

Happy April Fool's Day. Mother Nature decided we needed more and snow. Time is flying by.

District meetings are being planned. Election of officers will be held at these upcoming district meetings. Please think about stepping up and putting your name in for the nominations for the open positions on the local, district and state levels. District 4 spring meeting will be held at 2 pm at the Watertown VFW Post on Saturday, April 6th. District 7 spring meeting will be held at 2 pm at the Scotland VFW Post. District 6 spring meeting will be held at 1 pm at the Redfield VFW Post on Saturday, April 13th. District 10 spring meeting will be held at 1 pm at the Spearfish VFW Post on Saturday, April 13th. District 1 spring meeting will be held at 1 pm at the Yankton VFW Post on Sunday, April 27th.

How are your chapters doing promoting your projects on Facebook and local media? Please contact me on my cell phone 6057591993 or email me if you have any questions.

I have seen on Facebook about the origins of the bugle call taps. I am not sure which person originated the bugle call named taps that is used at every military funeral including my dad's funeral. I found this link interesting and thought I would share it. <https://www.ausa.org/history-taps>

We have 9 days left to be a part of President Colleen's 300 by 100 Diaper Challenge. We need diaper packages in Size 1,2, and 3 to be collected by our SD Auxiliaries and distributed to Veteran families in your immediate area. We need wipes and adult diapers. To get recognized for your contribution, you will need to report the number of diaper packages collected to Kim Vennard.

The Department of South Dakota VFW and VFW Auxiliary State Convention will be in Pierre, SD from June 19th to the 22nd. The convention will be held at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Pierre. Room rates are \$119.00 per night. Please call 6052246877 to make your reservation.

The deadline for early registration for the National Convention in Columbus Ohio must be received no later than May 31st. The early registration price is \$25. On-site registration will be \$40. The National Convention will be held August 9-August 13, 2025, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Have a great month everyone. I am busy helping with planning and arranging flowers for my son's wedding that will be on coming up soon. His fiancé arrived in the United States on March 13th on a K1 visa from Vientiane, Laos. We cannot wait for the day to be here and celebrate with them!

Yearend reports are due to me by mail or email by April 15th. My address is 6308 S Mogen Avenue. Sioux Falls, SD 57108. My email is [danibolte@sio.midco.net](mailto:danibolte@sio.midco.net). I have already received many by email and mail. Thank you to all that have gotten them to me already. I will forward all winning entry forms to National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador Tela Harbold by April 30, 2025 for judging. I have included both my yearend report form and the national auxiliary award form.

<https://vfwauxsd.org/uploads/Documents/HistorianYearendReport.pdf>

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