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- July 18-19 Sioux Falls Air Show
- July 21-23 B Sr. Baseball Regional Tournament
- June 5-8 Ride 605
- June 11 Finance Commission Meeting to draft FY 27 Budget
- June 11-14 Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall, Brookings
- June 14 Athletic Commission Meeting- Pierre
- June 18-22 Department Convention, Aberdeen
- June 18-23 National Commander & Vice Commander Visit to SD
- June 19 JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, Office Closed
- June 20 Post History Awards due to HQ Registration desk by 1 pm
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 21-22 District Commander Seminar
- June 22-26 Youth Trooper Academy, Pierre
- July 3-5 INDEPENDENCE DAY Happy 250th, Office Closed
- July 8 Reading of the Declaration of Independence- Pierre
- July 14-18 Jr Shooting Sports National Championship
- July 17 Baseball Final day for Regular Season A Play
- July 18 SD ALA President's Homecoming
- July 18-19 Sioux Falls Air Show
- July 21-23 B Sr. Baseball Regional Tournament
- July 22-23 A Sr. Baseball Regional Play-In
- July 22-23 A Reserve Baseball Play-In
- July 27-28 B Jr. Baseball Regional Tournament
- July 28-Aug 1 A Sr Baseball State Tournament
- July 30-Aug 2 A Reserve Baseball State Tournament
- July 31-Aug 4 B Sr. Baseball State Tournament
- Aug 6-Aug 10 A Sr Baseball National Regional Tournament
- Aug 7-Aug 9 B Jr. Baseball State Tournament
- Aug 7-9 National Membership Workshop
- Aug 13-18 American Legion Baseball World Series, Shelby, NC
- Aug 23 - 27 American Legion Legacy Run
- Aug 28 – September 3 107th Annual National Convention – Louisville, Kentucky
- Sept 7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed
- Sept 9- MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE: EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF 50%
- Sept 18-20 Combined Americanism Conference
- Sept 19 District 6 Fall Meeting (Morning)
- Sept 19 District 5 Fall Meeting (Afternoon)
- Sept 20 District 4 Fall Meeting
- Sept 25 SD Buffalo Roundup, Custer State Park
- Sept 26 District 1&2 Combined Fall Meeting
- Sept 26 SD Legion Golf Tournament, Rapid City
- Sept 27 District 3 Fall Meeting (Afternoon)
- Oct 5-8 National Fall Meetings
- Oct 10 District 7 Meeting
- Oct 10 Department Commander Homecoming
- Oct 11 District 8 Meeting
- Oct 12 COLUMBUS/NATIVE AMERICAN DAY Office Closed
- Oct 14 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE- FALL MEETINGS- 55%
- Nov 11 VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed
- Nov 12 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE- VETERANS DAY 65%
- Nov 15-20 National American Legion College
- Nov 26-27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Office Closed
- Dec 9 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATE- PEARL HARBOR DAY 75%
- Dec 23-25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Office Closed

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion Family,
 It is hard to believe this will be my last Up To Now article as the Department Commander. It has certainly been an honor and privilege to serve the Department. I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. As I went around the state, I was always impressed with what the Legion Family was doing for their communities, veterans and our youth. As I have said many times before, I firmly believe in the L.I.S.T. and what we can achieve together.



June 5-8 is the annual 605 ride to raise money for our South Dakota American Legion Foundation. This year is expected to have the largest participation yet with over 20 Legion Riders planning to complete the whole ride and many more joining for several days. Robin and I plan on doing the whole ride. We will be stopping at about 20 posts who have pledged donations. Last year the ride raised over \$10,000 and this year we hope to do even better. If your post, unit or squadron is not on the route, please consider still donating to support our Foundation. Additionally, if you have a business or individuals in your community who want to support our programs, ask if they will make a donation. Donations can be sent to Department Headquarters marked for the 605 ride or brought to the Department Convention later this month.

I have two last requests for the Posts. First, please give one last push for membership. People make our programs work. Second, please make sure your Post has submitted their Consolidated Post Report for this year. They were due June 1st, but there is still time to get the information to National if the reports is submitted soon. The goal is 100% submission for the Department. Thanks again for a great year and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention June 18th through the 21st in Aberdeen.

Kevin Hempel
Department Commander



*Legion family working together,
 Involved in our communities,
 Serving our veterans, children, and communities
 Telling our stories.*

A FINAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

As I prepare to complete my third and final year as your Membership Chair, I want to take a moment to say thank you.

Three years ago, I accepted this position with one goal in mind: to help move the Department of South Dakota forward. Together, we set ambitious goals, faced challenges head-on, and proved what can be accomplished when dedicated Legionnaires work as a team.

During these three years, South Dakota achieved something many thought would be impossible. We captured three consecutive BIG 12 Championships, competed with some of the largest departments in the nation, and demonstrated that determination, commitment, and teamwork can overcome any obstacle.

While membership numbers and championships are important, what I will remember most are the people. I have had the privilege of visiting posts across our great state, attending district and county

meetings, making phone calls, answering questions, and working alongside some of the finest volunteers anywhere in America.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Department Membership Committee for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering support throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Kevin Morello, Phil Egeberg, and Melanie McDonald for their outstanding leadership and commitment. Their efforts in developing the 21st Century Membership Plan have provided a roadmap that will help strengthen and guide membership growth in the Department of South Dakota for years to come.

I also want to thank every Post Commander, Adjutant, Membership Chairman, and Legionnaire who picked up the phone, knocked on a door, renewed a member, signed up a new veteran, or simply encouraged someone to remain part of The American Legion family. Every membership card represents a veteran who believes in our mission and our Four Pillars.

As one chapter closes, another begins.

I ask each of you to give Barry Andres and his Membership Committee the same support, encouragement, and cooperation that you have given me. Barry has been there every step of the way. He understands the challenges and opportunities before us, and I know he will do an outstanding job as our next Department Membership Chairman. When Barry asks for your help, I encourage you to answer the call, just as you have for me.

And yes, Barry, if you're reading this, thank you for putting up with my membership reports, my phone calls, my ideas, and even a few of those avatar messages along the way. The good news is that now it's your turn!

The game is never really over. There is always another veteran to reach, another family to help, another community to serve, and another opportunity to make a difference.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Department Membership Chairman. It has been one of the greatest honors of my American Legion career.

Remember: TEAM—Together Everyone Accomplishes More. Better Together. For Veterans. For Children and Youth. For Americanism. For National Security. For The American Legion.

God Bless our Veterans, God Bless the American Legion, and God Bless the United States of America.

Bill Peters, Membership Chairman, 605-360-6547

BUILDING TOMORROW'S REPUBLIC, ONE PROGRAM AT A TIME

Boys State wrapped up with outstanding participation from young men across our great state. A heartfelt thank you to every Post that sponsored a delegate, you are investing directly in America's future. I also want to recognize the Legionnaires who showed up for Blue Hat Day. Your presence means more to those boys than you know.

And don't overlook Girls State, an outstanding Auxiliary program that works hand in hand with our efforts to build the next generation of informed, engaged Americans. Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical, and Youth Trooper Academy together ensure we are doing our part to keep this Republic exactly as our Founding Fathers intended.

This year's National Oratorical at Hillsdale College in Michigan was nothing short of outstanding. Larry Madsen and I had the privilege of moderating and the talent on that stage was remarkable. We are especially proud of Lewis Carlyle from Post 22 in Rapid City, who advanced to the semifinals — a tremendous achievement! Thank you to every Post that sponsored and coached a contestant. This program is critically important to our nation's future.

Coming up: Youth Trooper Academy is this month, and we are excited to see Legionnaires out on Blue Hat Day, Thursday, June 25th. Mark your calendars!

Now is also a great time to consider starting a Junior Shooting Sports program and partnering with your local shooting club. Give

Mike Kraft a call to learn how to get started. And if you want to see the program in action, National Junior Shooting Sports is July 24–26 in Hillsdale, Michigan — come check it out!

Our Big 4 programs, Boys State, Oratorical, Youth Trooper Academy, and Junior Shooting Sports, are keeping the flame of patriotism alive and the next generation ready to lead. Keep up the great work!

Carol Howitz, Department Americanism Officer

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 18, 2026

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

Friday, June 19, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Registration desk opens
- 10:30 a.m.
 - Resolutions Committee meeting
 - Rules Convention Committee meeting
- 11:30 a.m. S.D.A.L.P.A. meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Convention Committee Chairmen meet
- 1:30 p.m.
 - Convention Committees Meet
 - SAL My Legion Training
- 2:00 p.m. SAL DEC Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. SDAL Foundation Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Joint Convention Memorial
- 6:00 p.m. No-Host Cocktails/Social
- 7:00 p.m. Joint American Legion Family Banquet

Saturday, June 20, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Registration desk opens
- 8:30 a.m. Concert – State Legion Band
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Call To Order
- 10:30 a.m. SAL Explanation of Officer Roles
- 1:00 p.m. SAL Business Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Recess & Caucuses to select Vice Commander
- 5:00 p.m. Go-Getters Reception & Smorgasbord
- 8:00 p.m. SDAL Foundation Fun Auction

Sunday, June 21, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Registration desk opens for delegate credentials
- 8:30 a.m. Concert – State Legion Band
- 9:00 a.m. Convention business session reconvenes
- 12:00 p.m. Sweepstakes Drawings
- Special Order of Business - Elections
- Adjourn Convention, by Department Commander
- 30 minutes following close of Convention- Executive Committee & Finance Commission Meet

RESOLUTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

2026001 – Amend Constitution & Bylaws (Fidelity Bond)-

Updates terminology in the Constitution and Bylaws by replacing “surety bond” with “fidelity bond” to reflect modern financial standards and improve clarity and compliance for protecting organizational funds.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: Forward to Resolutions Committee. Reasoning: Not a constitutional issue.

2026002 – Rename Trust Committee- Renames the “American Legion Trust Committee” to the “Investment Advisory Committee” to better reflect its role in financial oversight and asset management, and updates all governing documents accordingly.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: Forward to Convention with DO PASS recommendation. Reasoning: The term “trust” has a specific legal meaning—implying a formal trust entity with trustees and fiduciary obligations under trust law. The department does not operate such a legal trust. The existing

committee functions as an investment advisory body, not as a trustee of a formal trust.

2026003 – Eagle Scout of the Year Eligibility Change- Updates award criteria and wording to reflect “Scouting America” (formerly Boy Scouts of America) and expands eligibility to include individuals who have graduated high school and earned Eagle Scout within 24 months after turning 18.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: **Forward to Resolutions Committee.** Reasoning: Not a constitutional issue.

2026004 – Beer & Wine Sales at Legion Baseball Games- Allows Posts to sell beer and wine at Baseball games, provided all laws are followed, with safeguards for safety and youth protection, and requires revenue to support baseball and youth programs.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: **Forward to Resolutions Committee.** Reasoning: Not a constitutional issue.

2026005 – Finance Operations & Bylaws Update- Comprehensively reorganizes and clarifies financial procedures, responsibilities, and reporting requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws to improve transparency, accountability, and usability, with some updated language and structure

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: **Forward to Convention with DO NOT PASS recommendation.** Reasoning: The resolution would effectively subordinate the Department Executive Committee to a finance structure that is not contemplated in the Constitution. It shifts authority away from the DEC and Commander in ways that contradict existing governance provisions. The proposed structure would likely require additional staff, more complex processes, and higher administrative overhead, without clear evidence that current controls are failing.

2026006 – National Convention Delegates Determination- Replaces current rules for selecting National Convention delegates with a system that accounts for declining membership, defines delegate categories, and allocates delegates based on district representation and membership percentages.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: **Forward to Convention with DO PASS recommendation.** Reasoning: Current Constitution authorizes more delegates than membership allows. Proposal prioritizes districts by membership percentage.

2026007 – District Meeting Location Requirements- Requires District meetings to be held within their geographic boundaries, prohibits combining required meetings across districts, and clarifies scheduling, purpose, and participation expectations.

Internal Affairs Commission Recommendation: **Forward to Convention with DO NOT PASS recommendation.** Reasoning: Conflicts with the Commander’s existing authority to call meetings and set locations when necessary. That authority is an important tool for problem-solving and coordination across districts. Resolution solves no pressing problem, creates new ones, and unnecessarily constrains leadership. To preserve flexibility & avoid constitutional clutter, the Commission recommended do not pass.

THE RACE IS ON FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS...

Post 15 endorses Bill Peters for Department Commander.
Post 164 endorses Fred Nelson for National Executive Committee
Post 3 endorses Doug Feltman for Alt National Executive Committee
Post 154 endorses Shane Lamer for Eastern Dept Vice Commander
Post 315 endorses Marv Tisdall for Western Dept Vice Commander
Post 11 endorses Greg Geiman for State Sergeant-At-Arms.

FUN AUCTION AT THE STATE CONVENTION

The Fun Auction will be Saturday evening at the Dept Convention. Proceeds will go to the 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!

The Auction will again feature an original oil painting by the artist John Green. This year's theme commemorates our Country's 250th Anniversary and should be a crowd pleaser. Arrangements are being made to have some guns at the Auction.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR C&Y SCHOOL SUPPLY PICKUP AND DISTRIBUTION

The end of the 2026 Children and Youth (C&Y) year is quickly approaching. I have received several year-end C&Y narratives and have seen Facebook announcements from many Legion Family Posts highlighting their participation in family-oriented events throughout the year—how awesome!

It is important that our military and veteran families know there is an advocate they can turn to in times of need. Please remember that if a veteran’s family requires assistance—and there are children in the household affected—be sure to work with them and submit for Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) as needed.

I am currently seeking volunteers to assist with the pickup and distribution of donated school supplies in late July. Supplies will be collected from Dollar Tree locations in Mitchell, Yankton, Watertown, Aberdeen, Brookings, Pierre, and Vermillion. In addition, donated toys will need to be picked up later this fall from these same stores. These items will be distributed to full-time and National Guard personnel throughout the state. If you are able to help with pickups, please let me know.

I am also requesting assistance from our American Legion Family for the Back-to-School Backpack Distribution event at Ellsworth Air Force Base on July 25th. Due to construction on the base, the event will be held at a new location (see details below). No security check will be required this year, as the event will take place outside the base gates. Please mark your calendars and let me know if you are available to help—your support is greatly appreciated.

“Back to School Round Up 2026”

What: Back to School Round Up – Soaring to New Heights!

When: Saturday, July 25, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: NEW LOCATION! South Dakota Air & Space Museum
2890 David Drive, Ellsworth AFB, SD

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Harry Boner

Children and Youth Chair, (605) 691-4571, hb.boner@gmail.com

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE (NALC)

National American Legion College applications are being accepted. The process is all online at <https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/legion-college> currently we have two applicant, Diane Diekman & Dale Hill.

CONGRATS TO THE 2026 BOYS STATE PARTICIPANTS

The 83rd Annual Session of South Dakota American Legion Boys State concluded May 29th with 129 Boys in attendance. Coltyn Raymond of Ethan was elected Governor, with Patrick Quale of Volga as Lt. Governor.

Selected as Boys Nation Delegates were Luke Swanson of Aberdeen and Owen Kopfmann of Mitchell, with Mathew Flanagan

of Rapid City and Collyn Raymond as alternates. Micah Zastrow of Redfield received the 2026 Samsung American Legion Scholarship; his application advances to the national committee, which awards ten \$10,000 scholarships.

Additional state officers elected included:

- Attorney General: Lukas Cann, Rapid City
 - Secretary of State: Hunter Werner, Spearfish
 - State Auditor: Henry Van Scharrel, Huron
 - State Treasurer: Shahid Shaik, Sioux Falls
 - Commissioner of School & Public Lands: Samuel Barnett, S. Falls
 - Public Utilities Commission: Tejas Mahesh, Sioux Falls; David Cook, Sioux Falls; Derrick Bogart, Redfield
 - Supreme Court: Gavin Kroll, James Wheeler, Mason Muilenburg, and Orville Randazzo, with Lee Decker as Chief Justice.
 - Legislative and party leadership included Connor Johnson as Speaker of the House, Allen Hendrickson as President Pro Tempore, Charles Ashton and Mathew Flanagan as Party Chairmen, and Mason Muilenburg and Hunter Werner as Keynote Speakers. Ashton was named Outstanding Speaker.
 - Tejas Mahesh earned Outstanding Boys State Citizen, Finn Bartlett received the Spirit of Boys State Award, and Preston Meyer was named Outstanding Journalist.
- The 2027 session will be May 31st to June 4th, 2027

YOUTH TROOPER ACADEMY

The 2026 Youth Trooper Academy will take place at the SD Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre, the week of 22-26 June.

We would like to invite members of the American Legion Family to come visit us on June 25th, "Blue Cap Day". Activities should start around 08:30. There will be several demonstrations from Law Enforcement, including, SWAT, dogs, SDGF&P, weapons demonstrations, weapons firing by the recruits, and an evening cookout sponsored by the American Legion.

Activities that day will take place at the SDHP Rifle Range located at 29055 Range Road, Pierre, SD. Come witness SD's future Law Enforcement, Military and Civilian leaders in action.

THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDE 605

Thurs, June 4 – 6:00 PM 6th Annual ALR Meeting – Pierre Pizza Ranch. A memorial ride to Onida for Steve Stier is tentatively planned after dinner and meeting.

Ride 605 – Celebrating America's 250th Birthday. Ride 605 is one of the largest fundraisers for the SDAL Foundation. Donors are entered to win an original Vietnam painting by John C. Green, donated by Hugh Holmes. Donations of \$250+ earn extra entry. Donations may be made at any ride stop, at the Dept Joint Banquet, or mailed to Dept HQ by June 12. Make checks payable to SDAL Foundation with "Ride 605" in the memo. The drawing will take place at the Joint Banquet during the Dept Convention. **Thank you! The Ride 605 starts and ends in Pierre: about 1,000 miles.**

Contacts: Fred Nelson at fred.nelson@live.com or 605-641-7959
Micheline Nelson at Micheline.nelson@live.com or 605-645-1346

Day 1: Fri, June 5 (±275 miles) Pierre - Groton

Day 2: Sat, June 6 (±200 miles) Groton - Madison

8:30 am: Breakfast provided by Groton

9:30 am: **Groton** Post for the Program

10:00 am: Groton to Raymond (45 miles) – **arrive at 11:00 am in Raymond** for Lunch & Program

12:30 pm: Raymond to Huron (45 miles) – **arrive at 1:30 pm in Huron** for Program

2:00 pm: Fuel and KSU Huron to DeSmet (45 miles) – **arrive at 3:00 pm in DeSmet** for Refreshments & Program

3:45 pm: DeSmet to Arlington (35 miles) – **arrive at 4:30 pm in Arlington** for Program

5:00 pm: Arlington to Madison (30 miles) – **arrive at 5:45 pm in**

Madison for Dinner & Program

Hotel: AmericInn Madison, 504 SE 10th St. Call: 605 646-2689

Day 3: Sun, June 7 (±275 miles) **Madison to Burke**

8:30 am: Fuel

9:00 am: Madison to Egan (60 miles) – **arrive in Garretson at 10:00 am** for Post Monthly Breakfast (Omelets) & Program

10:50 am: Garretson to Sioux Falls (30 miles) – **arrive at 11:20 am in Sioux Falls** for Monthly Pancake Fundraiser and Program

12:10 pm: Fuel & KSU Sioux Falls to Ethan (55 miles) – **arrive at 1:20 pm in Ethan** for Program

2:30 pm: Fuel and KSU Ethan to Wagner (50 miles) - **arrive at 3:30 pm in Wagner** for Program

4:45 pm: Fuel and KSU Wagner to Gregory (70 miles) – **arrive at 6:00 pm in Gregory** for Dinner & Program

Hotel Change: L Two Lodging, 743 W 7th St, Burke (8 miles)
Group for Ride 605 \$75 +tax - \$82.78 Phone: 605-775-2654

Day 4: Mon, June 8 (±225 miles)

8:30 am: Fuel & KSU Gregory to Winner (35 miles) – **arrive at 9:30 am in Winner** for Breakfast & Program

10:15 am: Winner to Oacoma (60 miles) – **arrive at 11:30 am in Oacoma**

11:30 am: **AI's Oasis** for Lunch

12:30 pm: Fuel & KSU Oacoma to Chamberlain Veterans Park (20 miles) – **arrive at 12:45 in Chamberlain** for Program

1:30 pm: Chamberlain to Pierre (Ft Thompson, Lower Brule, Route 1806 – scenic route (110 miles)

3:30 pm: Arrive in Pierre – Capitol Lake – end of the ride

TEE OFF FOR A CAUSE — JOIN THE 2026 AMERICAN LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Get ready to hit the fairways for one of the most anticipated events of the year! The Department of South Dakota American Legion Golf Tournament returns on September 26, 2026, and this year promises bigger prizes, more camaraderie, and an unforgettable day on the green, all in support of the American Legion's mission.

We're taking over Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City, with check-in at 12pm and 1pm shotgun start. After the last putt drops, the celebration continues with an Awards Banquet at Post 22, where we'll honor the day's champions and enjoy food and fellowship.

You Don't Want to Miss This: 🏆 Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place, 🎯 Hole Prizes throughout the course, 🎰 Raffle drawings packed with great items, 💰 A jaw-dropping **\$10,000 Hole-In-One Prize!** Build Your Team. This is a 4-man scramble, perfect for golfers of all skill levels. \$500 per team includes: 18 holes of golf, Cart, Range balls & Dinner reception. At least one team member must be part of the American Legion Family.

Complete your team registration form and mail payment to:

American Legion Post 22

P.O. Box 895

Rapid City, SD 57709

Memo: GOLF TOURNAMENT

Questions? Contact: Jackie Miller, Post 22 Adjutant,
post22adjutant@gmail.com, 209-740-9049

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

HQ needs assistance in digitizing all Department Convention Proceeding and resolutions. We need 3-4 good Legionnaires scan in all the proceedings and resolutions to preserve them in one location and allow for better access. Also, HQ is cleaning out the basement. Following the SD Historical Society receiving much of the DEPT History it is time for some Spring Cleaning. HQ needs 3-4 good Legionnaires willing to help get rid of broken, obsolete or otherwise unserviceable furniture and equipment along with no longer need documents and records. If interested, please contact the Adjutant.

State Convention Cutoff

	2026	2026		2026	2026		2026	2026
	Memb	Delegate		Memb	Delegate		Mem	Delegate
DISTRICT 1			DISTRICT 4 - CONT.			White Lake	23	2
						Wessington	33	3
Lead	77	4	Hecla	22	2	Alpena	15	2
Belle Fourche	27	3	Doland	20	2	Kimball	54	3
Sturgis	249	7	Leola	67	3	DeSmet	136	5
Lemmon	72	3	Redfield	120	4	Howard	89	4
Bullhead #82	20	2	Selby	60	3	Oldham	0	0
Timber Lake	20	2	Faulkton	24	2	Emery	14	2
Faith	11	2	Warner	35	3	Pukwana	0	0
Isabel	29	3	Conde	43	3	Mt. Vernon	32	3
McLaughlin	24	2	Northville	16	2	Erwin	16	2
Dupree	11	2	Mellette	16	2	Badger	25	2
McIntosh	17	2	Herreid	33	3	Ethan	101	4
Buffalo	22	2	Eureka	64	3	Virgil	14	2
Spearfish	187	6	Hosmer	68	3	Iroquois	58	3
Newell, Nisland, Vale	17	2	Stratford	38	3	Totals	1,873	95
Little Eagle	8	2	Cresbard	28	3			
Bison	28	3	Brentford	10	2	DISTRICT 7		
Thunder Hawk	49	3	Roscoe	37	3			
Eagle Butte	31	3	Claremont	31	3	Sioux Falls	1,318	28
Piedmont	214	6	Bowdle	32	3	Garretson	185	6
Box Elder	105	4	Frederick	12	2	Madison	182	6
Bullhead #324	11	2	Long Lake	16	2	Harrisburg	104	4
Totals	1,229	65	Mansfield	8	2	Canton	31	3
			Tulare	20	2	Humboldt	56	3
DISTRICT 2						Dell Rapids	181	6
			Totals	1,416	85	Flandreau	20	2
Wood	8	2				Beresford	68	3
Rapid Ctiy Post 22	530	13				Alcester	13	2
Kadoka	23	2				Egan	24	2
Custer	89	4				Nunda	8	2
Hot Springs	316	8	DISTRICT 5			Bridgewater	17	2
Murdo	26	3				Hartford	95	4
White River	30	3	Milbank	131	5	Trent	21	2
Rosebud	6	2	Watertown	379	9	Hudson	72	3
Midland	13	2	Bryant	49	3	Valley Springs	78	4
Belvidere	0	0	Webster	120	4	Elk Point	43	3
Hill City	19	2	Rosholt	19	2	Chester	62	3
Edgemont	19	2	Clear Lake	58	3	Salem	70	3
Philip	61	3	Sisseton	208	6	Montrose	106	4
Oelrichs	0	0	Clark	43	3	Wentworth	16	2
Martin	74	3	Wilmot	30	3	Canistota	19	2
Wall	27	3	Brookings	141	5	Lennox	74	3
Pine Ridge	0	0	Veblen	52	3	Baltic	62	3
New Underwood	25	2	Britton	52	3	Worthing	16	2
Kyle	0	0	White	90	4	Colton	34	3
Wanblee	0	0	Pierpont	8	2	Ramona	15	2
Batesland	13	2	Astoria	15	2	Tea	58	3
Mission	2	2	Bradley	8	2	Colman	25	2
Porcupine	2	2	Gary	92	4	Renner	52	3
Parmelee	1	2	Willow Lake	27	3	Brandon	50	3
St Francis	2	2	Volga	159	5	North Sioux City	52	3
Draper	9	2	Waubay	30	3	Sioux Falls Post 911	37	3
Manderson	3	2	Langford	16	2	Totals	3,264	129
Hermosa	100	4	Carpenter	12	2	DISTRICT 8		
Norris	0	0	Lily	0	0	Vermillion	55	3
Allen	0	0	Strandburg	10	2	Tyndall	44	3
Rapid City Post 320	53	3	New Effington	54	3	Lake Andes	7	2
Totals	1,451	75	Estelline	58	3	Wagner	148	5
			Elkton	24	2	Yankton	165	5
DISTRICT 3			Bruce	29	3	Wakonda	103	4
			Raymond	29	3	Hurley	22	2
			Hayti	31	3	Parker	0	0
Gregory	93	4	Big Stone City	129	5	Centerville	54	3
Pierre	260	7	Aurora	21	2	Alsen	0	0
Ft Pierre	52	3	Castlewood	52	3	Armour	34	3
Burke	21	2	Roslyn	25	2	Geddes	44	3
Highmore	26	3	Andover	6	2	Platte	71	3
Bonesteel	26	3	Grenville	27	3	Viborg	14	2
Miller	46	3	Agency Village	39	3	Springfield	65	3
Blunt	10	2				Tripp	50	3
Onida	43	3				Avon	31	3
Presho	8	2				Menno	73	3
Dallas	27	3	Totals	2,273	117	Scotland	32	3
Gettysburg	74	3				Davis	14	2
Colome	65	3				Tabor	43	3
Vivian	18	2	DISTRICT 6			Irene	37	3
Hoven	68	3				Parkston	89	4
Witten	5	2	Chamberlain	88	4	Marion	41	3
Winner	286	8	Plankinton	42	3	Gayville	20	2
Kennebec-Reliance	61	3	Huron	225	6	Freeman	10	2
Fairfax	10	2	Wessington Springs	79	4	Delmont	39	3
Herrick	30	3	Gann Valley	14	2	Greenwood	16	2
Polo	32	3	Mitchell	262	7	Corsica	46	3
Totals	1,261	67	Stickney	31	3	Pickstown	13	2
			Woonsocket	43	3	Chancellor	59	3
			Alexandria	37	3	Springfield Prison Post	22	2
			Arlington	181	6		1,461	87
DISTRICT 4			Artesian	18	2			
			Wolsey	31	3	Totals	14,228	720
Mobridge	78	4	Canova	21	2	Headquarters Post	197	0
Aberdeen	378	10	Lake Preston	129	5	Department Totals	14,425	720
Groton	53	3	Hitchcock	21	2			
Rockham	27	3	Letcher	41	3			
Columbia	38	3						
Ipswich	22	2						