

## **Department of SD President Project**

I'm pleased to announce the 2025-2026 SD VFW Auxiliary Project is the VOC FOOD DRIVE at the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) in Rapid City. The VOCs in Rapid City and Sioux Falls alleviate many veterans' food needs. Both locations were contacted, Sioux Falls stated they are well supplied and our resources would better be used to assist Rapid City, who does not have the weekly resources and food supply. Sioux Falls is blessed to have.

### **What could we provide?**

- Cooking Bags – canned vegetables, beans and soup, mac n cheese, peanut butter, frozen meat, potatoes, onions, or carrots.
- Non-Cooking Bags – shelf stable milk, pop-top cans of food, peanut butter, ramen noodles, freezer microwave meals. Many people have microwaves but not necessarily a stove.

In 2 ½ months, the VOC has distributed 56 Non-Cooking Bags and 171 Cooking Bags to veteran's households. In 2024, they delivered 281 Non-Cooking and 939 Cooking Bags. This is done with an unstable budget, as 90% comes from donations.

Commander Doc Christensen and President Sue Jones will make this a joint effort to have a food drive at our department meetings throughout the year.

**What is needed?** Cans or boxes of fruits and vegetables, soups, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat such as Vienna sausages or chicken and tuna. The VOC says they can buy the peanut butter and mac n cheese cheaper than we can – so cash is a great option also!

***The Department goal is to raise \$7,800 in cash and food products to fund the Rapid City VOC for a full year.***

All cash donations by auxiliaries or individuals must be 'ear-marked' for the **VOC Food Drive**.

Please mail to:

Nancy Chester, Department Treasurer  
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Fort Pierre SD. 57532-0055

**I know you all will join in to feed our veterans.**