



## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

### DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

KAREN SHARP, PRESIDENT

#### GENERAL ORDERS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Can you believe that school has started, SD State Fair begins this week, and we are two-thirds (2/3) through our first quarter (1/4) of our auxiliary year? Whew!!

We had a tremendous and enjoyable visit with National President Donna Mills in mid-August. If you were unable to attend, many photos have been posted on Facebook.

**BIG TEN** is October 16—18, 2026, in Kalamazoo, MI. If you have not registered and made room reservations, now is the time. We would like to see a good contingency of attendees from South Dakota.

**DISTRICT** dues are to be paid by September 30. Please do not miss this deadline. District meetings are scheduled for September and October. Each Auxiliary should have at least one member in attendance at these meetings. District Presidents have been very busy making their auxiliary visits and lending a hand to the Auxiliaries with the proper procedures for conducting a meeting and helping with audits, etc. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask District Presidents and/or Line Officers for assistance. Always refer to the Bylaws and Ritual for rules and procedures.

**FALL COUNCIL** will be in Rapid City on September 25—26, 2026. Again, if you have not yet registered and made room reservations, now is the time. Registration is only **\$50**. What a deal!!! At least one member from each Auxiliary should be in attendance for the Fall Council and School of Instruction. We will also be having some instruction jointly with the VFW. Looking forward to a great attendance.

**GENERAL ORDERS** from National President Donna Mills were distributed to all Auxiliaries and District in mid-August. If you have not already done so, **it is required** that these General Orders be read at your first meeting after receiving the same. You need not read them word for word, but you do have to go over the pertinent items. National General Orders and the Department General Orders are always read as the first items of official communications.

**TINY HOUSES** is the joint project of the SD VFW and Auxiliary. The more I learn of the benefits of these homes for veterans, the more excited I become. Please help us make this a successful project this year.

**WEBSITE (VFWAUXSD.ORD)** is your best source for General Orders, Positive Promotions and many other items for you to have a Healthy Auxiliary successful year. As we push more communication via the website, please remember that communication is a two-way street. We need to hear from you too.

Looking forward to seeing and visiting with many of you in September at District meetings and Fall Council.

Always remember, I am only a phone call, text or email away, and the door is always open.

*Karen Sharp*

