

South Dakota VFW Auxiliary

Department Year-End Report

2024-2025

AMERICANISM

Auxiliary Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

Program Chairman Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, SD Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

1. Did your Auxiliary promote, participate in, or recognize any patriotic day and/or branch of service birthdays, i.e., Marine's birthday? YES _____ NO _____
2. Did you do an Americanism promotion of youth patriotism? YES _____ NO _____ If yes; explain-
3. How many American Flags and/or POW/MIA Flags were distributed or presented within your community to individuals, businesses, or schools?
American Flags # _____; POW/MIA Flags # _____
4. Record the number of citations or certificates that were presented by your Auxiliary for:

Certificate of Appreciation for Displaying the American Flag-	#
Patriotic Appreciation (i.e. individual or business lending support for veteran, patriotic project etc.)	#
Displays of American Pride (i.e. Americanism presentations, activities such as participating in parades/ special patriotic projects etc.)	#
Respect for the American Flag (i.e. recognition of outstanding Flag etiquette, Flag Retirement, etc.)	#
POW/MIA Flag Displayed	#
Total Presented =	

REPORT DEADLINE: Send to Chairman by April 15, 2025

Americanism Chairman

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AUXILIARY OUTREACH

1. Did your Auxiliary partner with another organization not affiliated with the VFW or Auxiliary? (YES or NO) _____

2. How many organizations did your Auxiliary partner with during the current year? _____

3. Indicate the combined number of members and Auxiliary volunteer hours that assisted other organizations not affiliated with the VFW or Auxiliary. # of members _____
of hours _____

with to nworth@rushmore.com indicate your Auxiliary # and location.

REPORT DEADLINE: email to chairman by April 15, 2025

Auxiliary Outreach Chairman
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“Buddy” Poppy & VFW National Home
Year-End Report
Department of South Dakota
2024-2025
Due to Penny Galinat by April 15, 2025

Auxiliary Name & Number: _____ City: _____
Program Chairman Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

VFW “Buddy” Poppy

1. Number of poppy drives held: _____ with Post; _____ without Post
2. Number of poppies distributed during the poppy drives: _____
3. How much money was raised during your poppy drives? _____
4. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Department Buddy Poppy Display contest? _____
5. Did your Auxiliary participate in the Department Buddy Poppy hat parade? _____
6. What other ways did your Auxiliary use or promote poppies in your community? _____

VFW National Home

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home? _____ Yes; _____ No.
If yes, how? _____
2. Did your Auxiliary promote the VFW National Home Helpline? _____ Yes; _____ No.
If yes, how? _____
3. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Life Membership in the current program year? _____ Yes; _____ No.
4. Did your Auxiliary purchase at least one VFW National Home Tribute Brick in the current program year? _____ Yes; _____ No.

Send this report to Department Chairman Penny Galinat, 1114 N. Highway 14 Apt. 3, Pierre, SD 57501. Or scan and email to: plgalinat@yahoo.com. **If you email, put “Auxiliary Year-End Report” in the subject line.** Due by April 15, 2025.

VFW Auxiliary Department of South Dakota
Historian/Media Relations Guide Sheet 2024-2025
National Theme: From Our Roots to Our Branches
Extending Service to Our Veterans

Department Theme: United in Service for Veterans

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When you think of a Historian, you think of a memory keeper – a collector of history. This is the same for an Auxiliary Historian. Keeping memories of the great things your Auxiliary has done in the community, promoting patriotism, helping our veterans & their families, providing hospital visits, working with our youth and most of all everything we do for our veterans, which is the reason we do what we do.

The Media Relations side is how we communicate what we do, letting the public know about the lives that are changed and those we serve. Communicating through the Media platforms helps spread our good work and can encourage others to join our cause.

Some sources of communication are:

Newspapers	Facebook	Email	Signs
Radio	Flyers	Magazines	Instagram
Television	Website	Newsletters	Billboards
You Tube	Twitter	Snapchat	Pinterest

A great place for resources to assist us in using Media is MALTA Member Resources. There are tools to help with publicity and press releases to share the auxiliary story. The VFW Auxiliary Publicity Guide includes lots of information and the VFW Auxiliary Talking Points helps introduce others to our great work.

National Award for Auxiliaries:

1. Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions with the most outstanding promotion of the VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media sources.

Entry form required and available in MALTA Member Resources. VFW Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the Department History/Media Relations Chairman by March 31, 2025. Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Please use the following checklist throughout the 2024-2025 year to track your Auxiliary's Historian/Media Relations progress.

Membership Categories:

#1: 10-50 members, #2: 51-110 members, #3: 111-225 members, and #4: 226 & above

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Promote VFW Auxiliary Programs to the community through social media.		
Quarterly communication (newsletter/bulletin) to all 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.		
Attend a School of Instruction - District and/or Dept. Fall conference meeting.		
Create a Historian's Book documenting the Auxiliary's year (scrapbook or digital).		

2. What was the most difficult part of being the Historian/Media Relations Chairperson.

Please describe what the issue was and how you went about navigating the issue.

3. What resources did you use to help make your projects and posts pop?

4. Was there anything that you learned about the VFW or VFW Auxiliary that you did not know before. Please describe what this was?

Thank you.

I hope everyone has a great year.

Sincerely,

Dani Bolte

SD Auxiliary History & Media Relations Chair

SOUTH DAKOTA VFW AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT YEAR END REPORT
2024-2025
HOSPITAL
DUE APRIL 15, 2025

Auxiliary Number: _____ Auxiliary Location: _____

Hospital Chairman Name: _____

Chairman Email: _____ Auxiliary Chairman Phone: _____

The 2024-20245 Year End Reports for Hospital will be judged on the following five items AND the photos and write-ups you send me throughout the year, not just at end of year. Feel free to send out to other venues also; however, photos and write-ups must come to me to be counted towards any awards. Please send items to me via email so I can enter them onto the new Hospital webpage and share them state-wide. I know you are all doing a lot so just send those photos, with captions.

1. Number of your auxiliary members that volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility (Auxiliary member to be counted one time only per year.) _____
2. Total number of hours that your auxiliary members volunteered at any VA and/or non-VA medical facility. _____
3. 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. _____
4. Did your auxiliary host or co-host any activity with your VFW Post at any VA and/or non-VA facility.
YES _____ NO _____
5. Total dollar amount spent on all Hospital Program related items and/or projects by your auxiliary: \$ _____

OR

_____ My Auxiliary did not participate in the Hospital Program this year.

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Legislative Chairman
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District: _____

City: _____

1. Did you promote, participate and/or host or co-host activities regarding the VFW Priority Goals with or without your VFW Post. _____
2. Number of times Auxiliary members contacted their legislators on veteran's issues by an means (example: emails, letters, postcards, phone calls, etc.) _____
3. Number of Auxiliary members who attended events where they could interact with legislators (example: legislative conferences, town halls, meet-and-greets, etc.) _____

S.D. VFW AUXILIARY
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SCHOLARSHIP

Auxiliary Name & Number: _____ Location: _____
Program Chairman Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

1. Number of promotions the Auxiliary sent out (distributed applications, publicized or promoted the scholarship) _____
2. Number of Auxiliary Members that helped in VFW in review of entries _____
3. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host an awards ceremony with your VFW to recognize awardees and participants? _____ What was the total dollar amount/value of awards presented by your Auxiliary? _____

Voice of the Democracy Audio/Essay Contest

1. Number of promotions the Auxiliary sent out (distributed applications, publicized or promoted the scholarship) _____
2. Number of Auxiliary Members that helped in VFW in review of entries _____
3. Did your Auxiliary host or co-host an awards ceremony with your VFW to recognize awardees and participants? _____ What was the total dollar amount/value of awards presented by your Auxiliary? _____

Continuing Education

1. Number of promotions the Auxiliary sent out (distributed applications, publicized or promoted the scholarship) _____
2. Did your Auxiliary host an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants? _____
What was the total dollar amount/value of awards presented by your Auxiliary? _____

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (2-Dimensional)

1. Number of promotions the Auxiliary sent out (distributed applications, publicized or promoted the scholarship) _____

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (3-Dimensional)

1. Number of promotions the Auxiliary sent out (distributed applications, publicized or promoted the scholarship) _____

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of South Dakota
VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT
Year-End Report Due No Later Than April 15, 2025

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Auxiliary Name & Number: _____ Location: _____

Program Chairman Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- 1) Did you promote, participate, host or co-host with your Post activities for any VFW Program listed (**Please describe each on back or another page**) Circle One for each.

a) Disaster Relief	YES	NO
b) Military Assistance (MAP)	YES	NO
c) National Veterans Service (NVS)	YES	NO
d) Unmet Needs	YES	NO
e) Veterans & Military Suicide Prevention & Mental Health	YES	NO

- 2) Did you provide direct aid to veterans, service members and/or their families – UNMET NEEDS: (examples: meals, transportation, cards, packages, donations, etc) **Please describe on back or another page** **YES** **NO**

- 3) Approximate number of veterans, service members and/or their families assisted? (**Description on back or another page**) _____

- 4) Total monetary donations and/or value of donations and goods/services provided to veterans, service members and their families \$ _____

- 5) Approximate hours for all the above activities: _____

- 6) Did you do a special project for OPERATION BOTTOM COVER: **YES** **NO**
(Describe project on back or another page)

- 7) Did you support the Day County Coyote Hunt **YES** **NO** (how did you support)
Donation: _____ Time donated: _____ Other support: _____

- 8) What did you do for **Suicide Prevention and Mental Health**? Please describe your events on another page.

- 9) **What would you consider your most outstanding activity and/or event to increase the support of veterans, service members and their families? Please put on another page.**

The reason for requesting this information is for the National Reports.



Veterans & Family Support National Program Awards 2024-2025 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families.
 - Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event to increase awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2025 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the
Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman by
March 31, 2025 for judging.**

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that increased awareness of suicide and mental health for veterans, military and their families. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National Veterans & Family Support Ambassador Evan Smiley by April 30, 2025 for judging.

Department Veterans & Family Support Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH GROUPS

1. Indicate the number of youth groups your Auxiliary worked with during the current year. _____
2. Indicate the total number of youth your Auxiliary worked with during the current year. _____
3. Did your Auxiliary participate in Patriotism through Literacy? _____
of books donated _____

Illustrating America Art Contest

1. Did your Auxiliary promote the Illustrating America Art Contest? _____
How was it promoted? (newspaper, social media, school) _____

2. How many Illustrating America Art entries were received by your Auxiliary? _____

3. Did you host a awards ceremony to recognize those who participated and the winners? _____

4. Indicate the total dollar amount and/or value of awards presented by your Auxiliary. _____

REPORT DEADLINE: email to chairman by April 15, 2025

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