

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

**General Orders #4
"Providing Top Cover"**

October 1, 2018

1. **Big 10 Conference:** Members are reminded that the Big 10 Conference will be held at the St. Louis, MO on October 19-21, 2018. If you are going you should immediately take care of your registration and motel reservations, if you have not done so. Please contact State Headquarters for registration and hotel forms, if you need them.
2. **Membership Program, 2018 – 2019:** District Commanders, make sure that your Post Commanders have received a copy of the 2018-2019 Membership Program. There have been some rule changes, which are important to everyone. We hope your Post, has by now, launched a vigorous Membership Campaign to sign up new and reinstated members. Dues notices will be sent out 90 days, 60 days and 30 days prior to the expiration date on the member's card. Remember to collect dues for continuous member as soon as possible, and recruit new members, and reinstate those members that have dropped out. Also, if you are a continuous member and an officer of the post, and become unpaid, you will be removed and cannot be reinstated this year.
3. **Post Meetings:** All Post meetings are to be conducted in accordance with the current Ritual. Post Commanders please comply with page 18 and 19, in the Ritual, covering prayers for the National Home.
4. **Post Commanders:** Please assist the District Inspectors and District Commanders in their inspections of your Post, by making sure all of the Post books, records and minutes are available on the night or day of the inspection. Please instruct the Post Trustees to comply with Section 218, Page 74 of The Manual of Procedure "Duties of Trustees".
5. **Post Commanders:** Report all Community Service projects to Department Judge Advocate, Barbara McKean 504 S Wallace St., Parkston, SD 57366. Email: mckean4@live.com.
6. **Commanders:** Have you appointed your Veterans Day Chairman yet? Start planning your programs ASAP. Contact local Chamber of Commerce or like organization to coordinate programs in observance of this important day. Every Post should have a planned program in recognition of this day. A report form may be obtained by going to www.sdvfw.org, to report your Veterans Day functions. Report to Sean Johnson 1005 N. Main, Aberdeen, SD 57402. Email: seanjohnson@abe.midco.net
7. **Americanism:** Every Post should sponsor vigorous Americanism and Patriotic activities to make strong, direct, patriotic impact in our Schools and upon the general public throughout the year. Patriotic leadership in our communities is important. A program to stop old and tattered US Flags from being flown is a suggestion. Let the community know they can leave old flags at your Post for proper disposal.
8. **Programs:** All of the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Awards program material should be in the possession of the Posts and Schools. Contact your local schools and make certain the contest is underway. Student handouts can be ordered from the Emblem & Supply Merchandise Catalog, or down loaded from the Internet at www.vfw.org. If you have questions concerning VOD, Patriot's Pen and Teachers Awards, please contact the Department Chairman: Keith Blume, PO Box 215 Custer, SD 57730. Phone 605-673-7142 or cell phone 605-440-2331. E-mail is krlume@goldenwes.net. Remember all entries should be to the Post level by October 31, 2018.
9. **Prizes for VOD:** The 2018 – 2019 Voice of Democracy contest prizes have been set as follows: 1st Place - \$500, scholarship trip to Washington, D. C., a June trip to the Freedom's Foundation and at least a \$1,000 or more scholarship from the National contest. 2nd Place - \$300 Suzie Radigan Memorial scholarship, 3rd Place - \$250 cash, and 4th through 7th Place will receive \$50 cash prize. Each District will send their District winner to Pierre for the presentations of the State winners during the Legislative Conference. Trophies and plaques will be presented to the top three winners at the State level.
10. **Prizes for Patriot Pen:** The 2018 – 2019 Patriot Pen contest prizes have been set as follows: 1st Place – the Glenn McFarland Memorial Plaque and \$250 cash; 2nd Place – Daryl and Loretta Halling Memorial Plaque and a \$100 cash

3rd Place – \$50 cash and 4th through 7th Places - \$25 cash. The top 3 winners in the State will be presented their awards at the Legislative Conference. Plaques will be presented to the top three winners at the State level.

- 11. **Prizes for Teacher of Year:** The 2018 – 2019 Teachers Award contest prizes have been set as follows: Each teacher category, high school, middle school and elementary school will receive a check of \$100. Award presentation will be at the legislative conference. A certificate from National will be presented to the school and teacher at the school. A Department representative will present the award if possible.
- 12. **VAVS:** We need greater participation by every Post in the Department through taking an active part in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VAVS (Veterans Administration Voluntary Service) program. Remember the VFW Creed “No One Does More For Veterans”.
- 13. 14. **Sending In Material For General Orders:** All Department Officers, State Chairman and anyone else that wants to publish information in the General Orders must submit the material to Department Headquarters or the Department Adjutant by no later than the 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders.
- 14. If you would like to send a FAX or e-mail or call the QM/ADJ, use the following: Fax number is: 1-605-332-0617. E-Mail is: vfwsd@aol.com. Phone numbers are: 605-332-7441 or Cell phone 605-695.5006.

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:

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

Danny Frisby-Griffin
 Danny Frisby-Griffin Commander
 Department of South Dakota
 Veterans of Foreign Wars

Telemarketing from National

If you receive a telemarketing call raising funds for **VFW National** these are the numbers the **ONLY** calls will be coming from. 605-273-3713

- 605-467-2584
- 605-574-5996
- 605-636-3966

If you get a call from any other number they are NOT **authorized/or legitimate** from National

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For Your Information on Vouchers

When sending in vouchers we **absolutely** need your receipts for you to be paid for your room or other expenses.

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Get your Post ready for **Law Enforcement, Firefighter & EMT** of the year. The application is online at www.sdvfw.org, under the forms tab. Due date is January 1st, 2019 to Sean Johnson Sr. Vice Commander.

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
State Commander Danny Frisby-Griffin General Orders 10/2018**

Greeting Comrades,

We're about to enter the extra busy season. All of our Scholarship Program entries are due to the posts by October 31 with quick turnaround to districts and then on to Keith so they can be judged at the Department level. We'll present the winners at our Legislative Conference which is still planned for the last Sunday in January. You should see the registration form for the Legislative Conference by the end of October.

Do you have your VOD and PP students read their essay during you Veterans Day Program? This is something for you to consider if you're looking for ways to increase youth participation in your programs.

I want to apologize for not getting the information concerning the "meet the candidate" panel discussion out sooner. The SD Veterans Council set up the dates and scheduled the candidates. Each candidate met with the public and the Veterans Council panel for about an hour with each of the six Veteran Service Organizations getting an opportunity to ask questions. I received the information about 10 days prior to the event so I had plenty of time to get it posted. We got a little busy with other activities and I didn't get the information out until the first day was actually in the books. If we had gotten the information out sooner, I'm sure more of our members would have attended and listen to the candidates.

We're working on getting the word out and really need your help. If you something that needs to get out to our members, please contact Department Headquarters so the information can be disseminated via Face Book and/or email blast to all the posts. We're relying on Post Commanders and Quartermasters to help get the information out to members.

Can you believe another quarter is complete? This means the second quarter audit is due to the Department. This is a great time for the Districts to get their post inspections complete since the posts should have all the latest financial information at their fingertips. If they don't, you can help them with their audits.

Again, the Department is looking forward to being your host for the 2018 Department of SD VFW Fall Council and School of Instruction at the Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma. I'll have raffle tickets at the Fall Council for the Quilt. Please help if you can, the monies will go to my and President Mary's Command Year Project, the SD Veterans Cemetery.

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

State Commander, Danny "Wham-O" Frisby-Griffin
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**OCTOBER GENERAL ORDERS
SEAN JOHNSON SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Hello Comrades:

I trust that your summer has went well and you are enjoying the weather, waiting for fall. The year has been busy already, we spent some productive time at the South Dakota State Fair and signed up some new members.

We had Mental Health Awareness for Veterans and just remember, at 22 a day, we don't have the luxury of a one day or month awareness program. We must be vigilant 24 hours a day 365 days a year reaching out to our comrades, until we are at 0 a day. **To You I Issue a Challenge, call 2 Veterans you know to see how they are doing, if they are in trouble, help them get help.**

I need quite a few Memorial Day Reports please get them in they still count for your post regardless so get them in.

I am excited to see you at the Fall Conference we should have good training. I think that we will be able to accomplish some things so we can implement some new policies that we have talked about.

We shall soon start the process for Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT/Paramedic, of the Year when your nominations are done they will come to me at Sean Johnson
1005 North Main Street, Aberdeen SD 57401

**Jr. Vice Commander Cody Mangold
October General Orders**

Comrades,

Well it has been a little busy on the recruiting side it appears. We have 2 posts I want to congratulate because as of 09/18/2018 they have reached or broke the quota. First one that is 100% is Dell Rapids. Our second one is Chamberlain at 103.03% already this year. We have 7 posts over 90% so far not including those who have made 100%. Please remember the district commanders recruiting incentive for new life member, and the levels of legacy life. You will receive a hat for any of those steps. This year the color has change from green to blue due to having an Air Force man at the helm. The Sturgis rally recruiting went fairly well, but next year we WILL need more people please. I understand how difficult it is to make it. This is something that I feel we need to start planning, due to the lessons learned this year, and possibly housing for individuals. Please keep recruiting as there are plenty of people out there and we can all do it together. A third year in a row of 100% membership would sure be an amazing goal to complete. I look forward to my Jr. Vice training here in October along with the Big Ten Conference. I hope to learn more to pass on to everyone.

Yours in Comradeship,
Cody Mangold Jr. Vice Commander

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**Barbara K. McKean
Judge Advocate
October General Orders**

The History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2018 occurs on Sunday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.

Armistice Day

The [Treaty of Versailles](#) was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of [World War I](#). Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict. One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President [Woodrow Wilson](#) proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day’s observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at [Arlington National Cemetery](#) near [Washington](#), D.C. On the same day, the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at [Westminster Abbey](#) in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the “recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations,” and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during [World War II](#) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation’s history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the [Korean War](#). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of [Veterans Day](#) unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington’s Birthday, [Memorial Day](#), Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays. The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date. In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President [Gerald Ford](#) signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

Remembrance Day

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11. In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, per the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-veterans-day>

Community Service Reports received for the 1st Quarter: (as of 18 Sep)

Dist 1: Sioux Falls, Elk Point, Vermillion, Brandon

Dist 4: Brookings, Madison

Dist 6: Aberdeen, Pierre, Gettysburg

Dist 7: Marty, Mitchell, Scotland, Lake Andes, Parkston, Armour, Wagner, Burke

Dist 10: Rapid City, Custer, Deadwood

Reminder, these reports are due May 1 - Jul 31; Aug 1 - Oct 31; Nov 1 - Jan 31; Feb 1 - Apr 30. The deadline to have these reports to me is NLT 10 days after the quarter ends.

v/r,
Barb

Barbara McKean

Judge Advocate

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2018 October General Orders
Surgeon Colin Reisner

Comrades,

As we near the end of another reporting quarter I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of sending in your Hospital and Safety Reports. As a non-profit organization it is vital that we report all activities. We need these reports to show the government what we are doing with our money and time. I know nearly every post is doing something that can be reported on either report. I strongly urge you all to take time to fill out your reports and get them to me as soon as possible. Thank you to those posts that reported last quarter and I look forward to receiving more reports in November.

Colin G. Reisner

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“Our Country, Not Ourselves”

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**State Chaplain
Mike Boxa
Burke Post 9950**

Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Calling all Chaplains! Fall Council is to be held in Oacoma the 5-7 October. Wouldn't it be great to have a representative from all the Posts? Why not let it start with the Chaplains? Let's make a goal of 100% attendance. Our declining numbers of open Chartered Posts just emphasizes the need to come together all the more often. We also need to take our positions seriously and demonstrate our duties and responsibilities. The **Word** profoundly states. **Hebrews 10:25** “**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**” We need to be there and encourage one another so we can exhort our Posts. We can't take for granted,

each day, or just be a name filled in on a position thinking we don't have any work or responsibility, or couldn't assist another veteran. The other side is, you do accomplish much and need to pass it on to your comrades so they learn and even share the same experiences.

From the National Convention this starting VFW year, information was shared showing, the State Chaplain of Missouri, and I would think there would be others, has a website. It is a vast wealth of resources and just plain-down-to-it educational information. The Chaplain also conducts training of the Chaplain position throughout the state. That is being on the ball and living the VFW way. Even from the Chaplain Manual we are to be a focus for Morale and Spiritual guidance. Are we getting it done? Just coming together one time, and boosting the roll call populace at one event might inspire others. Think about it and get it done. Let's show our Posts that coming together is important and not let the Very Few Workers handle the projects. By sheer attrition, the numbers are declining.

Let us be an EXAMPLE, in action as found in **1 Timothy 4:12** “**Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**” We as Chaplains need to be that example. We need to make it happen. We need to demonstrate the whole picture and where our part is.

Calling all Chaplains!

Be there for one another!!

**Warmest Regards,
Mike Boxa**

The Roost
Grenville, SD
September 28, 2018

Dear Post or Auxiliary:

The Day County Coyote Hunt helps support our South Dakota National Guards Family Support Group and takes place the third weekend in January each year (January 18-19-20, 2019).

This year marks our Twelfth Anniversary and we need it to be the biggest and best yet because, as you know, the Day County Coyote Hunt money goes to any units leaving from South Dakota.

I'm asking you to please help with a cash donation to the Day County Coyote Hunt and by printing out and hanging up posters in your area. This is another great way to get your organization's name out there and show our troops how much you care, because one hundred percent of this donation money goes directly to the units. Anyone who donates a minimum of \$100.00 will have their name on the back of the t-shirts. My challenge this year is to have 100% participation by all South Dakota Posts and Auxiliaries. We also welcome donations from individuals or businesses so please pass the word.

I can also use help selling raffle tickets for the Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle at \$5 each or 6 for \$20 - just let me know and I will get tickets delivered to you. This is another challenge – for each Post and Auxiliary to sell five books of tickets. The Henry Golden Boy rifles are always very popular last year so we are buying another one this year.

Any Post or Auxiliary that sells \$500 in tickets will receive \$100 cash to use any way they want. There is no limit to the amount your Post or Auxiliary can earn. This money comes from an anonymous donor and does not affect the money available to the National Guards units.

Thank you in advance for your time and generous donation.

Sincerely,

Patti

Patti Mitchell
State Veterans and Family Support Auxiliary Chairman

Approved by:

Danny Frisby-Griffin

Danny Frisby-Griffin
SD Department Commander

Mary Kirkvold

Mary Kirkvold
SD Department President

Attachment: 2019 Coyote Hunt Poster

12TH ANNUAL
DAY COUNTY COYOTE HUNT
January 18-19-20, 2019



Check us on
Facebook The
Roost



Can hunt anywhere
in South Dakota.

Pre-Registration by December 15, 2018 gets a free t-shirt
Registration: Friday, January 18, 2019, At Roslyn City Hall

The Day County Coyote Hunt helps support our South Dakota National Guards
Family Support Group and takes place the third weekend in January.

All money goes to any National Guards units leaving from South Dakota.

2 person teams for \$60 Registration Fee

1st place: Savage Axis Bolt Action 22-250 with Scope

2 guns will be given to 1st place. Guns are from Brotherhood Arms, Watertown, SD

2nd place: Cash Prizes **3rd place:** Cash Prizes

Game Fish & Parks will be in Roslyn Friday night at 7:00 pm for the hunting rules.

PRIZES GIVEN FOR:

Big Dog – Little Dog – Longest Eye Tooth – Shortest Eye Tooth - Ugly Coyote –
Pretty Coyote – Longest Tail – Shortest Tail - Longest Drive to Coyote Hunt –
Skunked Team – Blinky Award – Texas Heart Shot

Optional Buy-In for Big Dog – Lil Dog \$15.00
75% pay back - 25% to SDNG Family Support

Any Questions – call Patti @ THE ROOST 605-486-0016 or
Patti's cell 605-280-0777

Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Goodwin Post 6361

Also selling raffle tickets for a Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle at \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

Contact Patti at 605-280-0777, The Roost, for more information.

