

VFW AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA • OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

SERVING VETERANS • SUPPORTING FAMILIES • STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAREN

Fall Council was GREAT! Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, shared ideas and helped make Council a success. Your enthusiasm and dedication keep our Department moving forward. Now let's look ahead to the many exciting opportunities and important dates coming our way!

See the full General Orders on the Department Web Page under News.

OCTOBER 16–18, 2026	OCTOBER 31, 2026	NOVEMBER 30, 2026	DECEMBER 15, 2026
BIG TEN Kalamazoo MI Make your reservations!	QUARTERLY AUDITS Due October 31, 2026	95% MEMBERSHIP GOAL First goal due	ILLUSTRATING AMERICA Youth entries due

■ LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 23–25, 2027

Start making plans now! This year we are adding some friendly fun with a **SOUP COMPETITION!** Bring your favorite soup recipe, your Auxiliary spirit and your appetite!

■ SCHOLARSHIPS

VOD & PATRIOTS PEN — Due October 31

Teacher of the Year — Due October 31

Young American Patriotic Art — Due March 31

Encourage students and educators to participate!

■ LEGISLATION

Challenge each Auxiliary to have an Action Corps weekly get-together.

Learn about **H.R. 2102, the Major Richard Star Act.**

Write your legislators and share your views on veterans' legislation.

■ A CAPITAL CHRISTMAS TREE!

We get to have a Capital Christmas Tree! A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holiday season and showcase the spirit of our Veterans, families and Auxiliary members.

■ NATIONAL HOME

Find out how to win \$100 for your Auxiliary!

Learn how your Auxiliary can participate while supporting the VFW National Home.

■ YOUTH

Illustrating America Contest — Due December 15

Encourage young artists in your community to participate. Share the contest with schools, families and community organizations.

■ HISTORIAN

Prepare Your Digital Memories! Start gathering photos, programs, flyers, newspaper articles, special events and memorable moments. Your Auxiliary's history is more than meeting minutes—it's the story of the people who made a difference!

■ KEEP MOVING FORWARD!

Mark the dates. Meet the deadlines. Share the programs.

Celebrate our Veterans, support our communities and keep telling the story of VFW Auxiliary!

ONE TEAM! ONE MISSION!

