

GO #3 Saluting Our Heroes

National Presidents Visit will be in Pierre September 23 to 24. I would like as many Auxiliaries as possible to attend on the afternoon of September 23 so we can do the Avenue of Flags for Lois Callahan as she arrives for supper at the American Legion. The next day we will be touring all day but you will be free to leave at any time as Lois flies out at 6 am the next morning.

Fall Council Meeting is coming up October 3 and 4 in Sioux Falls. See Attached Agenda.

Again, as part of the Circle of Excellence for Auxiliaries, this year it is a requirement for someone from your auxiliary attend each of the Fall Council, Legislative and Department Convention. Your Auxiliary should decide this month who will represent your Auxiliary and bring home the training information.

Registration is \$105. Remember, you do NOT have to pay a registration fee to attend the meetings. However, if you do not register, there is no provision for you to eat lunch with the group and the banquet is \$40 if you are not registered. There are many options for lunch for those who do not register.

The Commander and President joint project is a food drive that ties into my President's project to provide food security for the Rapid City Veterans Outreach Center so please bring non-perishable food items or cash donation to help with this project.

The website is up and has been updated for the 2025-2026 year. Please take a moment and check out our website at vfwauxsd.org to see General orders, forms, and program information.

I want to give you something from the Bylaws book to think about each month.

The question is: How long must an Auxiliary maintain a copy of an application for membership?

Answer: Per Booklet of Instruction Page 16 and 17 Membership applications for both annual and life members shall be retained as a permanent record until the member has been deceased for 6 years or has reached 120 years of age. Those pages constitute the Record Retention Guide and cover all your files and records.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.