



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

KAREN SHARP, PRESIDENT

GENERAL ORDERS

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HAPPY FALL EVERYONE!! Hope everyone enjoyed Halloween, and I'm sure everyone has great plans for Veterans Day. It's a good time for Buddy Poppy distribution.

South Dakota had good attendance at Big Ten in Kalamazoo, MI. South Dakota did a skit on the Legislative Program which was well received. We may be presenting it again at the Legislative Conference in January.

Quarterly audit for July, August and September was to be completed by October 31, 2026, so it can be accepted at your November meeting and submitted to Department Treasurer Nancy Chester by November 30, 2026.

First membership goal of 95% is by November 30. This could mean an \$800 boost to the budget if we meet this goal, which I know we can. Such a boost to the budget greatly helps in achieving our Department goals and obligations. I believe we need about two paid members from each Auxiliary to meet this goal. Let's get buzzing around to find those worker bees to help us make our goal.

October 31 was the deadline for student entries in Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. I look forward to hearing the results. Thank you to Margaret and Dale for all their hard work on these programs. We are so fortunate to have so many talented students in SD.

Remember to have your Christmas ornaments to Deb Fahey, 406 S. Polk, Pierre, SD 57501, by November 11, 2026. Tree decorating will be Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 9am (CST), third (3rd) floor of the capitol building. All are welcome to join us and stay for lunch afterwards.

Hope you are practicing on your favorite soup recipes for the second (2nd) annual soup competition during the Legislative Conference the evening of January 24, 2026, American Legion Cabin, Pierre, SD.

Now is the time to start thinking about which office position you are willing to take on either the Auxiliary, District or Department level for 2027 – 2028. Being a line officer on any level gives one a better understanding of the workings of the VFW Auxiliary. The best way to learn a position is to jump in and just do it.

There will be no required General Orders or Positive Promotions for December or January, but I intend to keep in touch and I'm sure some of the Program Chairman will be doing so also. Keep in touch with all Auxiliary happenings by visiting the Facebook page and the webpage often.

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

Happy Thanksgiving

Karen Sharp

SD VFW AUX President

