

VFW Auxiliary		
Department of South Dakota		
2025-2026 Program Checklists		
<u>AMERICANISM (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Conducted a program on Americanism/Patriotism education in the community or schools.		
Conducted a special program on a Patriotic holiday(s).		
Participated in recognizing Star Families & POW-MIA.		
Promote, participate in and/or recognize any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays.		
Report how many American and/or POW flags you presented to anyone in your community to include individuals, businesses or schools.		
Reported the number of certificates presented to businesses or citizens in recognition of their displaying the US and/or POW-MIA flags or other displays of American pride.		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
<u>AUXILIARY OUTREACH (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Motion to accept volunteer hours for Auxiliary Outreach Program.		
Auxiliary participated in Auxiliary Community Outreach. Volunteerism that benefits the community at large (assisting individuals with special needs or the elderly, etc.) Report number of members and hours.		
Submit National Award citation forms to Department Chairman for Most Outstanding Community Partnership by March 31, 2026.		
Attended a School of Instruction - District and/or Dept. Fall Conference meeting.		
<u>BUDDY POPPY & NATIONAL HOME (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Hold a "Buddy"® Poppy Drive in the community. Indicate the number of poppies used, held with/without Post members.		
Promote the "Buddy"® Poppy Days in the community. Indicate type of media used (TV, newspaper, Facebook/Social Media, fliers, etc.)		

Promote the VFW National Home and/or National Helpline. Indicate the type of media used.		
Purchase one or more National Home Life Membership(s) for an Auxiliary member & promote Associate Memberships to non- members. Report # paid by Aux. and # that members purchased.		
Promote the National Home Helpline through education in your community.		
National Health & Happiness donations of \$.10 to \$.25 per member as of June 30, 2025.		
Promote VFW National Home through education within the Auxiliary and the community.		
Report number of "Buddy"® Poppies distributed during the program year.		
Attend a School of Instruction - District and/or Dept. Fall conference meeting.		
<u>HISTORIAN & MEDIA RELATIONS (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Monthly or quarterly newsletter/bulletin to members. (Please indicate if it was printed & mailed or sent electronically.)		
Maintain a Facebook page, either jointly or separately from the Post. Indicate if joint or separate.		
Maintain a website with or without the VFW Post.		
Attend a School of Instruction - District and/or Dept. Fall conference meeting.		
Held Media Relations training to educate members on using Media Sources and Social Media postings.		
<u>HOSPITAL (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Donate money to the Department Hospital Program or items to any VA or non-VA facilities.		
Sponsor or conduct an event or activity in any VA or non-VA facilities.		
Promote, participate in or host/co-host with your VFW any activity such as/but not limited to Honors Escort, National Salute to Veteran Patients - Valentines for Veterans, Veterans Health Care (VHA), Women Veterans Health Care Program.		
Recruit new ADULT or YOUTH Hospital Volunteers.		

Report total number of Auxiliary members who volunteer at any VA or non-VA facility (Auxiliary member to be counted one time per year.)		
Total number of hours that Sponsored Volunteers and/or students volunteered under the VFW Auxiliary sponsorship and supervision at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility.		
Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital Program related items and/or projecys.		
Report total number of hours Auxiliary members volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility. (Report through thwe year every time volunteer.)		
Present Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Certificates.		
Host a Volunteer Recognition event.		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
<u>LEGISLATIVE (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promote,, participate in and/or host or co-host activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals with or without the VFW Post. Provide details		
Encourage members to communicate with legislators regarding veterans' issues. Report the number of emails, letters, phone calls, post cards and/or personal contacts.		
Promote and report how many members signed up for the <i>VFW Action Corps Weekly</i> .		
Auxiliary members attend events where opportunities to interact with their legislators: examples: town halls, meet and greet, coffee time, legislative conferences. Provide details.		
Trained members on the legislative process using the "Guide to Contacting Your Legislators."		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
<u>MEMBERSHIP (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Formed a Membership Committee of a minimum of 3 members.		
Auxiliary/Committee sent out 1st dues notices by 7/31/26. Explain what methods were used to collect annual dues: Phone Calls: , Emails: ,		

Letters/postcards: , Face-to-face: _____, Social Media: , Other: . Did you use MALTA?		
Placed a membership article and/or advertisement for recruiting event in your local newspaper or on social media? What media did you use? TV: , Radio: , Newspaper: ____, Social Media: , Fliers: _____		
Did Auxiliary send dues reminders/notices utilizing reminders/notices generated in MALTA?		
Held or attended a membership training.		
Achieved 100% in membership by November 20, 2025.		
Achieved 100% in membership by January 31, 2026.		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
<u>SCHOLARSHIPS (2025-2026)</u>		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Publicize ALL Scholarships - provide types of publicity used (TV, radio, newspaper, school newsletter, fliers, Social Media.)		
Partner with VFW Post in promoting the Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest (include # of members, hours and \$\$ amount of awards).		
Voice of Democracy entry sent to District level.		
Partner with VFW Post in promoting the Patriot's Pen essay contest (include # of members, hours and \$\$ amount of awards).		
Patriot's Pen essay entry to District level.		
Promote Continuing Education Scholarship.		
Continuing Education Scholarship application sent to National.		
Promote Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship.		
Report number of Young American Creative Patriotic Art entries submitted to the Auxiliary and amount of prize money awarded.		
Young American Creative Patriotic Art entry sent to Department Chairman.		
Promoted 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Scholarship.		
Continuing Education Scholarship application sent to National.		
Host or co-host an awards ceremony for scholarship recipients and participants.		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
<u>VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT (2025-2026)</u>		

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Host or co-host with VFW Post fundraising activities for NVS (National Veterans Service).		
Host or co-host events and/or fundraising activities with or without the VFW Post for any VFW Programs(i.e., disaster relief, Military Assistance Program - MAP, Unmet Needs, Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness),.		
Promote direct aid to Veterans, military and/or their families (i.e., meals,transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc.).		
Promote Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness.		
Provide support Mental Wellness Support to Veterans and their families.		
Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to Veterans, Servie Members and/or their families.		
Number of Veterans, Service Members and/or their families assisted.		
Participate in or sponsor events or projects for homeless veterans (Stand Downs, clothing drives, etc.) and submit citation request to Dept. Chairman by March 31, 2026.		
Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		
YOUTH ACTIVITIES (2025-2026)		
Achievements	Completed	Reported
Auxiliary created, sponsored or worked with a youth group (how many).		
Auxiliary recognized a youth group by requesting a "Youth Group Supporting our Veterans Citation". Request for citation must be sent to Department Chairman.		
Auxiliary awarded Patriotic Youth Awards (how many).		
Auxiliary promoted/participated in Patriotism through Literacy.		
Number of books donated in patricipation opf Patriotism through Literacy.		
Auxiliary promoted/participated in Illustrating America art contest.		
Involved Youth is ALL Auxiliary Programs.		
Number of students who submitted art entries to your Auxiliary for the Illustrating American Art Contest.		
Total \$\$ amount and/or value of awards presented to Illustrating American participants.		

Attend a School of Instruction event at District and/or Dept. Fall meetings.		