



Past Department Commander William “Bill” Dolan Remembered



William “Bill” Dolan
Past Department Commander,
1996-1997

William “Bill” Dolan was born April 15, 1932 in Union County, South Dakota to Joseph and Elizabeth (Buryanek) Dolan. He died suddenly May 8, 2019 in Beresford at the age of 87 years and 23 days.

Bill was raised on the family farm where he attended country

school and graduated from Beresford High School. He enlisted in the US Navy and served during the Korean War. Upon his honorable discharge, Bill returned to work with his dad on the farm.

He married Joan Hillrichs on July 13, 1957. Bill farmed his whole life. After they moved into Beresford in 2003 Bill continued to help his son Terry and his grandson Andrew on the farm.

He was life member of the VFW and American Legion where he served as State Commander from 1996 to 1997. In his earlier years he enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing; most recently he and Joan loved to go fishing as much as they could. Always enjoying a good visit, Bill and Joan could be found most mornings having coffee with friends in Beresford or Alcester.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 62 years, Joan Dolan of Beresford; his three children, Terry (Laurie) Dolan of Beresford, Leslie (Daniel) Gill of Lincoln, NE and Troy (Michelle) Dolan of Sioux Falls; five grandchildren, Lindsey (Chad) Oates, Andrew Dolan, Timothy Dolan, Brittany Gill and Trevor Gill and three step-great-grandchildren, Carter Jenness and Parker and Gracelynn Oates.

His parents, one brother, Duane Dolan and one sister, Rosamond Lind preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial for Bill was 10AM Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Beresford. Burial with military honors followed at St. Joseph of Emmet Catholic Cemetery. Rest in Peace, Commander.

Brigadier General Marlette Named New Adjutant General

PIERRE, S.D.—South Dakota has a new Commander of its Air and Army National Guard.

Governor Kristi Noem announced that Brigadier General Jeffrey Marlette will take over as adjutant general on June 8, 2019. He will replace Major General Tim Reisch, who is retiring after heading up the Guard since 2011.

Marlette will have about 4,200 soldiers and airmen under his command and 950 full time federal and state employees that are able to respond in times of state and national emergency.

“General Marlette is a leader and a public servant,” Noem stated. “He shares my vision for our National Guard, and together we’ll work to enhance recruiting and training and ensure our troops are ready for any and all missions that come their way.”

“It’s an honor to serve our state and our governor in this role,” said Marlette. “We have the best soldiers and airmen in the country, and I intend to continue this tradition of success and look for ways to better prepare the men

and women of the National Guard for the future missions we will be asked to undertake.”

Marlette began his military service when he enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1980. He received his commission through the South Dakota Military Academy Officer Candidate School in 1982.

Marlette has commanded the 235th General Supply Company; the 2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery; the Joint Forces Headquarters; and the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

During his tenure as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, the battalion was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation for its support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In April 2007, Marlette was named the first commander of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, commanding in excess of 2,200 South Dakota Army National Guard soldiers. Marlette assumed duties as assistant adjutant general for the Army National Guard in April 2011, serving as the commanding general for 3,200 soldiers.

Since 2015, Marlette has served as West River regional director for U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, supporting the senator’s work on the Senate Armed Services and Senate Veterans Affairs committees.

In his civilian career, Marlette led Gettysburg School District as superintendent and elementary principal and later held a similar role in New Underwood School District.

General Marlette has memberships in the following organizations: School Administrators of South Dakota, Field Artillery Association of the United States, National Guard Association of South Dakota (Life Member), National Guard Association of the United States (Life Member), United States Army War College Alumni Association (Life Member), Northern State University Alumni Association as well as a Paid-Up-For-Life member of the Ralph Leui Post #135 of Gettysburg, SD. Congratulations on your new appointment, Brigadier General Marlette—we are proud to call you a fellow Legionnaire!



Brigadier General Jeffrey P. Marlette



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Four Districts Elect District Commanders

**District Vice Commanders and County Commanders Also Elected*



**District 1 Commander
David Booze
Post #311, Piedmont**



**District 3 Commander
LeRoy Madsen
Post #8, Pierre**



**District 5 Commander
Matt Lagerstrom
Post #88, White**



**District 7 Commander
Rodney Smith
Post #136, Chester**

During the 2019 Spring District Conventions, new leadership was elected in the odd-numbered Districts. Additionally, new leadership in all counties across the Department were elected. The District commanders and Vice commanders will serve a two-year term; county leadership will serve a one-year term in their positions.

Elected to serve as District Commanders and District Vice Commander Commanders were the following individuals:

District 1 - David Booze of Piedmont, Commander. Jon MacDonald of Box Elder, Vice Commander.

District 3 - LeRoy Madsen of Pierre, Commander, Steve Stier of Onida, Vice Commander

District 5 - Matt Lagerstrom of White, Commander. Krisma DeWitt of Castlewood, Vice Commander

District 7 - Rod Smith of Chester, Commander, Kevin Hempel of Sioux Falls, Vice Commander

Elected as New County Commanders were:

District 1 - Butte County Commander William Monohan; Vice Commander Jake Dell, Corson County Commander Don Tomac, Dewey County Commander Perry Keller, Harding County Commander Josh Klempel, Lawrence County Commander Doug Henwood; Vice Commander William Johnson, Mead County Commander Darrel Barry; Vice Commander Ken Mowrer, Perkins County Commander Jens Hanson; Vice Commander Bob Crow, Ziebach County Commander Harold Veit

District 2 - Custer County Commander Ralph Sowder; Vice Commander Grant Serna, Oglala Lakota County Commander Patrick Yellow Hair, Pennington County Commander Don Fuller; Vice Commander Christopher Rendon, Todd County Commander Wayne Bear Shield; Vice Commander Dion Reynolds

District 3 - Gregory County Commander Roland Holub; Vice Commander Dale Reber, Hughes County Commander Ollie Redden; Vice Commander Mike Mehlhaff, Lyman County Commander Wayne Monson; Vice Commander Dave Miller, Potter County Commander Francis Karst; Vice Commander Tony Larson, Stanley County Commander Larry Manke; Vice Commander Charles Marquardt, Sully County Commander Steve Stier; Vice Commander Jim Whitehurst, Tripp County Commander Jeff Hrabanek; Vice Commander Terry Cousins

District 4 - Brown County Commander Sam Olson; Vice Commander Tom Perrizo, Campbell County Commander Steve Scheutzle; Vice Commander Dennis Huber, Edmunds County Commander Ken Vilhauer; Vice Commander Ron Hoffer, Faulk County Commander Wayne Vetter, McPherson County

Commander Clifford Lilly; Vice Commander Derald Mack, Spink County Commander Ted Kimball; Vice Commander Dave Mendal, Walworth County Commander Justin Loesch; Vice Commander Jack Walth

District 5 - Clark County Commander Darin Lewis; Vice Commander Rob McGraw, Codington County Commander Shelli Romeu; Vice Commander Jose Romeu, Day County Commander Paul Peterson, Deuel County Commander Joe Uckert; Vice Commander Albert Backert, Grant County Commander Noel Cummins; Vice Commander Mark Sieverson, Hamlin County Commander Dave Schaefer; Vice Commander Ken Williams, Marshall County Commander Mike Kraft; Vice Commander Hans Nelson, Roberts County Commander Calvin Hove; Vice Commander Bob Johnston

District 6 - Aurora County Commander Robert Lacey; Vice Commander Cynthia Hoffman, Beadle County Commander Bob Brodkorb/ Vice Commander Jerold Zerfoss, Brule County Commander Ken Anderson; Vice Commander LaVaun Holan, Davison County Commander Virgil Schoenfelder; Vice Commander Joe Puetz, Jerauld County Commander Katie Caffee; Vice Commander Melissa Schimke, Miner County Commander Jerry Adler; Vice Commander Terry Lee, Sanborn County Commander David Kogel; Vice Commander Duane Peterson

District 7 - Lake County Commander Dean Hansen, Lincoln County Commander Linda Hessaa; Vice Commander Jim Upshaw, McCook County Commander Bob Condon; Vice Commander Jelene Wipf, Minnehaha County Commander Gary Lyngen; Vice Commander Ed Hruska, Union County Commander Lyle Savey

District 8 - Bon Homme County Commander Paul Weidenbach; Vice Commander Richard Beringer, Charles Mix County Commander Mark Gau; Vice Commander Arnold Horner, Clay County Commander Clinton Meadows; Vice Commander Emery Wasley, Hutchinson County Commander Robert Rennolet; Vice Commander Dan Auch, Turner County Commander Jennifer VanRoekel; Vice Commander Gary Dykstra, Yankton County Commander Wayne Brandt; Vice Commander John Darcy

Congratulations from Department Leadership to these outstanding Legionnaires. We wish them well on their new positions, and encourage each one to look for new ways to make our Legion better!

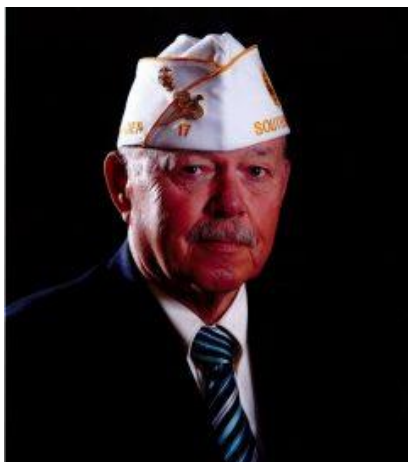
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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

These Annual Committee Reports are submitted and printed in the South Dakota Legion News in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of The American Legion Department of South Dakota Constitution.

Annual Report of the Department Commander



Denny Brenden

Legionnaires,

This will be my final column as your State Commander. I truly want to thank everyone for the courtesy and hospitality you showed myself and Roxy as we attended a function at your Post, District or State function this past year. I have done my best to uphold the honor and integrity of The American Legion at every function attended.

After election to State Commander in June, the year started when I attended the VFW Convention, Youth Trooper Academy and a Pow Wow at Little Eagle. The baseball champion-

ships followed where I was present at both tournaments along with the Golf State tournament.

We went into Indianapolis in July and again in October for the membership meeting and State Commanders seminar. I was part of a group that represented the American Legion Department of South Dakota in Groton, Connecticut, at the dedication of the Submarine USS South Dakota, the most technology sophisticated boat in all our fleet. What an honor to be at this event.

I've attended the sixteen District meetings, Midwinter Conference, District Commanders Seminar, Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention, DAV Convention, Boys State, all the various Department committee and commission meetings, South Dakota American Legion Foundation Meetings, parades, Post meetings and anniversary celebrations, South Dakota Veterans Council Meetings, Washington DC Conference, National Convention in Minneapolis, Pow Wows and the National Commander's tour across our State, including the Reservation Native American Posts. I've installed many Post, County, District and State Officers. I've been at many other functions representing the American Legion. Also, will be the Memorial Day Speaker at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

We started this year with a membership goal of 20,001. As I am writing this column, we are just under 18,200. We need approximately 1,800 members to achieve this goal. We have until December 31, 2019, to reach it. I urge all Legionnaires not to give up on this goal. It is achievable. This isn't exactly where I wanted the Department to be at this time but it is a step forward from where we were at.

I need to thank our two State Vice Commanders for the job they have done. They went way beyond what I asked them to do. I asked them to sign up 3 new members and between the two of them they signed up about 150 new members. Just think where our Department would be if all Leadership would have put forth this type of effort. Both these Commanders are true leaders and believe in the American Legion.

A thank you to my Marine comrade, District 2 Commander Eugene Iron Shell. He signed up over 50 new members and took District 2 from being on the bottom of the membership standings to close to the top. He had 14 Posts in District 2 come in at or over goal. This is a fantastic job. I love seeing our Native American brothers and sisters coming back to The American Legion. We need them and they need us. We've had many Legionnaires and Posts do great things in membership this year and would like to thank them for all their efforts.

I would like to thank Adjutant Travise, Judy, Mary Jo and Courtney for all the work they do to keep The American Legion running smoothly. Excellent staff and we all should be proud of them.

We have the largest and most powerful veteran's organization in the world and we need to share this with other veterans. The brotherhood that we had in the military is as close as signing up in The American Legion. Think of how you became a member and how much of an impact it has made on you and your life and share it with other veterans. Be proud to be a member of The American Legion. It has been an honor to be your State Commander and look forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in Sioux Falls in June.

For God and Country,

Denny Brenden,
Department Commander

Annual Report of the Employment Chairman



Gary Warne

Commander Brenden,

The Employment Committee can report a so-so 2018-2019 American Legion year as we were not able to award each of the employment awards.

The Employer of Veterans Award has 2 winners. First for the small employer (50 or fewer employees) Veteran award went to Lance Trucking, Inc., of Volga, SD. The nomination was made by the Jacob A. Heinrich Post 170 of Herreid. The large Veteran Hiring award winner (201 plus) goes to Regal Hub City Inc., of Aberdeen, SD. This nomination was submitted by Sidney L. Smith Post 24 of Aberdeen.

Congratulations to each employer for hiring veterans. No nominations were received for Hiring of the Disabled nor for Older Workers.

The Employment Committee for this past year is: Patrick Steele, Aberdeen; Bob King, Hermosa; Leon Josephson, Arlington; Hugh Holmes, PDC, Huron; Krisma Dewitt, Castlewood; and myself of Aberdeen. Thank you for agreeing to serve the American Legion!

Thank you Commander for allowing me to serve as the employment chair. Hopefully each Post will resolve to seek out employers who hire Veterans, Older Workers and The Disabled. This is an excellent way to recognize and show your appreciation of their hiring practices.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Warne
Employment Chairman

Annual Report of the Trust Fund Chairman



Randy Rakness

Mr. Commander,

The Trust Fund has shown a positive growth for the year. 2018 was showing the global slowdown, but has recovered nicely in 2019. The committee met once this past year and continue to feel that the conservative balance for the portfolio is good. The fund has averaged 2.16% annual yield. In 2018, \$50,000 was withdrawn for the cemetery fund to fulfill the Legion commitment.

The year end market value as of April 30, 2018 was \$456,558, compared to a year end market value on April 30, 2019 of \$422,095.

The current asset allocation for the trust is as follows:

Cash Alternatives is 6% which currently yields 2.16%;
Fixed Income 30.3% with an average yield of 3.71%;
Equities is 44.8% with an average yield of 1.36%;
Real Assets is 3.9% with an average yield of 2.00%;
Alternative investments 14.8% with an average yield of 1.43%.
Miscellaneous .2% with an average yield of 2.18%

The committee met with the new investment manager and agreed to monitor the fund as needed in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Rakness
Chairman, Trust Committee

Annual Report of the Department Historian



Fred Lee

Commander Brenden,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Department Historian. I am working on the Department History for this year so you will have a remembrance of your year as State Commander. I will also assist those who are working to put their histories together or online for the 101st State Convention of The American Legion.

Post Historians should be finalizing their Post Histories now for the History Book contest at the State Convention in Sioux Falls in June. Entries in the One-Year Post Narrative and One-Year Post Yearbook will be judged by myself and other historians at the convention. Your entry should cover this past year's term of your Post Commanders election to the end of his or her term.

In order to judge the entries received, I need them turned in to myself or left at the Convention registration desk no later than 1 pm on Friday, June 7th, in order to be judged. Guidelines and advice can be found in the Post Officers guide.

Make sure you include a complete copy of the entry form for each entry. These forms can be found on the Legion's home page under "FORMS". Look for the "Post History Forms". Plaques will be presented to the first, second and third place winners.

I would encourage all posts to put together a post history, either in book form or online. Unfortunately, there is not a category for judging online histories yet. I thank all historians and Post members for their hard work and commitment in preparing these books. Your Post members will appreciate your hard work in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Lee
Department Historian

101st Annual Department Convention
 The American Legion Department of South Dakota
 Sheraton Hotel / Sioux Falls Convention Center
 Sioux Falls, SD
 June 6-9, 2019

State Convention Schedule of Events


Thursday, June 6
 10:00 a.m. Finance Commission Meeting – Meeting Room 1
 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Meeting Room 1
 4:30 p.m. Membership Council Meeting – Meeting Room 1
 6:00 p.m. PDC Dinner – Ramada

Friday, June 7
 8:00 a.m. Registration – Lobby
 9:00 a.m. Honor Guard Competition
 10:00 a.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting– Meeting Room 3
 11:30 a.m. SDALPA Luncheon – Meeting Room 11
 1:30 p.m. Americanism Committee – Meeting Room 1
 Rehabilitation Committee – Meeting Room 2
 Credentials Committee – Meeting Room 11
 Employment Committee – Meeting Room 12
 Rules Committee – Meeting Room 13
 Internal Organization Committee – Meeting Room 8
 Next Meeting Place Committee–Meeting Room 3
 Legislative Committee – Meeting Room 14
 National Security Committee – Meeting Room 9
 4:00 p.m. Legion Riders – Meeting Room 11
 5:00 p.m. Go Getter Reception – The Point
 7:00 p.m. Go Getter Dinner – The Point
 8:00 p.m. Fun Auction – Meeting Rooms 11-14

Saturday, June 8
 8:00 a.m. Registration – Lobby
 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session – Ballroom A
 3:30 p.m. Session Ends
 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service–Meeting Room 11-14
 5:00 p.m. Joint Banquet Reception – Ballroom A
 6:00 p.m. Joint Banquet – Ballroom A
 8:00 p.m. Joint Dance – Ballroom A

Sunday, June 9
 8:00 a.m. Registration – Lobby
 9:00 a.m. Convention Business Session – Ballroom A
 11:45 a.m. State Convention Sweepstakes Drawing
 12:00 p.m. Elections - Ballroom A
 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Ballroom A

SAL MEETS SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M.
 Meeting Room 3
 Meeting Room 5 is reserved for Department HQ
 Office Computers/Printers
 Auxiliary using Meeting Room 5 on Thursday



HRTG-VA ACTING PROGRAM COORDINATOR MAKES PIERRE SITE VISIT



Above, L to R. Ron Baumgart, Andy Sharp, Johnathon Coble Harrison, Royce R. Loesch, Barb Cline, Lisa Johnson, Post 20 Commander, Kim Hallock and Post 20 Adjutant, Eugene Collette III. Below: Map showing eligible counties for the HRTG program run by Post #20.

By Royce R. Loesch

Johnathon Coble Harrison, Highly Rural Transportation Grants (HRTG) Acting Program Coordinator, VHA Member Services' Veterans Transportation Program (VTP) recently made a Site Visit at the River Cities Public Transit Bus Terminal in Pierre. The purpose of the visit was to meet with and perform an audit of the Stanley Post 20 Transportation Program for military veterans who live in Highly Rural Counties in South Dakota. Royce Loesch, Stanley Post 20 American Legion HRTG Program Director, said that during the meeting in Pierre on May 7 – 8th, Johnathon Coble Harrison announced to the group that the 10 final rural counties which are left in South Dakota will become part of the Transportation Program as soon as funding becomes available sometime in the next few months. That will bring the total number of counties serviced and administered by Stanley Post 20 American Legion, through the VHA grant program to 34. Loesch said, "The counties served in their HRTG program presently are Stanley, Dewey, Ziebach, Perkins, Harding, Butte, Haakon, Jones, Lyman, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Bennett, Potter, Sully, Hyde, Hand, Buffalo, Spink, Clark, Kingsbury, Jerauld, Sanborn, and Miner. They will ultimately be serving Campbell, McPherson, Edmonds, Faulk, Marshall, Day, Aurora, Mellette, Tripp and Gregory counties."

Mr. Harrison talked to the Transportation group about a software program that may be offered in the future which is called the 'VTP VetRide Transportation Solution' which will contain an Administrative Portal'. The portal would be used for immediate request approval/denials, tracking of metrics, and alleviate up front verifications with VHA facilities. Grantees would have the option to utilize the tool using grant funds for licensing. He said if it becomes mandatory, his office would pay for the program which should be implemented within 60 days.

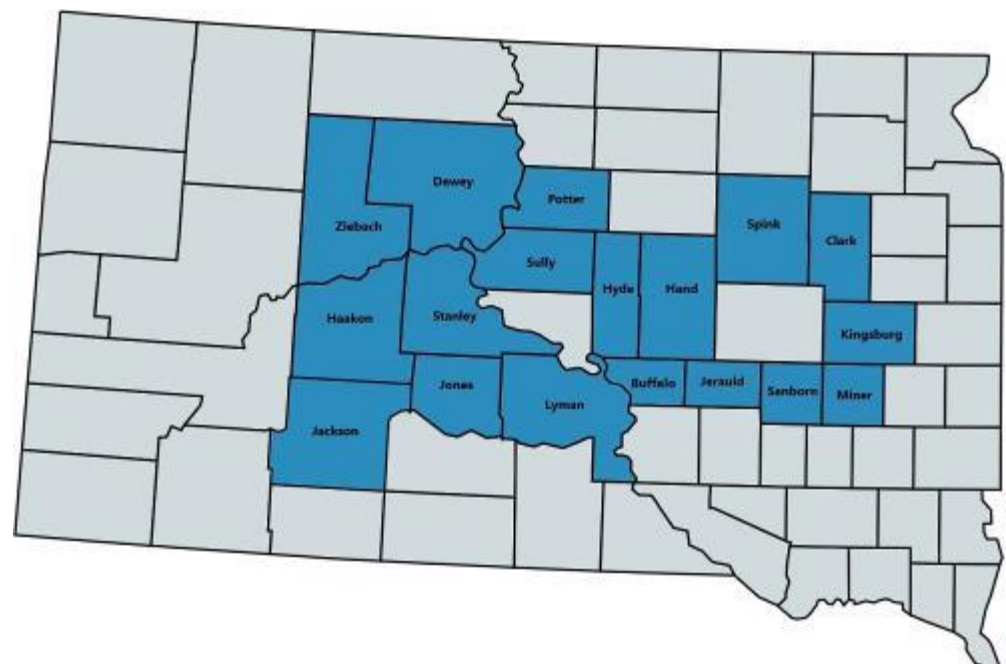
He also explained that VHA has been working yearly to not only extend the program but add authorities to the grant program that would aid in servicing more Veterans than currently authorized.

During the meeting, Mr. Harrison complimented Stanley Post 20 for the success of their program and their willingness to help all the veterans with their program.

Mr. Harrison also shared how studies of non-emergent medical transportation are showing the importance of transportation in health care. Due to these studies the health care community is beginning to take notice and discuss transportation as a part treatment plans due to its contribution to improved health outcomes and quality of life.

Royce Loesch said, "We discussed a lot of technical information and the meeting was considered a total success. Ron and Shellie Baumgart of River Cities Public Transit along with their employees did a great job of hosting the meeting along with Barb Cline and Lisa Johnson of (PHT) Prairie Hills Transit of Spearfish, S.D. who also were well represented."

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South Dakota Humanities Council Seeking Veterans Stories

BROOKINGS—South Dakota State University Veterans Affairs and the South Dakota Humanities Council are sponsoring a new veterans storytelling contest —called the Veterans Story Project —that will culminate with an awards ceremony at the South Dakota Festival of Books Oct. 4-6 in Deadwood.

While similar to the Veterans Writing Prize program conducted by SDHC in 2016 and 2017, the 2019 contest features a new partnership with SDSU and a dual submission format allowing participants to submit 3-5 minute oral stories recorded on video or written stories of up to 1,500 words (past contests accepted written submissions only).

Submissions will be accepted from May 10-August 15 for the Veterans Story Project, which is open to veterans or current service members of any branch of the United States military currently living in South Dakota. Submissions should consist of new, unpublished material addressing the military experience, such as recovery or lessons learned. Individuals may submit either a three-to five-minute video or up to 1,500 written words in any format —poetry, prose, fiction, creative nonfiction, etc.

Entries will be judged on content, not the production quality of videos or the technical quality of written content. "There are many benefits for veterans to share their story through creative writing or any other humanities driven experience that can encourage healing, release or support others," said Connie Johnson, coordinator for Veterans Affairs at SDSU. Johnson is also the lone female Purple Heart recipient in North and South Dakota.

Three finalists in each category, written and video, will be invited to the South Dakota Festival of Books in Deadwood for a reading/showing of their work by U.S. Army veteran and author Brian Turner, who will announce the winners and hold a workshop specifically for veterans. Turner is one of many award-winning veteran authors who have appeared at the Festival of Books, which in the past has featured National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler.

The South Dakota Humanities Council, a statewide humanities organization that hosts the annual Festival, will work with the finalists to support their attendance at the Festival Oct. 5 in Deadwood. Writers do not need to attend the festival to submit work. A representative can read the author's work on the finalist's behalf. Each category winner receives a cash prize of \$500, second, \$300; and third, \$200. In addition, every veteran who submits a story receives one free ticket to Turner's writing workshop Oct. 4 in Deadwood.

Stories should be submitted to: Connie Johnson Coordinator for Veterans Affairs South Dakota State University Brown Hall Room 134 Brookings, SD 57007 For more information or questions, contact Johnson at connie.johnson@sdstate.edu or (605) 688-4700.



Above: Department Commander Denny Brenden and District 2 Legionnaire of the Year Doug Harris of Rapid City.

Right: Commander Brenden swears in the newly-elected County Commanders from District Two: Pennington County Vice Commander Christopher Rendon, Pennington County Commander Don Fuller, Custer County Commander Ralph Sowder, Fall River County Commander, Carl Sprinkle, Jr., and Oglala Lakota County Commander Patrick Yellow Hair.

District Commander Spotlight: District 2, Eugene Iron Shell Jr.

Legionnaires,

What a year we have had in the 2nd District. It is one of the largest, covering the following counties: Pennington, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Bennett, Jones, Mellette, and Todd. There are 31 posts, as well as two Reservations, the Rosebud Sioux and Oglala Sioux.

I told the Legionnaires of the 2nd District when I was elected that we would sit a little closer to the front at state convention. That we will. It was looking bleak for a while. We were 8th in the State. We got a push come mid-winter time. We are now 2nd and at 92% as of this writing.

Congratulations are in order for our District Legionnaire of the Year, Mr. Doug Harris of Post 22 in Rapid City. He is a graduate of the American Legion College and the current adjutant of his post. He does great things for the American Legion.

I want to acknowledge the Posts in 2nd District that have achieved 100% for 2019. They are: Allen Post 317, Midland Post 143, Wanblee Post 269, Murdo Post 75, Parmelee Post 295, Rosebud Post 125, Hermosa Post 303, Custer Post 46, Edgemont Post 172, New Underwood Post 256, Batesland Post 281, Kyle Post 265, Pine Ridge Post 251, Porcupine Post 294, and Manderson Post 302. Great job comrades.

We have two gold brigadiers this year in our district. State Vice-Commander Ed Thompson of Custer Post 46, and Eugene Iron Shell, Jr. of Rosebud Post 125. We concentrated a lot of our efforts to revitalizing the posts on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge. There are 7 posts within the boundaries of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. They are all at 100%. Post 251 in Pine Ridge is revitalized and they have excellent leadership in Mr. Bryan Brewer, commander and Shawnee Red Bear, adjutant. They meet monthly and are starting to conduct the business of the American Legion on the reservation.

We had members that have transferred to post everlasting. Dennis Spotted Tail served as post commander for Parmelee Post 295 for 14 years. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War Era. He was a loyal PUFL member and was at the first meeting of Post 295 in 1952. Frank Marshall was the adjutant of Post 251. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. May they Rest In Peace.

I want to thank Custer Post 46 for hosting an outstanding spring district meeting. They worked hard for almost a year to plan. Comrades Hone, Sowder, Mills and Herman, and all members of Post 46, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support and dedication.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all of my brothers and sisters in the American Legion who have supported me, especially Commander Dennis Brenden, Vice Commander Ed Thompson, PDC Terry Hanson, State Adjutant Travis Flisrand, Rolly Quam, Leon Josephson, Ken Tenuisen, Paul Douglas, PDC Hugh Holmes, Gene Opbroek, Don Fuller, Chris (from Post 320), Mike Ball, and especially the 2nd District Vice Commander Cynthia Douglas. There are many more too numerous to list. Thank you all.

I am a third generation member of the American Legion. The best job in the American Legion is district commander. I am honored and humbled to lead you wonderful Veterans during our centennial year. Know your post's history. Each post has a soul—a spirit—that will always be with you. Most are brave men who gave their lives in time of war. Lastly, be proud of the uniform that you wear. We are all members of the GREATEST VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. Semper Fidelis, For God and Country,

Eugene S Iron Shell, Jr.
 Chauncey Eagle Horn-Philip Iyotte Post 125 of Rosebud, South Dakota
 2nd District
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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Annual Report of the Legislative Committee Chairman



Employment Committee Chairman
Commander,

The annual South Dakota American Legion Legislative Committee meeting was held November 15th, 2018 via conference call. Present at this meeting were: State Commander Denny Brenden, Chairman PDC Rod Martens, PDC Gary Watts, PDC Rick Mac Donald, Doug Feltman, Royce Loesch and Department Adjutant Travis Flisrand.

Since there were no resolutions received at State Convention in 2018 requiring Legislative action, we recapped the Legislative achievements of 2018.

Chairman Martens invited Commander Brenden to speak. Commander Brenden welcomed the new member to the Committee, Doug Feltman. He said there are quite a few bills

out there; our policy is to speak only on bills we are supporting, and we do not have to speak on every bill. He thanked everyone for their contributions to this committee.

Chairman Martens asked Adjutant Flisrand to highlight the 2018 Legislative session and to discuss the South Dakota Veterans Council agenda items. Chairman Martens recommended Adjutant Flisrand, Doug Feltman and Kim Hallock be appointed as 2019 legislative lobbyists for the American Legion.

Three Legislative Roundtables were held in December in preparation for the 2019 legislative session. These roundtable discussions were held in Sioux Falls on December 12th, December 13th, in Watertown and December 15th, in Rapid City. Legislative Roundtables are set up each year for the members of the South Dakota Veterans Council to present their agendas to members of the legislature. All Legionnaires are invited and encouraged to attend. Because there were no legislative issues brought forth by the American Legion, we focused on other legislation brought forth concerning Veterans.

The Department Legislative Committee met at the Pierre Post 8 home, February 6th, 2019, prior to the Legislative reception. Present at the meeting were: State Commander Denny Brenden, Committee members: Doug Feltman, Royce Loesch and Department Adjutant Flisrand. Attending via conference call were Chairman Rod Martens, PDC Gary Watts and PDC MacDonald. Also, in attendance were PDC Paul Evenson, PDC Hugh Holmes, PDC Terry Hanson, Assistant Adjutant Dave Manning, Leon Josephson, Rolly Quam, Chris Van Delist and Bob Blum. Chairman Martens welcomed all in attendance and thanked them all for attending, especially with the bad road conditions due to the blizzard.

Chairman Martens invited Commander Brenden to speak. Commander Brenden welcomed everyone to another Legislative Committee meeting. He thanked the Committee for everything they do and how important the committee is because it changes lives. Chairman Martens asked Adjutant Flisrand to highlight 2019 legislative session and discuss the bills with the committee. Department Adjutant Flisrand went through each bill in the packet. Chairman Martens stated the Legislative Reception is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to engage with the Legislators, build rapport and speak about the items discussed during this meeting. Our hats are off to the members of Post 8 for their hospitality, and for making the legislative reception a huge success.

The following list contains the results of bills that the committee tracked and or supported:

HB 1007 - Revise certain provisions regarding the exemptions from the twelve-month residency requirement for university students. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1043 - Require the Department of Social Services to collect and report certain information regarding the military affiliation of a parent whose child is subject to a report of abuse or neglect. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1044 - Authorize certain children who are subject to a pending military relocation to apply for enrollment in a school district. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1080 - Increase the property tax exemption allowed for certain veterans with a disability and the surviving spouses of certain veterans with a disability. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1081 - Authorize certain paraplegic or amputee veterans or their surviving spouses to retain a property tax exemption without having to reapply each year. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1111 - Provide for professional or occupational licensure for certain active duty military personnel and spouses. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1171 - Allow certain veterans to attend courses offered at postsecondary technical institutes without payment of tuition. Passed Senate & House, however no conference committee assigned so bill died

HB 1201 - Revise provisions regarding group pheasant hunts for disabled veterans. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1203 - Authorize certain poker tournaments for restricted purposes. Deferred to 41st Day

HB 1257 - Authorize the Department of the Military to construct two storage buildings, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1260 - Make an appropriation to continue the veteran's bonus program and to declare an emergency. Signed by the Governor.

HB 1263 - Revise the appropriation for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center at the Rapid City Airport and to declare an emergency. Signed by the Governor.

HC 1007 -Honoring Calico Ducheneaux of Moberge, South Dakota Girls State Governor and Seamus Duffy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota Boys State Governor and commending the South Dakota American Legion and Auxiliary for their sponsorship and coordination of the Girls State and Boys State programs.

SB 9 - Provide for the Servicemember Firearms Protection Act. Failed vote in Senate Yeas-4 / Nays-31.

SB 58 - Authorize the Bureau of Administration to conduct a study of the Flaming Fountain on Capitol Lake, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency. Deferred to 41st day.

SCR 3 - Commending, honoring, and thanking South Dakota's numerous women veterans for their service to our country and state. Passed Senate & House.

I would like to thank members of the Legislative Committee and especially our Lobbyists – Adjutant Flisrand, Doug Feltman and Kim Hallock who spent a lot of time representing the American Legion as advocates for veterans' concerns. I would like to especially thank two long term former committee members, Gerry Goetzinger and Curt Halverson for their years of dedication and service to the Legislative Committee.

Commander, thank you for allowing me to serve as your chairman and to be a part of your successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Martens
Chairman, Department Legislative Committee

Annual Report of the National Cemetery Committee Chairman

Commander,

Greetings to Commander Brenden and all the SD American Legion family. 2018/2019 has been a great year at Black Hills National Cemetery. The legislation allowing the BLM to transfer the 100 plus acres on the north to the National Cemetery Administration finally passed, the President signed it and the title transfer has been completed. There was a smooth seamless transfer in the Director's chair at BHNC so the staff there continues to maintain the National Monument status. A new Viet Nam Memorial was dedicated on April 27th.

The SD Veterans' Cemeteries Support Council {that is responsible for maintaining the Avenue of Flags, the Carillon Tower and other such amenities outside the responsibility of the Cemetery staff} expended over \$7300 maintaining the Avenue of Flags in 2018 and has committed to a nearly \$9000 upgrade to the sound system hooked to the Carillon. This sound system is extremely important to the annual Memorial Day Program. All these expenses are paid for with donated money. Needless to say, it takes a consistent stream of generosity to pay for all these things.

As I close this report, I encourage the new Department Commander, elected at the June Convention in Sioux Falls, to seek out some new representation on the Cemetery Committee and the Support Council. I've served on the committee for a number of years and on the Support Council since 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lolley

National Cemetery Committee Chairman

Annual Report of the Boys State Director



Commander,

The 2019 South Dakota American Legion Boys State Session will commence on Sunday May 26th with Staff Training. Boys State Attendees will arrive on Monday May 27th and remain until closing ceremonies on Friday May 31st.

Northern State University has completed a large share of their upgrades to facilities, but some construction will still be continuing through this year's session. Some of the completed upgrades include new dormitories with air conditioning, larger rooms and more handicap accessibility. The new soccer field and practice football field is completed and will be the site for the new Boys State flagpole. A dedication ceremony for the new flagpole will be conducted on American Legion Day which is Thursday May 30th.

The staff, along with the NSU staff, have worked to provide college credits again this year for our Boys State attendees and are combining efforts on other programs to enhance the Boys State program.

Our numbers continue to decline and this year's projected attendance will be around the 240 mark. We are in the process of creating an incentive program for High School Counselors along with the possibility of other incentives to increase attendance.

I would like to thank those American Legion Posts who have sponsored a young man to attend the 2019 Boys State Session. I know in some cases it has been difficult to persuade a High School Junior to attend. We do appreciate your hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank the many staff members who volunteer their time not only during the Boys State Session but throughout the year to insure the program continues to be successful.

A special "THANK YOU" to Chief Justice David Gilbertson for his many years of volunteering. Chief Justice has an exceptional program for Boys State and I have looked to him numerous times in the last ten years for guidance. Chief Justice Gilbertson will retire after this year. We wish him well and thank him for his tremendous contribution to the Boys State Program.

Respectfully submitted;

Gene Opbroek

Director, South Dakota Boys State Program

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Annual Report of the Americanism Commission Chairman



Larry Madsen

Commander Brenden;

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department Americanism Chairman. Your support and leadership have contributed to the success of this Vital pillar of the American Legion.

I am grateful for the direction provided by the Americanism Commission members. Together we guide and monitor the American Legion Americanism programs. But, I am most proud and humbled by the Legionnaires who carry out leadership and patriotic events in Posts across this State.

We are truly committed to our youth through programs under the umbrella of the American Legion Americanism Pillar such as the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, American Legion Youth Baseball, American Legion Boys State, American Legion Youth Trooper Academy and Scouting. Our Posts sponsor Flag Education and Citizenship Awards in our schools. We are reaching youth in ways they are used to communicating through Facebook, emails, websites, text and other electronic communications. Registration for Boys State and the Youth Trooper Academy has been accomplished from their smart phones or computers.

The Boys State manual is now available in pdf format to anyone with a computer or smart phone. Dedicated experienced Volunteers will be on site to interact with Boys State Citizens during the week at Northern State University May 27 – May 31. Northern State University brings students into their Media Center to experience the great potential of that facility. Boys State is celebrating its 77th year at NSU.

The Oratorical Scholarship Program continues to flourish. Our Department winner competed in the American Legion National Oratorical Contest along with 53 other Department winners.

The Youth Trooper academy Program continues to grow. We are searching for ways to let school staff in every school in the state know of the availability of American Legion programs. Twenty Four High School Junior and Senior Girls and Boys will be invited to participate in a week long experience at the SD Department of Criminal Investigation facility in Pierre in June. Thank you Larry Price for your leadership as liaison with the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Thank you Post Americanism Officers for submitting your Post Americanism reports to the Department headquarters so the Americanism Commission could include them in their report. Sharing Post activities is a help to other Posts looking for ideas to strengthen their programs. The Commission will meet May 30 during Legionnaire Day at Boys State on the NSU campus.

The American Legion continues to collaborate with Scouting to inspire youth to achieve their goals. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm with which our youth develop competencies. Thank you Rick McDonald for your devotion to the Boy Scouts.

I look forward to seeing a good attendance at the Department convention in Sioux Falls. Let us hear how we can better service local Posts, communities and the State of South Dakota.

Thank you Commander Brenden for giving me the opportunity to represent the American Legion Department of South Dakota as your Department Americanism Chairman. Thank you to the Americanism Commission and the Americanism committee for your direction and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Madsen
Americanism Commission Chairman

Annual Report of the Department Adjutant



Travis Flisrand

Commander,

This report is being written and read to satisfy the requirement in the By-Laws that the Department Adjutant write and present at each annual convention, a report covering all activities not covered in the annual reports of Committee Chairs and other State American Legion officials.

The American Legion is a member of the South Dakota Veterans Council, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Veterans of America. The council meets four times a year to discuss issues involving the Veterans of South Dakota. The council's main goal is to standing together on Legislative bills to better improve the lives of veterans. This past year an endowment for the South Dakota State Cemetery in Sioux Falls was created by the Veterans Council. The money being managed by the South Dakota Community Foundation and the current value is over \$450,000, with the goal of having \$3,000,000 in the endowment by 2023.

The American Legion Foundation is in its ninth year and has a market value of approximately \$172,431. Donations continue to come in on a yearly basis from Legionnaires and Legion Posts. The fun auction is the single biggest fund raiser for the year. The foundation is a 501c3 tax exempt corporation and can receive donations from any companies and individual donors. The board of directors for the foundation has a goal of having \$1,000,000 in the endowment in 5 years. In January the Board of Directors met with Mike Rohan of Wisconsin concerning fundraising methods and marketing ideas to raise capital for the endowment. This training laid the groundwork for moving forward with the goal of increasing our endowed monies and hopefully reaching our goal.

The website for the South Dakota American Legion was rebuilt this past year due to security flaws on the old website. The new website has added features that enable visitors to get information easily and are now able to donate money to programs the Department manages. The effects of this redesign process is our website is now at the top of list for searches on the internet. We have been very proactive using social media to communicate to our members and those who support our organization. The Facebook page for the department currently reaches over 21,000 people every month giving us a very positive exposure for "Helping Children and Veterans".

State Headquarters Staff had a significantly better year compared to the last year. Judy Greenfield continues to be the backbone of the office and is a respected member of the team. MaryJo Boner has gotten her first year under her belt and has proved herself to be a great addition. Our search for an Assistant Adjutant was a slow process finding the right person. In the past month we have hired on our "volunteer" Dept. Service Officer to also be our Department Assistant Adjutant. She is working out of the Lake County Court house in Madison. We are currently working on a memorandum of understanding with Lake County to finalize this cooperative sharing of a Service Officer.

Mr. Commander, since most of the Committee Chairs and State Officers have filed complete reports published in the June issue of the South Dakota Legion News, most of the activities of the Department have been covered and reported on. I would like to congratulate you on a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Youth Trooper Academy Candidates Selected



This year 111 applications were received by the South Dakota Highway Patrol to participate in the Youth Trooper Academy in Pierre.

The class size in 2019 will have 24 candidates. Below is a list of the candidates that were selected and will attend the 2019 Youth Trooper Academy:

Jazlyn Millhouse of Piedmont, Brendan Anderson of Rapid City, Joshua Lesner of Miller, Jordan Spiers of St. Lawrence, Justin Bentz of Eureka, Maria Jenkins of Forbes, ND, Tait Logan of Frankfort, Connor Unterseher of Mobridge, Tasha Vohlken of Estelline, Brianna Jorgenson of Waubay, Dereck Molengraaf of White, Brandi Schuster of Veblen, Gavan Lindner of Watertown, Noah Hofer of Huron, Mason Wieman of Huron, Aaryn Harris of Brandon, Lauren Hanson of Worthing, Nadia Claussen of Sioux Falls, Colin Schnell of Sioux Falls, Tanner Gassman of Sioux Falls, Jack Harvison of Valley Springs, Trinity Johnson of Volin, Mayson Preheim of Marion, and Mitchell Slowey of Yankton.

Districts 5 & 7 each have 5 candidates selected to attend the academy, Districts 4 & 8 have 4 candidates. Districts 3 & 6 each have 2 candidates and Districts 1 & 2 each have 1 candidate selected to attend the academy.

The dates of the Youth Trooper Academy are June 24-28, 2019. The program is designed to expose young adults to the demands of Highway Patrol Recruit training and to develop better relationships between the youth of our state and the Highway Patrol. Veteran South Dakota Highway Patrol Troopers will serve as mentors and chaperones during the week.

Troopers and members from other law enforcement agencies throughout the state of South Dakota will provide classroom and hands-on training in topics such as firearms safety, defensive driving, crash investigation, traffic stops, leadership, defensive tactics, and criminal law. Youth Academy Recruits will also get to experience demonstrations from the Highway Patrol's special operations section such as aircraft operation, SWAT, and Police Service Dogs.

Iowa Youth Wins National American Legion Oratorical Contest

INDIANAPOLIS (April 7, 2019) - High school junior Patrick Junker of Waukee, Iowa, won an \$18,000 scholarship and The American Legion's 82nd annual National Oratorical Contest, "A U.S. Constitutional Speech Contest," April 7 in Indianapolis. It was a significant comeback after not advancing past the quarterfinal round during last year's contest, a loss he said that was "extremely influential." It gave him confidence and encouragement to write a prepared oration that he was passionate about, that he believed in – "The Spread of Constitutional Apathy and How to Quarantine It."

Throughout the weekend's competition, the contestants presented a rehearsed eight- to 10-minute oration on an aspect of the Constitution in front of judges, as well as a three- to five-minute speech on an assigned topic discourse — a phase of the Constitution selected from its Articles and Sections.

Second-place finish and a \$16,000 scholarship was awarded to Caleb Maue of Homer Glen, Ill., a home-schooled junior who was sponsored by Post 1080; and third-place finish and a \$14,000 scholarship was awarded to Eden Carnes of Friendsville, Tenn., a freshman at The Disco Institute who was sponsored by Post 70. Keilly Gunther of Aberdeen, South Dakota, was the South Dakota representative.

More than 6,000 high school students begin competition annually at The American Legion post-community level. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the contest.

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Mark Your Calendar

June 2019

- 4: Deadline for State Convention Resolutions to State Headquarters
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- 6: D-Day
- 6-9: **101st Department Convention, Sioux Falls Convention Center**
- 6: Department Finance Commission Meeting, Sioux Falls
- 6: Department Executive Committee Meeting, Sioux Falls
- 7: Convention Committee Meetings, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 7: Fun Auction, Sheraton, Sioux Falls
- 8: Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 8-9: State Convention General Sessions, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 9: Elections of Department Officers, Sioux Falls Convention Center
- 14: Flag Day. **This is an important membership target date.*
- 14: U.S. Army Birthday
- 16: Father's Day
- 21-22: VFW State Convention, Madison
- 24-28: Youth Trooper Academy, Pierre

July 2019

- 1. Deadline for Consolidated Post Reports to State Headquarters
- 4: **Independence Day.** State Headquarters Offices closed.
- 8: Deadline for National Convention Packets to State Headquarters
- 12: Department Finance Commission Meeting, Chamberlain, SD
- 13: Department Executive Committee Meeting, Chamberlain, SD
- 19-27: American Legion Boys Nation, Washington, D.C.
- 24-28: Jr. Shooting Sports National Championship, Colorado Springs
- 26-30: Class A Senior State Baseball Tournament, Mitchell, SD
- 26-30: Class A Junior State Baseball Tournament, Rapid City, SD

August 2019

- 2: American Legion Highway 281 Ride, ND Border
- 2-6: Class B Senior State Baseball Tournament, Lennox, SD
- 2-6: Class B Junior State Baseball Tournament, Groton, SD
- 4: Coast Guard Birthday
- 7: Purple Heart Day
- 8-10: Department Service Officer School — Indianapolis, IN
- 8-10: National Membership Workshop — Indianapolis, IN
- 15-20: American Legion World Series Baseball Tourney, Shelby, NC
- 18: Start of Legacy Run to National Convention in Lady Lake, FL
- 23-29: **101st Annual Legion National Convention, Indianapolis, IN**
- 26-29: SDDVA Annual Benefit School, Ramkota, Pierre, SD
- 29: Veterans Day, South Dakota State Fair, Huron, SD

VA Offers Free Registry to All Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange

If you think you had contact with Agent Orange, a toxic chemical used to clear trees and plants during the Vietnam War, or other herbicides while serving in the military, you can request a VA Agent Orange Registry health exam. Even if you don't have a known illness, the exam could alert you to illnesses that may be related to contact with herbicides. By being part of this registry, you're also helping your fellow Veterans by giving us information so we can better understand and serve those affected by Agent Orange-related illnesses.

To schedule your exam, contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator. If you qualify, you won't have to pay anything for this exam. It's free for qualified Veterans.

Sioux Falls VAMC Coordinator:
Mundy Jamison
(605) 336-3230 x7070
Mundy.Jamison@va.gov

Black Hills VAMC Coordinator:
Rosalinda Phares
(605) 745-2000 x2445
Rosalinda.Phares@va.gov

Annual Report of the Athletic Commission Chairman



Dan Sudbeck

Mr. Commander:

The SD American Legion Athletic Commission would like to thank all the Posts who hosted Athletic events this past year, for the upcoming events this year and for all the support given to the Commission by Department Commander Denny Brenden and all his staff.

Last year events went pretty with no weather issues and almost no problems at all our 4 State tournament sites. Special thanks goes out to Redfield, Pierre, Mitchell and Winner for hosting our 2018 St Tournaments. Congratulation to our 2018 St Tournament winners who are as follows: Dell Rapids-Sr B; R.C. Post 22-Sr A; Lennox-Jr B and Watertown-Jr A. Also would like to thank Wakonda for hosting our end of season golf tournament which again was lots of fun I was told by Elton and Gene. This event is designed to be more fun than competitive. Try it you will love it. I would also like to congratulate Hunter Johnson of Corsica who was our 2018 annual \$ 1000 baseball scholarship winner. This scholarship is awarded every year to a senior player but you must get and application on the American Legion website. We can always use more applicants.

The 2019 St Tournaments host are as follows: Mitchell Post 18-St A Sr July 26th thru July 30th; Lennox Post 174-St B Sr Aug 2nd thru Aug 6th; R.C. Post 320-Jr A July 26th thru July 30th and Groton Post 39-Jr St B Aug 9th thru Aug 11th. This year golf outing will be hosted by the Posts of Humboldt and Hartford either the first or second weekend after Labor Day and be played at the Links in Hartford.

At this years mid-winter meeting the following Posts were awarded St Tournament for 2020. Post 131 of Brandon/Valley Springs will host the St A Sr Tournament; Post 39 of Groton will host the St B Sr Tournament; Post 92 of Redfield will host the Jr St B and Post 8 of Pierre will host the St A Jr Tournament. The 2020 golf site has not been selected yet. If interested in hosting please contact Elton Blemaster or Gene Gillen.

Teams are currently registering now thru May 31st which is the last day to register, of the number of teams currently registered it looks like it should be similar to last years numbers. We will align teams either the first or second weekend of June.

What's happening: In my opinion one of the best moves we made as an organization is going from 9 inning games to 7 inning games, great change. I am still not sure on the pitch count, some coaches are ok with it, some are not especially at the Class B level, just not enough pitchers. Don't get me wrong I would like the pitch count for the regular season but would like the old way for post season. I sure it will not change. No foreseeable change in player ages or bats. We still need some help in out West Region. If interested please give me a call.

Mr. Commander that concludes my report and on behalf of the Commission it is our pleasure to serve on the committee of the Athletic Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Sudbeck
Athletic Commission Chairman

Annual Report of the Educational Loan Committee Chairman



Hugh Holmes

Mr. Commander,

This has been a marginal year for the Educational Loan Committee. In 2018, no loans were submitted or renewed. The committee reviewed three Educator of the Year nominations during May 2019. We selected Mr. Scott Beehler, Iroquois High School, as the 2019 South Dakota American Legion Educator of the Year.

The education loans offered by the Department of South Dakota, The American Legion, are in the amount \$1,500.00 each. A student is eligible for two loans with a maximum total amount of \$3,000.00. The loans are for secondary education, college or technical school, for veterans, children of veterans, and grandchildren of veterans who meet the requirements as set forth in the Education Loan brochure. In all cases, the veteran must be eligible to join The American Legion. The student must attend a higher education school in the state of South Dakota unless their plan of study not taught in any South Dakota school. The interest rate is 3% if the student starts repayment with 90 days of termination of school; otherwise, the rate is 8%. The fund is self-sustaining through the built-in revolving repayment systems and donations. We are currently reviewing the brochure and application processes. No monies were added to the fund from the Department's outside income programs. More specific details can be obtained from State Headquarters, your District Education Loan Chairperson, or a member of the state Education Loan Committee. The state committee consists of Jerry Mencke, Huron, Mike Elsberry, Tyndall, and Hugh Holmes, Mitchell.

The Education Loan Committee expresses our appreciation for the various memorials and donations received this past year, totaling \$305.00. We also thank the Department Executive Committee, State Headquarters, American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, and individuals throughout our great state.

Education Loan applications and brochures are available online at www.sdlegion.org.

Mr. Commander, thank you for letting me be the chairman of the Education Loan Committee. Airborne!

Respectfully Submitted,
Hugh W. Holmes
Chairman, Education Loan Committee

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Annual Report of the Children and Youth Chairman



Commander,

As our dynamics within the American Legion continue to grow in many ways, the Children & Youth program is following suit. The Temporary Financial Assistance grants are incredibly beneficial gifts that eligible families receive in a trying time. These grants are not only the veteran families last resort, but the stepping stone to help them back on their feet.

If you have a veteran family possibly in need, please take a moment to reach out to them about the Temporary Financial Assistance grant and how to apply if warranted. Applications can be obtained through the Department Headquarters website at www.sdlegion.org/form/sd-american-legion-tfa-form/ or you can contact me at 605-695-9122. Remember the applications start at post level and with YOU! You're the key to connecting us, and I will, with the utmost speed, continue the process of determining eligibility and granting assistance.

Miranda Krumm at www.sdlegion.org/form/sd-american-legion-tfa-form/ or you can contact me at 605-695-9122. Remember the applications start at post level and with YOU! You're the key to connecting us, and I will, with the utmost speed, continue the process of determining eligibility and granting assistance.

The Children & Youth program over the past year or so has had the pleasure of helping several families. In 2018, we had \$5922.62 given out in grants, and so far no requests in 2019. I also would like to mention that we utilized the National Temporary Financial Assistance program for a maximum of \$1,500 and it was approved again! Individual families may receive a grant maximum at state and national level totaling \$3,000.

This last Mid-Winter Convention I focused on raising funds for Temporary Financial Assistance. Over the convention \$1,500 was donated to the program that will make a difference to veteran families in need! THANK YOU! I encouraged leadership from all posts present to go back to their home posts and spread the message that the Children and Youth program (Temporary Financial Assistance program) depend on 100% donations and to consider bringing a donation to summer convention to show support from each and every post no matter how little the donation (or BIG). Togetherness is key!

This past year, as the Children & Youth Chairperson I have grown to appreciate each and every youth program, as each one highlights a child's strengths and pushes them towards a brighter future. Encourage your community to explore all these programs as most are no cost to the children. If you need material or information on any of the programs please contact me.

Lastly, thank you for allowing me to serve as the Children and Youth Chairperson. This position has been humbling and rewarding. The satisfaction of helping our youth is priceless.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Krumm
Children & Youth Chairman

Department Sees Boost in Annual Legionnaires Insurance Trust Disbursement



The Department of South Dakota received a welcomed surprise this year at the Annual Legionnaires Insurance Trust meeting, when the LIT presented a check for \$54,945.53. This was a significant jump from the previous year, thanks in large part to Legionnaires across the state signing up for their free accidental death policies, along with others.

To sign up, visit: <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>

Annual Report of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman



Commander,

On behalf of the Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission, which consists of Chairman Warren Aas of Watertown, Vice Chairman PDC Tim Jurgens of Milbank, Noel Cummins of Milbank, Jim Childers of Spearfish, Jerry Lolley of Sturgis, Dion Reynolds of Rosebud, Gary Schumacher of De Smet, and Rebecca Trygstad of Volga, it gives me great pleasure to present the following Department VA&R Commission report.

Warren L. Aas

What was known for many years as the Department VA&R Committee has now been revitalized and renamed the Department VA&R Commission to come more in line with our national organization as far as structure and purpose. Instead of a committee, we are now a commission with a goal to meet at least twice per year, once by teleconference and then a face-to-face meeting during our annual MidWinter Conference.

The purpose of the Department VA&R Commission is to #1 be more proactive in our posts and communities to help our veterans and their families that need our assistance. #2 we want to assist and formulate recommendations to our Department Executive Committee on policies, plans and programs dealing with outreach and support for our veterans. #3 we want to assist in helping with the activities and events that help assist our veterans in our communities. #4 we want to assist work alongside our South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) to ensure all eligible veterans are aware where they can go to get help and assistance with their VA claims. #5 we want to work with the family support system and assist any way we can.

The initial meeting of our Department VA&R Commission was by teleconference call on November 14, 2018. This was our initial meeting of the commission with the intent to introduce all commission members and to set some guidelines and goals as we proceed. Much of our focus will be to work hand-in-hand with our Department Legislative Committee.

Our second meeting was a face-to-face meeting during our MidWinter Conference in Spearfish in February 2019. We had as a guest speaker, our newly appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs in South Dakota, Secretary Greg Whitlock of Watertown. Secretary Whitlock briefed the commission on his goals and objectives as the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The VA&R Commission also reviewed the legislative bills that are before the state legislature.

Our next meeting was held on May 11, 2019, at Chamberlain, SD where we discussed several issues concerning legislative bills, VA&R resolutions, The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 116th Congress, The VA Mission Act of 2018, and more. The VA&R Commission also drafted two resolutions to be considered at the state convention in Sioux Falls.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) is available for any veteran in your community that may have fallen on hard times and needs some financial assistance to get back on their feet. TFA is generally one time grant money and other requirements apply. Your post commander has more details about TFA.

If you are a veteran and would like to check into getting enrolled in the VA for healthcare, we encourage you to stop in and see your local Tribal or County Veterans Service Officer in your county or contact DSO Courtney Van Zanten for assistance.

Thank you Commander Brenden for allowing me the privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Department Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission during your year. We encourage all Legionnaires to attend their post meetings. Ask your fellow members if they need a ride to the meeting. You'll be glad you did.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren L. Aas,
Chairman, VA&R Commission



What to Expect When the VA MISSION Act Takes Effect

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Last June, President Trump signed landmark legislation, known as the VA MISSION Act of 2018, that makes dramatic improvements to how Veterans receive community care—health care provided outside of VA. VA's goal is to give Veterans greater choice over their health care, allowing VA to deliver world-class, seamless customer service either through a VA facility or community provider.

While the law affects many other VA programs, the changes to community care are among the most complex and far-reaching in recent history. After the legislation was enacted, VA immediately began taking the steps needed to implement the vast changes required.

Understanding the enormous scale of VA health care operations and VA's responsibility for America's Veterans, VA has been working hard on many large, interrelated tasks to implement the new Veteran community care program by June 2019. These tasks include the following:

- Design and launch a new internal operating structure for community care, including the new urgent care/walk-in care benefit
- Propose access standards as one of the six eligibility criteria for community care
- VA's proposed rules for the new Veterans community care program, including access standards, are currently open for public comment until March 25, 2019
- Award contracts to Third Party Administrators (TPAs) to manage regions of VA's new Community Care Network (CCN)
- Plan to implement Veterans Care Agreements to allow VA to purchase hospital care, medical services, or extended care services in certain situations
- Define competency standards for certain conditions applicable to community providers to make sure Veterans are getting high-quality care when they receive care outside of VA
- Set up new requirements for prompt payments to community providers
- Draft regulations to implement the law

So what can Veterans expect when the new program starts this summer? Given the magnitude of the changes, VA is working hard to make sure the rollout goes smoothly. If you are a Veteran enrolled in VA health care, or a Veteran who can receive care without needing to enroll, you can expect:

- To continue to have access to community care under current programs and then transition to the new program when regulations are final and published
- To follow an improved process to receive community care under the new program, with better access to community providers and improvements to customer service, such as more streamlined eligibility requirements
- A new benefit that provides eligible Veterans with access to urgent, non-emergency care for non-life-threatening conditions in VA's network of community providers
- Improved care coordination as VA transitions to a single information technology system that better links together VA and community providers
- Your provider to receive timely payments for bills as VA transitions to better claims processing systems

VA will be providing regular updates on community care as part of this series of articles. Community care will continue to supplement VA health care as part of VA's broad commitment to modernize and strengthen the VA health care system, expand access, and ensure timely delivery of care to America's Veterans. VA health care regularly outperforms the private sector, and VA staff are experienced and devoted to meeting Veterans' specific needs. VA believes Veterans will continue to choose VA when they need timely, high-quality care.

Disabled Veterans Eligible For Free National Park Service Lifetime Access Pass

Spring flowers are blooming, the summer travel season quickly approaches and Veterans are joining the 330-million yearly visitors enjoying U.S. National Parks.

Many Veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering Federal parks for free with the Lifetime National Parks Access Pass from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Good for entry into 400+ National Parks and over 2,000 recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of Veterans with disabilities.

The Access Pass admits disabled Veterans and any passengers in their vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle fee areas; and, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating parks, the Access Pass includes discounts on expanded amenity fees; such as camping, swimming, boat launching and guided tours.

Veterans who have a VA disability rating, (10 percent or higher) are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with two ways to apply.

First, disabled Veterans can apply in person at a participating federal recreation site. Simply present photo identification (Drivers license, State ID, Passport) and documentation proving a permanent disability (VA awards letter, VA ID with service connected annotation, VA summary of benefits, or receipt of Social Security disability income). That's It. The Pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

Second, if applying by mail, send a completed packet and \$10 processing fee to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The packet should include:

- The Access Pass application form
- Proof of residency
- VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income

Pass delivery should be expected 10-12 weeks after receipt.

Make sure to have photo ID available when using your Lifetime Access Pass and enjoy the majestic scenery and abundant recreational opportunities our National Parks provide.



STATE LEGION GOLF Tournaments

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

Saturday & Sunday

September 21st & 22nd, 2019

Central Valley Golf Course, Hartford, SD

\$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE

Sponsored by Riverview Insurance & Investments Agency

Registration Deadline: August 1st, 2019

Cost: \$440 per team paid before Aug. 1st
\$480 per team after Aug. 1st

Pre-Register with Fred Lee: 605-413-9451

Registration day of tournament:
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Start times: Saturday 12:00 PM
& Sunday 9:00 AM

Sponsored by
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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

These Annual Committee Reports are submitted and printed in the South Dakota Legion News in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of The American Legion Department of South Dakota Constitution.

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATIONAL LOAN COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT		
Balance, 5-1-18		\$125,650.95
RECEIPTS:		
Loan Repayments	\$3,613.07	
Interest	\$38.12	
Memorials and Donations	<u>\$205.00</u>	
	\$3,856.19	<u>\$3,856.19</u>
TOTAL		\$129,507.14
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Educational Loans	<u>\$00.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$00.00	<u>\$00.00</u>
Balance, 5-1-19		\$129,507.14

VAVS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT		
Balance, 5-1-18		\$4,098.69
RECEIPTS:		
From General Fund	\$1,600.00	
Interest	\$0.85	
Memorials and Donations	<u>\$4,124.21</u>	
	\$5,725.06	<u>\$5,725.06</u>
TOTAL		\$9,823.75
DISBURSEMENTS:		
VA Facilities	<u>\$5,600.00</u>	
Bank Service Fee	6.00	
TOTAL	\$5,606.00	<u>\$5,606.00</u>
Balance, 5-1-19		\$4,217.75

ATHLETIC COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT		
Balance, 5-1-18		\$17,259.39
RECEIPTS:		
Entry Fees	\$8,200.00	
Interest	<u>\$5.40</u>	
	\$8,205.40	<u>\$8,205.40</u>
TOTAL		\$25,464.79
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		
Scholarship	\$500.00	
Commission Expenses	<u>\$8,070.73</u>	
TOTAL	\$8,570.73	<u>\$8,570.73</u>
Balance, 5-1-19		\$16,894.06

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FINANCIAL REPORT		
Balance, 5-1-18		\$20,153.40
RECEIPTS:		
Memorials and Donations	\$1,609.00	
Interest	<u>\$5.41</u>	
TOTAL	\$16,14.41	<u>\$1,614.41</u>
		\$21,767.81
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TFA's	<u>\$3,119.92</u>	
TOTAL	\$3,119.92	<u>\$3,119.92</u>
Balance, 5-1-19		\$18,647.89

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FINANCIAL REPORT		
Budget Amount 2018-2019		<u>\$8,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$8,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Committee, Travel & Awards	<u>\$6,038.91</u>	
Balance in Fund, 5-1-19		\$1,961.09

Annual Report of the National Executive Committeeman



Commander Brenden,

As the National Executive Committeeman for the Dept of South Dakota, I wish to thank all the Legionnaires across South Dakota for affording me this honor to serve you. Many resolutions come before the National Executive Committee each year, but I believe none more important than Resolution #1 that came before the Fall Meeting in 2018. This Resolution came from the Internal Affairs Committee known as "The Legion Act" extending the membership period of the American Legion to allow service members who did not serve during official periods of war to sign up for membership in the American Legion. Senate bill S504 and House Bill HR1641 are the official bills. When you visit our Senators and Congressman, please ask for them for their support of this bill.

Jim Huls

National Commander Brett Reistad visited South Dakota last fall for 6 days. Special time was spent with our Native American Veterans on the reservations. The Native American veterans did a great job of welcoming the National Commander Brett Reistad to their Posts and presented him with many gifts, including many Star Quilts. Thanks to all the posts that welcomed him to their communities. He was very impressed with the hospitality. I believe this to be one of the most successful visits of a National Commander to our Department.

The dream of an East River Veterans Cemetery is becoming reality. The South Dakota American Legion led all VSO's with a donation of \$50,000 toward the maintenance and upkeep of this facility. This is a great accomplishment.

I congratulate Commander Brenden on a very successful year, our 100th year, and the staff of Adjutant Travis, Assistant Adjutant Courtney, Judy and Mary Jo for all they do for the Posts and Legionnaires across South Dakota. Also thank you to Terry Hanson for filling in for me on occasion when I was not available.

I salute the South Dakota American Legion Foundation for its bold move in setting a goal of \$1,000,000 in 5 years to assure the South Dakota American Legion will have funds to continue our programs for the next 100 years. We now begin our Second Century of "Helping Children and Veterans".

Respectively Submitted,

James J Huls
National Executive Committeeman

Annual Report of the Internal Affairs Chairman



Mr. Commander,

I would like to thank Commander Brenden for appointing me to serve as the Chairman for the Internal Affairs Commission for 2019.

The Internal Affairs Commission met on 27 April 2019 at Post 17 Watertown SD. Present at this meeting were you Commander Brenden, Department Adjutant Travis Flisrand, Chairman Mark Weinmann, PDC Byron Callies, PDC Tim Jurgens (by Conference Call), Annette Dunham of Iroquois, and Judge Advocate Gary Schumacher of DesMet

The Constitution of the American Legion, Department of South Dakota, provides in Article XV, Section 1, that "Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed by any Post, or by the Department Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Any amendment proposed by a Post shall be submitted in writing to Department Headquarters at least six weeks prior to the annual Department Convention."

"The Department Adjutant shall present it immediately to the Department Commission on Internal Affairs. At least 30 days prior to said convention, the Department Commission on Internal Affairs shall transmit to all Posts, through Department Headquarters, a full copy of all amendments submitted by Posts, together with the favorable or unfavorable recommendation of the committee thereon, with a brief statement of reasons for such recommendation, and at the time the committee shall in like manner, distribute to all Posts, full copy of any proposed amendment originating with the committee itself."

Any resolution pertaining to changes of the constitution and bylaws of the Department of South Dakota American Legion must be submitted to State Headquarters no later than April 26th, 2019, for consideration by the Internal Affairs Commission. The only way the American Legion is able to change and grow is with resolutions submitted by the local Posts within the Department. This year two resolutions were submitted that would change the Constitution and By-Laws of the SD American Legion.

Resolution 2019-1 submitted by Iroquois Post 280. The Resolved clause of this resolution reads: The members of the Finance Commission may only hold the one position in the South Dakota American Legion at the Department level to avoid an appearance of a conflict of interest.

After discussion a motion was made for a DO NOT PASS recommendation. The motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote.

Resolution 2019-2 Submitted by Watertown Post 17. The Resolved clause of resolution 2019-2 reads: Election of District Commander...Such newly elected District Commanders will take office and assume his/her duties at the same time and place that the newly elected Department Commander is installed.

After discussion, a motion was made for a DO PASS recommendation. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Annual reports are welcome from the Sons of the American Legion and The Legion Riders. SAL Detachment Kerry Jorgenson was present for his report. Commander Jorgenson informed us that there are three new SAL Squadrons in South Dakota this year, however, there are several Squadrons still having membership issues. The Sons of the American Legion are a vital part of the American Legion Family and we are very fortunate to have the Sons a big part of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weinmann
Internal Affairs Commission Chairman

Annual Report of the Department Membership Chairman



Gene Opbroek

Commander;

As of this writing we are at 18,110 members, 729 members short of our National Goal of 18,839 and 1,161 short of our State Goal of 20,000.

With over 70,000 registered veterans in the State there are less than 30% that are members of the South Dakota American Legion. I that this feel is an unacceptable number and continuing this downhill trend will seriously affect the SDAL programs that we provide to our veterans, families and communities in South Dakota.

With the activation of the SDAL Membership team, the many conference calls and Information provided to the Membership team, our goal, in my opinion, should have been met. I feel that a lot of the information provided in most cases did not trickle down to the post level. I think that created a lot of missed opportunities at the post level for increasing membership. I also feel a genuine lack of concern exists to a certain degree at all levels on the importance of increasing membership as compared to maintaining membership numbers.

I am a firm believer of "Attitude". Throughout the year I have witnessed a lot of "Attitude". Unfortunately, more of it than I care to reveal concerning membership was Negative. This must change. It has been proven that a "Positive Attitude" will get memberships. A great example are the Gold and Silver Brigade members that have done an amazing job this year recruiting new members. Their Positive Attitude and motivation are a shining example of how successful we can become. I feel that these members need to be given an opportunity to mentor others on all aspects of recruiting new and retaining current members.

Our National Guard units are an area where we had great success this year. We need to continue to be a part of these units and be ready to assist them when needed. The return will be increased awareness of the SDAL in the community which will lead to increased membership. I feel we also need to become more involved with the local school systems as good community members. Most parents will go to school functions whether it be a grade school concert or a high school basketball game. What a great place to showcase our programs and ask for memberships. Parents (veterans) will support the organizations that support their schools.

Diversity. The SDAL must become a diverse organization. The days are long gone of an organization made solely of white American men. We must continue your program of actively pursuing Native American Warriors and female Veterans. Our numbers have not only increased in these areas, but they also have taken an active part in our programs.

I want to thank you Commander for the opportunity to work with all the great Legion Members of this great state. Thanks to the Headquarters Staff for their hard work and understanding when I needed something yesterday, that I forgot, and they got it to me immediately. To Vice Commanders Ed and Ed, the District Commanders, Vice Commanders, County Commanders and Posts who have all worked hard to get our numbers up. To the Membership team for your input, ideas and Sunday afternoons listening to me on a conference call.

Lastly, Commander Brenden, thank you, for your guidance, friendship and most of all your total dedication to this fantastic organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gene Opbroek
Membership Chairman

Membership Report by Post, May 22, 2019

DISTRICT 1			98.76%
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Belle Fourche	32	80.95%	
Nisland,Newell, Vale	233	93.75%	
BUTTE CO.		85.26%	
Buffalo	147	100.00%	
HARDING CO.		100.00%	
Lead	31	107.29%	
Spearfish	164	98.53%	
LAWRENCE CO.		101.33%	
Box Elder	315	114.41%	
Piedmont	311	92.07%	
Sturgis	33	105.92%	
Faith	106	53.33%	
MEADE CO.		101.39%	
Bullhead	82	56.52%	
Little Eagle	239	106.67%	
McIntosh	139	87.50%	
McLaughlin	121	87.23%	
Thunder Hawk	279	98.48%	
CORSON CO.		90.40%	
Eagle Butte	308	208.33%	
Isabel	120	93.33%	
Timber Lake	83	106.25%	
DEWEY CO.		135.71%	
Bison	255	93.62%	
Lemmon	66	88.00%	
PERKINS CO.		89.53%	
Dupree	124	64.71%	
ZIEBACH		64.71%	
DISTRICT 2		95.01%	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Allen	317	105.88%	
Martin	240	84.21%	
BENNETT CO.		86.67%	
Midland	143	103.45%	
Philip	173	97.06%	
HAAKON CO.		98.97%	
Belvidere	144	88.24%	
Wanblee	269	100.00%	
Kadoka	27	81.40%	
JACKSON CO.		87.18%	
Draper	301	88.24%	
Murdo	75	130.00%	
JONES CO.		110.81%	
Norris	310	20.00%	
White River	94	85.71%	
Wood	19	86.67%	
MELLETT CO.		73.42%	
Mission	287	66.67%	
Parmelee	295	106.67%	
Rosebud	125	126.09%	
St. Francis	297	26.67%	
TODD CO.		86.76%	
Custer	46	114.71%	
Hermosa	303	103.45%	
CLUSTER CO.		107.04%	
Edgemont	172	104.00%	
Hot Springs	71	100.31%	
Oelrichs	238	80.00%	
FALL RIVER CO.		99.73%	
Hill City	160	75.00%	
New Underwood	256	126.67%	
Rapid City	22	92.79%	
Rapid City Foothills	320	95.74%	
Wall	246	82.61%	
PENNINGTON CO.		92.40%	
Batesland	281	100.00%	
Kyle	265	106.67%	
Pine Ridge	251	113.33%	
Porcupine	294	106.67%	
Manderson	302	109.52%	
OGLALA LAKOTA CO.		106.82%	
DISTRICT 3		91.39%	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Blunt	77	88.00%	
Pierre	8	87.53%	
HUGHES CO.		87.56%	
Highmore	35	90.74%	
HYDE CO.		90.74%	
Gettysburg	135	88.72%	
Hoven	159	93.14%	
POTTER CO.		90.64%	
Fort Pierre	20	104.17%	
STANLEY CO.		104.17%	
Onida	79	80.90%	
SULLY CO.		80.90%	
Bonesteel	36	83.72%	
Burke	28	92.86%	
Dallas	91	93.33%	
Fairfax	187	88.24%	
Gregory	6	96.19%	
Herrick	220	84.00%	
GREGORY CO.		90.84%	
Kennebec-Reliance	179	89.41%	
Presho	89	78.79%	
Vivian	157	82.35%	
LYMAN CO.		85.93%	
Colome	146	91.26%	
Winner	169	96.01%	
Witten	167	82.61%	
TRIPP CO.		94.15%	
Miller	38	81.67%	
Polo	299	134.21%	
HAND CO.		102.04%	

DISTRICT 4			89.47%
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Aberdeen	24	89.60%	
Claremont	262	82.61%	
Columbia	58	97.44%	
Frederick	273	80.65%	
Groton	29	88.06%	
Hecla	68	96.00%	
Stratford	207	109.30%	
Warner	137	92.31%	
BROWN CO.		90.50%	
Herreid	170	88.10%	
Pollock	272	75.86%	
CAMPBELL CO.		83.10%	
Bowdle	264	87.23%	
Hosmer	189	86.49%	
Ipswich	67	85.71%	
Roscoe	259	77.97%	
EDMUNDS CO.		84.19%	
Eureka	186	88.39%	
Leola	78	90.00%	
Long Lake	276	78.57%	
MCPHERSON CO.		87.92%	
Mobridge	4	90.91%	
Selby	100	94.44%	
WALWORTH CO.		92.23%	
Brentford	242	70.00%	
Conde	148	93.33%	
Doland	69	81.48%	
Mansfield	289	87.50%	
Mellette	151	82.14%	
Northville	149	88.24%	
Redfield	92	95.29%	
Tulare	292	88.89%	
SPINK CO.		90.53%	
Faulkton	102	83.64%	
Rockham	57	107.41%	
FAULK CO.		91.46%	
DISTRICT 5		#REF!	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Andover	258	81.25%	
Lily	156	93.33%	
Pierpont	99	57.89%	
Roslyn	253	96.30%	
Waubay	129	79.22%	
Webster	40	89.74%	
DAY CO.		85.96%	
Big Stone City	229	85.48%	
Milbank	9	100.00%	
Strandburg	171	93.55%	
Britton	80	89.19%	
Kidder	298	87.50%	
Langford	141	81.82%	
Veblen	76	92.42%	
Old Agency	314	111.63%	
Rosholt	48	92.31%	
Sisseton	50	94.07%	
Wilmot	64	87.50%	
Bradley	108	68.75%	
Carpenter	153	95.24%	
Clark	60	74.16%	
Raymond	209	91.38%	
Willow Lake	113	87.50%	
CLARK CO.		82.41%	
Watertown	17	87.98%	
CODINGTON		87.98%	
Astoria	103	96.00%	
Clear Lake	49	80.49%	
Gary	109	80.22%	
Toronto	81	78.38%	
DEUEL CO.		81.29%	
Bryant	37	87.14%	
Castlewood	250	100.00%	
Estelline	184	83.17%	
Hayti	217	95.74%	
HAMLIN CO.		90.14%	
Aurora	230	91.18%	
Brookings	74	88.56%	
Bruce	200	97.44%	
Elkton	198	78.95%	
Sinai	133	80.95%	
Volga	114	93.75%	
White	88	96.55%	
BROOKINGS CO.		90.28%	
DISTRICT 6		89.30%	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Hitchcock	84	88.89%	
Huron	7	79.41%	
Virgil	268	94.55%	
Wessington	110	84.13%	
Wolsey	59	90.70%	
BEADLE CO.		82.95%	
Arlington	42	97.67%	
Badger	260	80.77%	
DeSmet	138	95.57%	
Erwin	241	82.76%	
Hetland	263	84.21%	
Iroquois	280	82.95%	
Lake Preston	63	101.61%	
Oldham	158	86.67%	
KINGSBURY CO.		94.07%	
Canova	61	91.18%	
Howard	145	88.46%	
MINER CO.		89.02%	
Plankinton	5	100.00%	
Stickney	26	84.38%	

DISTRICT 7			90.34%
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
White Lake	96	73.33%	
AURORA CO.		85.71%	
Chamberlain	3	110.59%	
Kimball*	130	85.07%	
Pukwana*	201	80.00%	
BRULE CO.		97.09%	
Gann Valley	16	86.36%	
BUFFALO CO.		86.36%	
Ethan	261	113.73%	
Mitchell	18	86.29%	
Mount Vernon	210	91.67%	
DAVISON CO.		91.91%	
Alexandria	41	80.85%	
Emery	166	100.00%	
Ful-Frm-Epiphany	85	88.57%	
HANSON CO.		87.13%	
Alpena	116	86.11%	
Wessington Sprgs	14	88.39%	
JERAULD CO.		87.96%	
Artesian	47	80.00%	
Letcher	93	87.69%	
Woonsocket	29	71.43%	
SANBORN CO.		79.38%	
DISTRICT 7		90.34%	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Chester	136	111.27%	
Madison	25	106.45%	
Nunda	105	81.82%	
Ramona	216	79.31%	
Wentworth	161	78.38%	
LAKE CO.		99.29%	
Colman	278	95.65%	
Egan	97	84.21%	
Flandreau	70	78.13%	
Trent	122	96.00%	
MOODY CO.		85.50%	
Bridgewater	111	81.82%	
Canistota	162	140.00%	
Montrose	154	104.49%	
Salem	140	104.23%	
MCCOOK CO.		107.08%	
Baltic	175	88.57%	
Brandon	318	97.65%	
Colton	206	84.21%	
Dell Rapids	65	93.61%	
Garretson	23	100.00%	
Hartford	118	87.76%	
Humboldt	62	83.53%	
Renner	307	75.64%	
Sioux Falls	15	86.05%	
Valley Springs	131	93.55%	
MINNEHAHA CO.		88.13%	
Alcester	86	85.71%	
Beresford	72	92.86%	
Elk Point	134	87.10%	
North Sioux City	319	106.12%	
UNION CO.		93.23%	
Canton	53	92.45%	
Harrisburg	45	101.12%	
Hudson	128	81.95%	
Lennox	174	96.55%	
Tea	266	86.11%	
Worthing	177	80.77%	
LINCOLN CO.		90.22%	
DISTRICT 8		87.27%	
POST	NO	% of GOAL	
Centerville	43	89.77%	
Chancellor	283	82.68%	
Davis	176	84.21%	
Hurley	21	82.00%	
Marion	235	107.50%	
Parker	30	16.67%	
Viborg	117	68.18%	
TURNER CO.		82.97%	
Avon	150	85.37%	
Scotland	155	83.72%	
Springfield	132	82.76%	
MDSP Springfield	323	113.33%	
Tabor	183	83.12%	
Tyndall	2	88.52%	
BON HOMME CO.		85.80%	
Geddes	56	82.61%	
Greenwood	257	115.00%	
Lake Andes	10	75.00%	
Pickstown	282	57.14%	
Platte	115	78.95%	
Wagner	11	90.78%	
CHARLES MIX CO.		85.07%	
Alsen	44	70.37%	
Irene	193	81.63%	
Vermillion	1	117.31%	
Wakonda	13	91.82%	
CLAY CO.		90.57%	
Armour	52	93.62%	
Corsica	274	88.71%	
Delmont	249	78.18%	
DOUGLAS CO.		86.59%	