

# **Up To Now!**

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May 11 Mother's Day, Fly the Flag

May 15 Peace Officer's Memorial Day, Fly the Flag, (half-staff)

May 17 Armed Forces Day, Fly the Flag

May 24 Dist 6 Boys State Orientation Post 7, 2pm

May 24 Dist 5 Boys State Orientation Post 17, 10am

May 26 Memorial Day, Office Closed, Fly the Flag, (half-staff to noon)

May 28 Monthly DEC Meeting, 7pm (Central), MS Teams

May 29 Americanism Commission Meeting, 9am, Pierre Post 8

May 29 Commander's Call, 7pm, MS Teams

May 31 June 6 Boys State, Northern State Univ (NSU), Aberdeen

May 31 Final Day to Register a Baseball Team for the 2025 Season

June 1 Convention Go Getters Certification due to Dept HQ

June 1 SDALPA Newspaper Awards due to HQ

June 1 Consolidated Post Report Reports due

June 4 Convention Delegate and ALT due to Dept HQ

June 5 Blue Cap Day at Boys State, NSU

June 6 Remember D-Day, Fly the Flag

June 6 SDALR meeting 6pm, Rapid City Post 22

June 7 SDALR wreath laying at the BH Nat Cemetery, 9:20am

June 7-10 Ride 605, Starts in Piedmont, ends in Pierre

June 12 Athletic Commission Meeting, 1pm, Pierre Post 8

June 14 & 15 Army Birthday June 15 Father's Day, Fly the Flag

June 18 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 2pm, Huron

June 18-22 National Commander Visit to South Dakota, Huron

June 19-22 Dept Convention, Huron

June 19 Juneteenth National Independence Day, Fly the Flag

June 21 Post History submissions due to Con Registration Desk

June 22-27 Youth Trooper Academy, Pierre

June 26 Youth Trooper Academy Blue Cap Day, Pierre

July 4 Independence Day, Office Closed, Fly the Flag

July 11-13 Centennial Classic Baseball Tournament, Milbank SD

July 15 National American Legion College Applications due to Dept

Aug 9 Post 303 Beers and Ears, Hermosa

Aug 22-28 106th National Convention, Tampa, FL

# **UP COMING REQUIRED REPORTS**

The following reports or inputs will soon be due. Please take the required actions as needed:

- <u>Post Officer Certification</u>. Is in the Dept's Post Adjutant's Administrative and Awards Manual, page 13, and is due to HQ as soon as the Post Officers are sworn in no later than May 30th.
- 2. <u>Consolidated Post Report (CPR)</u>. The CPR is the Post's way to report their activities during the last year. The data is used by the Dept and Nat HQs to report activities of The American Legion. The form was mailed in the Up To Now, can be found on the Dept's & Nat's websites. It is due **June 1st.**

#### HATS IN THE RING

Post 136 endorses Kevin Hempel for Dept Commander

Post 15 endorses Bill Peters for Dept Commander

Post 154 endorses Shane Lamer for Dist 3-8 Vice Commander

Post 11 endorses Greg Geiman for Dept Sergeant-at-Arms

# CAMPING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCOUTS

Commander Morello's program this year is to support Scouts to go to Camp. It costs \$400 to send a Scout to camp and the Commander is encouraging all Posts to send at least one Scout. Total raised to date is <u>\$7,166.25</u>. Send funds to Dept HQ marked "For Scouting"

# DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Department Commander,

April brought with it the arrival of spring and a noticeable slowdown in travel. The month began with the honor of hosting National Vice Commander James Kellogg as we attended both the District 1 Spring Meeting in Spearfish and the District 2 Meeting in Hot Springs. While in Spearfish, we also enjoyed a memorable Legion Birthday celebration hosted by Post 164—great food and an inspiring, patriotic program.



Mid-month, I traveled with my family

to my mother's home in Los Angeles to retrieve some personal belongings that hold deep sentimental value before the house is sold. It was an emotional but necessary trip. Ask me sometime about the return journey in a rented minivan, navigating oil drilling service roads in Wyoming—definitely an adventure worth sharing!

After returning, there was little time to rest. I headed to Aberdeen to deliver remarks at the opening of the DAV convention. On the way back, I made a stop in Oacoma to participate in the South Dakota American Legion College. What a fantastic experience! We had a great group of eager students who were enthusiastic about learning and connecting with each other and the instructors. I was thrilled to see an increase in attendance this year and hope the momentum continues. I encourage anyone interested to apply for next year's class—or one in the near future. A big shout-out to the outstanding training team for their dedication and hard work!

While I was somewhat discouraged to see a dip in our membership rankings, it's not unexpected for this time of year. Still, I remain incredibly proud of what we've accomplished so far, especially under the leadership of our Membership Chairman, Bill Peters. Let's stay focused and push hard to reclaim that number one spot!

As always, remember: building a strong Legion Family within your post and staying engaged with your community are vital to our organization's growth and future.

Kevin Morello, Department Commander "Legion Family Uniting Communities"

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2024 TO 2025

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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE & PROGRESS REPORT

On May 5, 2024, South Dakota was ranked #24 in the Legion with 15,356 members, achieving a 94.43% target. Just one year later, on May 5, 2025, we are thrilled to report a remarkable climb to #4 in the Legion with 14,838 members, now representing 95.12% of our goal. Kudos to everyone for this fantastic upward trajectory!

**Our Ongoing Journey** 

This tremendous progress is made possible by you—the members. You have your feet on the ground, and it is you, the member, who wins the battle every single day. While these numbers are a proud achievement, our work continues as we are currently 761 members short of reaching 100% membership by May 12, 2025—a notable improvement over last year's shortfall of 893 members. Every new member and every renewal strengthens our

cause and ensures that our collective voice remains powerful in advocating for our nation's veterans.

#### Call to Action

Your steadfast commitment and hard work on the ground have propelled us forward. Now is the time to double down—not only by bringing in new members but also by renewing those memberships that have not yet been updated. If your membership is up for renewal, please take a moment to renew it and encourage your colleagues and fellow veterans to do the same. Renewing your membership reinforces our presence, boosts our community's strength, and secures our legacy.

To make the renewal process as simple as possible:

- Contact Your Post: Reach out to your local post to confirm renewal details or address any questions.
- Scan the QR Code: Scanning this QR code will take you directly to our online renewal portal for a fast and secure experience.

Together, by renewing and recruiting, we have the power to cross that final threshold of full membership by May 12 and keep South Dakota shining within the Legion. Remember, as the member with your feet firmly on the ground, you win every battle.

Bill Peters, Membership Chair 605.360.6547 bpeters0551@gmail.com



#### **COMMANDER'S CALL**

Commander Morello is hosting a monthly "Commander's Call" open to all Legionnaires and the LAST Thursday of the month at 7pm central time. The video link and call in number are below. Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 225 775 090 784 Passcode: N2jZoD Phone +1 872-239-6022 Conference ID: 532 867 600#

# **BOYS STATE REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MAY 16TH**

The Commander challenges every Post to send at least one Boy to Boys State. Registration is on the South Dakota Boys State website, https://southdakotaboysstate.org/apply Registration fee is \$250 per Boy and is payable to the Boys State Treasurer. Registration closes on May 16, 2025. We currently have 135 Boys signed up. The following Posts have Boys registered: RC (22) 19, ABER-DEEN 16, SIOUX FALLS (15) 14, GROTON 7, GARRETSON 4, VOLGA 4, RC (320) 3, SPEARFISH 3, BROOKINGS 3, AR-LINGTON 3, MADISON 3, HARRISBURG 2, ROSLYN 2, RED-FIELD 2, LANGFORD 2, BRIDGEWATER 2, WILLOW LAKE 2, LAKE PRESTON 2, BRANDON 2, RENNER 2, MARTIN 2, EMERY 2, PIEDMONT 2, CLAREMONT 2, PLATTE 2, WARN-ER 2, DELL RAPIDS 2, ELK POINT 2, YANKTON 2, HART-FORD 1, DALLAS 1, IPSWICH 1, BELLE FOURCHE 1, WEB-STER 1, CANTON 1, HOT SPRINGS 1, MENNO 1, TRIPP 1, MILBANK 1, AVON 1, MITCHELL 1, EDGEMONT 1, MT VERNON 1, HOSMER 1, NUNDA 1, HOVEN 1, ETHAN 1, STURGIS 1, PIERRE 1, VERMILLION 1, PLANKINTON 1, WAGNER 1, CASTLEWOOD 1, WATERTOWN 1, GREGORY 1, WINNER 1, ALEXANDRIA 1, CUSTER 1, LEAD 1, LONG LAKE 1

#### SDAL BASEBALL UPDATE

Registration is open, the cost is \$100 until May 15th then it will go up to \$200. Registration will close on May 31, 2025. All American Legion coaches, managers, volunteer staff & Senior A players, who are 18, must complete a background check & abuse awareness training prior to conducting any meetings, events, practices, or games that involve youth participants.

# BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE

The schedule for The American Legion 2025 baseball state tournaments is as follows:

CLASS "A" Senior CLASS "A" Junior

Watertown, 7/29-8/2 Rapid City (Post #22) 7/31-8/3

CLASS "B" Senior CLASS "B" Junior Milbank, SD 8/1-5 Milbank, SD 8/8-10

NATIONAL COMMANDERS CENTENNIAL CLASSIC Milbank, SD JULY 7/11-13

This tournament is to have one team from SD, ND, MN & NE. The National Commander will be in attendance to celebrate the 100th Year Anniversary of American Legion Baseball.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Every team is encouraged to celebrate the Centennial Season of American Legion Baseball in some way. JULY 17

# 2024 SDAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SDAL annual golf tournament will be held in Wakonda, SD over the weekend of September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For more information contact Athletic Commissioner Elton Blemaster 605-280-2023 or Athletic Commissioner Gene Gillen at 605-415-0885

# 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Below is the basic schedule for the upcoming Dept Convention

# **THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

10:00 a.m. Finance Commission meeting **Executive Committee meeting** 1:00 p.m.

PDC Social and Dinner 5:45 p.m.

# FRIDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 a.m. Registration desk opens 9:00 a.m. State Headquarters desk open

10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Initial meeting

SAL DEC Meeting

1:00 p.m. Committee Chairmen meet to pick up packets

1:30 p.m. **Convention Committees Meet** SAL My Legion Training

SDAL Foundation

3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Joint Convention Memorial Service

6:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails/Social

7:00 p.m. Joint American Legion Family Banquet

# <u>SATŪRDAY, JUNE 21</u>

8:00 a.m. Dept Headquarters desk opens to 8:30 a.m. Concert, State Legion Band

9:00 a.m. Convention Call To Order & Opening Ceremonies

Various speakers and committee reports

10:00 a.m. SAL Membership Workshop

Various speakers and committee reports

Presentation of the Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician & Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Various speakers and committee reports

2:15 p.m. Recognition of 24-25 Dist Legionnaires of the Year

24-25 Dept Legionnaire of the Year

Presentation of the 2025 Robert C. Gabrielson Award

# CONVENTION IN RECESS

Area Caucuses for Vice Commander

5:00 p.m. Go-Getters Reception & Smorgasbord

8:00 p.m. Fun Auction

# SUNDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 a.m. Registration desk open 8:30 a.m.

Concert – State Legion Band 9:00 a.m.

Convention business session reconvenes Speakers and committee reports continue.

11:45 a.m. Sweepstakes Drawings

12:00 noon Special Order of Business - Elections

Installation of newly elected officers

Acceptance speech by new Department Commander

Adjourn Convention

Post-Convention Dept Finance & Exe Committee

# RESOLUTIONS FOR CONVENTION

The following are the abbreviated titles and summaries of resolved

clauses of the resolution submitted for consideration at convention. Those with constitutional intent are enclosed in the print mailing all are available in full form on the Dept website.

<u>25-01 SHOOTING SPORTS</u> approves the establishment of the South Dakota American Legion Youth Shooting Sports Program; and, be it further

25-02 ADOPT A STANDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEEamendment be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South
Dakota American Legion: Add, xi. Fundraising Committee;
25-03 CHANGES TO DISTRICT MEETINGS- the Department
Constitution and Bylaws be amended by replacing the current Article IV, Section 7 with the following: "Section 7. DISTRICT
MEETINGS. There shall be at least two regular district meetings
each year... The Fall District meetings shall be called by the Department Commander not earlier than September 1 nor later than 1
December... The Spring District meetings shall be called by the
Department Commander not earlier than March 1 nor later than
May 1..."

25-04 REALIGNING DISTRICTS UNDER DEPT VICE CDRS-Constitution and By Laws, be amended... To: "Two Department Vice Commanders shall be elected at each Department Convention, one from Districts One, Two and Three and will be the Western Vice Commander, and one from Districts Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight and will be the Eastern Vice Commander." <u>25-05 AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS-</u> "The following commissions and committees shall be permanently established with the chairperson appointed annually except where identified differently in these Constitution and By Laws or the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Department Conventions or of the American Legion Department of South Dakota" 25-06 APPRECIATION TO POST 7 FOR CONVENTION- that sincere appreciation and gratitude be extended to the members of WILLIAM F. REAVES Post 7 for their exceptional contributions in hosting this significant event;

<u>25-07 PERMIT THE CDR TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR</u> <u>TERM-</u> the current Department Commander shall be permitted to seek re-election and, if duly elected, serve one additional consecutive one-year term and only one;

25-08 TIMELY DISTRO OF PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENTS- the National HQ distribute dues they collect within 30 days of receipt

#### SDAL RIDERS UPDATE

The Annual SD American Legion Riders (SDALR) meeting is scheduled for Fri, June 6, 6:00pm at Rapid City Post 22. Sat, June 7, the SDALR will lay a wreath at the Black Hills National Cemetery, meet at 9:20am by the committal shelter.

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDE 605**

The SDALRs are excited to announce the annual American Legion Ride 605 fundraiser to benefit the SD American Legion Foundation. The mission of this ride is to raise funds to support Veterans and Children & Youth programs. The event will be June 7-10 and will feature 16 host Posts presenting donations for the Foundation. Posts can join along the route to make a donation. Donations may also be made at the Dept Convention at the Joint Banquet.

Gas stations on this schedule have premium fuel for bikes.

Day 1: Saturday, June 7 (250 miles)

10:00 am: Piedmont Post 311: Benediction of the Bikes

10:30 am: KSU from Piedmont

Noon: Lunch at Wagon Wheel Bar, 115 Main St., Interior

1:00 pm: Fuel at the Interior Cowboy Corner - 1:15 pm: KSU (will lose 1 hour to CST)

4:00 pm: White River – Fuel at Farm Home & Ranch Center

5:30 pm: Winner Post 169, 133 E. 3rd St, Winner

6:00 pm: Dinner at Post 169

Fuel at Cenex, 641 W. 2nd St.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 1360 SD44 Winner 605-842-2255 or Super8 (gravel parking) 902 SD44 Winner 605-646-0368 (econo) Ride 605 Day 2: Sunday, June 8 (300 miles)

8:30 am: Meet at the Holiday Inn Express

10:30 am: Wagner Greer Post 11, corner of 2nd St. and West Ave 11:15 am: Fuel in Wagner if needed -11:30 am: KSU from Wagner 12:15 pm Springfield Veterans Memorial Walnut & 5th St. (lunch)

1:00 pm: Fuel Sinclair on Main and KSU

2:30 pm: Ethan Veterans Memorial – Post 261 104 W Main St

3:00 pm: KSU

4:30 pm: Sioux Falls Post 15 – 1700 W Russell St Suite 510

6:30 pm: Madison Lake Herman Park Site 2 435 S. Highland Ave dinner Hotel: AmericInn Madison, 504 SE 10th St. 605 646-2689-Request Ride 605

Ride 605 Day 3: Monday, June 9 (240 miles)

8:30 am: Cenex by AmericInn

9:15 am: Arlington Post 42, 120 S. Main St.

10:15 am: Lake Preston Post 63, 103 Main Ave N

Noon: Lunch at Kevin Hempel, 1717 Grandview Drive, Watertown 1:15 pm: Watertown Veterans Memorial, 90 S. Lake Dr. Watertown -2:00 pm: fuel bikes in Watertown

3:00 pm: Milbank Baseball Field South of Farley Park (HWY 34)

3:45 pm: Fuel at Sinclair if needed

6:00 pm: Britton Veterans Monument – Britton & Veblen- BBQ & lodging at Rose & Mike Kraft's, 10949 425th Ave, Britton, Option: Northern Lights Inn, 205 VanderHorck St, Britton 605-448-2438 Ride 605 Day 4: Tuesday, June 10 (260 miles)

8:30 am: Northern Lights Inn

Fuel at Cenex Britton (2 pumps) or Groton Sinclair

11:00 am: Hosmer Post on Main Street

12:30 pm: Selby Post 100, 5401 Main St. - Lunch

1:30 pm: KSU & Fuel bikes, Selby Cenex 3005 US 12-83

2:45 pm: Onida Post 79, 200 S. 6th St

3:15 pm: KSU

3:45 pm: Pierre Capitol Lake War Memorial, Post 8 & 20 – Official end of the ride

Depart from Piedmont – night 1 in Winner – night 2 in Madison – night 3 in Britton Ride 605 ends in Pierre: about 1,050 miles.

#### 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 106th Annual American Legion Department of South Dakota Convention will be June 19-22 at the Huron Event Center. The Crossroads Hotel is FULL. A block of rooms are available at the Quality Inn for \$99 a night for a single and \$109 for a double (+tax). To make reservations call (605)352-6655. More information to come in future UTNs.

# FUN AUCTION AT THE STATE CONVENTION

The Fun Auction will be Sat evening at the Dept Convention in June. Net proceeds from the Auction will go to your SD American Legion Foundation, with earnings to come back to help fund the many programs of the SD American Legion, and continue forever.

To have a great Auction, we will again need good items to sell. Past sales have seen craft projects, paintings, heirloom items, veteran and service related items, food items, gift cards and many other things donated to the cause. If you build things, craft things, grow things, etc. or have other items to contribute, we ask for your donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Another key to having a great Auction is to have a room full of bidders. You have supported the event very well in the past. We ask for your support again!

Jim Kurtz, President, SD American Legion Foundation

# 2025 DEPT CONVENTION LUNCH & BANQUET TICKETS

A deli buffet will be served on Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st at noon. You will have the choice of smoked turkey breast, roast beef, or Bavarian ham. Accompanied by sliced Swiss and American cheese, sliced tomatoes, pickles, and assorted breads. Served with the chef's choice of deli salads and a soup of the day. Ticket cost will be \$20 per person each day.

Friday night Joint Banquet buffet will be roast top round of

beef with Au Jus or Chicken Almondine, mashed potatoes and gravy, Italian pasta salad, and green beans. Side salad and dinner rolls. Ticket cost will be \$35 per person.

Tickets requests for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members <u>must</u> <u>be received by June 5th, 2025.</u> No tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets can be picked up at the convention registration table. One check can be made for the total lunch and banquet ticket costs. **Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 7.** Ticket request should be mailed to:

Lloyd Timperley, P.O. Box 205, Huron, S.D. 57350, (605) 352 7896

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Name				
Address				
Phone				
Food allergies				

Event	Price	Number of Tickets	Cost
Friday Lunch	\$ 20.00		
Saturday Lunch	\$ 20.00		
Friday Banquet	\$ 35.00		
		Total	

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#### **2025 SD AUXILIARY BANQUET**

On Sat June 21 during Convention the Auxiliary will hold their annual banquet to honor PDP 2000-01, Marilyn Hobbs. Meal will be Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Salad tickets are \$30.00 and will be at Aux registration desk. Please send order and check to: Linda Holmes, Dist 6 Pres, 700 S Montana St. Mitchell, SD 57301

Any special dietary needs:

Event	Price	Number of Tickets	Total Cost			
Auxiliary Banquet	\$ 30.00					

# FUTURE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AND MIDWINTER DATES AND LOCATIONS

2026 MidWinter, Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma, Feb 20-22

2026 Convention, Ramkota, Aberdeen, June 18-21

2027 MidWinter, Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma, Feb 19-21

2027 Convention, Ramkota, Sioux Falls June 17-20

2028 MidWinter, Cedar Shores Resort, Oacoma, Feb 18-20

# 2030 DEPT CONVENTION & MIDWINTER

Bids for the 2030 Convention & MidWinter are being accepted, at this time there is only one (1) bid in from Chamberlain Post 3 for MidWinter. Posts and Convention Centers who desire to submit bids to host either events should send that information to the Dept Adjutant. Application forms are available from Dept.

#### TRAINING TUESDAY UPDATE

There is an exciting lineup for National's Training Tuesday sessions. Below is the current schedule:

- May 27, 2025: Membership CPR/CSR
- June 24, 2025: Resolutions Socializing Resolutions
- July 29, 2025: Be The One *UPDATE*

Get more info at <a href="https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays">www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays</a>

# NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE (NALC)

The application is available and is structured for ease of navigation. Questions were added to emphasize the role of servant leadership, asking applicants reflect on their commitment to leading with integrity, purpose, and impact. Application is at <a href="https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/legion-college">https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/legion-college</a> If you have any questions or need assistance, reach out to the Dept Adjutant. **DO NOT** send your applications to National they need to be routed through Dept HQ. Send to <a href="https://www.legion.org">https://www.legion.org</a> no later than July 15th.

# NAT CDR POST EXCELLENCE AWARD

To qualify, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: 1) At least 103% of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings. 2) Consolidated Post Report submitted by July 1. 3) Renew at least 90% of their 2024 members. 4) Conduct an event that connects the community and Post.

District Commanders are responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria and submit to Dept HQ. List should include the post name, phone number, address, and commander's name. If possible, attach copies of press releases. Dept HQ will send Posts that qualify to National HQ.

#### NAT CDR 103% MEMBERSHIP DOG TAG COIN

Any Post, District, County, Department Commander or Membership Chair who achieves 103% of their member goal in 2025 can receive a dog tag coin. Complete the form online at <a href="https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/103-percent-membership-award">www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/103-percent-membership-award</a> & send it to Dept HQ <a href="https://hqw.legion.org">hqw.legion.org</a> for verification.

# NAT CDR'S MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE DOG TAG COIN

A National Commander's "Be the One" dog tag coin will be awarded to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members. A new member is anyone who was not a member during the 2024 member year. Transfers, Auxiliary and Sons members don't count. Only one coin per individual. Complete the form online at <a href="www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/national-commanders-incentive-program">www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/national-commanders-incentive-program</a> and send it to National HQ <a href="kadams@legion.org">kadams@legion.org</a>

# ALL AMERICAN LEGION POSTS TO FILE IRS FORM 990

Federal tax regulations require every Post to file IRS form 990. This must be filled out by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your organizations accounting period. If the IRS does not receive this form, they will revoke the tax-exempt status of the Post. To get your Tax-exempt status back you have to apply and pay a fee. This process takes months and can be challenging. Download at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f990.pdf</a>

# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS & THE DISABLED

South Dakota Department of Revenue administers the Sales or Property Tax Refund for Senior Citizens & Citizens with Disabilities program, which provides important financial support to qualifying individuals. The application can be found at <a href="https://sddor.seamlessdocs.com/f/2050">https://sddor.seamlessdocs.com/f/2050</a>

# LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST (LIT)

This Year the Department received \$22,500 from the LIT Program.

Every legionnaire who signs up for any of the LIT programs brings money right back here to our Department.

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for No Cost Le-gionCare Insurance. \$5,000 NO COST To You Accidental Death Protection if traveling on official American Legion business. \$1,000 Accidental Death Protection for all other covered accidents. Activate your NO COST To You insurance coverage today.

https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare/

You may also qualify for Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage Plans through LIT with a portion of your dollars spent coming right back here to the Department. Last year alone LIT returned to the department \$38,311 . https://www.thelit.com/