

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

**General Orders #6**

**“The Future is Now”**

**December 1, 2018**

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

The Department Commander and his staff extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all comrades and sisters and their families. On these special days let us be thankful for the privilege of living in the United States.

1. **The State Headquarters office** will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. It will also be closed on December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years. The Department Quartermaster will be out of the office December 18-26, 2018.

2. **Membership:** Membership efforts in December should be concentrated on contacting **ALL** 2018 members who have not paid for 2018. All unpaid members become delinquent at the end of their anniversary month. The Direct dues payment program does not eliminate the need for membership teams and committees to collect the dues of those members who have not responded to the annual notices that are mailed out by National Headquarters. Also, review the expired membership roster and start contacting them to help those “lost” members to become respectable again.

3. **Veterans Day Reports:** This report is needed from all Posts. Form may be downloaded by going on line to [www.sdvfw.org](http://www.sdvfw.org). Email or mail the report to Sr. Vice Commander, Sean Johnson, 1005 N Main, Aberdeen, SD 57402. If your post has not sent in your report, please do so now.

4. **Education Teacher Award:** Winning entries at the Post level are to be submitted to the Department Chairman, prior to December 15. Each Post is encouraged to have a winner in each of the three categories, K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Post winners should be forwarded to the State Chairperson, Keith Blume, P. O. Box 215, Custer, SD 57730

5. **Voice of Democracy:** District judging should be completed by now. As soon as possible after District judging is completed, the winning essays and audio files should be sent to the State Chairperson, Keith Blume, P. O. Box 215, Custer, SD 57730. Each District will send their district winner to Pierre for the presentations of the State winners during the Legislative Conference. Plaques will be presented to the top three (3) winners at the State level.

6. **Patriots Pen:** District judging should be completed by now. As soon as possible after District judging is completed send the winning essays to the State Chairperson, Keith Blume, P. O. Box 215, Custer, SD 57730. Each District will send their district winner to Pierre for the presentations of the State winners during the Legislative Conference. Plaques will be presented to the top three (3) winners at the State level.

8. **Legislative Conference:** Council of Administration, Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy & Patriot’s Pen Banquet has been set for January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Pierre. See enclosed notice for registration and agenda.

9. **The National Voice of Democracy** and Legislative Conference meeting will be held on March 2nd-7th, 2019 in Washington, D.C., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, VA. The VOD parade of winners will take place at 6:00 pm on March 4th, 2019.

10. **Checks Sent to Department Headquarters:** All checks sent to the Department Headquarters should be made out to “**Department Of South Dakota VFW**” and marked as to what purpose each check is for. Do not make checks payable to a special account. Remember to use our **new** address **5009 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.**

11. **2018 By-Laws Manual & Roberts Rules of Order:** The Department recommends that all Posts purchase a new 2018 By-Laws Manual from National, and Roberts Rules from Amazon.com.

12. **Fly Flags at Half Staff on December 7th:** Public Law 103-308, passed in 1994 designates December 7, as **National Pearl Harbor Day** and all Posts should fly their flag at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.

13. **Wreaths Across America:** On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Wreaths Across America programs will take place all at the same time. Services will be held at the following cemeteries in South Dakota, and all VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend one of these programs. What a project!

- Black Hills National Cemetery – Sturgis (10:00 am).
- Fort Meade, National Cemetery – Sturgis (10:00 am).
- Hot Springs National Cemetery - Hot Springs (10:00 am).
- Cold Springs Pioneer Cemetery – Pringle (10:00 am).
- Hills of Rest Memorial Park Cemetery – Sioux Falls (11:00 am).
- Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery – Huron (11:00 am).
- Greenwood and Lutheran Cemeteries – Brookings (11:00 am)

14. **Mid Winter Meetings:** This is what we have to date:

- District 1 TBD (Department Rep: Rick Williamson)
- District 4 will meet at Post 750 in Watertown on January 20, 2019 @ 2pm (Department Rep: Darwin Tolzin)
- District 6 will meet at Post 1776 in Huron on February 6, 2019 @ 1pm (Department Rep: Sean Johnson)
- District 7 will meet at Post 3239 in Lake Andes on January 13, 2019 @ 2pm (Department Rep: Ken Payne)
- District 10 will meet at Post 1273 in Rapid City on January 13, 2019 (Department Rep: Ken Moss)

15. **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 by no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders. Pleased be sure you send article in a word document.

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

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**The Department Headquarters** would like to invite you to our Open House. We will have refreshments and show you our new office space. The **month of December**, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday's from **10am – 2pm** we would love to have you stop by. This is an excellent time to pick up the Overseas Veteran to pass to others in your area.

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**Additional Dates to Remember**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** Visit and Buffalo Feed at Ft. Meade Hospital. Anyone planning on attending please let the state office know.

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** Visit and Buffalo Feed with the Director of State Home & Dom. At Hot Springs VA. Anyone planning on attending please let the state office know.

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

Greeting Comrades,

We hope everyone had a spectacular Thanksgiving Holiday and have had a chance to recharge their batteries as you get ready for the Christmas Season. This is the season of giving and we hope you think of our veterans and their families during the holidays to ensure none go without companionship and nourishment. Are your posts opening the doors to the community to ensure those that need a place to go for comfort, warmth and a friendly dinner get one? This may be the right year to start a new tradition and if you do, please send our editor your story with pictures.

You will notice that the Legislative Mixer is missing on the Legislative Conference and COA registration for the end of January. We're trying something new this year since we had a very poor turnout last year for our event. Instead of the mixer, we're registering four or five officers as lobbyists with the state and when we have legislation or issues that need to be pushed, we'll set up appointments and send them (and pay mileage) to communicate with talking points and evidence targeting the legislators with "influence." In discussion with the Quartermaster, this seemed liked a better, more focused/strategic use of our funds.

Since this is the beginning of the busy family season, I just wanted to let everyone know that my coaching activities have started with our first basketball practice on November 26. I'll be fairly busy until the end of February however I've worked out a schedule to ensure that I spend one day a week at the Department Headquarters, weather permitting. With that said, you can still reach me via email, phone, skype or text. If I don't respond right away, I'm probably in class teaching and will get back with you as soon as I can. Darwin and I are in constant contact so reach out to him if it's an emergency.

Don't forget to get to turn in your Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen packages to the District Chair so they can evaluate and select the winners. We've also changed up the program a bit with the Awards Breakfast Banquet and moving it back to the Moose Lodge building in Pierre. The breakfast banquet will start about 9 AM with the students and teachers heading to the capitol building after. That should free most everyone to travel during daylight hours.

Last month we had an opportunity to have Juul Labs provide a briefing and discussion on their program to help veterans and family members transition from cigarettes to a significantly less harmful method of getting one's "nicotine fix" via e-cigarettes. The Juul Labs team was on their way home from visiting with the SD National Guard leadership where they also discussed the health and welfare of our current service members. The Department of SD may have an opportunity to partner with Juul Labs as they work with veterans in their transition to a less harmful process.

Lastly, we're finalizing the 2019 Summer Convention details and should have the information out in January. I'm excited on the changes and opportunities we have working with Dakota State University and can't wait to share them with you. While you wait, please focus **a lot of** time and energy on membership. We're currently behind in our membership totals compared to this time last year and really need to start the big push to reach 100%.

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

State Commander, Danny "Wham-O" Frisby-Griffin  
[Danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com](mailto:Danny.frisby-griffin@outlook.com)

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**DECEMBER 2018 GENERAL ORDERS**  
**SEAN JOHNSON SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Hello Comrades:

I trust you are all enjoying the nice December weather. We went from cool fall weather to cold weather in a hurry but some of us missed the snow. I think so far; the roads have stayed pretty good throughout the state so that is at least good for safe traveling. With Thanksgiving out of the way the next big feast is Christmas dinner. I hope that weather you are planning to travel for the holiday or stay home make sure you do so safely. With winter weather, Try to travel during the day, keep your vehicle full of gas as much as possible, make sure it is in working order. You will want to throw in a couple of blankets or sleeping bags, stocking hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, ice scrapers, and a couple of flashlights. More important you should call and tell someone when you are leaving and expect to be home and what route you are taking for safety reasons!

We had Mental Health Awareness for Veterans, 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.**

We must be very diligent in the next two months to get as many of our members renewed as our due. We also must try to get as many new, reinstates, and transfers registered as we can. Please help out our Membership Drive and get this done at the member and post level I appreciate your support.

I have Veterans Day Reports From:                      I have Memorial Day Reports from :

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|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Parkston   | Armour     | Madison    | Aberdeen   |
| Rapid City | Newell     | Milbank    | Elk Point  |
| Quinn      | Wagner     | Vermillion | Gettysburg |
| Brookings  | Gettysburg | Huron      | Pierre     |
| Sturgis    | Elk Point  | Parkston   | Webster    |
| Scotland   | Aberdeen   | Mitchell   | Newell     |
| Custer     | Eureka     | Lake Andes | Custer     |
| Britton    | Vermillion | Deadwood   | Rapid City |
| Milbank    | Madison    | Marty      | Brookings  |

I Have 18 and I need 36 more Veterans Day Reports, I have 18 and I need 36 more Memorial Day Reports To be turned in. I will also need to receive Law Enforcement, EMT, Paramedic, Firefighter turned in ASAP thank you for your help with these reports

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## Jr. Vice Commander December Report Cody Mangold

Season Greetings,

November has been a little busy for me. I attended the Veterans Pheasant hunt in Gettysburg Getting there late the 9<sup>th</sup>, and spending all day the 10<sup>th</sup> with the veterans, and leaving on Veterans day. I was fortunate enough to see some healing going on with the veterans throughout the timeframe. I then attended my home Post 791 Veterans Day program the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>. I then flew out to Ohio and was the guest speaker at Valley Christian School in Twinsburg, Ohio.

For membership we need to keep going as we are 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation for departments for membership right now. As of 11/22/2018 we are at 84.62%. I know we can do better, and we are behind right now for members than we were last year by 40+ members. Attached is what each post and district need to reach 100%.

Yours in Comradeship,

Cody Mangold Jr. Vice Commander  
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District 1- 438	District 4- 275	District 6- 251	District 7- 148	District 10- 199
Sioux Falls- 313	Watertown- 99	Aberdeen- 111	Marty- 3	Rapid City- 129
Yankton- 10	Brookings- 63	Huron- 14	Mitchell- 42	Sturgis- 6
Elk Point- 6	Madison- 29	Pierre- 27	Scotland- 11	Lemmon- 5
Parker- 8	Sisseton-16	Mobridge- 3	Lake Andes- 4	Belle Fouche- 14
Beresford- 11	Flandreau- 5	Redfield- 20	Parkston- 10	Custer- 9
Vermillion- 21	Milbank- 10	Faulkton- 13	Winner- 12	Faith- 2
Canton-30	Britton- 14	Miller- 5	Chamberlain- +1	Newell- 2
Freeman-12	Webster- 34	Eureka- 2	Plankinton- 14	Spearfish- 23
Brandon- 5	Summit- 4	Wessington Springs- 9	Tyndall-7	Deadwood- 7
Crooks-10	Goodwin- 2	Turton- 9	Armour- 10	Quinn- 2
Alcester- 15	Dell Rapids- +1	Gettysburg- 5	Wagner- 23	
			Burke- 14	

Summit Has only 9 members need 10 to remain a post. Way to go! We are slowly getting there. The Department is 1311 members short and we need to be at 92% by December 31! I know we can do it, as I have one in the oven myself. Let's keep this momentum going.

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**Surgeon Colin Reisner**  
**December 2018 General Orders**

Comrades,

Another quarter has ended, and the reports continue to come in; thank you. As of the date of this report (11/19/2018), we are sitting at 45% received. Below is the list of the reports I have received via email and USPS as of Tuesday, November 21:

District 1: Brandon, Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton

District 4: Brookings, Madison, Milbank, Watertown, Webster

District 6: Eureka, Huron, Pierre

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

District 10: Custer, Deadwood, Newell, Rapid City

November celebrated the nearly 5.5 million individuals who choose to care for our nation's veterans. Current estimates show nearly 2.4 million VA patients are receiving assistance with daily living activities. Those providing the assistance are mostly made up of family members such as spouses, adult children, and parents, as well as by friends and neighbors. To assure these unsung heroes are receiving the necessary support required while helping their veterans, the VFW has partnered with The Elizabeth Dole Foundation. This partnership is part of the VFW's Mental Wellness Campaign, to increase awareness of mental health options and to empower people with the knowledge to identify signs of mental distress. The VFW also worked with Congress and VA to assure the expansion of VA's current caregiver program to all eras of veterans. The expansion is expected to begin for Vietnam War era veterans in 2019. To learn more about the VA Caregiver Program go to [www.caregiver.va.gov/](http://www.caregiver.va.gov/).

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**Barbara K. McKean**  
**State Judge Advocate**  
**December General Orders**

*Christmas, the most wonderful time of the year.* Time to reflect on all we are grateful for. Time to spend with those we love, those we call family, friends, and comrades. I want to wish you all the merriest of holidays from my family to yours!

**Invite a service member into your home for Christmas!** It is also the time of year for serving and reaching out to your community, more than we usually do.

**Community Service Idea #1 – A Free Store**

The idea is that you collect new and gently used clothes, or really anything else you want to include, from your church members and from donations from the community. Then, once a month or so, depending on your supply, allow people to come in and select a set number of items. There's no charge for the items, but people can only get so many per person or maybe give out bags at the entrance and each person can only take what they can fit in the bag.

Also, remember to contact local stores and ask if they have any donations. Or, better yet, local clothing manufacturers. Many factories end up with clothing that isn't good enough to sell, but is still perfectly good, it's just that the logo is crooked or the legs on the pants are of different lengths and the factory isn't going to pay someone to re-hem them.

### **Community Service Idea #2 – Shuttle Services for the Elderly and Ill**

The best route is to contact places that might know of people interested in your help, such as doctors' offices, physical therapy clinics, maybe a grocery store in a part of town where a lot of elderly people live, etc.

There are plenty of people that have trouble running errands, or who need so much help that they wear their friends and family out with driving them around (just imagine what it would do to your work schedule if your spouse had to get chemo every week and you had to take them, or if your sister couldn't drive because she lost their leg in a car crash but she still needed groceries and her kids still needed to get to soccer practice). So, find areas where people like that would pass by and tell the doctors or staff working there that you would love to help and that they should feel free to give out the contact information to the church to anyone interested in scheduling a ride somewhere. That way, the doctor or the manager of the store will get to know you and can vouch for you as a safe person to rely on. Plus, they'll also have a better idea of those who really need the help.

### **Community Service Idea #3 – Bring Gift Baskets to the Police and Firefighters of Your City**

Tons of people go feed the homeless on Thanksgiving or send thank you cards to military personnel stationed overseas who are away from loved ones, but few people remember that there are police officers who are working and risking their life while their child is having their first Christmas. When you bring them gift baskets or candy to share around the office, it means a lot.

### **Community Service Idea #4 – Look for People that No One Ever Thinks About Serving**

Naturally, everyone is eager to do something for the kids and their family, especially during the holidays, but no one ever does anything for the doctors, nurses, and staff of the hospital. Other people that are often overlooked would be: trash collectors, case workers for child protective services or welfare, employees of a store. You can find forgotten people everywhere.

### **Community Service Idea #5 – Meet to Pray for Others**

This could be meeting to pray for those in a ward of the hospital, or maybe meeting to ask God to show mercy to those with a court date that today, or really any form of interceding for another person's needs. This may not give a lot of publicity, but God wants to see the sick healed and sinners forgiven, so when you line your heart up with His and ask Him to do the things He wants to see happen anyway, your church will move forward, and the community will be changed.

### **Community Service Idea #6 – Think of What You Would Do if it Were Christmas, and Do Those Things When It's Not**

It's amazing how many cool service ideas people come up with around the holidays, and most of them would be even more meaningful if you did them when serving wasn't a fashionable thing, like it is during holidays. It could be something as simple as making more of a conscious effort to smile at others (which we all try to do around Christmas, even when we are angry over the mall parking), or feeding the homeless, or donating gifts to the less fortunate.

### **Community Service Idea #7 – Collect School Supplies to Donate to Local Schools**

This is a great way to serve because even the smallest gesture seems huge to the recipient. If you do something even as simple as befriend one teacher, you'll touch them deeply and other teachers will also take notice.

### **Community Service Reports received for the 1st Quarter: (as of 27 Nov)**

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

Dist 4: Brookings, Madison, Webster

Dist 6: Aberdeen, Pierre, Gettysburg

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

Dist 10: Rapid City, Custer, Deadwood

**Community Service Reports received for the 2nd Quarter: (as of 27 Nov)**

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

Dist 4: Brookings, Madison, Milbank, Webster

Dist 6: Aberdeen, Pierre, Gettysburg

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

Dist 10: Custer

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.

*Barbara McKean*

State Judge Advocate

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**State Chaplain**

**Mike Boxa**

**Burke Post 9950**

**[SDvfwChaplin2@outlook.com](mailto:SDvfwChaplin2@outlook.com)**

Dear Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Here it is December already. Our VFW year is almost half complete. I for one, find there are not enough hours in my day for projects and then get extremely tired in between them. Things will be a little easier here as the pasture renters just picked up mother's cattle. I also recently said my prayers, Oh Lord, I need a buyer for my metal shop building. Sure enough, prayers answered and will close here 1 December. I will still scrap metal and do it smaller scale from the farm and or out of the pickup. It was a good thing, as I used plenty a donation to fund the nonprofit organizations, community clubs, and high schools with metal donations. Also a good bit of God's Word with Proverbs 27:17, **"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."** Talk about a good in with conversation, when picking up material that clanks!

I had quite the season of renting with bringing the cattle back into the pasture and not on the other side of the fence. I told our neighbors once, "would you imagine that, one day we don't have enough bulls and the next day we got too many!" Fencing projects were easier this year as most times, the cows and the bulls could jump perfectly over the top wire. Most of the calves could just walk through and give you the LOOK, see what I can do! Our Post Junior Vice came out a few times to helped work and keep me on track. It sure made things a whole lot easier doing a little mending. I showed our Jr Vice, (Brian Snyder) my dad's ultimate key to success for cattle pasture renting, as I had the Jr Vice load a few wagon loads of sweet corn stalks and cobs from the garden patch. During the last month of renting, the garden goes a long way in feeding when the pasture gets short. The sweet corn patch here is a half an acre. Nothing goes to waste. If the deer and coons didn't get the sweet corn, the turkeys would... Dad use to talk to them all the time. One morning, before the sun came up, I accompanied Dad to the VA hospital to Sioux Falls. A guy was out at our mailbox at 5 AM. Dad asked the guy what he was doing, and the guy snapped back a bit, quiet, you will scare the turkeys. He was standing on our land and hunting on the neighbors. My dad, rolled up the window and looked at me and said, "my Goodness, those turkeys will walk right up to you." I saw this overkill of a hunter with all the gear, let alone the hunter forget how simple the principle of game living really was.

I had always planted 4 garden spots at the farm. The sweetcorn patch was special as Dad said, always plant enough. I would load up the corn thick, plant 3 different types of squash, and then there was our 100 pound

watermelon rinds. God does the growing, but always plant enough for the critters and the humanoids. Dad had another rule, 'never charge for food.' People would drive by wanting to pay, and Dad would say, help yourselves. However, our giant pumpkins were bought at the farm as people drove by, or later on, taken to the high school, and the football players carried them to the football field and the fruit was auctioned off for a fund raiser. Dad would always give the money to the school athletic fund on the pumpkins.

Dad had pheasant hunters, deer hunters, and a few turkey hunters over the years. The hunters were unique as they put the game in the freezer. The garden was a way of giving. It didn't take much to be a good giver. The wildlife would live for another season or eat real healthy and be food in the freezer. The spirit and intent is key. Dad didn't think twice.

Just as Dad fed the wildlife, there was always plenty later, freezing sweetcorn and the butternut squash for the winter dinner table. It tasted oh so good whether plain or doctored up any way you like it. Paul writes in Philippians 4: 14-16, **14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.** **15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.** **16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.** Paul emphasizes that giving and receiving. The Philippian Church just did it! They didn't ask about no rule or think if it was okay or not okay.

Oh yes, a lengthy one page general order commentary from a Chaplain with a story about my VFW dad. What does it mean? Make it **'giving'** (generosity) a reaction.

It is Christmas time. All that the presents we give. Fret not at what you get (receive.) What's the attitude in giving. Do you have to think twice? Not to be mistaken with, about splurging or necessity withstanding. Oh I love to tell the STORY, .....How my Savior came in glory. John 3:16, **16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** The real story of giving!!!

***Be there for one another!!***

Warmest Regards and may you all have A MERRIEST reflect full season,  
Mike Boxa

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**Overseas Veteran Editor  
Dick Pickering  
December 2018**

All posts that have participated in the Burger King, Unmet needs program, and Sport Clips Haircuts "Help A Hero" Campaign. Please submit a picture and report to the editor of the SDOV by December 15th for the January issue of the SDOV. Email [dickp.signs@gmail.com](mailto:dickp.signs@gmail.com), 404 Dogwood Street, Brandon, SD 57005, 605-582-6749/605-201-1919.

BURGER KING - partnered with VFW Unmet Needs in 2007. has received over \$3.84 million in contributions from Burger King Franchise owners and their loyal customers. Unmet Needs has assisted over 4000 military families with grants totaling over \$6 million since 2004.

SPORT CLIPS - partnered with VFW Operations Uplink in 2007, connected over 2.5 million calls and provided over 30 million minutes of talk time through VFW's free Call Days. Sport Clip Help a Hero Scholarship began in 2014. The first Help A Hero Scholarship was Awarded for the Spring 2014 semester. Since then 580 scholarships have been awarded to deserving veterans totaling \$2.4 million.

Dick Pickering, editor of the SDOV

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

**LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE / COUNCILS OF ADMINISTRATION  
AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS BANQUET**

**January 27th and January 28th, 2019**

Sunday meetings will held at the AmericInn Teton Conference Center Fort Pierre

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2019**

**Registration** Starts at 10:00 a.m. Foyer of the Teton Conference Center

The **VFW** will have the **Legislative Committee meeting** starting at 11:00 a.m. (Teton Conference Center)

The **Auxiliary** will have **Audit meeting** starting at 10:30 a.m. (Teton Conference Center)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch on your own**

1:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **COUNCIL MEETING VFW and AUXILIARY** in the Teton Conference Center  
(Walden & Scotty Room)

4:30 p.m. **JOINT SESSION** if required (Walden Room)

5:00 p.m. **Soup and Sandwich bar/social** served in Teton Conference Center (Leighen Room)

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**MONDAY, January 28th, 2019**

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN AND TEACHERS BREAKFAST  
BANQUET**

9:00 a.m. (upstairs Old VFW Building Pierre)

11:30 a.m. to done **VOD, Patriot's Pen and Teachers** visit the State Capital

**Safe travels home!**

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**REGISTRATION \$45.00**

**(Separate meals \$15.00 each)**

**(Includes Sunday Soup/Sandwich, Monday Breakfast Banquet & Helps with our guests' meals/lodging)**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Department of South Dakota VFW

**MAIL TO:** Department of South Dakota VFW  
5009 W12th St Suite 6A, Sioux Falls, SD 57106  
Attn: Crystal

**NAME:**

**TITLE:**

**ADDRESS:**

**VFW/AUX #:**

**CITY:**

**Registration Amount:**

**Number of Extra Meals for :**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED:**

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS. Ask for VFW rates.**

**Days Inn:** 520 W. Sioux Ave. call 605-224-0411, Room fee \$55 (Military/gov rate) after Jan. 6th charges will go up

**Governors Inn:** 700 W. Sioux Ave. call 605 224 4200, Room fee \$74 (Veteran rate) after Jan. 8th charges will go up

**Baymont Inn:** 713 W. Sioux Ave. call 605-224-4140, Room fee \$65 sgl/\$70 dbl after Jan. 6th charges will go up

**AmericInn:** 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, Call 605-223-2358, Room fee \$119.99 after Jan. 1st charges will go up

**Rooms are limited at the AmericInn: You should make reservations as soon as possible and especially before January 1st, 2019. Room rates may go up after that date for all rooms.**

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

**VFW:** Department officers authorized for reimbursement will only be covered for Sunday to Monday. Exceptions need to be coordinated with the Department Quartermaster.

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