



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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GENERAL ORDERS

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Happy August Everyone:

I have just returned from the National Convention in Reno. SD had a tremendous membership group attending.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: We received several awards beginning with Past President Sue Jones accepting the Circle of Excellence Award of \$500 for SD; Auxiliary Outreach, Nancy Worth Chairman, 1st Place Outstanding Performance Award -- \$200; Chief of Staff /Extension and Revitalization, Pat Cerny, 1st Place Outstanding Performance Award -- \$200; and Historian/Media, Dani Bolte Chairman, 1st Place Outstanding Performance Award -- \$200.

We did work also. Nancy Worth, NDCM #21, worked up a very informational synopsis which has been sent to District and Auxiliary Presidents to be shared with all of you. The changes to the Resolutions will appear in the 2027 Bylaws and Ritual after approval by the VFW. The new podium edition usually comes out in October or November. Each District and Auxiliary President and Secretary should always have the current hard copy edition. The Bylaws and Ritual are also published in Malta.

BOND: Thank you to everyone that paid their Bond in July. If you are one of the few who have not yet paid the Bond, please do so immediately.

AUDIT: The fourth (fourth) quarter audit (April 1 – June 30) was to be completed by July 31. The Accepted Audit shall be sent to Department Treasurer, no later than August 31, 2026.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT will be in Pierre, August 21, 2026. The itinerary has previously been sent to Auxiliary Presidents and there is a block of rooms at the Ramkota (605 224 6877) \$128 plus tax per night. I look forward to a good turnout for President Donna.

FALL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION September 25 and 26 in Rapid City.

TINY HOUSES is Commander Rich and my Joint Project for this year. Any way you can contribute to making this a success will be greatly appreciated.

WEBSITE (VFWAUXSD.ORG) Every member should check it out and utilize it often. Suggestions are always welcome.

Always remember if you have any questions or suggestions, I am only a phone call, text, or email away.

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