



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

KAREN SHARP, PRESIDENT

GENERAL ORDERS

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WOW – Wasn't the Fall Council just Great? Lots of work accomplished and lots of good times. If you missed it, now is the time to start planning to attend the Legislative Conference in Pierre on January 23 – 25, 2027.

Big Ten is October 16 – 18, 2026. If you plan to attend, register now and make room reservations.

Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen student entries are due October 31, 2026.

The quarterly audit for July, August and September is to be completed by October 31, 2026.

First membership goal of 95% by November 30 is fast approaching. Recruit, recruit, recruit.

November is National Family Caregivers month. Start planning your event now.

With November 11 being Veterans Day, a Buddy Poppy distribution around that date is recommended.

HO-HO-HO – On September 24, we received word that we will once again have a tree in the capitol building this Christmas. Directions for the ornaments are posted on the SD VFW Auxiliary website. Decorations need to be received by Deb Fahey, 406 S. Polk, Pierre, SD 57532, no later than November 11, 2026. With the mail situation we have in SD, make sure you send your ornaments early. Decorating the tree will be Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 9 am (CST), third (3rd) floor of the capitol. We usually go for lunch afterwards. All are welcome to join us.

Districts 4 and 7 meetings will be October 11th, and District 1 will be November 1st. Each Auxiliary should have at least one member in attendance, but more is always better. Plan to participate.

The VFW and Auxiliary are planning the second annual soup competition during the Legislative Conference the evening of January 24, 2026, American Legion Cabin. Get out your favorite recipe and start cooking. Please let me, Commander Rick, or Quartermaster Brent know of your intentions to enter the competition. We will have some very special judges this year. I look forward to tasting all the delicious entries.

Keep in touch with all Auxiliary happenings by visiting the Facebook page and the webpage.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, you may contact me at any time. My eyes, ears and door are always open.

Happy Halloween!!

Karen Sharp

SD VFW AUX President