

Happy New Year

**2025 in Review  
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**VFW  
AUXILIARY**

**Department of  
South Dakota**

**January 2026**



## VFW Kenneth Kuper Auxiliary #3442 Custer

Sep 11 • 🌐

Our Auxiliary members utilized the beautiful weather this Patriot Day morning, handing out American flags to honor the occasion in front of Lynn's DakotaMart Custer.

Appreciation is extended to our Auxiliary members.



📷 : Susan Baumann







## VFW Auxiliary Post 2038, Pierre SD

Sep 12 • 🌐



On September 12, 2025, we were honored to march with the colors for the Stanley County Homecoming Day Parade. Good luck, Buffs! Photo courtesy of Michelle Maupin Barrett Photography.

Left to right: Deb Fahey, Nancy Chester, Barb Rose, and Bell Jacobsen



## Michelle Maupin Barrett Photography

Sep 12 • 🌐



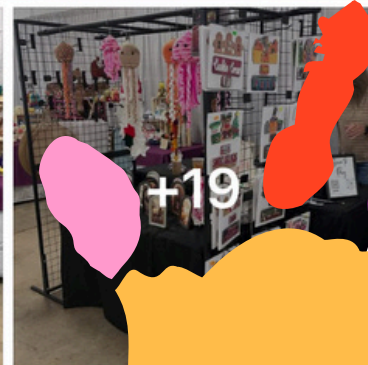


VFW Post 1776 Auxiliary, Huron, SD

Vendors and Crafters are all set up at the Horizons Hall on the SD State Fairgrounds.

9am - 3:30pm

Lunch counter : Super Nachos, Hot Dogs, BBQs, coffee and more





# Fall Council

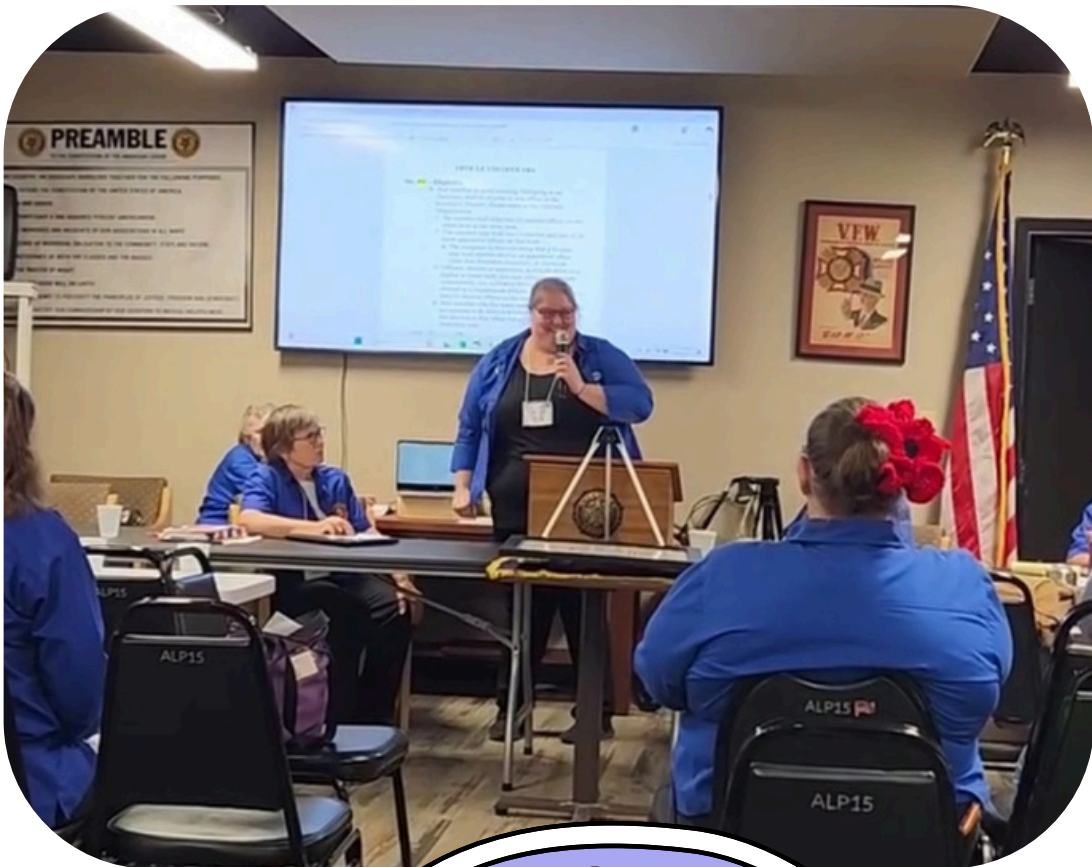


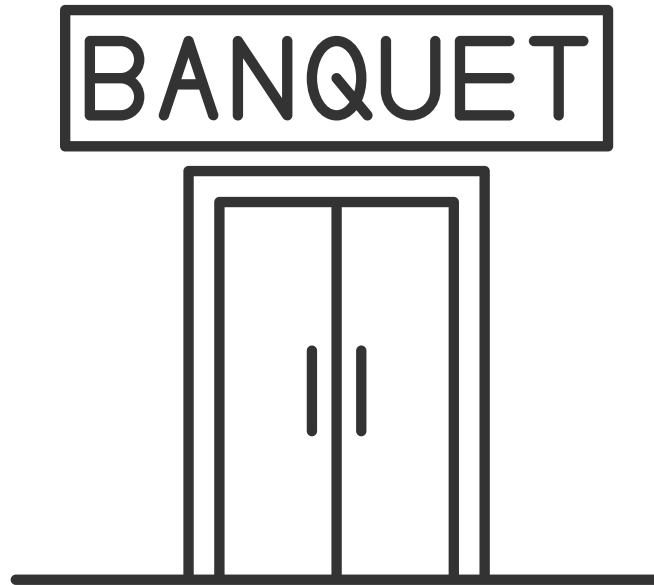


MEETING









Amazing Department of South Dakota VFW and VFW Auxiliary Fall Council.







## VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628

Oct 6 • 🌐

Once again our Post and Auxiliary were out in the schools promoting Patriotism. Wed Oct 1 they went to Garfield Elementary to teach the proper way to fold a flag and hand out patriotism bags



# Americanism & Youth



## VFW Post 2638 Auxiliary, Madison SD

Oct 8 • 🌐

On Monday, October 6th, Cindi and Bobbi visited the 3rd grade classes at Chester and Madison Elementary. They discussed the Pledge of Allegiance and flag etiquette with the students. All 3rd grade students at Chester, Madison, Gracevale Colony, and Rustic Acres Colony received a student dictionary. [#sdvfwaux](#)



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## VFW Post 2638 Auxiliary, Madison SD

Nov 4 • 🌐

Judges are busy at the post home reviewing 145 essays for the Patriot's Pen annual youth contest and 3 entries in the Voice of Democracy scholarship competition.



# Scholarships & Poppies



Darnell Therkildsen Bohlander

Nov 6 • 🌐

Aberdeen VFW Post 17 & Auxiliary are at Kessler's Grocery Store..stop by & say hello





# BIG 10 CONFERENCE

South Dakota at Big 10, Bettendorf, Iowa



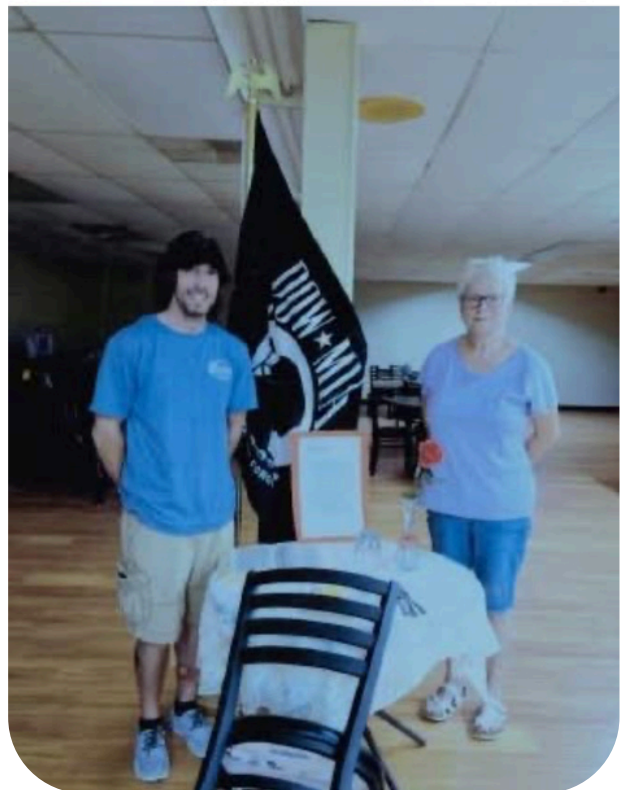
Scotland VFW Post #2966 and VFW Auxiliary Post #2966 members went to the VA to join the veterans in a picnic lunch. What a beautiful place. Really enjoyed the day with them!



The Scotland VFW Post and Auxiliary #2966 sponsored a Lake Henry Youth Fishing Derby. 82 kids participated on a beautiful day. Turk Peterka and Justin Halverson are pictured hanging up banners around town for the event.



Scotland VFW Post #2966 and VFW Auxiliary Post #2966. VFW member Kellen Scribner and VFW Auxiliary member Neta Peterka set up a POW/MIA table at the local grocery store in September.







## VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628

Oct 22 • 🌐

Veterans Outreach Center was gifted Taco Bar Fixings, frozen meals, shirt and Tennis shoes from JMB 628 Auxiliary. Always a treat to see Ben and the rest of the staff at the VOC.

Pictured are auxiliary members Kim, Michelle, President Deb and Ben from the VOC.

(Photographer was WW Rep. Beckett!!! )

[#veteransandfamilies](#)



## Clowning around with the Cooties!!!



## VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628

Oct 25 • 🌐

Big Sioux Cooties and Auxiliary visited the VA Hospital and dropped off Halloween bags and visited with the patients

Pres Deb, Jennifer, Barb, Don, Jim and Mother Mary sitting in Father Times lap





Scotland Post #2966 taking part in State Convention  
Poppy Parade.



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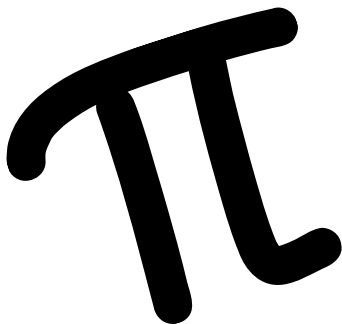
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Oct 24 · 🌐

Our Auxiliary members served a pie and ice cream social, with hot apple cider, at the CLC in Hot Springs on October 22, and here are a few photos of our Veterans enjoying the event.

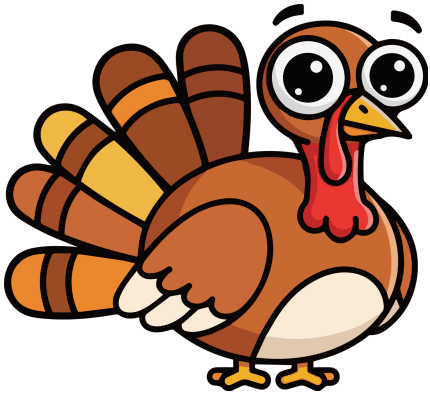


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Feather Party Brandon Post #4726.



Sue Wiedemer Jones

Top contributor Nov 8 •

Sturgis standdown. The last bag of 198 is GONE!



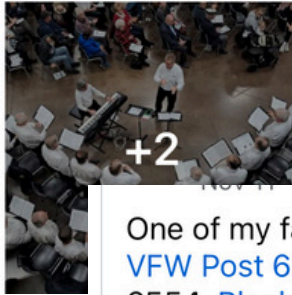




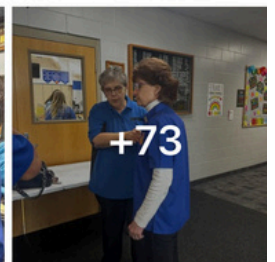
VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628 is at The Alliance.

Nov 11 • 🌐

Another amazing Veterans Day program at The Alliance. There was a full house.



One of my favorite days of the year! Thanks to [VFW Post 6554](#) and Aurora County Auxiliary 6554, [Plankinton School District](#) and [Maycee Joy](#) for another great Veterans Day Program! Thanks to Connor Spinar for speaking! Always appreciate the school allowing the kids to participate in such a meaningful program!







## VFW Auxiliary-National Organization

Nov 15 • 🌐

Today is America Recycles Day!

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "The recycling rate has increased from less than seven percent in 1960 to the current rate of 32 percent." Their stated goal is to reach 50% by 2030. Can you help make it happen?

Pictured: Auxiliary 628 in South Dakota is doing their part! Earlier this week, Auxiliary members worked together during their "monthly work night" to prep plastic bags and weave them into sleeping mats for unhoused veterans.



## VFW Auxiliary John M Bliss Post 628

Nov 20 • 🌐

Big Sioux Cooties... in conjunction with Fred Assam Elementary School was able to deliver 240 winter hats, 14 dozen pairs of socks turkey dinners and individual packages of brownies and cake to the Veteran Outreach Center.

Fred Assam Elementary had a Hats for Heroes event!! They should be SO PROUD of what they did!!

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## Eight area veterans honored with a Quilt of Valor - The Daily Plainsman



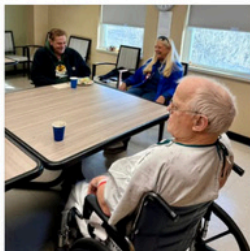
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Nov 20 · 🌐

On Wednesday, November 19, auxiliary members made a visit to the CLC in Hot Springs, bri... See more





Aurora county VFW auxiliary 6554 wreaths getting sorted and ready for our auxiliary wreath angels to deliver. They made pretty fast work of getting them delivered.



Members of the Aurora county VFW auxiliary boxed 83 boxes of food for families in Aurora county. The boxes consisted of fruit,vegetables,pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk, cranberries , stuffing , butter , tea rolls, bag of apples, potatoes and a turkey. It took about 30

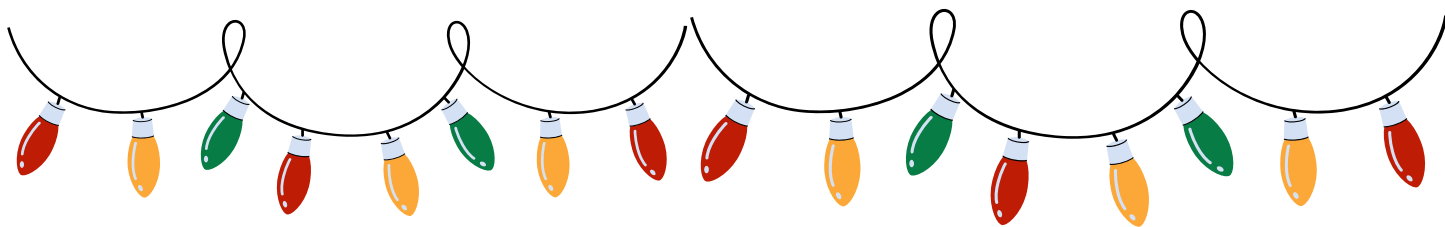
Minutes to fill the boxes and about 1000 best choice labels were saved for thw VFW. A great afternoon to be an auxiliary member







# Christmas at the Capital







Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce

Dec 8 · 🌐



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Custer VFW #3442 Auxiliary representing in the annual Custer Christmas Parade 12/6/25.

