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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
Department of South Dakota  
Nancy Worth, President  
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**Remembering Our Promise**



**Advocates for Veterans  
& Their Families**

VFW Auxiliary  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**2015-2016**

***Happy Holidays  
to All!***

## NOVEMBER CORRECTIONS

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## *Joys, Cares & Concerns*

A wonderful thank you was received as follows:

Thank you, dear friends, for making my retirement a truly memorable time. I treasure our friendship & appreciate the many cards, hugs and good wishes at the Hospitality Room in Chamberlain. Heartfelt thanks and good wishes!

Deb Fahey



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

General Orders Number 5, November, 2015

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

1. 2016 Podium Edition VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws and Ritual is available for purchase through the VFW Store. There are also electronic versions can be found on [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#) websites.
2. A big thank you to all VFW and Auxiliary members who made Commander Mike and my Homecoming so wonderful! Gerri Dahlin did a great job on the table decorations and Cindy Williamson helped acquire items for the Welcome Bags. Thanks also to Jennifer Little, Carrie Alm and Kayla Little for working on registration.
3. Department School of Instruction packets are in the hands of District Presidents and should be delivered very soon to Auxiliaries. A new method was used this year and hopefully all who attended enjoyed the format and learned more about our programs.
4. District Secretaries should send a signed copy (within 30 days of the District Meeting) of the District Minutes to President Nancy Worth and Department Secretary Nancy Chester.
5. District Program Chairmen are appointed at the discretion of the District President. There are no National Program awards for the District level.
6. Department Representatives to the District Meetings should send their report to President Nancy within 30 days of the District Meeting they are visiting.
7. District Presidents – please read on page 81 (2016 Bylaws and Ritual) Section 810C. Note the duties of the District President include:
  - o Countersign all checks drawn by the District Treasurer
  - o Hold a school of instruction
  - o Inspect each Auxiliary in the District annually
  - o Act as a liaison between the Auxiliaries in the District and the Department
8. Membership: Three Auxiliaries have made 100%+ - congratulations to Freeman, Milbank and Belle Fourche! Let's keep this trend going.

9. Deadline for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year to be turned into local Posts is November 1, 2015. Now it is time to find out who receives the winning entries in your District. Contact that person to find out when your District Judging will take place. Be on time and don't forget to include a picture of the student.

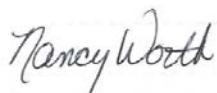
10. Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to honor the living Veterans for their bravery and the sacrifices they made to defend our country and preserve our freedoms. Remember to report your Veterans' Day activities and report it to your Pose Community Service Chairman.

11. Make sure to include youth in your community in upcoming holiday projects; they can be a great help. Remember to give them a copy of the Youth Supporting our Veterans National Citation request form (included in this mailing).

12. Pearl Harbor Day is December 7, 2015. We currently have very few World War II Veterans left – please let those in your area know how much they are valued.

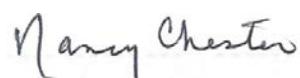
13. NEW DATES for the Department of South Dakota Legislative Conference. Our Conference will be held Sunday, January 31, 2016 and February 1, 2016.

By Order of:



Nancy J. Worth  
Department President

Attest:



Nancy Chester  
Department Secretary

Thank a Veteran today!

Thank you to all Auxiliary members for the  
continued work for our Veterans and their families.

Remember Veterans during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and EVERYDAY.

*Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving,  
Blessed Christmas and  
Prosperous New Year.*

**Remembering Our Promise**



Christmas Tree Chairman, Deb Fahey, reports that South Dakota VFW Auxiliary has again been selected to decorate a tree for the 2015 Christmas at the Capitol. Please refer to the decoration instructions in this mailing.

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota missed the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for 80% in Membership. But we have a real chance at the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for 90% Membership – this would mean \$300 for the Department General Fund! At this point, we are a mere 626 members away from that 90% mark and only 1,335 members from 100%. Since our eligibility now includes males, we should have no problem making these two goals.

The Big Ten Conference is over and the newly installed officers are:

President	Sandra Haney of Indiana
Vice-President	Carolina Holmes of Iowa
Secretary	Karen Muston of Indiana
Treasurer	Patricia Mortenson of Wisconsin
Chaplain	Jan Lawrence of Michigan
Conductress	Char Guse of Minnesota
Guard	Jackie Davis of Missouri

There will be no General Orders mailing in December. Please remember all of our Auxiliary members during Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Thank you all for what you do for the Veterans of South Dakota.

Loyally:

VFW Auxiliary South Dakota

2015-2016 Department President

# 2015 Christmas at the Capitol (Deb Fahey)

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota has been awarded a Christmas Tree at the State Capitol!

DEADLINE for decorations is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Christmas at the Capitol Lighting Ceremony will be Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Because of the location of our tree, we cannot decorate it until after the ceremony – Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am.

The 2015 Christmas at the Capitol theme is “Christmas Around The World”. This is a perfect way to show off our Veterans who have certainly been around the world to protect our freedom!

**On a small mouth jar flat, put a COPY of your beloved veteran’s photo along with veteran’s name, rank & years served.**

**On the other side of the flat put a copy of the map where served (such as US map, Iraq map, etc. Also be sure to include auxiliary name & town (type or print). Decorate as you like, but keep it all on the front and back of that small mouth jar flat (2 ½” in diameter).**

**Poke a nail hole in the top & bottom of the flat. We are going to wire them together and they will run vertically down the length of the tree with both the front and back visible.**

Do not use original photos – there is always a chance of loss or damage.

If selected, we will need your decorations by Veterans Day, November 11 so that we can get everything assembled to decorate the tree on November 22.

If not selected, your decorations can be proudly displayed on your post or local courthouse tree.



Sample Back Side View



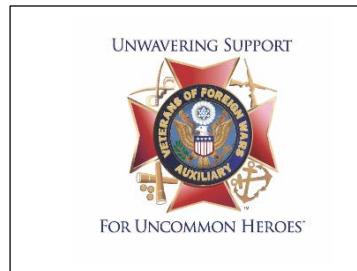
Sample Front Side View

Decorate as you wish – some suggestions include rick rack, glitter, pipe cleaners.



**VFW AUXILIARY**  
**Department of South Dakota**  
**Karen Sharp, Sr. Vice**

**Bulletin #5 – November 2015**



**Veterans Day** – I'm sure that many of you are planning a Veterans Day program. Way to Go! Don't forget to blow your own horn and let your community know what you're doing.

**Membership** – I see that we are coming along, but we need to get our numbers in, which will mean dollars for our Department and Auxiliaries. Don't forget the male family members that are now eligible. Have you recruited your husband, son, father, grandfather? It is a tremendous way to honor and pay tribute to those who have served.

**Name Change** – Has your Auxiliary and/or District filed the appropriate papers with the IRS and/or Secretary of State for the name change? This is one item that needs to be done NOW, rather than later. Check with your local bank to see what they will require to make the name change on your account, i.e. motion in your minutes. Most will probably let you use up your check blanks by just crossing out "Ladies," but it would be a good idea to ask about that too.

**Charter** -- The VFW will be issuing each Auxiliary a new Charter, which will have the original charter date on it, but of course, not the signatures. Auxiliaries will keep their original charter.

**"Official Look"** – There are men's shirts available through the VFW Store. Those will require the VFW – AUX pins on the collar to be "official." Ladies wearing a man's shirt will not be considered to be in the "official look." New patches placed over the present patch on the ladies blouse will not be considered "official." Remember, we do have five (5) years, and personally, I believe each individual needs to take into consideration their position and where and when they are representing the Auxiliary to decide how they wish to deal with this.

**Retreat** – I hope that many of you are planning to attend the retreat in Grenville on November 16 – 19, 2015. What a great way to learn more about the Auxiliary, have some fun, and network with other members. If you can't come for the whole retreat, please join us for at least a day.

**Silent Auction** – District 8 will again be hosting a Silent Auction during the Legislative Conference. It has not yet been decided what program we will be donating to, but whatever price your item brings, your Auxiliary will get the credit, just as we have done in the past. It's time to pass something forward, and join in the fun.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Thank you for all you do for all our veterans and service personnel, it is appreciated.**

*Karen Sharp*  
SD VFW Auxiliary Sr. Vice

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota  
Council of Administration Minutes  
October 4, 2015

President Nancy Worth called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Guard Donita Mullinex reported the badges were checked at the door. Opening Ceremonies were conducted according to ritual. Secretary Nancy Chester took Roll Call of Officers. All Council members were present except Past Department Presidents on Council Neta Peterka and Vickie Rosse and National District Council member Vicki Rosse.

Roll Call of Past Department Presidents: present were Janice Vreim, Mildred Ratigan, Nelda Jorgenson, Gloria Fortin, Imogene Ellis, Nancy Chester, Carol Gross, Connie Heggestad, Mary Hammond, Jan Endes and Vicki Williams.

Roll Call of Auxiliaries: present were District 1 – Alcester 1, Canton 1, Beresford 2; District 2 – Brookings 5, Madison 1, Sioux Falls 2; District 4 – Milbank 2, Sisseton 2, Watertown 2; District 6 – Aberdeen 2, Redfield 1, Huron 1; District 7 – Plankinton 1; District 8 – Pierre 9, Winner 1; District 10 – Custer 4, Sturgis 2, Rapid City 3, Deadwood 2.

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Mary Kirkvold and Pledge of Allegiance by Nelda Jorgenson. President Worth shared the basket exercise where members mentally or physically write down what you dislike about a person in the meeting room. You then put it in the basket to leave any feelings of difference behind while in the meeting.

President Worth presented National Representative Sandra Onstwedder, National Guard 2015-2016. She is from White Cloud, Michigan and was elected National Guard at the 102<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA on July 22, 2015.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting: Chief of Staff Jan Endes motioned to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting since they were in General Orders. Conductress Sandi Moss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried. Nelda Jorgenson did have one correction to the Convention Minutes. Her awards were called the Healthy Auxiliary Awards.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carol Gross gave treasurer's report.

Reading of Official and other communications – Secretary Chester has various memos from National Headquarters.

Audit Report: Carrie Alm, Junior Vice President gave report and moved to accept the Audit Report. District #4 President Sharon Wellnitz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Budget Report: Janice Vreim gave budget report. During report National Guard Onstwedder was asked why South Dakota didn't get any discounts from purchasing items through the national supply department. National Guard Onstwedder remarked we may not have purchased enough items to be eligible for discount. Items purchased at National Convention do not count toward discount awarded. Conductress Moss motioned to approve Budget Report.

Junior Vice President Alm 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

President Worth thanked Gerri Dahlin for Homecoming decorations; Dorinda Timmons for stepping in as Soloist and Zoe Yellin for helping with the Veterans and Family Support program during School of Instruction; and Lois Ladegaard for helping Sandi Moss.

Reports of Committees, standing and special:

- Veterans & Family Support – no report. Zoe Yellin gave School of Instruction for Patti Mitchell.
- Americanism – Nelda Jorgenson reported that School of Instruction had good discussion on Saturday.
- Hospital – Leanne Payne also reported Saturday's School of Instruction was good and contact her if any questions.
- Legislative – Tammy Chase commented on the Agent Orange Claim Forms
- Membership – Carrie Alm said Thank You for allowing her to sign the "No Excuse – Just Recruit" contract. She will do calls for any Auxiliary that needs help or the extra push to get membership dues paid.

- Scholarships – Sandi Moss said it is never too late to get a scholarship application and Saturday was a good give and take forum.
- Youth Activities – Mary Kirkvold remarked how well the new School of Instruction format worked and how much she learned from other members.
- Extension/Chief of Staff/National Recruiter Trainer – Jan Endes asked members to try to form an Auxiliary in the bachelor Posts. She has the new membership forms for Auxiliary, but the full sheet form is needed by Treasurer Gross.
- State Fair – President Worth reported the hours worked by VFW of 457 hours and the Auxiliary of 345 hours, but these hours don't have travel time included.
- Capitol Christmas Tree – Deb Fahey asked for small mouth jar flat with a COPY of your beloved veteran's photo along with veteran's name, rank & years served. On other side of the flat put a copy of the map where served (such as US Map, Iraq map, etc) Also be sure to include auxiliary name & town (type or print). Need decorations on Nov 11, 2015.

Guests: South Dakota VFW Commander Mike Mullen, VFW National Councilmember & National Representative DD Couch and SD VFW Chief of Staff Ken Payne were escorted into the meeting room. Assistant Soloist Dorinda Timmons sang a song to Representative Couch. Commander Mullen stated the year is going well thus far and looks forward to a good working relationship between VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

President Worth called for a 15 minute break while National Representative Onstwedder, Chief of Staff Endes and herself visited the VFW meeting. Chaplain Kirkvold closed the Bible.

Senior Vice President Sharp resumed the meeting. Chaplain Kirkvold opened the Bible.

Convention Committee – Carrie Alm reported 49 VFW and 61 auxiliary members were registered. Information regarding Convention Booklet ads is available and will be in November GOs. The advertisement submission form will be put on the Departments website by mid-week.

Training – Junior Vice President Carrie Alm explained about a 4 night and 3 day training session that is open to 30+ auxiliary members from Nov 16-19, 2015 at the Roost. More information and Agenda will be in GO's.

Cemetery Council – Kay Rypinski explained the history of the Avenue of Flags. Maintenance money comes from donations. The council spends about \$4,000 per year to keep serviceable flags, halyards and snaps on hand. We can send checks to Treasurer Gross earmarked SD Veterans Cemeteries Support Council.

Ways & Means – Marion Grant reported collecting \$250+.

President Worth, National Representative Onstwedder and Chief of Staff Endes returned to the Auxiliary meeting. Assistant Soloist Dorinda Timmons sang a song to Representative Onstwedder to the tune of the Navy song.

President Worth asked how many 1<sup>st</sup> timers we had at the meeting. There were three 1<sup>st</sup> timers.

Unfinished Business: President Worth reported last year's Cancer Aid & Research Chairman Carrie Alm presented Simon Bordeaux of Walking Forward/Avera Program a donation in the amount of \$2,760.73 at Saturday's School of Instruction.

Awards received at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention in July 2015:

- Carrie Alm for Cancer Aid & Research Program received Runner-Up to the Outstanding Performance Award Citation in Membership Group 6. The Department received \$100.
- Nelda Jorgenson as Chief of Staff received Runner-Up to the Outstanding Performance Award Citation in Membership Group 6. The Department received \$100.
- Jan Endes for Legislative Program received Runner-Up to the Outstanding Performance Award Citation in Membership Group 6. And the Department received \$100. SD received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fireworks Gift Certificate in Membership Group 6 for the Best Promotion of encouraging all members to sign up to receive VFW Legislative Alerts.

- Karen Sharp for Membership received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Outstanding Performance Award in Membership Group 6 and received a “Patriotism Begins at Home” Plate. The Department received \$200.
- Lois Ladegaard for Scholarships Program received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Outstanding Performance Award in Membership Group 6 and received a “Patriotism Begins at Home” Plate. The Department received \$200. SD received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Fireworks Gift Certificate in Membership Group 6 for the Best Promotion of the Recognition of Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen Contest Winners.
- Past Department President Vicki Rosse received Runner-Up to the Outstanding Department President Award in Membership Group 6. She received an etched lead crystal vase.
- Secretary Chester read the 1<sup>st</sup> Place National Buddy Poppy Divisional Competition Award for 2014-2015. This award was sent to the Department of South Dakota Auxiliary after National Convention in July 2015.

New Business: President Worth had Standing Rules Committee - Senior Vice President Sharp give recommendations. Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to amend all areas of Ladies Auxiliary to reflect Auxiliary name change; areas of she to she/he and her to her/his to reflect gender neutral changes; areas saying corsages to corsages/boutonniere and in V. A. the last sentence be changed to read “A special fund may be either permanent or temporary and shall consist of all monies received with the understanding that said fund is dedicated to the purpose indicated”. Conductress Moss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

It was noted that item 1. D. “Each year the Incoming Department President may choose a fundraising project as her Special Project. The project should state what the funds raised will be used for” was deleted in June 2012.

Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to delete item 4. b. Cancer and make amount Forty Dollars (\$40) for remaining programs effective immediately. Junior Vice President Carrie Alm 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to change K. 2. to read “The Gold Star Family Recognition Luncheon Fee – The Department shall pay for two (2) lunches per Gold Star Family in attendance, the Department President and the National Representative. Conductress Moss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Senior Vice President Sharp motioned on IV. At bottom to add “Monthly vouchers to be submitted to Treasurer by end of each month to receive payment.” Conductress Moss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried. Discussion was held on whether a voucher is needed. Consensus was yes.

Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to add in III. TRAVEL a second sentence “Airfare shall include baggage fee for one (1) bag.” And Plane fare in all areas be changed to Airfare. District #10 President Diane Ward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Senior Vice President Sharp motioned to change IV. STIPEND to ALLOTMENT and all other areas be changed from stipend to allotment. District #6 President Sheryl Ruckman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

2016 Legislative Conference: Since VFW changed the 2016 Legislative Conference held in Pierre, SD to January 31 and February 1, 2016 Junior Vice President Alm motioned to move the Auxiliary meeting date to Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10 AM. Senior Vice President Sharp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

President Worth announced who would be the representatives to the upcoming District Meetings. She also reviewed that the Big Ten Conference Delegates will be President Worth; Senior Vice President Sharp; Junior Vice President Alm; Chaplain Kirkvold and Conductress Moss. Alternates will be Treasurer Gross; PDP on Council Vickie Ross; National Recruiter Trainer Jan Endes; Guard Donita Mullinex and Nelda Jorgenson.

Department President and Commander’s Project is the VFW National Home for Children. President Worth had a bank available for contributions and said might be a good time to lighten your purse of some heavy coins.

Suggestions for the Good of the Organization: Any suggestions for the 2016 Legislative Conference should be directed to Senior Vice Commander Sharp and Senior Vice President Sharp. Junior Vice President Alm noted that donations to VA Hospital in Hot Springs are down by half. She asked where past Department Meeting minutes were kept as she would like to review. Members believe all records are in the Sioux Falls VFW Department Office.

President Worth explained hand outs on how Auxiliaries should change their name as soon as possible; if Incorporated change through the SD Secretary of State after getting written approval of Post Commander; and change Employer Identification number with the IRS. She reviewed a regular member who changes to a Life membership is not a transfer.

President Worth asked National Representative National Guard Onstwedder to give her comments. National Guard Onstwedder brought greetings from National Headquarters. She asked that we do our best for organization and donate to Veterans and Family Support Program. The Cancer Program is gone, but the Cancer Grant is still available when you use the new form. The \$2 per member is not tracked. The National Program Booklet is available online and in loose leaf form. She closed with giving her guides, Jan Olson and Donita Mullinex and President Worth gifts.

Closing Ceremonies: Were conducted according to ritual. The next meeting will be the Legislative Conference in Pierre on January 31, 2016.

Loyally Submitted,  
Nancy Chester, Department Secretary

**DEPT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
BUDGET REPORT  
7/1/2015 to 08/31/2015**

**2015-5016 BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Janice Vreim, Chairman

Karen Sharp, Carrie Alm, Mary Kirkvold

Vickie Rosse

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**INCOME**

**BUDGET**

**RECEIVED**

**BALANCE**

Department dues transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$5,369.50	\$1,141.87	-\$4,227.63
Department dues (less 50% for dues reserve)	\$5,369.50	\$1,141.88	-\$4,227.62
Life member dues Transferred July 1 from Dues Reserve	\$3,950.00	\$20.82	-\$3,929.18
Life member dues (Less 50% for Dues Reserve)	\$3,950.00	\$20.83	-\$3,929.17
Discount	\$150.00	\$0.00	-\$150.00
Awards	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	-\$300.00
Ways and Means	\$6,500.00	\$4,997.00	-\$1,503.00
Transfer funds from previous years credit	\$3,426.28	\$0.00	-\$3,426.28
Interest (checking)	\$30.00	\$5.13	-\$24.87
Interest (savings)	\$5.00	\$0.00	-\$5.00
Misc. Income	\$9,256.25	\$0.00	-\$9,256.25
Interest (Short term CD's)	\$1,233.97	\$380.07	-\$853.90
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$40,240.50</b>	<b>\$8,407.60</b>	<b>-\$31,832.90</b>

**EXPENSES**

**BUDGET**

**USED**

**BALANCE**

**DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT**

Stipend	\$599.95	\$100.00	\$499.95
Travel & Motel	2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00
Telephone	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Postage	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Hospital Mileage/Motel	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,839.95</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$3,739.95</b>

**DEPARTMENT SECRETARY**

Stipend	\$599.95	\$100.00	\$499.95
Dues Mailing	\$900.00	\$249.10	\$650.90
Postage and Printing GO's	\$812.00	\$258.17	\$553.83
Supplies	\$750.00	\$95.23	\$654.77
Printing Official Information	\$976.00	\$328.80	\$647.20
Telephone	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,062.95</b>	<b>\$1,031.30</b>	<b>\$3,031.65</b>

**DEPARTMENT TREASURER**

Stipend	\$1,200.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Internet Connection	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
Supplies	\$850.00	\$98.98	\$751.02
Audit	\$500.00	\$575.80	(\$75.80)
Postage	\$250.00	\$49.00	\$201.00
Income Tax Service	\$450.50	\$0.00	\$450.50
Insurance	\$129.00	\$0.00	\$129.00
Bond	\$625.00	\$624.00	\$1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,604.50</b>	<b>\$1,547.78</b>	<b>\$3,056.72</b>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<b>CHIEF OF STAFF</b>			
Travel	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
Postage & Telephone	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
TOTAL	<u>\$81.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$81.00</u>
<b>NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>			
President Air Fare	\$572.00	\$572.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Sr Vice President Air Fare	\$694.20	\$690.89	\$3.31
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Immediate Past President Air Fair	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Ground Travel	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Expenses for the three	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
President's Hotel	\$372.50	\$339.72	\$32.78
National President's Love Token	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,768.70</u>	<u>\$2,712.61</u>	<u>\$56.09</u>
<b>BIG 10 CONFERENCE</b>			
Dues	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
President's Air Fare	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$463.00	\$0.00	\$463.00
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr Vice President's Air Fare	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$435.00
Ground Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses for five (\$200 each)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
President's Hotel	<u>\$208.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$208.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,716.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$2,566.00</u>
<b>MIDWINTER CONFERENCE</b>			
<b>Dominican Republic</b>			
President's Air Fare	\$765.70	\$0.00	\$765.70
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sr Vice President's Air Fare	\$765.20	\$0.00	\$765.20
Ground Travel	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Expenses for two (\$200 each)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Hotel	<u>\$372.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$372.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,353.40</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,353.40</u>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION- VOD</b>			
President	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
<b>CHAIRMEN EXPENSES</b>			
Membership Awards	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Program Awards	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Chairman Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Gifts, Memorials, & Flowers	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contingency Fund - for President	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Contingency Fund - for Vice President	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Contingency Fund - for Secretary	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Contingency Fund - for Treasurer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00

Overseas Veteran		\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
TOTAL		<u>\$5,325.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,325.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>USED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Council & convention & Legislative Mileage		\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
President's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Secretary's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Treasurer's Hotel for two Council Meetings		\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Four All-State President's Awards		\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
National President's Visit		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Past President's Jewel		\$49.00	\$0.00	\$49.00
Department Storage		\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
VOD Awards		\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Trainer/Recruiter		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contingency Fund		<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total		<u>\$13,489.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$13,289.00</u>
<b>STATE CONVENTION</b>				
President's Hotel		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Secretary's Hotel		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Treasurer's Hotel		<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total		<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$40,240.50</b>	<b>\$5,741.69</b>	<b>\$34,498.81</b>

<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>				
<b>DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BUDGET</b>		<b>PROJECTED</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Delegate Fees		\$777.00	\$0.00	<u>-\$777.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>-\$777.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			<b>USED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Registration National Rep		\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Registratin Department President		\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
National Representative		\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Department President		\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Gold Star Mothers		\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Assistant Secretary		\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Secretary Convention Minutes		\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Musician-Asst Musician Token		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Soloist & Asst - love token		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Memorial Flowers		\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Gift - National Representative		\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Gift - Pres., Sec., Treas.		\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
Misc (Bylaws, Rituals, Etc)		\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Convention Booklets		<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$777.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$777.00</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)HOSPITAL BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>Donations from Auxiliaries</u>	<u>\$12,190.00</u>	<u>\$6,437.20</u>	<u>-\$5,752.80</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Monthly Allowances (6 Hospitals X 12 mos)	\$8,775.00	\$1,629.09	\$7,145.91
Stipends	\$915.00	\$0.00	\$915.00
VAVS Reps & Chairman's Travel Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Other Miscellaneous for the Hospitals	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$12,190.00</u>	<u>\$1,629.09</u>	<u>\$10,560.91</u>

AMERICANISM

<u>Income</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$675.00</u>	<u>\$269.15</u>
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
Youth Essay (Patriots Pen)	\$400.00	\$0.00
Patriotic Art Contest	\$175.00	\$0.00
Promotion and Postage	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$675.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		<u>\$675.00</u>

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Donations from Auxiliaries	\$350.00	\$269.15
TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$269.15</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Scholarship Awards	\$350.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
		<u>\$350.00</u>

Janice Vreim, Chairman

Karen Sharp, Member

Carrie Alm, Member

Mary Kirkvold, Member

Vickie Rosse, Member

VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota  
School of Instructions  
October 3, 2015

President Nancy Worth started the School of Instruction at 1:00 PM.

Each Program which consisted of Veterans & Family Support; Americanism; Hospital; Legislative; Membership; Scholarships and Youth Activities had a table where they exchanged goals and ideas with members. Every twelve (12) minutes members rotated to a new program.

President Worth asked for a brief pause of program activities. During pause Simon Bordeaux of Walking Forward/Avera Program accepted the Cancer Aid & Research donation from last year's Chairman Carrie Alm in the amount of 2,760.73.

School of Instruction continued until members had been to each program.

President Worth asked for members comments on the new style for the School of Instruction. Many positive compliments were given.

The School of Instruction closed.

Council of Administration at 8:30 AM, October 4, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Chester, Department Secretary

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
STANDING RULES**  
**Updated October 4, 2015**

**I. DEPARTMENT**

- A. Budget Committee shall consist of five members: Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Chaplain, and one (1) Past Department President as Chairman, and one other appointed by the incoming Department President. The Department Treasurer shall prepare the budget for the next year. The committee shall meet prior to the Department Convention to establish the budget for the next year. Notification of time and place of meeting to be sent out by the Budget Chairman. Such budget shall be approved at the first Council Meeting immediately following Department Convention.
- B. Auxiliary Presidents' Judging Committee: The Chairman and Committee (not to consist of more than three [3] members) shall be appointed by the incoming Department President. The committee will prepare the judging criteria and publish in the first General Orders mailing. The Committee shall examine the reports of Auxiliary Presidents submitted at the end of the year. The committee shall serve as the "Judging Committee" to select the winners in the "All-State President" competition.
- C. Mileage shall be allowed for the purpose of exchange of paraphernalia from the retiring President, Secretary, and Treasurer to the incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- D. Mileage of thirty (30) cents per mile shall be allowed for all travel as set out in these Standing Rules from home station to destination and return. (6/6/2012)
- E. Hotel expense: Any Department Officer at the direction of the Department President, who travels more than 200 miles one way to an official function shall be reimbursed not to exceed \$70 for one night, should she/he choose to stay overnight. If adverse weather conditions occur and safety becomes a factor, it is at the discretion of the officer to make the decision to spend the night.
- F. Receipts for all vouchers expenses are required (including hotel) by everyone.

**II. MILEAGE AND EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICER**

- A. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
  - 1. Mileage to attend:
    - a. One (1) day at the Fair
    - b. State Veterans Service Officers meeting (whenever there is a meeting)
    - c. National President's visit
    - d. Fall and one other Council of Administration (C of A) Meeting
    - e. Department Convention
    - f. Memorial Day Ceremony at National Cemetery

2. District Meetings: Mileage for President or her/his representative to make two (2) official visits per year to each District and the District Mid-winter meetings.
3. Budget Committee: Mileage and motel shall be allowed for the Budget Committee and Treasurer to set up the proposed budget in spring before Department Convention. (General Fund)

#### **B. MILEAGE ALL OTHERS (GENERAL FUND)**

1. Council of Administration Members, All Program Chairman, Patriotic Instructor and Budget Chairman.
  - a. To Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
  - b. To Department Convention (outgoing and incoming)
  - c. Exceptions:
    - 1.1 Ways and Means Chairman to Fall Council of Administration and Department Convention.
    - 1.2 Hospital Chairman funds taken from the Hospital Fund.
    - 1.3 District President Judging Chairman and Auxiliary Presidents Judging Chairman to Fall Council of Administration and Department Convention.
2. Department Convention Chairman
  - a. Three (3) planning trips to Convention City
  - b. Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meeting
  - c. Department Convention
3. Department Historian
  - a. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
  - b. Department Convention
  - c. National President's visit to South Dakota (if requested by Department President)
4. Color Bearers, Flag Bearer, Banner Bearer, Musician, Asst. Musician, Soloist, Asst. Soloist, Asst. Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, Asst. Conductress, and Asst. Guard.
  - a. Department Convention.
5. District Presidents
  - a. When traveling on orders from the Department President
  - b. The outgoing District President will be paid round trip mileage if she/he attends the C of A meeting just before the Department Convention. The incoming District President will be paid round trip mileage if she/he attends the C of A meeting immediately following Department Convention. If a continuous District President, she/he must attend both C of A meetings at Department Convention to receive round trip mileage; otherwise, she/he will only receive one-way mileage.
6. Miscellaneous Mileage (General Fund)
  - a. To designated member of organization, appointed by the President, for one (1) trip to Institute an auxiliary and one (1) trip for a return visit within three (3) months after Institution for the purpose of instruction.
  - b. To Chief of Staff or a representative appointed by the President to visit a Post, if they are interested in forming an Auxiliary.

- c. To Chief of Staff or a representative appointed by the President for trips to assist Auxiliaries who are having difficulties.
- d. To Audit Committee members and Department Treasurer to and from point of audit (Includes: Dept. Jr. Vice President, Dept. Chaplain, one (1) Council Member) each year for periods ending June 30 and December 31.
- e. To Convention Credentials Committee Chairman-to and from Department Convention.

C. HOTEL ALLOWANCES (General Fund)

- 1. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration Meetings
  - a. Department President – her/his share, not to exceed one (1) night for Fall and two (2) nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings.
  - b. Department Secretary – her/his share, not to exceed one (1) night for Fall and two nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings.
  - c. Department Treasurer – her/his share, not to exceed two (2) nights for Fall and two (2) nights for Legislative/Midwinter C of A meetings
- 2. Department Convention
  - a. Department President – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
  - b. Department Secretary – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
  - c.. Department Treasurer – her/his share, not to exceed four (4) nights
- 3. State Veterans Service Officers Conference: (If there is one)
  - a. Department President – hotel shall be allowed.

**III. TRAVEL (General Fund)** When mileage or airfare is utilized, the least amount will be paid. Airfare shall include baggage fee for one (1) bag. Round-trip mileage from home to airport to home will be paid.

A. National Convention

- 1. Department President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed five (5) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 3. Immediate Past Department President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.

B. Big Ten Conference

- 1. President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed two (2) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
- 3. Junior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.

- C. Midwinter Conference
  - 1. President – Airfare and ground travel. Hotel – her/his share not to exceed four (4) nights, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses;
  - 2. Senior Vice President – Airfare and ground travel, and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses.
- D. Community Service/VOD Convention, Washington, DC
  - 1. President will be allowed up to Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) expenses to attend the Conference.

#### **IV. ALLOTMENT**

- A. President – Fifty Dollars (\$50) each month while in office.
- B. Secretary – Fifty Dollars (\$50) each month while in office.
- C. Treasurer – One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month while in office.

Monthly vouchers to be submitted to Treasurer by end of each month to receive payment.

#### **V. FUNDS AND RECEIPTS**

- A. Special Funds: The Department Council of Administration or Department Convention may, from time-to-time, establish special funds for specified purposes. A special fund may be either permanent or temporary and shall consist of all monies received with the understanding that said fund is dedicated to the purpose indicated.
- B. All Department awards (not personal) received from the National VFW Auxiliary shall go into the General Fund.

#### **VI. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES (General Fund)**

- A. All expenditures, either authorized or payments made shall, at all times, be made within and governed by the provision of the Department Budget.
- B. Vouchers and an itemized bill of purchases shall be submitted to the Department President for approval before the Department Treasurer will make payment. All bills shall be submitted for payment before or during the Department Convention for current year expenditures. All vouchers must be submitted to Department Treasurer no less than one (1) month after the event covered by the vouchers.
- C. All parties receiving funds for hotel, airfare, ground travel, etc., shall send receipts of same to the Department Treasurer to be attached to vouchers supporting claim for payment or reimbursement.

D. All expenses incurred, not covered by the budget, shall be submitted to the Budget Committee for approval and voted on by the Council of Administration.

E. AUTHORIZED AWARDS

1. Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) – Membership Award – determined by Department Membership Chairman;
2. Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) – Voice of Democracy – Third Place Department Winner;
3. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each – Voice of Democracy – remaining four (4) District winners;
4. Forty Dollars (\$40) – Each program chairman to be used at her/his discretion
  - a. Americanism, taken from the Americanism Fund.
  - b. Legislative
  - c. Youth Activities
  - d. Hospital
5. Fifty Dollars (\$50) each program chairman to be used at her/his discretion.
  - a. Scholarship Program
  - b. Veterans and Family Support/National Veterans Service

F. State Fair – Dept. will pay one (1) round-trip mileage for Auxiliary Chairman, and week gate pass, camping fee and parking fee for both VFW and Auxiliary Chairman be allowed (taken from State Fair Fund). Department will pay for one (1) golf cart not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) yearly if VFW does not pay.

G. Contingencies

1. President – One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Department Treasurer;
2. Senior Vice President – Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;
3. Secretary – Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;
4. Treasurer – One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800) payable upon receipt of vouchers by Dept. Treasurer;

H. Veterans and Family Support Scholarship Program

1. Annual Scholarship – Three Hundred Dollars (\$300);
2. Criteria – Same as existing Continuing Education Scholarship from National, including time frame for entries.

I. Americanism Fund

1. One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175) – Patriotic Art Contest (1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50, 3rd - \$25);
2. Patriots Pen Contest – cash awards
  - a. Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) - 1<sup>st</sup> Place;
  - b. (*NOTE: 2<sup>nd</sup> place is awarded by PDC Daryl and Loretta Hailing, as a personal award*);
  - c. Fifty Dollars (\$50) – Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place;
  - d. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) – Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through Seventh 7<sup>th</sup>

J. Miscellaneous (General Fund)

1. Delegates to Big Ten Conference – Five (5) are allowed from each Department. Each delegate to receive Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) expenses. Designated delegates are: Department President, Department Sr. Vice, Department Jr. Vice, Membership Chairman (if not one of top three officers) and one (1) to be selected by the Council of Administration with consideration given to any member who may hold an office in the Big Ten Conference.
2. Department Chaplain is responsible to send a memorial in deceased person's name to benefit a VFW or Auxiliary Program not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) in case of the death of:  
Department Officer elected or appointed, Program Chairman, including VAVS and deputy representatives, Past Dept. President of the VFW Auxiliary (includes husband, wife, child, mother, and father), VFW Dept. Commander, VFW line officers. NOTE: In case of the death of a Past Dept. President, her/his spouse, the Department President shall notify the President of the Past Presidents' Club.  
The President is noted by two asterisks (\*\*) on the roster.
3. The Department Chaplain is responsible to send remembrance, not to exceed (NTE) Fifteen Dollars (\$15). In case of hospitalization of the VFW Department Commander, Auxiliary Department Officer, Program Chairman, VAVS representatives and deputy representatives, or Past Dept. Presidents.
4. Greetings to other Patriotic Organizations shall not exceed Ten Dollars (\$10) per organization.
5. A love token not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20) shall be given each year from the Department for the National President's gift at the National Convention.
6. The Department shall purchase a combined Podium Edition of the Bylaws and Ritual each year National Headquarters publishes revisions to be presented to the incoming Department President, Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Conductress, Guard, Chief-of-Staff, Musician and all seven (7) District Presidents.
7. Corsages/boutonnieres shall be provided (as deemed appropriate) by the Department to the Department President at the Big Ten Conference and Mid-Winter Conference banquets. The Dept. Sr. Vice President is responsible for the ordering corsages (working with Dept. Treasurer) for the Big Ten and Mid-Winter Conference banquets if: the Department has a National Council Member, National Director/Ambassador or Big Ten Officer/Chairman.
8. Thirty Dollars (\$30) shall be allowed from Department Funds to purchase a gift and/or flowers to be presented to the outgoing Department President immediately following the National President's luncheon/dinner at National Convention.  
Incoming Dept. Sr. Vice President shall be responsible for purchase of gift and ensure all at Convention know location and time of luncheon/dinner, so they can be present for the presentation.
9. Funds shall be allowed for four (4) first place All-State Presidents and four (4) runner-up awards. President to select awards to be presented. The four (4) membership categories are: 10-50; 51-110; 111-225; and 226 and over.

## K. MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES (Department Convention Fund)

1. The Department Convention Registration – The Department shall pay for the Department President and National Representative.
2. The Gold Star Family/Recognition Luncheon fee – The Department shall pay for two (2) lunches per Gold Star Family in attendance, the Department President and the National Representative.
3. Stipend – Assistant Secretary – Ten Dollars (\$10 for services rendered at the Department Convention.
4. Stipend – Secretary – Thirty Dollars (\$30) for services rendered at the Department Convention and to prepare Department Convention minutes within two (2) weeks following the convention.
5. Stipend – Soloist/Assistant Soloist – Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be allowed for soloist at Dept. Convention. If soloist and assistant soloist both provide services, the Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be divided between them - Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each.
6. Stipend – Musician/Assistant Musician – Fifty Dollars (\$50) for services rendered at Dept. Convention. If Musician and Assistant Musician each provide services, the Fifty Dollars (\$50) shall be divided between them – Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) each.
7. Memorial Book prepared by Department Chaplain not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75).
8. Department Convention Committee to purchase corsages and boutonnieres for the Auxiliary President, Commander, and National Representatives to identify them throughout the convention.

## VII. MAILING

- A. The Department Secretary in office shall prepare the Auxiliary roster as soon as possible after election of Auxiliary Officers in April of each year. The completed roster shall be provided to the incoming Dept. President for inclusion in her/his first General Orders. On the Past Dept. Presidents Roster, identify President of Past Presidents' Club with two (2) asterisks (\*\*).
- B. Beginning with the 2015-16 year, the Department Roster and Auxiliary Roster, all General Orders, Standing Rules, Special Orders, memorandum or bulletins, shall be emailed and posted on the Department SD VFW website ([www.sdvfw.org](http://www.sdvfw.org)) to all Auxiliary Department Officers, District Presidents, Dept. Chairman, all Auxiliary Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries, Past Dept. Presidents, National Auxiliary Council Member #23, VFW Dept. Commander, Sr. and Jr. Vice Commanders, Adjutant, VFW Dept. Headquarters, and VFW National Council Member. One (1) printed copy will be mailed to each Auxiliary President for distribution within the Auxiliary only by request or request by email only.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Dept. Secretary to update, make any corrections or additions of the Standing Rules each year.

- D. An updated electronic version (of the Standing Rules) shall stay in the possession of the Dept. Secretary and emailed to Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, and the President.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. The Department President may appoint an Assistant Treasurer, who may sign checks in the event the Department Treasurer is disabled. Before implementing, National Headquarters must approve the process.
- B. The outgoing Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall prepare an inventory of the property in her/his possession that belongs to the Department. The inventory will be included in the convention Officers and Chairman Report Booklet. This inventory shall be turned over to the incoming Department President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. If any of the sponsored veterans' facilities (Fort Meade VA, Royal C. Johnson VA, Hot Springs VA, SD Veterans Home and Yankton Human Services) find it is in need of a special purchase to benefit veteran residents, the VAVS or hospital representative will request a letter of need 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.
- D. Member-at-Large dues will be Forty Dollars (\$40). (Resolution passed 6/16/2007)

## **IX. DISTRICT FUNDS**

- A. Mileage to and from District meetings and one inspection to each auxiliary in the District to be paid to the District President upon submitting a voucher at rate approved by District.
- B. Each District shall purchase from District Funds, Bylaws and Rituals for all officers it deems necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the District (Department will provide to Bylaws and Ritual to District President).

## **X. HOSPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES (\$1.25 per member obligation)**

- A. Department President
  - 1. One (1) official visit (mileage) each year to each VA and State Hospital where there is a VAVS representative or Department Hospital representative: Ft. Meade, Royal C. Johnson; Hot Springs VA and South Dakota Veterans Home, Human Services Center-Yankton, and Redfield.
  - 2. Motel for two (2) nights when visits are more than one day.

- B. Department Hospital Chairman
  - 1. One (1) official visit (mileage) each year to each VA and State Hospital where there is a VAVS representative or Department Hospital representative: Ft. Meade, Royal C. Johnson, Hot Springs VA and SD Veterans home, Human Services Center-Yankton, and Redfield.
  - 2. Fall and Legislative/Midwinter Council of Administration meetings (mileage). Conduct Training Workshop for VAVS, Department Hospital representatives and/or Deputies at the Fall Council of Administration Meeting.
  - 3. Department Convention (mileage) to and from.
  - 4. Motel for two (2) nights to make hospital visits when more than one day.
- C. All VAVS, Department Hospital Representatives and/or Deputies
  - 1. Fall Council of Administration meeting to participate in Hospital Chairman's Workshop and meeting (mileage) Note: Either/rep or deputy paid to come. Only one paid for each facility.
  - 2. Department Convention – to and from – must attend the convention meeting the day that the Hospital Program awards are given in order to receive mileage to convention.
- D. Allotment – VAVS and Department Hospital Representative Criteria established to qualify for stipend.
  - 1. Must plan and carry out an activity each month at facility;
  - 2. Must submit monthly report of completed activity;
  - 3. Must attend the Fall Council of Administration Hospital Workshop
  - 4. Established Stipend per year:
    - a. Ft. Meade – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
    - b. Royal C. Johnson – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
    - c. Hot Springs VA – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
    - d. SD Veterans Home – One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00);
    - e. Yankton Human Services – One Hundred Eight Dollars (\$180.00) (Shared);
    - f. Redfield – Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).
- E. Monthly allowance for activities at facilities:
  - 1. Ft. Meade – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
  - 2. Royal C. Johnson – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
  - 3. Hot Springs VA – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
  - 4. SD Veterans Home – One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150);
  - 5. Yankton Human Services Center – Ninety-three and 75/100 Dollars (\$93.75)
  - 6. Redfield – Thirty-seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$37.50).
- F. If any of the sponsored veterans' 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 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.

**G. SPECIAL DONATIONS**

1. Auxiliaries are encouraged to send more Hospital donations to the Department Treasurer, clearly marked to which facility funds are designated and if for a special purpose;
2. The Treasurer will include on the monthly report to VAVS or Dept. Hospital Rep. the amount of special donations and which auxiliary made the donation;
3. The Representative will then request the funds from the Department Treasurer using a vouchers and advising how the money will be spent.
4. The Representative is required to send a thank you to the auxiliary making the special donation(s).

**XI. – MISCELLANEOUS – Convention Memorial Service (Convention Fund)**

- A. VFW Memorial Service – A yellow rose shall be placed representing all deceased Auxiliary Members;
- B. VFW Memorial Service – Green Wreath;
- C. Auxiliary Memorial Service – One white carnation shall be placed for deceased members in each District – Seven (7) Districts;
- D. Auxiliary Memorial Service – One (1) red rose for each deceased Past Department President and Past National President of current year.









Donations DISTRICT #7	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS 1.00	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
MITCHELL #2750							
114 MEMBERS	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$11.40	\$5.70	\$5.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
TOTAL	\$228.00	\$142.50	\$114.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	807.63%	420.00%	420.00%	
SCOTLAND 2966 (97 Members)	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
This Month:							
	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$194.00	\$121.25	\$97.00	\$9.70	\$4.85	\$4.85	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
LAKE ANDES 3239 (92 Members)	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
TOTAL	\$184.00	\$115.00	\$92.00	\$9.20	\$4.60	\$4.60	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PARKSTON 3298 (38 Members)	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
This Month:			\$38.00				
BAL. FORWARD	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
TOTAL	\$76.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$3.80	\$1.90	\$1.90	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
PLANKINTON 6554 (94 Members)	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
TOTAL	\$188.00	\$117.50	\$94.00	\$129.40	\$4.70	\$4.70	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	1376.59%	100.00%	100.00%	
TYNDALL 6895 (47 Members)	\$94.00	\$58.75	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
This Month:							
BAL FORWARD	\$94.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$94.00	\$69.45	\$47.00	\$4.70	\$2.35	\$2.35	
Current % =	100.00%	118.21%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
WAGNER 7319 (106 Members)	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
TOTAL	\$212.00	\$132.50	\$106.00	\$10.60	\$5.30	\$5.30	
Current % =	100%	100.00%	100.00%	100%	\$100.00	100.00%	

Donations DISTRICT #8	CANCER 2.00	HOSPITAL 1.25	WAYS & MEANS .50	Vets & fam Sup .10	AMERICA NISM .05	VETERANS SCHOL .05	SPECIAL OLYMPICS
WINNER 4674 (361 Members)	\$722.00	\$451.25	\$361.00	\$36.10	\$18.05	\$18.05	
This Month:							\$25.00
BAL. FORWARD	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
TOTAL	\$730.00	\$456.25	\$365.00	\$36.50	\$18.25	\$18.25	
Current % =	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	101.10%	
PIERRE 2038 (307 Members)	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$614.00	\$383.75	\$307.00	\$30.70	\$15.35	\$15.35	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
BURKE 9950 (115 Members)	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$11.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
This Month:							
BAL. FORWARD	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$11.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$230.00	\$143.75	\$115.00	\$11.50	\$5.75	\$5.75	
Current % =	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	



# **SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND AUXILIARY**

Legislative Conference/Councils of Administration  
and Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Awards Banquet

**January 31 and February 1, 2016**

All events will be held at the AmericInn Teton Conference Center, Fort Pierre

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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016**

Registration starts at 11:00 am Foyer of Teton Conference Center  
The VFW and Auxiliary will have Committee meetings starting at 10:00 am (Teton Conference Center)

1:00 pm COUNCIL MEETINGS VFW and Aux. in the Teton Conference Center (Walden & Scotty Rooms)  
6:00 pm Soup and Sandwich bar served in Teton Conference Center (Leighten Room)

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## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

JOINT SESSION 8:00 am (Walden Room)

VOD and Patriots Pen winners visit the State Capital

VFW Aux. National Certified Recruiter Trainer Seminar, Jan Endes 9:30 – 11:15 am (Breakfast Room)  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOTS' PEN, AND TEACHER BANQUET 11:30 am (Leighten/Scotty Room)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 6:00 to 7:00 PM LEGISLATIVE MIXER (Leighten/Scotty Room)

Please be there, your State Legislators will be attending.

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## **Advance REGISTRATION \$65.00**

After January Registration for Conference will be \$75.00

(Includes Sunday Supper, Monday Banquet and Legislative Mixer)

CHECKS PAYABLE to: VFW Department of South Dakota (Separate meals \$25.00 per meal)

MAIL TO: Dennis & Karen Sharp, PO Box 1133, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

VFW/AUX # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUR MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS, ask for VFW rates.**

**Days Inn:** 520 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-0411, \$69.99 (Jan. 6, 2016 deadline)

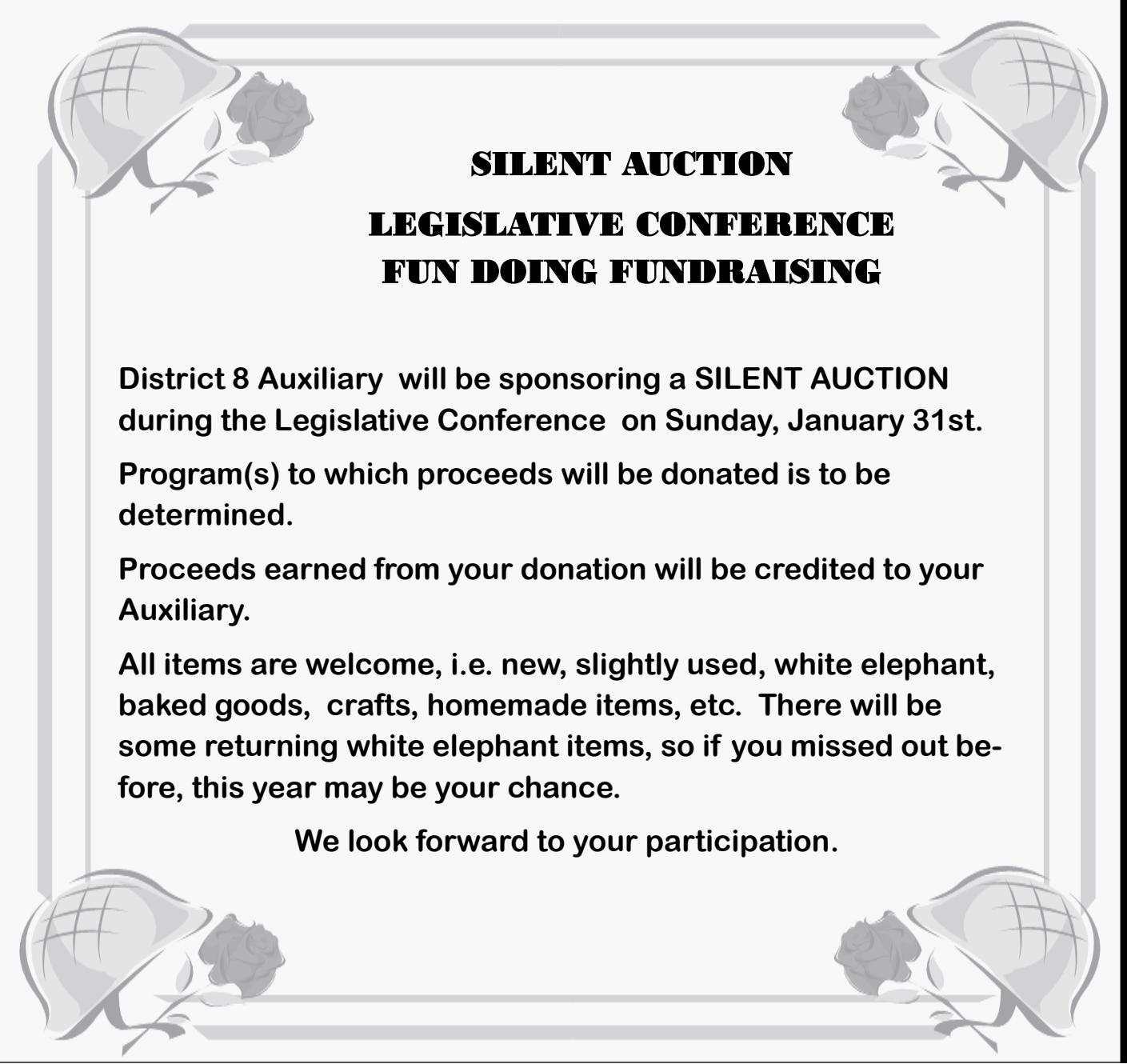
**Governors Inn:** 700 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-4200, \$79.95 (Jan. 6, 2016 deadline)

**River Lodge:** 713 W. Sioux Ave. Call 605-224-4140, \$59.00 (Jan. 6, 2016 deadline)

**AmericInn:** 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre. Call 605-223-2358, \$79.99 (Jan. 6, 2016 deadline)

Rooms are limited at the AmericInn. You are required to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement.

**Fill out Registration Form for each individual attending the Conference.**



## **SILENT AUCTION**

## **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

## **FUN DOING FUNDRAISING**

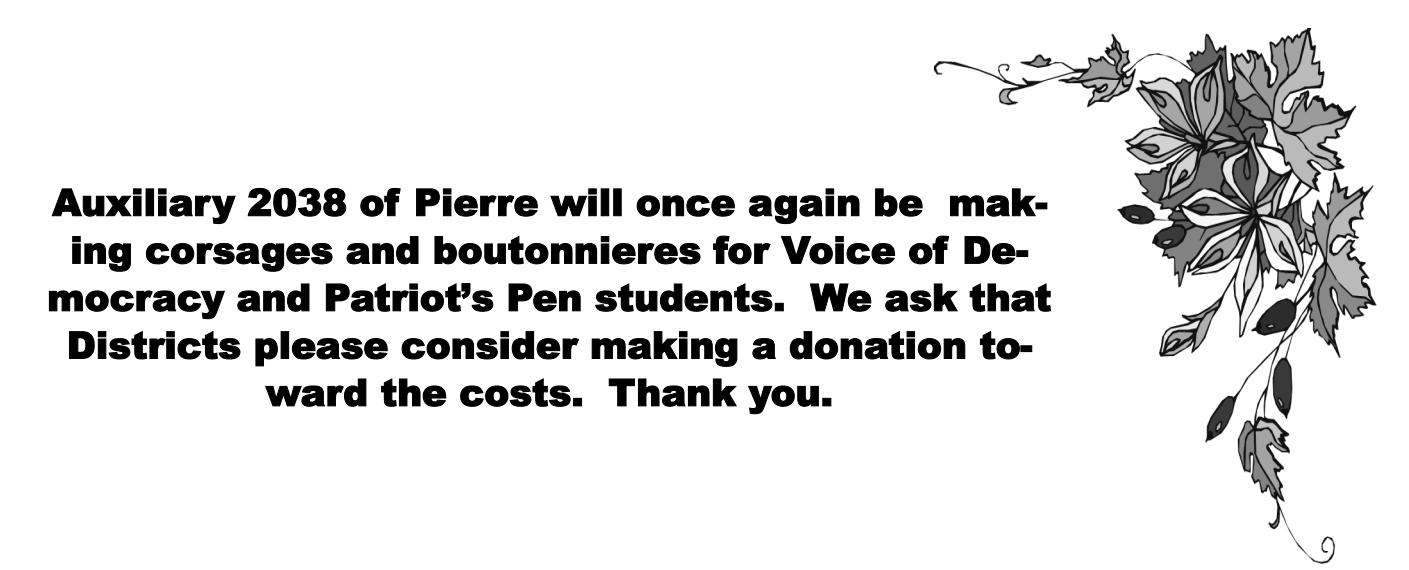
District 8 Auxiliary will be sponsoring a SILENT AUCTION during the Legislative Conference on Sunday, January 31st.

Program(s) to which proceeds will be donated is to be determined.

Proceeds earned from your donation will be credited to your Auxiliary.

All items are welcome, i.e. new, slightly used, white elephant, baked goods, crafts, homemade items, etc. There will be some returning white elephant items, so if you missed out before, this year may be your chance.

We look forward to your participation.



**Auxiliary 2038 of Pierre will once again be making corsages and boutonnieres for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen students. We ask that Districts please consider making a donation toward the costs. Thank you.**



Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of South Dakota  
Department President's Theme: **Remembering Our Promise**  
National President's Theme: "**Our Veterans – Now and Forever**"  
VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2015- 2016 by Patti Mitchell

General Orders Bulletin #5

NOVEMBER, 2015

**Do not forget our Veterans on November 11. Please tell them THANK – YOU for serving our country**

**Veterans & Family Support** is truly the “heart and soul” of who we are as an organization and what we do. As family members of veterans, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW is *first and foremost a veterans' service organization founded on the principle of helping veterans*. So, what better way to continue assisting our veterans and their families than through the Veterans & Family Support program? This program, more than any other, *is our opportunity to thank those who served or who are serving and to ensure that every veteran and every veteran's family is never forgotten and is always taken well care of*. One program that encompasses so much. Overwhelming? Absolutely not. Quite the contrary. At its most simplistic definition is comes down to – **“What have you done for a veteran or his/her family today?”**

Pretty simple. Wouldn't you agree? It is a program with endless possibilities.

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

- Promote Buddy Poppies
- Assist with National Veterans Service and National Military Services
- Participate in Hospital volunteerism
- Participate in and receive VFW. Ask your local groups to help: ROTC and Sea Cadet groups can post colors, Scouting groups can conduct flag awareness programs, young people can assist veterans with Buddy Poppy drives and promotions, they can assist with patriotic holiday activities such as placing flags on gravesites or singing to or reading to veterans in nursing homes or hospitals. The possibilities for today's youth are endless. We have available to us an endless resource of energy and activity. We have only to ask the youth of our community to get involved and we will reap the benefits.

**Buddy Poppy program** has been a part of the VFW since 1922. The red memorial flower that represents the Buddy Poppy is made by disabled or hospitalized Veterans. The money collected from the Buddy Poppy drives must be placed in your relief fund and only used to help our Veterans and their families.

**You can have a Buddy Poppy drive any time**, but most are held around Veterans Day or in May. Talk to local youth groups and ask them to help with your Poppy Drive. Explain to the youths where our Buddy Poppy comes from and how they benefit our Veterans.

**PROJECT EXAMPLES:** Marching in patriotic holiday parades, Organizing assembly, collection and delivery of care packages for troops, Volunteering to help veterans and active-duty military and their families

**Turn in your volunteer:** hours each month so you're auxiliary get the credit for **VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2014-2015

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Veterans & Family Support



## AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF SD November/ December 2015 Bulletin 5

**National President Francisca Guilford's Theme**

**"OUR VETERANS-- NOW & FOREVER"**

**Department President Nancy Worth's Theme**

**"REMEMBERING OUR PROMISE; ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES"**

*It was great seeing everyone at Fall Council and our workshop. I believe it was a great success and that the chairman also received ideas from those attending each chairman's table. I did get some more names of the auxiliary chairman but those I did not get I will be calling the President for that information unless you send it soon!*

*I hope you are all filling out the monthly Americanism report form, which is for your information so when you do your yearend report you will have all the notes you need at your fingertips and this will make your report so easy to fill in and mail to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Everyone will be doing something for Veterans Day, your plans should be already decided by now or almost completed. Remember that when we pledge allegiance to the flag, it is a moment we spend renewing a vow to the grandest flag in the world. When we express love for our flag, we are also honoring those who have fought defending what our flag represents and the freedom which we enjoy today.*

*Has your Auxiliary presented flags to Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts? Another opportunity to blend with another organization. Even the small flag sets for desks of home schooled, Christian Schools, 4-H groups and so many more are appreciated. Have these groups help with some of your other programs. When driving in your town have you noticed a flag that is getting worn and needs to be replaced? A perfect opportunity to present them with a new flag or flag etiquette brochure, and don't forget about the neighbor or friend who flies their flag every day. There are Patriotic Citations you can present to those citizens.*

*Thanksgiving and Christmas are soon approaching, please remember the homeless and maybe a family or your adopted veteran is in need of some food supplies. Remember there are bachelor veterans living alone who may need some warm clothing or a hot meal and especially a visit so they know they are not forgotten, it will make you feel good as well.*

*December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice so that we could live in a free country. If you do not have a special program see if your radio stations would have a minute of silence for remembrance of this day.*

**Nelda Jorgenson, Americanism Chairman**

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**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

*For Bulletin 5- November/December*

*The new Bylaw and Ritual are now available so I hope your Auxiliary will be ordering it and reading it as there are many changes. As Patriotic Instructor be sure you are familiar with the proper procedure to open and close your meeting. It is your responsibility to share the information on the correct stance and placement of hands for the prayer. There will be new members coming in as auxiliary members including men and they are not familiar with our ritual.*

*Everyone of us need to read the correct way to hold our flag as Color Bearers and also displaying the flag on a float and vehicles. These are also important when doing the Color Guard for some other organization's programs.*

*I am enclosing the HISTORY OF THE U.S. FLAG. I am sure we all will learn much about the United States Flag that you may not have known or that we may forget and need to be reminded of. Reminder what the Colors mean, parts of the Flag and proper way to display the Flag.*

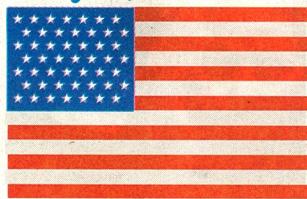
*I hope all of you have a chance to be with family and friends for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays and that it will be a blessed and joyous time for you. Remember those who are still serving our Country to keep our freedoms and those who have served before.*

*Nelda Jorgenson, Department Patriotic Instructor*

# HISTORY OF THE U.S. FLAG

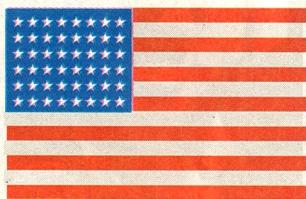
THE AMERICAN FLAG HAS UNDERGONE MANY CHANGES SINCE ITS BEGINNING IN 1776. A LOOK BACK AT MILESTONES AND REASONS FOR ITS EVOLUTION:

**July 4, 1959**



49 stars on flag after Alaska enters the Union on January 3, 1959.

**1912**



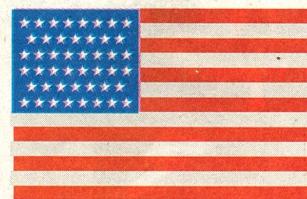
48 states in the United States. Presidential order issued, fixing the position of the stars.

**July 4, 1960**



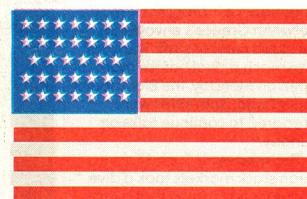
The 50th star is added after Hawaii's entry to the U.S. on Aug. 21, 1959.

**1908**



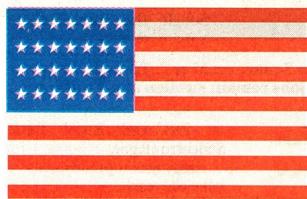
The United States had 46 states. No official design for the 46-star flag was used from 1908-1912.

**1861**



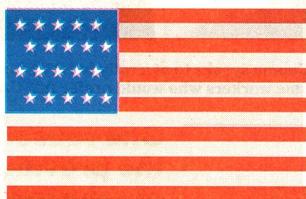
34 states. Even after South secedes from the Union, President Lincoln would not allow stars to be removed from the flag.

**1846**



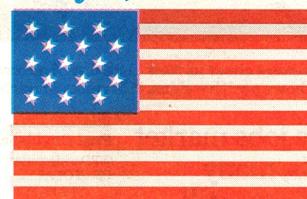
Following the Mexican-American War, 28 states make up the nation.

**1818**



Tenn., Ohio, La., Ind. and Miss. join the union. Congress mandated the number of stripes be fixed at 13 and a star would be added for each new state.

**May 1, 1795**



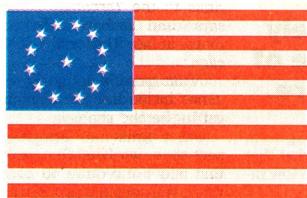
After Vermont and Kentucky join the union; 15 stars and stripes adopted.

**August 1777**



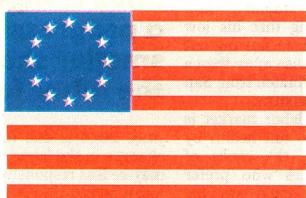
The "Bennington Flag"; carried at the Battle of Bennington.

**1777**



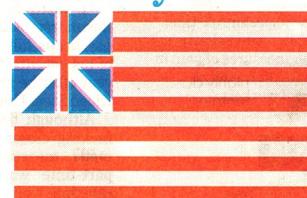
Used by the 3rd Maryland Regiment; carried into battle January 1781.

**1776**



The "Betsy Ross" flag. Stars represent the newly formed 13 states — Del., Pa., N.J., Ga., Conn., Mass., Md., S.C., N.H., Va., N.Y., N.C. and R.I.

**January 1776**



"Grand Union" flag. In the "union" square are the crosses borrowed from the British flag.

**1776**



The Continental Navy used this flag with a rippling form of a rattlesnake, and the words "DON'T TREAD ON ME".

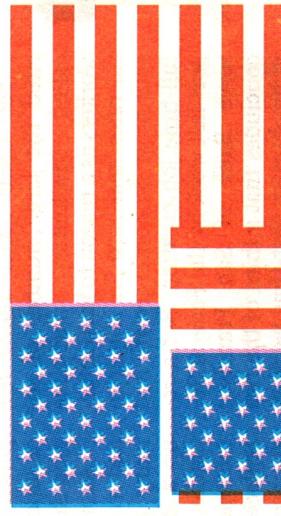
## WHAT THE COLORS MEAN

The colors red, white and blue did not have meanings for the Stars and Stripes when it was adopted in 1777. However, when the Congress of the Confederation chose red, white and blue for the Great Seal of the United States in 1782, the meanings were listed as:



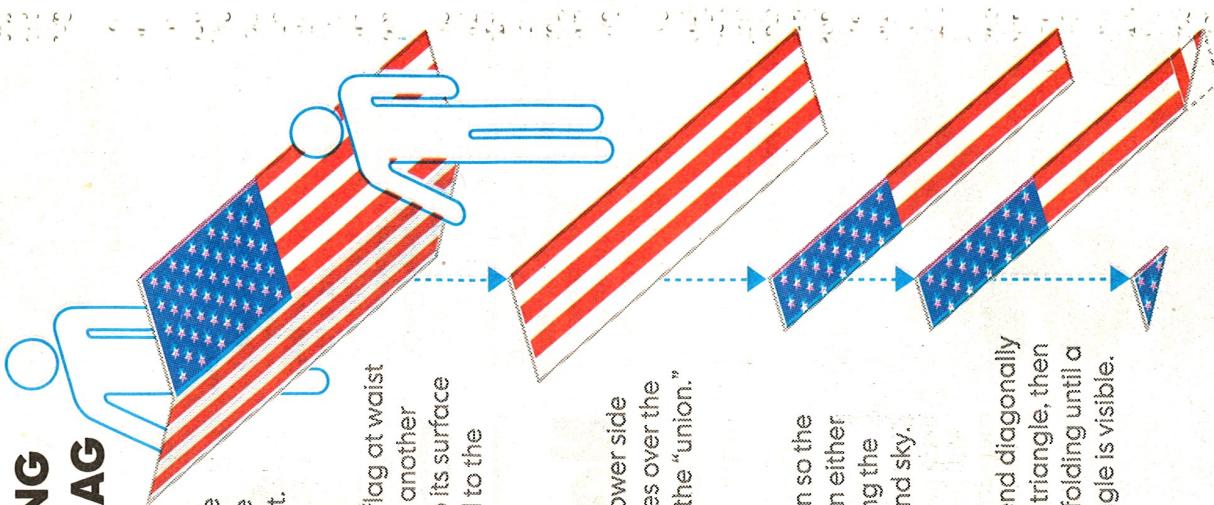
## A PROPER DISPLAY

Flags should always hang freely but never with the stars down, except as a distress signal.



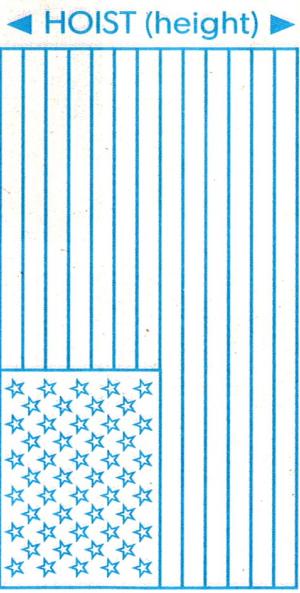
## FOLDING THE FLAG

Folding the flag into a neat triangle doesn't have to be difficult. Here's how:



## THE PARTS OF THE FLAG

UNION OR CANTON  
FIELD OR GROUND



Sources: The American Legion, flagday.org, sar.org, USA TODAY research  
JANET LOEHREKE AND FRANK POMPA, USA TODAY

**Hospital & VAVS Program**  
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**Bulletin #5, November 2015**

Having recently returned from the Fall Council of Administration, I have more questions than answers!! One of the many asked questions was about the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project. Here is information **I found that I trust will help you understand the project:**

*The Veterans Voices Writing Project (VVWP) is a unique and worthwhile project. It was formally known as the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project. VVWP is designed to utilize writing as therapy for veterans. Writing aides, writing group leaders, volunteers and/or Veterans Administration medical center staff encourage veterans to write. In 1952, the magazine, Veterans' Voices, was created to encourage veterans by publishing their work. Since that time, this 64-page magazine has been published three times per year (Spring, Summer and Fall).*

*Veterans often experience traumatic and life-changing experiences in the service of their country. Through the coordinated efforts of VVWP volunteers and/or VA medical center staff, veterans across the United States are encouraged to write as therapy. They may submit their manuscripts (prose, poetry and artwork) for publication in Veterans' Voices, the only publication dedicated solely to veterans' writings.*

*It can mean so much to a veteran when a story, poem or artwork is published in Veterans' Voices magazine, proving again that love (and writing) is still the best medicine. Veterans are looking for a helping hand to bolster their self-esteem, to make them proud to have served our country. These veterans, whatever their disabilities, need to know that while their service is interrupted, they are not forgotten. VVWP has gone to great lengths to instill in the hearts of veterans a pride of accomplishment, a reward for an endeavor well done. As long as men and women dream, Veterans' Voices will be there to fulfill those dreams.*

If you are truly interested in this project, please go to the [www.vfwauxiliary.org/programs/hospital](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/programs/hospital), it will give you a wealth of information.

#### **Upcoming Holidays:**

- Halloween: Have your auxillary provide goodies to the residents of a VA Facility, nursing home, hospital, or assisted living. We have to remember that they cannot have anything sharp. Consider disbursing sugar-free candy or fresh fruits and vegetables. You can also provide tray favors or placemats with colorful napkins.
- Veteran's Day is in November and I hope by now you have your Veteran's Day program well in the plans. It is a great day to go to the school and help educate our young people. It is also a good day to visit a VA Facility, nursing home, hospital, or assisted living and truly visit with a Veteran or Veterans! You could also offer assistance for Veterans to attend your local program. A bulletin board is also a good option for educating the people of your community.
- Christmas is just around the corner and can be a very lonely time for a Hospitalized Veterans, as many have no family close by. Considering providing similar items as you do for Halloween. Anything helps! Our local Auxillary is decorating a Christmas tree with Veteran's pictures and placing it at our Courthouse. You could considering doing something similar with a tree or wreath. A small gift of tissues, socks, or lotions are an option of items you could present to your local Veterans.
- New Year's Day will be here before we know it! Sparkling juice or water with noise makers are always a welcome treat.

Remember that a simple card for a birthday or seasonal event is always appreciated. Everyone loves to receive mail!

**Don't forget that volunteering is number one!!**

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**VFW Auxiliary, Department of South Dakota**  
**LEGISLATIVE**

**"Remembering our Promise: Advocating for Veterans & Their Families"**

Bulletin #5

November 2015



Please make sure to turn in your monthly worksheets to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month so I can compile the information and turn it in to The National Ambassador. I have enclosed the monthly worksheet.

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One of the best and most exciting ways to generate interest and increase participation in a program is to sponsor a contest. Below are a few ideas for Legislative Program contests.

**▪ Become 100% enrolled in the VFW Action Corp Weekly.**

- Prize to the first Auxiliary in your District to reach 100% (money, gift cards, party, District-wide recognition at an event or in a publication, etc.)
- Prize to first Auxiliary in your Department to reach 100% (money, gift cards, party, Department-wide recognition at an event or in a publication, etc.)
- First District in your Department to reach 100% (money, gift cards, party, Department-wide recognition at an event or in a publication).

**▪ Be a Shining Star!!!**

- Award the member who signs up the most new Action Corp Weekly Subscribers.
  - Of course, this contest can be extended from the Auxiliary to the District and the Department Level.

**▪ Invite a Local Legislator**

- Barbara Fitos from Florida had a wonderful idea! She is asking every Post/Auxiliary in her Department to invite a local Legislator to at least one annual event.
- The Post/Auxiliary who sponsors the most events with Legislators in attendance could win an award!

**▪ Sponsor a "Selfie Contest."**

- Iva Turman from Oklahoma sent in this idea. She is encouraging members to send in pictures wearing their "I voted" stickers. She will post them on the **VFW Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma's Facebook page** for a contest.

**▪ Create an award for helping people get registered to vote.**

**▪ Recognize a member for helping transport people to the their polling station.**

I believe that the more complicated an awards program is, the less participation it will receive. So whatever you decide to do, please remember to **keep it simple and fun!** (Lois Callahan – 2015-2016 National Ambassador)

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Contact your Congressional delegation and advocate on behalf of our Veterans. You can use the 2015 Priority goals as a basis for your conversations.

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**2015 Priority Goals**

VA Health Care  
Military Quality of Life  
Defense & Homeland Security  
Veterans Education & Employment  
Suicide and Homelessness  
VA Compensation & Benefits  
POW/MIA  
Seamless Transition

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**Membership**  
Team Means Together Everyone Achieves More! – Author Unknown  
**General Orders #5**  
**November 2015**

The holidays are fast approaching and time with family and friends is upon us. It's nice to be able to get together and visit and catch up on everyone's activities for the year. Its also a great time to talk to those family members you don't see all the time and tell them about the exciting changes that have happened in our auxiliary. Get those men you don't see all the time to join a local auxiliary and help our veterans as they can.

Did your auxiliary participate and do anything for National Membership Week and Make a Difference Day? If so, we would love to hear about it. Exchanging ideas helps to give others ideas of things to do with their auxiliaries in the future.

Sadly, South Dakota was not one of the Departments that made the 80% membership milestone by September 30<sup>th</sup>, but we did have eleven Departments attain this goal. Congratulations to Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Texas and Utah. Their Departments will receive the \$250 reward. This doesn't mean our Department can't still achieve a recognition from National. The next milestone is 90% by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Each Department receives \$300 if you reach this goal. Let's work together to make South Dakota one of those Departments.

Just a reminder that there is another recognition for reaching 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup> in your auxiliary. Your membership chairman will be put in a drawing for a diamond and blue topaz bracelet to be drawn at the 2016 Department Convention in Deadwood.

If you are having any trouble finding out if you have proper relation to a veteran or if you need their records to obtain eligibility, you can always contact me and I would be happy to help. There are also some other resources you could look into such as the National Archives and Records Administration (866-272-6272), <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> or <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>.

As, always, I am happy to assist 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 605-517-0287 or [littlegirlz3@msn.com](mailto:littlegirlz3@msn.com). Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season and look forward to continuing our work together through this year and into 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carrie Alm*  
Department Membership Chairman 2015-16

## Scholarships

### General Orders #5

### November 2015

We have been working hard promoting National President Francisca Guilford's theme – **"Our Veterans – Now and Forever"** and our own President Nancy's theme – **"Remembering Our Promise – Advocating for Veterans & Their Families"**.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Fall Council. Your District Presidents picked up packets for Auxiliary Chairman, these packets hold essential information for you as the Scholarship Chairman, please read them carefully.

Most of your work is completed for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. You have worked hard: contacting schools, public and parochial along with Home School. Your entries were due 1 November to your Post. I am sure you have your judges set, a quiet place to hold the judging and you are well prepared. After the judging you have to finish your paperwork. Make sure you send a picture along with each entry going to District. Remember that for every 15 essays in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy judged, you may send an entry to the District level. Double check everything, we don't want to short change our young people. Check legibility of the entry, make sure every blank is filled and if you have a problem getting a picture, check with the school secretary, she can usually help quickly. Your Post judging is to be finished prior to 15 November and then you need to get them to your District Chairman as soon as possible. District judging must be completed by 6 December. All District entries **MUST** be in to State Scholarship Chairman Keith Blume no later than 15 December.

Send entries to:                   Keith Blume  
   PO Box 215  
   Custer, SD 57730

Now that that is finished don't forget your Thank You notes to your teachers and your judges. Send an article to your local newspaper announcing the winners. If your Post holds a dinner or luncheon for the winners, invite the teachers. Now you can take a break and enjoy Fall.

Members, you have done a great job!! Relax – not too long, we have a couple of more scholarships to get out to our young people. Don't forget the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and our Continuing Education Scholarship. Information on these two programs are in the hands of your District President and you will get them soon.

Veterans Day is coming, take your family to wherever our Veterans are being recognized. Show them we care. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for living in this wonderful country. Invite some Veterans for Thanksgiving, we can learn so much from them.

Loyally,

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## **2015-2016 Chairman Mary Kirkvold**

**National Theme: "Our Veterans - Now and Forever"**  
**SD Department Theme: "Remembering Our Promise, Advocating  
for the Veterans & Their Families"**

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### **MAKE YOUR AUXILIARY ACCESSIBLE TO TODAY'S YOUTH**

It has never been too easy to communicate your cause and events to the world. Social media as teaching and information tools have natural collaborative elements allowing our youth to view and comment on each other's activities. They are tweeting on Twitter, posting on Facebook, instantly sending pictures on Instagram and "liking" the videos on You Tube. If you don't know what any of this is - LEARN

#### **POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS**

Facebook | Twitter | LinkedIn | You Tube | Pinterest | Instagram  
Get online and see what's new!

For helpful tips on maximizing your reach through social media, check out the Publicity Guide at [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org)

#### **PROGRAM GOALS:**

Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans National Citations  
Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups  
Random Act of Patriotism (R.A.P.)

#### **Youth Activities Awards**

- 1.** Citation to each Department Chairman for participation in this program.
- 2.** *Northern Lights Gift Certificate* to one Department Chairman in each Membership Group for the best promotion of Youth Supporting Our Veterans Citations.
- 3.** Outstanding Performance Award in each Membership Group.

Loyally  
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2015-2016 Youth Activities Chairman  
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## YOUTH GROUPS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

### Citation Request Form

A National citation will be awarded to any youth group **only** named below for their efforts in support of veterans and their families.

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Youth Group's Name **EXACTLY** as it is to appear on the citation

Citation and letter are to be mailed to:

C/O

Person who will be presenting citation and letter

Organization

(example: Boy Scout Troop 123 or VFW Auxiliary 4567 or Kennedy Elementary School)

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Describe activities that supported veterans and/or their families. (Between July 1, 2015 and March 15, 2016)

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Total hours spent on project

Number of items or letters sent or given

Value of items

Submitted by

VFW Auxiliary Name and Number

Location

City

State

Signature

VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Chairman

#### **VFW Auxiliary Chairman will mail to Department Youth Activities Chairman**

Any forms sent to National Headquarters without the Department Youth Activities Chairman's signature will be returned to the VFW Auxiliary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT USE ONLY Date**

Received from VFW Auxiliary

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Signature

Department Youth Activities Chairman

Date

**Department Youth Activities Chairman must verify all information requested has been provided. Send completed and signed form to the address below so that the form is received by**

**April 10**

**VFW Auxiliary  
406 W 34th Street, 10th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64111**