It is rather simple and does not take much time or money – you can send emails to all your legislatures on all levels, write letters, make phone calls, attend your local Cracker Barrel sessions to ask questions and make observations, educate your communities by putting articles in the local or area newspapers, etc. Your imagination is the limit. It is up to you as Legislative Chairman to stay informed and bring the information to your sisters.

I will offer a little history on this program and its goals. I obtained this information from the Jan Endes and the Ladies Auxiliary website, www.ladiesauxvfw.org.

“Legislative program got its start in 1928 at which time it was called Legislation. As the years have gone by, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW has progressed greatly with letter-writing, personal contracts, e-mails, and invitation to legislators to attend our functions so that we can share our views with them and they can tell us their positions of veterans’ issues.”

“The goals of the Legislative Program are to keep members up-to-date on all issues and pending bills relating to veterans, their dependents, active-duty military, and national security; to let legislators know our views regarding such legislation; and hold them accountable for honoring Americas promised to veterans.”

Always ***Remember our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families.***

Loyally,

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Membership

Team Means Together Everyone Achieves More! – Author Unknown

General Orders #1

July 2015

Hello Ladies! I have good news, not so good news, more good news and then the best news of possibilities ahead of us all.

Let's start with good news. The membership drive for 2015 is over. At the time of me writing this bulletin, we were only 30 some members away from 98%. I am positive we made it. 2015 was a wonderful year for membership numbers. Auxiliary #628, Sioux Falls, our largest auxiliary in the state, was not only able to achieve 100%, but also added 9 more members. That is 34 new members, which is as many new members as some of our auxiliaries have in total members. If they can do that, I am positive we can hit 100% for our Department in 2016.

Now, on to the not so good news. If your auxiliary has any continuous members that did not pay their 2015 dues in time for them to reach the National Headquarters by June 30, 2015, they are no longer a member. These members cannot "reinstate." They must apply for membership just like any other new member, by filling out an application and providing proof of eligibility. If it isn't scary enough thinking about where you might have to find those elusive DD 2-14 forms, just think about what has just happened to their continuous member status. It stopped! Their membership status starts all over from the date of their new application. Meaning they have to wait one full year before they are eligible for Cancer Grants. Well, that's enough for the bad news.

On to more good news. Our new membership year starts July 1st. Our Department will be sending out dues notices to all South Dakota Auxiliaries, except those who requested otherwise. That will hopefully start the first wave of dues rolling in to your Auxiliary Treasurer. After that, your job as membership chair really kicks in. This is where your talents in organizing volunteers, making contacts and phone calls, doing membership drives and any other ideas you have for retaining members will help your Auxiliary get to 100% in record time. I will be including as many hints and helpful ideas as I can in upcoming General Orders. PLEASE! If you have any ideas to share with me, call or email anytime.

On to the best news available so far. The National VFW Ladies Auxiliary has loads of incentives in place to help us with our membership goals. There will be a complete list of these awards in General Orders #2. There will also be other awards available at Department Level and one hard working Auxiliary Membership Chairman or Member will be sporting a new diamond and sapphire bracelet at our Department Convention in Deadwood next June. Watch next month's General Orders for criteria.

I look forward to assisting any of you or your auxiliaries in reaching your goals this year and hope that we can get Department to 100% with a full team effort. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas or just to chat at 605-517-0288 or littlegirlz3@msn.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Alm

Department Membership Chairman 2015-16

Scholarships

General Orders #1

I want to thank President Nancy for appointing me Scholarship Chairman. These programs are very dear to my heart. We have wonderful program themes for Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen this year. Young American Patriotic Art and Continuing Education Scholarship are also included in this program.

Incoming National President Francisca Guilford's theme is "**Our Veterans – Now and Forever**" President Nancy's is "**Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans & Their Families**". I know your President has put you in your position because she knows you can do it. So - Let's Do It!!

The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest theme is "**Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future**", what a great theme!! This contest is open to all students enrolled in public, private, parochial high school or home-schooled, in grades 9-12.

Students will record a 3-5 minute essay on a CD on this year's theme and label the cassette or CD with their name. They must then have a typed copy of the essay and have a completed entry form in order to submit the essay for judging.

There is a total of \$152,000 awarded in scholarships, with the first-place winner receiving a \$30,000 scholarship.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Competition theme for this year is "**Why I Appreciate America's Veterans.**"

The Patriot's Pen Contest is open to students in grades 6-8. This is an essay of 300-400 words in English. All words count, even single-letter words. The first-place winner of this contest will win a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

For a complete set of rules and an entry form, go to the VFW Programs Guide or log on to the VFW Web site at www.ladiesauxvfw.org {lots of valuable information here}. Brochures that explain the program and include the entry form can be obtained by contacting the VFW Emblem & Supply Department at (800) 821-2606.

I know it is early but not too early to start our programs. Some places have Summer School in session, Vacation Bible School, or my favorite place – the city swimming pool where kids hang out!! Contact the Boys Club, Girls Club, Girl's Inc. and the YMCA, they have summer programs and are very receptive of something that will occupy our youth.

Start Now!!!! Don't wait until school starts. When school starts they are active in many school programs and don't have time for any 'extras'. They get over involved like we often do – catch them now while they have a little down time.

It is never too early to contact your local school administration and get the information into the packets that they send out to teachers prior to the start of school. I have found over the years that if you can get the information to the teachers early, they are more receptive and will incorporate the information in their curriculum. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Loyally,



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**Youth Activities
2015-2016 Chairman Mary Kirkvold
National Theme: "Our Veterans- Now and Forever"
SD Department Theme: "Remembering Our Promise, Advocates
for the Veterans & Their Families"**

**Bulletin 1
July 2015**

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is in a unique position to help teach our youth the skills to become responsible adults through serving our country, communities, and veterans. We have a whole new generation of veterans who need the support of family, friends and country as they serve overseas and when they come home from conflicts abroad. Today's youth are the future of our nation.

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations

Through this national citation, youth groups can be recognized for their efforts and service projects honoring our veterans and assisting active-duty military and their families.

Recognize a youth group in your community by visiting www.ladiesauxvf.org/programs-page, select Youth Activities and filling out a nomination form. Great traditions and good citizenship start at an early age. Recognize these bright young citizens for their good work to ensure these activities become a part of their daily lives.

Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Under the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Program, an Auxiliary can sponsor a youth group and engage youth in any one of our programs, including activities to honor our veterans and assist our active-duty military and their families.

Take advantage of the service aspects some youth groups require. Many youth-focused organizations require various types of community service or activities to earn merits in their units. College bound seniors earn school credit for some of these same activities.

Remember that involving youth in service to veterans in conjunction with your Auxiliary can bring new membership to your Auxiliary. When youth and the whole family are included, members feel more invested in your Auxiliary. Sponsorship of a youth group can create a bright future for your Auxiliary, veterans and the community as a whole.

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