



Department of SD 2024-2025
State Convention
June 19 - 22, 2025
Ramkota Convention Center
920 West Sioux Avenue
Pierre, SD. 57501



“ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT!”

Thursday June 19, 2025 – Dress (VFW Polo, Casual)

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (Ramkota)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Committee Meetings (Budget, Audit, By Laws Etc...)
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (On your own)
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	CDR Training/ADJQM Training/VSO Benefits Training
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner in Community (on your own)
7:00-9:00 pm	Joint VFW/Auxiliary Awards Presentations
9:00-10:30 pm	Hospitality Room at Ramkota (Courtyard)

Friday June 20, 2025 – Dress (Casual/VFW Polo Shirt)

8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Registration (Ramkota)
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Opening VFW Business Meeting (CDRS LAST COA)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Joint Memorial Service at Lutheran Memorial Church (320 E. Prospect Ave., Pierre, SD. 57501)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (On your Own)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Past Department Commanders/DCDR Past & Present Luncheon
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Joint Opening Session (Awards/Senators/Congressman/Sponsors)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm – 9:30.	Hospitality Night (Catered, paid for by Candidates)

Saturday June 21, 2025 – Dress (Business & Jacket for VFW Business Mtg./Formal Banquet)

8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Registration (Ramkota)
8:30 am – 11:30 am	VFW Business Meeting (BOR.....)
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own.
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Elections and Photos
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Set up for Joint Installation of Officers
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Joint Installation of Officers
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Close Convention – Tear down/Set up for Banquet
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Dress for Banquet (Formal/Elegant Theme)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
6:30 pm—8:30 pm	Banquet (Dress – Suit/Dress (Formal/Elegant Theme)
8:30 pm -	Hospitality Room (Courtyard)

Sunday June 22, 2025 – Dress (VFW Polo, Casual)

9:00 am – 11:00 am	Council of Administration Meeting (New)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Mandatory District Commanders Meeting

