

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

General Orders #2

“The Future Is Now”

August 1, 2017

1. **Audit Reports – Put This On Your Must Do List:** The quarter ended June 30, 2017. Post Commanders are reminded that it is their duty to insure that Post Trustees comply with Section 218, page 72 and 73, Manual of Procedures – Duties of Trustees. This section states in part that the Audit Report shall be signed by the Post Commander and the three Post Trustees, who shall by their signatures, “certify to the accuracy of the information contained herein”. **The Audit Report is to be mailed to the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster as soon as possible.** Post Commanders, if you have complied with this section prior to the end of the month following the close of the quarter, thank you. **A Commander is not allowed to appoint an acting Trustee to fill in for a Trustee who is not present or to sign an audit report or any other document.**

2. **Hot Item: Bonds :** In compliance with Section 703, Page 38, National By-Laws, all Post Commanders are advised to have their Quartermaster bonded for a maximum amount of money usually in the treasury of the post at any time. Post Commanders are further reminded that old bonds expire August 31, 2017, regardless of when the bonds were ordered throughout the year. Bonds must be ordered through our State Headquarters, 3601 South Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 by mandates of the 1974 Department Convention. The cost of Bonds is \$4.50 per \$1,000 coverage up to \$99,000 **with minimum coverage of \$3,000.** \$100,000 to \$349,000 is \$4.00 per \$1,000 and over \$349,000 is \$3.50 per \$1,000. **Special information** concerning Bonds has been mailed to all Post Commanders and Quartermasters with the main concern the due date is moved to September 1, 2017 and delinquent after this date.

3. **State Fair** - District and Post Commanders, make sure that you check out the State Fair schedule and information enclosed in this General Orders.

4. Post Commanders and Quartermasters should comply with all orders set out under “Duties of Commander and Duties of Quartermasters” Section 218, page 70 and 71, Manual of Procedures. This Section specifically states that all annual dues and life membership fees received by the Post Quartermaster (Department and National) shall be forwarded to National Headquarters, Direct Dues Department, PO Box 119028, Kansas City, Missouri 64171, as prescribed in Section 104, page 9 of the By-Laws.

5. Post Commanders whose Posts operate Post Homes are ordered to comply with Section 709, page 39, By-Laws – Control of Units. Post Commanders are also directed to read Section 710, page 41, By-Laws – Inspection.

6. Members are reminded that their conduct in the Post Home should always be respectful. People are quick to criticize unbecoming conduct in the Post Home, which usually finds its way to outside sources and leads to disrespect of the Post. A person who is disrespectful of the Post Home should be removed from the premises so that others can enjoy the facilities without interruption. A poorly operated Post Home only tends to decrease the image of the VFW and negatively influences the Post membership.

7. Post Commanders and Post Hospital Chairmen are urged to insure Hospital Reports are submitted quarterly, four reports per year. Report form may be downloaded via www.SDVFW.org.

8. Post Commanders and Post Community Service Chairmen are urged to insure the Community Service Reports are submitted quarterly, four reports per year. Report form may be downloaded via www.SDVFW.org

9. **Veterans Day:** District and Post Commanders should appoint their 2017 Veterans Day Chairman. Commanders are urged to utilize all Patriotic organizations in your community to take part in the Veterans Day activities. In the event

your community is not able to observe Veterans Day, join with a neighboring community and assist them in the observance of this important day. Remember, this is part of our Community Service and Americanism Programs.

10. Post Commanders are directed to appoint a Voice of Democracy Chairman and a Patriotic Pen Chairman. Urge your Auxiliary to appoint a Co-chairperson. These are **Post and Auxiliary “Must Programs”** for 2017 – 2018. Send the Chairman’s name to Department Headquarters and the Department Chairman, Keith Blume P. O. Box 215, Custer, SD 57730 Home # 605-673-4143, Cell # 605-440-2331. E-Mail: krblume@goldenwest.net

11. It is hereby directed that all Post Commanders or Chairman of Post House Committees will not rent, lease or offer their facilities to any and all Non-American or subversive groups. If such is allowed, the Post involved will be jeopardizing their charters.

12. Chaplains are reminded to forward the name of each deceased comrade to the Post Quartermaster for reporting on line to National and also to the State Editor for the TAPS column of the OVERSEAS VETERAN. Reports should be sent to Dick Pickering, Editor, 404 Dogwood Street, Brandon, SD 57072. E-Mail: dpsigns@alliancecom.net.

13. **Fall Council of Administration** of the Department of South Dakota, the Commanders and Auxiliary Homecoming, will be held at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma South Dakota on October 6th, 7th & 8th, 2017. The schedule, registration and motel information are enclosed in this General Orders and online.

14. **Big 10 Conference:** Members are reminded that the Big 10 Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott Airport, 2020 American Blvd. on October 13th– 15th, 2017. Registration and Hotel forms are attached and online.

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 or the Department Adjutant by no later than the 25th day of the month preceding the publication of the General Orders.

16. State Headquarters information: Fax # is 1-605-332-0617. E-Mail is vfwsd@aol.com

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF:

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

Rick Williamson
Rick Williamson, Commander
Department of South Dakota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Fall District meeting schedule to be in September General Orders

2017 SD State Fair Schedule

- Aug 31st.....Dist. #1
- Sept 1stDist. #4
- Sept 2ndDist. #6
- Sept 3rdDist. #7
- Sept 4thDist. #10

Rick L Williamson
Dept. Commander
August General Orders

We have just returned from the 118th National Convention in New Orleans, LA. Our department had a great showing of nearly 40 members between the VFW and our Auxiliary. I think we all had a good time, saw some very interesting attractions and most importantly learned more about our organizations as we attended meetings and seminars. I was honored to be your Commander at this Convention and was very pleased with the representation that we had during the convention. It was awesome to witness Past Commander Dennis receive All American Department honors for the first time in 12 years for our Department. It was equally exciting to see Jr Vice Commander Sean Johnson from Post #17 and Post Commander Diane Diekman from Post #628 receive All American Post honors for the past year as well. Congratulations to our All-American Commanders, job well done, your hard work has been recognized and appreciated.

As we head into August we have a few things coming up that are important. First is the State Fair Aug 31st- Sept 4th. Now that we only have 5 Districts each District will man our both for the entire day that is assigned. Sue Jones and Patti Mitchell will be there to open the door each morning and lock it up each evening. It is not their responsibility to man the table for us, please be there on time and have help to stay until we close the doors. The hours of operation will be 0800- 1800 each day. Sue and Patti will have prizes to be handed out each day and will collect any monies that may have been collected for membership or raffles that are being conducted. Please remember that they, like you are volunteers, and let's not expect them to do it for us. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The next thing will be Fall Council and Homecoming in Oacoma, S.D. Oct 7th-8th, the information will be on the website shortly, check these general orders for registration forms and complete ASAP. Please send your registration to the department office as they will track this information. I hope to see you there as Darwin and myself are planning for some good conductive training for Saturday, we will be publishing a list and times that each class will be conducted. Our intentions are to have some training that will be beneficial to everyone. Post Quartermasters and Commanders, it would be very helpful for your Post if at least one of you would attend, preferably both. The information put out during the Fall Council is very important and is geared to help you have a productive year.

In closing, I would ask for your assistance with membership. Membership is the backbone of our VFW, we achieved 100% last year and I have no doubt that we can do it again. Please help JVC Sean Johnson, who is our membership chairman, by getting the word out about what we do, who we are, and the impact that we have in our communities. Most Veterans don't know that we are very instrumental with the legislative process both in our state, and more importantly in Washington D.C., it is my belief that if you're an eligible veteran and don't belong to this organization there are only 2 reasons why:

1. You haven't been informed as to what we REALLY do....
2. You haven't been welcomed home and invited to join by your local VFW Post

Let's **Dig In** for membership now, the more you recruit now the more hands you will have to help with your many projects throughout the year. If there is anything we can do to assist you please give us a call. I would like to remind you that I work for you, and it is my honor to help you make your post better whether it is by recruiting, assisting with reporting, or helping to better understand the working of this Great Department. Thanks, and have a productive month.

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Yours in Comradeship,
Rick L. Williamson

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Dakota
State Sr. Vice Commander Danny Frisby-Griffin General Orders 8/17**

Greeting Comrades,

I'm writing this before heading off to the National Convention in New Orleans (July 22-26) which, I'm sure, we'll all talk about next month.

There have been lots of things happening in the world of VFW Baseball. I hope you've been keeping up with all the action on the VFW Baseball website (<http://www.sdvfwbbaseball.com/>) and on the Department Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DepartmentSDVFW/>). We've got lots of pictures and the results posted there. I'm happy to report that we had about 150 teams sign up across the 4 age groups. The Annual VFW Baseball Meeting will be held January 21, 2018 at 1000. We'll be meeting at the Ronald Westby VFW Post 2638 in Madison. Please get the word out to your coaches. Also, let them know that we'll start switching web platforms about the middle of August and we've tentatively set the tournament weekends for 2018.

It's not too early to start planning your Veterans Day Programs. For example, here in Madison, I found out that the High School Band and Choir will be at activities in Sioux Falls on Veterans Day (observed; 11/10/2017). We love having our high school students participate, especially the band and choir, so Post 2638, in coordination with the other Veterans organizations are working with the Madison Central School District to conduct the program on Monday 11/13 at 1000. Please let me know if you would like to join us that day!

As always, I look forward to working with each and every one of you "Providing Top Cover to those who served." The updated forms and revised membership books are on the website (<http://www.sdvfw.org/custom/vfw-forms>) and if you have problems with them, drop me a note at the email below explaining exactly what happened. That means the Loyalty Day and Memorial Day Report Forms are current and ready for you to fill in and send to me! To get maximum points for judging, I need to receive them by December 31...so why wait! Also, start looking for the registration and hotel information for the Fall Council and the Big 10 Conference around the middle of the month...if not sooner.

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

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**Sean Johnson Department Junior Vice Commander 2017-2018
General Orders for August 2017**

Hello Comrades the summer is in full swing, we have baseball, and soon the State Fair, and also our programs will start. But right now I am looking for your membership plans for your Posts and Districts. We should also be recruiting it is never too early to start. I want to see how many posts can get to 100%. This is a challenge I extend to you. Since many got there this year, the goal is to keep it there! I want to work with you for this goal. Thankyou

Sean Johnson

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Judge Advocate

Well it's sure been a hot one out lately and I hope everyone has been staying nice and cool. It's that time again when the Community service reports are coming due. Please have them to me by the 10th of the month

following the end of the report. The sooner I receive them the easier it is for me and for your points for you post. I know we can make this year to at least 75% for the reports for each quarter and I challenge all of you to complete this goal please. Remember if you have an Auxiliary to have them report their community service to you also as this goes on yours form. If you have any questions filling it out please feel free to contact me as I have done it for some time at my local post and have a fairly good idea of what I'm doing. By now I should be back from my first National Convention; which I have been very excited to be able to attend. Thank you comrades for all of your hard work and let's make this year a great year to remember.

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Barbara McKean State Surgeon

I would like to remind Post Commanders how important it is discuss the information on the surgeons report with your Post Surgeons and to make sure the reports make it into me a the State level 15 dates after each quarter. As of 17 Jul 2017, I have not received a single report. I do look forward to receiving your reports and having a great year. I hope Post Commanders and their Surgeons can take a few minutes to get these reports in. We did well last year, but we are trying to beat last year's numbers! I also want to remind all our veterans to drink plenty of water and stay out of the sun when possible. General heat safety tips; **slow down**. Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities for the coolest time of day. At-risk individuals should stay in the coolest available place. **Dress for summer**. Lightweight, light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight and helps your body maintain normal temperatures. **Put less fuel on your inner fires**. Foods, including proteins, that increase metabolic heat production also increase water loss. **Drink plenty of water or non-alcoholic fluids**, even if you don't feel thirsty. Your body needs water to keep cool. People who have epilepsy or heart, kidney or liver disease; are on fluid-restrictive diets or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids. **Spend more time in air-conditioned places**. Air conditioning markedly reduces the danger from the heat. If you cannot afford an air conditioner, spending some time each day, particularly during the hottest weather, in an air-conditioned environment affords some protection. Don't get too much sun. Sunburn makes the job of heat dissipation that much more difficult.

There are several health dangers we all need to be aware of. As the heat index rises, watch out for these health problems. 130 degrees or higher: Heatstroke and/or sunstroke are highly likely with continued exposure. 105-130 degrees: Sunstroke, heat cramps or heat exhaustion are likely, and heatstroke is possible with prolonged exposure or physical activity. 90-105 degrees: Sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are possible with prolonged exposure or physical activity. 80-90 degrees: Fatigue is possible with prolonged exposure or physical activity.

The symptoms & first aid for heat-related disorders for **Sunburn** symptoms are Redness and pain and In severe cases, swelling of skin, blisters, fever and headaches. FIRST AID: Apply ointments for mild cases when blisters appear but do not break. If blisters break, apply dry sterile dressing. Serious, extensive should be seen by a physician.

For Heat cramps: the symptoms are painful spasms, usually in muscles of legs and abdomen possible and heavy sweating. FIRST AID: Place firm pressure on cramping muscles or gently massage them to relieve spasms. Give the victim sips of water, but stop if the victim feels nauseous.

For Heat exhaustion: the symptoms are heavy sweating; weakness; skin cold, pale and clammy; pulse thread; normal temperature possible; and fainting and vomiting. FIRST AID: Get the victim out of the sun. Lay them down and loosen their clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths. Fan or move the victim to air conditioning. Give the victim sips of water but stop if the victim feels nauseous. If vomiting continues, seek immediate medical attention.

For Heat stroke or sun stroke: the symptoms are high body temperature (106 degrees or higher); hot, dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; and possible unconsciousness. FIRST AID: Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Summon emergency medical assistance or get the victim to a hospital immediately. Delay can be fatal. Heat stroke or sun stroke is

common during this time of the year. If you suspect heat stroke, move the victim to a cooler environment. Reduce body temperature with cold bath or sponging. Use extreme caution. Remove clothing, use fans and air conditioners. If temperature rises again, repeat process. Do not give fluids. People on salt-restrictive diets should consult a physician before increasing their salt intake.

I am excited to go to my first National Convention this year which is in New Orleans Jul 19-26th. I intend to learn a great deal and to bring back as much knowledge as possible and put it to use for our benefit. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If I do not know the answer, I will find it for you. Thanks and have a great summer!

Barbara McKean- State Surgeon

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2017 VFW BASEBALL

2017 10U Class A July 14-16 at Humboldt

Champion: Dell Rapids

Runner Up: Madison GSN Insurance (10s)

3rd Place: West Central 10

4th Place: Madison Vision Clinic (9s)

2017 12U Class A July 14-16 at Humboldt

Champion: West Central 12s

Runner Up: Flandreau 12s

3rd Place: West Central 11s

4th Place: Winner

2017 14U Class A July 21-23 at Milbank

CHAMPION: Dakota Valley

Runner Up: Elk Point-Jefferson

3rd Place: Madison Gold

4th Place: Milbank

Consolation Champion: Wagner

6th Place: Redfield

William Radigan Team Sportsmanship Award: Milbank

2017 16U Class A August 4-6 at Beresford

2017 10U Class B July 14-16 at Castlewood

Champion: Corsica

Runner Up: Flandreau

3rd Place: Platte-Geddes

4th Place: Hamlin

2017 12U Class B July 14-16 at Canova

Champion: Canova

Runner Up: Bon Homme

3rd Place: Castlewood

2017 14U Class B July 21-23 at Baltic

CHAMPION: Baltic

Runner Up: Tyndall

3rd Place: Platte Geddes

4th Place: Canova

Consolation Champion: Hamlin

6th Place: Parkston

William Radigan Team Sportsmanship Award: Tyndall

2017 16U Class A August 4-6 at Gregory

**SD VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY
FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Friday Oct 6th, Saturday Oct. 7th and Sunday Oct. 8th, 2017 at Oacoma, SD

All events will be held at Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma

(Hotel information on reverse)

I-90 Exit 260, 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, SD 57365 (605-234-6376)

Committee Meetings will be held on Friday, October 6th starting at 3:00 pm

At Cedar Shore Resort: Membership 3:00 pm, Publication 3:30 pm, Budget 4:00 pm

(All meetings will start within 5 minutes of the previously scheduled meeting)

HOSTED BY South Dakota District #1 Posts and Auxiliaries

(Auxiliary functions are in bold typeface)

Saturday, Oct. 7	8:30 AM	ANNUAL VFW TRAINING
Saturday, Oct. 7	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration
Saturday, Oct. 7	10:00 AM	Military Order of Cooties
Saturday, Oct. 7	8:00 AM	Certified Trainer Recruiter Seminar
Saturday, Oct. 7	10:30 AM	District Presidents Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 7	11:30 AM	Dept. Aux. Line Officer Meeting and Luncheon
Saturday, Oct. 7	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Food will be provided
Saturday, Oct. 7	11:45 AM	Dist. Commander/Past State Commander Luncheon
Saturday, Oct. 7	1:00 PM	Auxiliary Workshops and School of Instruction
Saturday, Oct. 7	1:00 PM	Continue VFW Training
Saturday, Oct. 7	5:30 PM	Social Hour/Cash Bar
Saturday, Oct. 7	6:30 PM	Banquet
Saturday, Oct. 7	8:00 PM	Entertainment
Sunday, Oct. 8	8:30 AM	VFW Council of Administration Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 8	8:30 AM	Auxiliary Council of Administration Meeting

Attire for the Banquet will be casual

REGISTRATION

ADVANCE \$65.00 (includes Breaks, Banquet and Lunch on Saturday)

DEADLINE: Date for **Registration**: Monday, September 25, 2017 after that date \$75.00

DEADLINE: Date for **Room Reservations**: September 1, 2017 (Cedar Shore Resort Phone: 605-234-6376)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

VFW AUX Post #:

CITY

Total Amount Submitted

Payable to: VFW Headquarters

Early Registrations appreciated - \$25.00 per meal for anyone attending that is not registered.

MAIL TO: VFW Headquarters
3601 S Minnesota Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Please fill out a separate registration form for each individual.

**SD VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY
FALL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Hotel Information for October 6th, 7th & 8th 2017

Cedar Shore Resort (you're **required** to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement)

1500 Shoreline Dr. 605-234-6376
Oacoma, SD 2 queen beds \$89.95 + tax

Days Inn 605-734-4100
400 E. Highway 16 2 queen beds \$86.00 + tax
Oacoma, SD

Howard Johnson Inn 605-234-4222
100 Highway 16 2 queen beds \$84.00 + tax
Oacoma, SD

Quality Inn 605-734-5593
100 Highway 16 2 queen beds \$94.00 + tax
Oacoma, SD



Big 10 Conference

October 13-15, 2017



Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

Advanced Registration

Location: Minneapolis Marriott Airport, 2020 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55425

\$115.00 registration fee includes:

- ❖ Ditty Bag
- ❖ Two (2) drink tickets (for either Friday's Hospitality Mixer or Saturday's Banquet)
- ❖ Friday Hors D'oeuvres at Hospitality Mixer
- ❖ Saturday Breakfast
- ❖ Saturday Lunch
- ❖ Banquet ticket for Saturday evening

Advance Registration Deadline Postmarked By October 1, 2017

Late registration will be \$125 per person

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Department MN V.F.W.

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO: Dept of MN V.F.W.
Rice Street Station
PO Box 17146
St Paul, MN 55117

Big 10 Registration 2017

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Big 10 Registration 2017

NAME(S) & TITLES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

DEPT: _____ Post/Aux (Circle One) _____ *Special Dietary Needs?* _____

TOTAL # REGISTRANTS: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____ **CHK #:** _____
\$115 per person POSTMARKED by Oct. 1st... \$125 per person after

Transportation Information:

DRIVING: *Arrival* Date: _____ Time _____ *Departure* Date: _____ Time: _____

FLYING: *Arrival* Date: _____ Time _____ Airline/Flight # _____

Departure Date: _____ Time _____ Airline/Flight # _____

OTHER: Type: _____ *Arrival* Date: _____ Time _____ *Departure* Date: _____ Time: _____



Big 10 Conference

October 13-15, 2017



Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

Advanced HOTEL Registration

Location: Minneapolis Marriott Airport, 2020 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55425

In order to be processed, all information must be complete. Please fill out a separate form for each room being requested. Housing requests will be handled as received.

FULL Name (Please PRINT)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Post/Auxiliary No. Department

Rooms: **Rate per Night:**

Special Requests:

- \$109.00 plus tax -Single (one bed)
- \$109.00 plus tax -Double (two beds)

Sharing with:

Arrival Date Departure Date

FREE Parking

Directly Across from
Mall of America & IKEA

FREE SHUTTLE to
Airport, Mall & more

Credit Card Information: (Reservation **MUST** include guarantee deposit)

Type of card: Number:

Expiration Date: Name on Card:

OR Check # for one (1) night made to **Mpls Marriott Airport**

NOTE: You may include an email address for receipt confirmation from MN Department Headquarters
Yes-I would like to receive an Email from Department confirming my 'Reservation has been Received'

Email address:

<p>Mail reservations to: Department of Minnesota, VFW Rice Street Station PO Box 17146 St. Paul, MN 55117</p>	<p>Questions?? Contact Melody at Dept. Headquarters 651-291-1757 melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us</p>
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*****DEADLINE DATE: September 15th, 2017*****