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Past Department Commander Kerwin "Pee Wee" Douthit Passes Away



PDC Kerwin "Pee Wee" Douthit

It is with sincere sorrow that Headquarters reports Past Department Commander Kerwin "Pee Wee" Douthit has reported to Post Everlasting.

Kerwin 'Pee Wee' Phoenix Douthit, 80, of Hot Springs, SD, passed away March 13, 2020, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital in Rapid City, SD.

Pee Wee was born June 23, 1939, in Vetal, SD, to Frank and Dortha (Peterson) Douthit. He married his wife, Sereta, on October 19, 1963.

Pee Wee proudly retired from the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1960 until his honorable discharge in 1982. He served in Vietnam, and his incredible story can be found in the book, "Vietnam Vets: Still Coming Home." 1

Pee Wee joined the American Legion in 1963, and was a Paid Up For Life Member of Post #71 in Hot Springs, SD. He held several positions in his post before becoming District Commander in 1990-1992, followed by State Vice Commander in 1992-1993, and Department Commander in 1994-1995. Pee Wee's slogan during his command year was "Aim High in '95," a tribute to his Air Force days and his Legion goals. He was a vociferous opponent to flag desecration, and put adherence to the flag code and Americanism as top priority during his year. In a nod to what his future held, Pee Wee also encouraged Legionnaires to reach out to hospitalized vets: stop by and say, "Howdy."

Ever the steadfast servant, Pee Wee stayed active in the American Legion after his term as Commander, serving on the National Cemetery Committee from 1996-2006, and the VAVS committee from 2003-2020. While on the VAVS committee, Pee Wee stepped up to be the Hot Springs Hospital Representative, a position he held from 2003 until his passing.

Known for his sense of humor and friendly demeanor, Pee Wee was often found in the halls of the Hot Springs VA facility. He truly cared about the well-being of the patients in Hot Springs. In 2017, when VAVS funds were accidentally deposited into a wrong account, Pee Wee was "suspected" of taking his own money and buying stamps for his veterans.

Dedication to the American Legion defined Pee Wee and his wife, Sereta, who served as Department President from 1999-2000. We are forever grateful for the countless hours spent serving his fellow veteran. Godspeed, Pee Wee.

Pee Wee is survived by his wife, Sereta of Hot Springs; son, Jack of Hot Springs; daughter, Susan Douthit of Roseburg, OR; brother, Pete (Carolyn) Douthit of Louisiana; half sister, Donna Lamont of Martin, SD; grandchildren, Jake Hupp; John Hupp; Jacklyn Hawkins; Brooke Douthit; Jay Douthit; great grandchildren, Jaxon Hupp; Justice Hupp, Makayla Hawkins and a host of friends.

In Pee Wee's memory, please take time to write a letter and say "Howdy" to a hospitalized veteran at a VA facilities in South Dakota:

State Veterans Home
(102 currently in home):
Michael J. Fitzmaurice Veterans Home
Attn: Please Distribute to Veterans
2500 Minnekahta Avenue
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Hot Springs VA Medical Center:
Hot Springs VA Medical Center
Attn: Scott Schumacher
500 North 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747-1497

Ft Meade VA Medical Center:
Ft Meade VA Medical Center
Attn: Please Distribute to Veterans
113 Comanche Road
Fort Meade, SD 57741

Sioux Falls VA Medical Center:
Sioux Falls VA Medical Center
Attn: Please Distribute to Veterans
2501 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-1305

National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford Visits South Dakota MidWinter Conference



National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford shakes hands with Kellen Hood, the first South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy graduate to join the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford saw a nearly 40 degree temperature change coming from Minnesota to South Dakota in February. And while the relative warmth was welcomed, it was eclipsed by the outstanding work and camaraderie on display throughout the weekend. Commander Oxford, the featured speaker at the Joint Banquet, conveyed an entertaining and relatable message to Legionnaires, encouraging members to act in their communities and keep a buddy check in place.

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COVID-19 Pandemic Delivers Discord in Department Calendar

With the uncertainties we all are experiencing, Department Headquarters is asking American Legion family members to remain flexible as the leadership makes decisions to mitigate risks to our members and those who participate in our programs.

The South Dakota American Legion Department Executive Committee has made the following decision: "That all District Spring Conventions are postponed and rescheduled before the beginning of the 2020 State Convention, with meeting times to be determined. District Commanders may opt to conduct a meeting within their District before the Department Convention with the Department Commander's approval and if the current COVID-19 dangers have subsided. They must inform their Posts at least 15 days before such a meeting."

Additionally, the DEC has provided guidance for Post Elections: "The DEC recommends to the Posts to postpone their elections initially and to recommend to them to find other means to hold election of officers. Depending on their Constitution and Bylaws or if environmentally safe to gather in groups

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Department Adjutant ThoughtsTravise Flisrand
State Adjutant

This is a four-part article for me.

PART 1: I write this as we are in the middle of making decisions regarding spring meetings, state convention, Boys State and Legion Baseball. The COVID-19 Virus is of concern for our members and the youth who attend our programs. We do not want to add to the spread of this virus to our members / friends / family who do have health concerns.

Spring meetings have all been postponed so we can better assess the "social isolation" needed to slow the spread of the virus. Patience is requested from members as we put together a plan to mitigate risks for our members and still abide by the requirements in our Constitution and Bylaws. I would speculate there will be more changes in the coming weeks/months that will impact us. Please watch the Up To Now, e-mails and our Facebook account for updates.

PART 2: We are adding an e-mail service to communicate with all of our members through MailChimp. Currently we have around 8,000 members with e-mail addresses in the MyLegion.org system. This is almost 50% of our members. We are requesting that Posts make an effort to enter e-mail addresses for members into the MyLegion website for the members who have and do use e-mail. We respect those members who do not use computers and also do not want to learn them, do not push your members to get an e-mail simply to put into the website, they will not use it if you force them.

I need your help spreading the word to members so they know they can sign up for our Legion News and Up To Now. We have around 360 members signed up for the Legion News and 790 signed up for the Up To Now. Out of 18,500+ members in South Dakota, only 2% receive the Legion news and only 1/2 of them open it up and read it. Our membership is not receiving information of the activities and events for the District and State level. We know we have part of our membership who still depend on traditional methods of communication. The Up To Now and Legion news are still be produced and mailed out to Posts.

We are currently looking at alternative ways to fund these mailings and we have a goal of achieving this in the near future. Expect more info to come out in the Up To Now in the coming months.

For members to sign up for the Legion News or the Up To Now they can do so on the website for the South Dakota American Legion by going to this page: <https://www.sdlegion.org/request-emailed-newsletters/> or you can put their information in for them and you can sign them up.

PART 3: The Dept. of South Dakota is moving to a new fundraising company. Mailings from the Department will be reduced down to four events during the year. Sweepstakes for MidWinter and State Convention along with labels in the Spring and Holiday season. All fundraisers will have the new South Dakota American Legion emblem on them, and the return address will be to Watertown, South Dakota. Rest assured that the monies donated to this will stay in South Dakota and go towards funding our programs.

PART 4: For those who have not heard, I have chosen to leave this position as State Adjutant. I want to ensure to you that I am not moving away from the South Dakota American Legion family; my decision is so I can focus on my family. I plan on staying active in our American Legion family. The service we provide to support our communities, veterans and youth is an asset that has far more reach than most of us realize. We impact the youth of our Nation through our Boys State and Baseball programs. Our programs teach them teamwork, government and give them a sense of pride in our Nation. The impact of our organization is why I am proud to be part of the American Legion family here in my home state of South Dakota. I'll see you around!

COVID-19 and the Impact on the American Legion

Indianapolis—The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to pose serious health risks, creating unprecedented responses from government and public health authorities and levels of uncertainty throughout the nation. The way in which it may spread, and its duration, cannot be accurately predicted. Because of these uncertainties, the 75th session of American Legion Boys Nation (scheduled for July 17-25 in Washington, D.C.) and the American Legion Junior Shooting 3-Position Air Rifle National Championship (scheduled for July 21-26 in Colorado Springs, Colo.) have been canceled. Already cancelled was the National Oratory Competition.

American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford said the decision to cancel the 2020 Boys Nation program and air rifle national tournament "was difficult. It was made with safety as the highest priority."

Oxford hopes that this early cancellation notification will provide departments flexibility to make the best decisions possible for their respective Boys State programs, and provide shooting coaches flexibility for making the best decisions possible for their youth who are currently involved in the national postal tournament, "without feeling the pressure of their youth being excluded from the national capstone programs," he said.

Assessment is underway regarding the awarding of 2020 Samsung American Legion Scholarships to Boys State and Girls State participants. More information will be announced.

"Times right now are tough, but we will get through them together," Oxford said. "Thank you for your patience, resilience and continued service to our great organization and country."

Perseverance Pays Off with Hot Springs VA

Above: Governor Noem hosted a press conference in Pierre where she spoke on the victory of "Saving the VA" in Hot Springs. Governor Noem thanked everyone for their efforts and also shared with the press that the American Legion Resolution that was passed at our National Convention helped to bring about the victory. The American Legion, the Hot Springs "Save the VA" Committee, the Hot Springs Chamber and City Officials, members of the SDDVA, members of the Tribal Veterans Affairs, and representatives from the VFW were included in the March 5th press conference.

“Carry on the Legacy”

Fred Nelson
State Commander



Legionnaires,

In this time where we find ourselves being asked to distance ourselves from others socially, I believe it is even more essential to stay connected with your fellow American Legion members. Members need to hear from their Posts. Take some time and do a Post Buddy Check. Check on the welfare and needs of your fellow members. Be creative in how you keep in touch and continue doing business. Consider sending a letter via the US Postal Service, calling and having a conversation, sending a text message, sending an email, or consider using a service such as <http://www.freeconferencecall.com> and schedule a conference call. Don't leave out social media. Try using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. There are many ways to stay in touch and continue being active. Find what is best for your Post and start using it. Communication is key to our success.

If you are staying at home and looking for something to do, consider thinking about your Post's successes and future strategies. What is your Post doing to recruit and retain members? What can your Post do for projects over this next year? Is your Post serving your community? Do you have a strategic plan? Once you tackle that, consider completing the American Legion Basic Training, which is located online at <https://www.legion.org/alei>. There are no costs to take the training, and you will learn a lot about the American Legion.

Mid-Winter 2020 was a great success! During the fall district meetings, our newly formed training committee, chaired by Kevin Hempel, distributed surveys that asked members what they would like to learn. The results provided some excellent data, and the training committee was able to create and present several well-attended seminars. “Great job!” to Kevin and his team. Thank you, Dept. Chaplain Patrick Lewellen for providing a memorable Four Chaplains Service and thank you to our Americanism Chair Doug Harris for organizing the Department Oratorical Scholarship Contest. The young contestants continue to amaze me. The Go-Getters Banquet was a hit. The members enjoyed the social time, and the meal was outstanding. Thank you to the Chamberlain Post for hosting the conference, and thank you to the American Legion Family members that attended.

In late January, I attended the induction ceremony of the new Sioux Falls VA Hospital Director, Lisa Simoneau. Several organizations were represented at the event. February 10th was a day spent in Pierre with the Boys and Girls State Governors. After lunch, the young governors were introduced on the floor of the senate and the house of representatives. Pictures were taken with Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. We spent the evening at Pierre Post 8, where the American Legion hosted the annual legislative reception. On February 17th, I was in Aberdeen for their annual Memorial and Past Commanders Recognition event. Always a moving event. March 2nd, I traveled to the Hot Springs VA and attended a meeting with VA Secretary Wilkie on the status of the Hot Springs VA. We were all pleased when Secretary Wilkie announced he wouldn't close the facility and that he would return to DC and review the previous decision.

In early March, several of our members traveled to Washington D.C. and attended the annual Washington Conference. The meetings were informative, and I observed our members taking notes and collecting information to bring back to South Dakota. The group gathered at Commanders Call and listened to our National Commander and other guests brief us on the priorities to be shared when meeting with our legislators. We then made a trip to a Senate office building and met with Senators Thune and Rounds and Representative Johnson. We presented the American Legion priorities and also discussed the status of the Hot Springs VA.

Our success continues to depend on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. The annual consolidated post reports (CPR) tell the story of each post and carry on the legacy of The American Legion. Don't forget to submit your CPR. To my fellow legionnaires, thank you for your dedicated service to our organization and the communities in which it thrives.

For God and Country, we associate together!

Fred Nelson, Your Department Commander

Department COVID-19: Continued

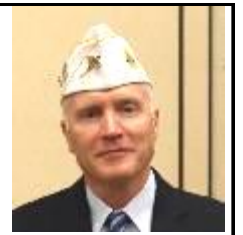
of more than ten it could be done the next time they physically can meet, electronically or by mailed out ballot.”

CANCELLED: Youth Trooper Academy. Note, however, that any individuals who have applied for this year's academy be considered again next year. We have seniors that will miss an opportunity because the world is “locked down”. They should be afforded a chance at the competitive process next year.

POSTPONED: District Spring Meetings, District Commanders Seminar. The annual District Commanders Seminar has been scheduled for TBD. The seminar is conducted annually to assist new District Commanders on his/her responsibilities, budgets, public relations, communications, veteran's rehabilitation, youth trooper academy, membership, Department Policy Manual, District Commanders mylegion.org, legislative process and Constitution and Bylaws. District Commanders and Vice Commanders are encouraged to share rooms if possible to reduce Vice Commanders expense if they decide to participate. All District Commanders are required to attend and District Vice Commanders are encouraged to attend.

Americanism

Doug Harris
Department Americanism Chairman



Hello to all my fellow Legionnaires!

I hope this letter finds you all healthy, happy and Corona Virus free. We have weathered many hardships in the past and we will weather this as well. If you are healthy, try to stay in touch with other members to find out if you can help them in any way. If you need help, reach out and ask for it. Once this all passes, we will still have a lot of things happening that will need your help. I'm specifically referring to Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy 2020. Hopefully these excellent programs will not be delayed or cancelled. I strongly suspect that the dates for registration will be extended.

At the February 2020 Midwinter Conference I provided a “game plan” for recruiting for our “Big 3” programs – Oratorical/Boys State/Youth Trooper Academy. Following is a synopsis of that briefing:

Using the “Big 3” Handout (see the handout at <https://www.sdlegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Americanism-Big-3-7-19-ADJ-COLORS.pdf>) You should make b/w copies of this one page document and take them to the school to hand out to those attending.

1. Where to use the “Big 3”:

Schools – Who to talk to about getting in to address the students

Principals

Counselors

Debate Coaches

History/Civics/English Teachers

Honor Society Counselors

Anyone who will let you in!!!

Parent Teacher Organizations – PTA

 Gives you the opportunity to talk directly to parents.

 Explain how our programs will help their children.

Community Groups

Scout Troops – Area councils (address the Scout Leader)

4-H Groups

Home School Associations/Groups

2. How to talk to Students/Parents

Schools – Make sure the students understand who we are and why we offer these programs.

Largest Veterans Organization in the world – All of us have spent time in the military and defended our country. We believe in working within our communities to pass on our values = reference our 4 Pillars.

Explain what your Post does for your community – Baseball, support to youth programs, support local veterans, etc.

Explain what exactly “Americanism” is and why we want them to learn it.

Oratorical Contest – Learn the constitution

Boys State – Learn about Local, County, and State Government – Their rights and obligations as a citizen.

Youth Trooper Academy – Talk about how we support 1st responders and how we offer the opportunity to train directly with SD Troopers if they have an interest in Law Enforcement at any level.

Parent Teacher Organizations

Tell parents about the scholarships we offer. They understand that higher education will be very expensive and will be interested in how the money we offer can help.

Explain the opportunities to take part in the leadership training/practice offered by BS and YTA

Explain the public speaking opportunities we offer to improve their son or daughters debate skills.

Community Groups

Scout Troops – Area councils (address the Scout Leaders):

Explain to them how their Eagle Scout candidates can use the opportunities available at Boys State and Youth Trooper Academy to earn their citizenship badges.

Boys State = The opportunity to interview their U.S. Senators, Congressman, Governor, State Reps, etc.

4-H Groups – Leadership opportunities

The opportunity to meet their political representatives and talk to them about impacts on Agriculture.

Home School Associations/Groups

All “Big 3” programs offer Home Schooled individuals the opportunity to get out into their communities.

Oratorical contest: Opportunity to speak publicly and compete with others for scholarships.

Boys State and Youth Trooper: Opportunity to interact with other students with similar interests.

3. How to “seal the deal”

Oratorical Scholarships: – Show them the numbers!!

Consider offering a small scholarship to the winner of your local Post (example: \$100)

Find out if the District offers an additional amount at their level (example \$200)

Tell them about the scholarships offered if they win at the state level: (1st place winner \$1,000; 2nd place winner \$500; 3rd place winner \$300; and \$100 to the other contestants)

Scholarships offered if they make it to National contest: (\$2,000 for first and second rounds, \$20,000 for 1st place; \$17,000 for 2nd place; and \$15,000 for 3rd place).

Total winnings for someone who makes it to national finals and wins – Over 22,000 total!!

Boys State:

Establish a Post level scholarship for your attendees to compete for. Base it on your own standards (e.g. most outstanding performance at Boys State, etc.).

Mention the Samsung scholarship they can apply for during the application process. A 2019 SD attendee received a full \$10,000 scholarship.

Attendance makes them competitive for University/Trade School acceptance and additional scholarships.

Gives them points toward application to Military Academies. At least one of the 2019 attendees received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy.

Youth Trooper Academy:

Offer a small scholarship to the candidate from your local Post.

Let them know that the Academy offers a \$500 scholarship.

Department of SD offers another \$500 scholarship.

Outstanding participants are often offered the opportunity to enter the Trooper academy once they graduate from school. This is an opportunity to get a “shoe in the door”.

I hope this information gives everyone the ideas/guidance they need to help their Post representatives get out into the community and push our wonderful programs. If you have any questions, or need additional guidance, please feel free to send me an email: doughnut@gmail.com.

2020 Midwinter Conference - Cedar Shore Resort - Oacoma, SD



National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford, from North Carolina, addressed the Legionnaires during the 2020 MidWinter Conference in the Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma, SD. Commander Oxford thanked all Legionnaires for their attendance and dedication to the American Legion and its mission.



The Department Oratory Contest was held Sunday, February 23rd at the Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma. Pictured L-R: Department Commander Fred Nelson of Spearfish, 2020 Department Oratory Champion Samantha Timanus of Gregory, 2nd place - Fiala Herceg of Aberdeen, 3rd place - Dorian Sikkink of Castlewood, Jayden Clark of Garretson, Elias Grimsley of Spearfish, and South Dakota Americanism Chairman, Doug Harris of Rapid City.



Department Commander Fred Nelson receives his Honorary Admiral appointment in the Great Navy of Nebraska, bestowed by Nebraska Department Commander Gary Wooten.



National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford signs the registry book of the travelling POW/MIA flag, which will have travelled to all 50 states before it is finally displayed at the POW/MIA Memorial in Virginia.



American Legion Auxiliary Juniors Addelynn Hickory of Chamberlain and Avery Stein of Aurora display items on the Military Children's table, highlighting the sacrifices that military children and families make because of their parents service.



Sons of the American Legion Members from the Ruste-Wahl Squadron #154 in Montrose receive their charter, dated 100 years to the day from the formation of their American Legion post. Alexandria Squadron #41 also received their charter.



Department Chaplain Patrick Lewellen leads the Four Chaplains Service. Also participating in the service were Dept Commander Fred Nelson, Dept President Teresa Huntimer, SAL Commander Terry Hanson and Riders Liaison Buck DeWeese.



Children and Youth Chairman Miranda Krumm showing the 88 pairs of mittens and hats that were donated during Midwinter for distribution throughout the state.

Donors Make a Difference with SD American Legion Foundation



The South Dakota American Legion Foundation has made progress on their multi-year goal of \$1 million, thanks in part to a number of individual donors, posts and businesses. Currently, there are 47 individual donors who have contributed over \$500 to the foundation, along with 16 posts and 4 businesses. In recognition of these outstanding individuals, some long overdue pictures. Above L: Department Commander Fred Nelson receives a check from Garretson Post #23 Commander Brian Siemonsma. Post #23 donated \$5,000 in 2019, with a pledge to match that in 2020. Above C: PDC Hugh and Linda Holmes in front of one of the many original John Green paintings they purchased at the annual Fun Auction. Currently, the Holmes are the top individual donors to the SDAL Foundation. Above R: Darold Diede, Anna Schwartz, Gary Maxwell, Kathy Gunderson and Larry Maxwell contributed \$2500 in honor of Ed and Florence Diede. Left: Past NEC Paul Evenson and wife Kathy donated \$5000 in honor of their fathers, WWII veterans Norman Evenson and Curtis Eggers. Right: NEC Jim and Pat Huls in front of their original John Green painting. The Huls have contributed over \$5700 to the Foundation. Visit <https://www.sdlegion.org/foundation/> for more information on the Foundation and how to donate today!



Boys & Girls State Recognition in Pierre

2020 Department Candidates



On February 10th, 2020, Legionnaires and Auxiliary gathered in Pierre to honor our Boys State Governor, Johnathon Smith from Sioux Falls and the Girls State Governor, Success Suehne from Sioux Falls. Pictured, front row: Tiffany Newman, Girls State Director, Teresa Huntimer, SDALA President, Girls State Governor Success Suehne, Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden, Boys State Governor Jonathon Smith, SDAL Commander Fred Nelson and Boys State Director Chris VanDelist.



Ed Stringer
Post #15, Sioux Falls
State Commander Candidate



Doug Feltman
Post #3, Chamberlain
State Vice Commander Candidate



Eugene IronShell, Jr.
Post # 125, Rosebud, SD
State Vice Commander Candidate



Greg Geiman
Post #11, Wagner, SD
Department Sgt-at-Arms

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Courtney VanZanten
Department Service Officer



Greetings Legionnaires!

What a crazy few weeks its been. I know it's difficult to stay still, but hope that you've reignited a few hobbies to help keep your sanity during this self-induced social distancing. I've been taking walks at my local state park, learning how to homeschool (yikes—and we don't pay teachers enough), and trying not to hug people when I see them. These are dark times for natural huggers...the struggle is real.

Today, I'd like to address my Guard and Reserve Veterans...for too many years, you've been told that you are not eligible for VA benefits. Like with everything VA, times change, policies change. For example, updates to the M-21-1, the VA's Compensation and Pension Manual, are fairly constant. I'd like to highlight one important recent change right now:

M21-1. III.iv.4.D.1.c Considering National Guard and Reserve Duty for Hearing Loss and/or Tinnitus Claims

Claims for Service Connection (SC) of hearing loss and/or tinnitus due to service in the National Guard or Reserves should be considered under the same criteria as any claim for SC of hearing loss and tinnitus. The condition must be casually related to service.

- First, consider SC on the basis of potential relationship to periods of Active Duty or Active Duty for Training (ADT)
- When SC for hearing loss and/or tinnitus may not be directly related to a period of active duty or extended ADT, entitlement for SC may still be established if there has been a decrease in auditory acuity due to military duties as a member of the National Guard or Reserves.
- SC for hearing loss and/or tinnitus can be established for inactive duty for training (IADT) *if* the condition can be linked to an injury during IADT as shown by the nature of service, MOS, lay evidence, or other competent evidence.

NOTE: For purposes of hearing loss or tinnitus during Inactive Duty for Training, the MOS or other evidence establishing noise exposure serves as the injury during IADT required for SC eligibility .

The note is important. While the VA has been conceding noise exposure for most, if not all, active duty fields, inactive duty training uses the MOS to serve as the injury. To view a list of MOS noise exposure, please visit <https://sdvsoa.weebly.com/helpful-links.html> and search for the Duty MOS Noise Exposure link. This list isn't the end-all/be-all, as I'll note below with other common military noise exposures, but it does strengthen your argument that your National Guard or Reserves time lead to your hearing loss.

So, how can a job serve as an injury? I'm glad you asked. First, a glimpse into how hearing loss occurs: According to the CDC, hearing loss can result from a single loud sound (like firecrackers) near your ear. Or, more often, hearing loss can result over time from damage caused by repeated exposures to loud sounds. The louder the sound, the shorter the amount of time it takes for hearing loss to occur. The longer the exposure, the greater the risk for hearing loss (especially when hearing protection is not used or there is not enough time for the ears to rest between exposures). Current guidance suggests loud noise starts at 85-90 decibels (hearing protection needed and time exposure limited).

As a one term guard member, you likely spent 63 days a year, for six years, performing your duties. If you were a Jet Engine Mechanic, for example, that's 378 cumulative days next to decibels that go into the 130s. The chances of experiencing hearing loss or tinnitus are high. A few examples of common military noise exposure:

- 85-95: Forklift operation
- 80-100: Generator running
- 96-110: Musicians rehearsing (looking at you, my Legion Band people)
- 118: Armored Personnel Carrier going 40mph
- 130: Jet takeoff
- 155: 5.56mm Rifle (<http://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1262312O/3m-noise-navigator.xlsx>)

As noted before, if your MOS is not in the high or moderate noise exposure categories, make sure to argue the "other duties as assigned" part of your job. We've all spent time in tents next to noisy generators, spent more than average time at a firing range, and have certainly spent significant time bustling about in a HMMWV. Taking the numbers from above and applying the table below, you can see how many military members often exceed recommended noise limitations:

Adapted from the 2014 OSHA Manual:
Amount of permissible noise exposure allowed in the workplace*

Duration per day (hour)	Sound level (dBA)
8	90
6	92
4	95
3	97
2	100
1 ½	102
1	105
½	110
¼ or less	115

Quick blurb on tinnitus: I've found a lot of veterans that never truly understood the definition, so here's a good explanation from OSHA: Tinnitus, or "ringing in the ears," can occur after long-term exposure to high sound levels, or sometimes from short-term exposure to very high sound levels, such as gunshots. Many other physical and physiological conditions also cause tinnitus. Regardless of the cause, this condition is actually a disturbance produced by the inner ear and interpreted by the brain as sound. Individuals with tinnitus describe it as a hum, buzz, roar, ring, or whistle, which can be short term or permanent.

My advice, looking at this data? File a claim for hearing loss and tinnitus. The VA will review your Service Treatment Records and send you for an audiology exam. I also highly encourage you (and your service officer) to write a 4138—a statement of what happened that lead to your hearing loss. If everything works out, you'll have your foot in the door of the VA. Worst case scenario? You're out the time of the audiology exam, but in the same boat you're in now. Feel free to email any questions you may have to dso@sdlegion.org.

Always here to help,

Courtney VanZanten
Department Service Officer

National Executive Committeeman

Jim Huls
NEC



As I write this article for the American Legion News, everything is in turmoil due to the COVID-19 crisis. Only advise I have is to stay healthy and follow the guidelines provided to us by the Health Providers. Most Legion events scheduled for the next few months are postponed or cancelled. Remember to use "Buddy Check" to check on your older members well being during this time. The American Legion will move forward when the time is appropriate and safe for our programs and members well being.

For God and Country

Jim Huls
NEC

Department Constitution and Bylaws Resolutions Deadline May 7, 2020

The deadline for submission of resolutions calling for the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion Department of South Dakota is rapidly approaching.

Proposals for amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws must be received in State Headquarters at least (6) six weeks prior to the annual state convention. This requirement is to allow sufficient time for the resolutions to be reviewed by the Department Internal Affairs Commission and to allow sufficient time for the Department Adjutant to forward copies of all recommendations for amendment, along with the recommendation of the Department Internal Affairs Commission to all posts.

The deadline to submit a resolution to amend the Department Constitution and Bylaws to State Headquarters is May 7, 2020.

South Dakota American Legion Band Seeking Musicians



The South Dakota American Legion Band plays at the Western Heritage Center in Spearfish at the 2018 Department Convention.

This article is especially targeted to instrumental musicians who have been involved in the South Dakota American Legion Band at some point or would like to be. This year the state American Legion convention is scheduled for June 19-21 in Huron.

We hope to rally as much participation as possible from within our normal participants and especially those who have been able to join us at some point in the past. We will have our stalwarts who never miss joined by those who are able to participate from time-to-time. As in the past, we will be heavily dependent on added musicians (usually from the convention location area) to augment the band. Many of the players who joined us for past Huron conventions have passed away, moved away or no longer play. For this year (and next as the convention will again be in Huron) we need to reach out to invite and encourage musicians we know to join our band.

If you know of any potential musicians who might be able to join our ranks, please invite them to join us and get their contact info to us so they can receive subsequent convention information. At the very least, pass on names of potential players to the contacts listed below.

We would love to see new instrumentalists join us to serve our veterans! Contact Dwayne LaFave: dwayne.lafave@gmail.com, 605-690 1650 or Marla Mosiman: mmosiman@venturecomm.net, 605-222-3313.

Membership

“Membership is Strength, Let’s Get Stronger!”

Ed Stringer
State Membership Chairman



Legionnaires,

March 11th has now come and gone. What does this mean you may ask? It means we surpassed another Target date for membership. March 11th was the 90% cut off date . We are at 90.963 % That is because all of you doing what you have done to bring members back and recruit new members. This could not have been done without the Hard work that has been done by so many. I thank you and I am sure Commander Nelson thanks you. Here are the numbers for the Department as of Mar. 13. South Dakota has dropped to 12th place over all . Our Goal For the year is 18634 , we are currently at 16945 .503 behind last year at this time. That puts us at 1689 below where we need to be for our next target date in may. 100% It also puts us 175 ahead of the Mar.11 cutoff date. 90%

With all that being said , we need to look at the individual post numbers. Some posts are doing just great and a some are struggling . If your post is struggling to get members to renew , try to find out what needs to be done to get renewals. Get two or three people together and call members on your unpaid list . This really works. Department numbers do not go up if Post numbers don't go up . Seeing them in person is more effective but not always possible . With this virus running around the country . We need to take all the precautions we can to stay healthy and safe.

I ask you all to dig a little deeper into your membership bag of ideas and see if we can make our goal . I have asked you to do this in the past for Commander Nelson , Now I am asking you to be greedy and do it for YOU. Lets git er done. Thanks again for all you do. Keep it up for another cut off period and we will have 100 % bragging rights.

BEAT NEBRASKA,

Ed Stringer
Department Membership

Area/Dist		2019 GOAL	2019 MBSHP	PERCENT % of GOAL
AREA 1-2	KEVIN MORELLO	3,536	3,016	85.29%
AREA 3-4-5-6-7-8	HARRY BONER	15,961	13,827	86.63%
TOTAL		19,497	16,843	86.39%
POST 500		250	207	82.80%
TOTAL		19,747	17,050	86.34%
DISTRICT 1	DAVID BOOZE	1,529	1,406	91.96%
DISTRICT 2	GENE IRON SHELL	2,007	1,610	80.22%
DISTRICT 3	LEROY MADSEN	1,854	1,582	85.33%
DISTRICT 4	PERRY SCHMIDT	2,046	1,730	84.56%
DISTRICT 5	MATT LAGERSTROM	3,300	2,761	83.67%
DISTRICT 6	DOUG FELTMAN	2,658	2,279	85.74%
DISTRICT 7	RODNEY SMITH	3,979	3,593	90.30%
DISTRICT 8	GREG GEIMAN	2,124	1,882	88.61%
Post 500		250	207	-
		19,747	17,050	86.34%
		18,634	17,050	91.50%

General Resolutions

***Good Ideas = Good Resolutions**

Legionnaires are afforded the opportunity to suggest changes in their local Post’s policies, or even to the manner in which The American Legion conducts business as an organization. Legionnaires interested in initiating such a process must file a resolution.

A resolution is a written description of a problem or situation followed by a suggestion as to how it may be corrected. A resolution may also be a statement or declaration pertaining to an issue of concern to The American Legion.

A resolution consists of two parts: the Preamble (description of the problem) and the Resolving clause (how the local post, department, or the national organization should solve the problem or support the issue.)

If you or your post are interested in writing a good resolution using the proper format, please refer to page 136 of the 2018 Officer’s Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. Every Post Commander and Post Adjutant has a copy of this manual. Remember to submit your resolution through your post. General resolutions are due to State Headquarters two weeks prior to Department Convention. .

DISTRICT 1	91.96%	DISTRICT 4	(cont)	84.6%	DISTRICT 6	(cont)	85.7%	
POST	NO	% GOAL	POST	NO	% GOAL	POST	NO	% GOAL
Lead	31	104.08%	Doland	69	100.0%	White Lake	96	96.4%
Belle Fourche	32	78.57%	Leola	78	84.0%	Wessington	110	82.5%
Sturgis	33	90.60%	Redfield	92	84.7%	Alpena	116	86.1%
Lemmon	66	92.44%	Selby	100	87.5%	Kimball	130	65.7%
Bullhead	82	4.35%	Faulton	102	72.5%	DeSmet	138	91.1%
Timber Lake	83	93.75%	Warner	137	88.2%	Howard	145	95.4%
Faith	106	60.00%	Conde	148	80.0%	Oldham	158	60.0%
Isabel	120	100.00%	Northville	149	94.1%	Emery	166	94.7%
McLaughlin	121	86.67%	Mellette	151	75.0%	Pukwana	201	73.7%
Dupree	124	80.00%	Herreid	170	83.3%	Mount Vernon	210	87.5%
McIntosh	139	70.97%	Eureka	186	84.8%	Erwin	241	71.4%
Buffalo	147	103.23%	Hosmer	189	85.1%	Badger	260	88.5%
Spearfish	164	96.02%	Stratford	207	69.6%	Ethan	261	103.7%
Nisland,Newell, Vale	233	78.13%	Cresbard	213	84.4%	Hetland	263	84.2%
Little Eagle	239	25.81%	Brentford	242	55.0%	Virgil	268	63.6%
Bison	255	93.48%	Roscoe	259	74.6%	Iroquois	280	78.4%
Thunder Hawk	279	105.97%	Claremont	262	84.1%	DISTRICT 7		90.3%
Eagle Butte	308	157.58%	Bowdle	264	86.7%	Sioux Falls	15	89.6%
Piedmont	311	95.93%	Pollock	272	59.3%	Garretson	23	100.0%
Box Elder	315	95.90%	Frederick	273	86.7%	Madison	25	121.4%
DISTRICT 2		80.22%	Long Lake	276	65.4%	Harrisburg	45	86.8%
Wood	19	86.67%	Mansfield	289	75.0%	Canton	53	88.7%
Rapid City	22	88.40%	Tulare	292	85.2%	Humboldt	62	77.6%
Kadoka	27	76.74%	DISTRICT 5		83.7%	Dell Rapids	65	90.9%
Custer	46	110.00%	Milbank	9	90.3%	Flandreau	70	59.4%
Hot Springs	71	79.38%	Watertown	17	82.3%	Beresford	72	85.0%
Murdo	75	135.00%	Bryant	37	81.4%	Alcester	86	92.6%
White River	94	89.80%	Webster	40	84.6%	Egan	97	84.2%
Rosebud	125	73.91%	Rosholt	48	84.6%	Nunda	105	85.7%
Midland	143	89.66%	Clear Lake	49	89.0%	Bridgewater	111	68.2%
Belvidere	144	23.53%	Sisseton	50	93.6%	Hartford	118	86.4%
Hill City	160	76.47%	Clark	60	71.9%	Trent	122	96.0%
Edgemont	172	74.07%	Wilmot	64	90.6%	Hudson	128	78.6%
Philip	173	95.59%	Brookings	74	85.1%	Valley Springs	131	80.4%
Oelrichs	238	53.33%	Veblen	76	86.4%	Elk Point	134	78.3%
Martin	240	72.93%	Britton	80	93.2%	Chester	136	109.1%
Wall	246	82.61%	Toronto	81	62.2%	Salem	140	112.7%
Pine Ridge	251	6.67%	White	88	87.4%	Montrose	154	109.0%
New Underwood	256	153.33%	Pierpont	99	52.6%	Wentworth	161	77.1%
Kyle	265	0.00%	Astoria	103	76.0%	Canistota	162	93.3%
Wanblee	269	11.76%	Bradley	108	68.8%	Lennox	174	94.2%
Batesland	281	0.00%	Gary	109	70.9%	Baltic	175	91.4%
Mission	287	33.33%	Willow Lake	113	68.8%	Worthing	177	87.5%
Porcupine	294	13.33%	Volga	114	102.1%	Colton	206	83.3%
Parmelee	295	20.00%	Waubay	129	62.3%	Ramona	216	82.8%
St. Francis	297	106.67%	Sinai	133	80.0%	Tea	266	85.7%
Draper	301	76.47%	Langford	141	81.0%	Colman	278	104.3%
Manderson	302	9.52%	Carpenter	153	66.7%	Renner	307	71.8%
Hermosa	303	89.12%	Lily	156	93.3%	Brandon	318	85.9%
Norris	310	80.00%	Strandburg	171	80.0%	North Sioux City	319	106.0%
Allen	317	5.88%	New Effington	180	96.9%	DISTRICT 8		88.6%
Rapid City Foothills	320	87.23%	Estelline	184	73.3%	Vermillion	1	109.1%
DISTRICT 3		85.33%	Elkton	198	81.8%	Tyndall	2	88.1%
Gregory	6	88.57%	Bruce	200	76.9%	Lake Andes	10	75.0%
Pierre	8	81.25%	Raymond	209	86.2%	Wagner	11	87.6%
Fort Pierre	20	71.67%	Hayti	217	78.7%	Yankton	12	103.1%
Burke	28	92.86%	Big Stone City	229	84.4%	Wakonda	13	93.5%
Highmore	35	71.15%	Aurora	230	85.3%	Hurley	21	87.5%
Bonesteel	36	85.37%	Castlewood	250	110.6%	Parker	30	106.7%
Miller	38	75.00%	Roslyn	253	96.3%	Centerville	43	87.4%
Blunt	77	95.83%	Andover	258	37.5%	Alsen	44	75.5%
Onida	79	75.28%	Grenville	267	77.8%	Armour	52	89.4%
Presho	89	69.70%	Kidder	298	91.7%	Geddes	56	87.0%
Dallas	91	96.55%	Old Agency	314	90.9%	Platte	115	86.4%
Gettysburg	135	86.47%	DISTRICT 6		85.7%	Viborg	117	86.4%
Colome	146	85.44%	Chamberlain	3	117.6%	Springfield	132	76.8%
Vivian	157	125.00%	Plankinton	5	100.0%	Tripp	142	81.1%
Hoven	159	91.18%	Huron	7	87.3%	Avon	150	79.5%
Witten	167	82.61%	Wessington Sprgs	14	69.0%	Menno	152	87.1%
Winner	169	97.34%	Gann Valley	16	85.7%	Scotland	155	82.9%
Kennebec-Reliance	179	83.53%	Mitchell	18	79.2%	Davis	176	63.2%
Fairfax	187	88.24%	Stickney	26	81.3%	Tabor	183	83.6%
Herrick	220	70.00%	Woonsocket	29	62.9%	Irene	193	89.1%
Polo	299	104.65%	Alexandria	41	78.7%	Parkston	194	95.2%
DISTRICT 4		84.56%	Arlington	42	96.3%	Marion	235	133.3%
Mobridge	4	82.64%	Artesian	47	76.0%	Gayville	237	74.0%
Aberdeen	24	88.09%	Wolsey	59	81.4%	Freeman	248	64.0%
Groton	39	79.10%	Canova	61	100.0%	Delmont	249	90.4%
Rockham	57	128.57%	Lake Preston	63	97.6%	Greenwood	257	110.0%
Columbia	58	97.37%	Hitchcock	84	88.5%	Corsica	274	85.5%
Ipswich	67	88.24%	Ful-Frm-Epiphany	85	82.4%	Pickstown	282	56.5%
Hecla	68	92.31%	Letcher	93	81.5%	Chancellor	283	73.2%
						MDSP Springfield	323	133.3%

For God and Country

Patrick Lewellen
Department Chaplain



Greetings to the American Legion Family,

Thank you to all my American Legion Family!!!! We had an awesome Midwinter Conference in Oacoma in February. God Blessed our American Legion Midwinter Conference in so many ways. Our prayers made a difference and God's Blessing flowed over our Midwinter Conference. It started when we prayed for good weather for all our travelers and opened our Friday night supper with everyone joining hands and praying the Lords Prayer together. Yes indeed our Prayers made a difference and it showed. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Four Chaplains Service, you made a difference and God Blessed our American Legion Family Sunday morning. The Bible is full of verses of God's Blessings:

In 2 Corinthians 9:8 Paul writes. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

These verses are God's promises and we are in the "New Covenant" and the Blessings of God are ours because of knowing Jesus and not by our performance.

The Blessings of God don't automatically happen. We have to believe what God says and then pray or speak it out. In 2 Corinthians 4:13 We also believe and therefore we speak. There are many Blessings in the Bible and one of my life verses is Psalms 91.

Psalms 91: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, or disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Yes indeed, Blessings of God's Favor in Psalms 5:12 Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Please remember to "Make a Difference in Prayer", and speak it out loud and the Lord will surely bless you and our American Legion Family and expect the unexpected.

My Prayer is that God will meet the physical and spiritual needs of others. We all can make a difference. I look forward to seeing our American Legion Family at the State Convention in June.

Please don't miss out on nominating someone or group for our Good Samaritan Award. Make a difference. God's Blessings. Greetings to the American Legion Family.

With Love and Respect,
Chaplain Patrick Lewellen

Joint American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Banquet
Friday, June 19, 2020
Huron Convention Center, Huron, SD
Deadline to order tickets: Saturday, May 30, 2020

Banquet Tickets \$30.00 each. Tickets Ordered _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

BUFFET MENU:

Roasted Round beef with Au jus
Roasted Turkey with Dressing
Baked Potato
Homestyle macaroni & pea salad
Green beans
Tossed salad
Dinner Roll

Mail ticket order to:

Jerry Mencke
1829 Dexter Ct
Huron, SD

Make checks payable to:
American Legion Post #7

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"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example."
Benjamin Disraeli

Post #4	Mobridge	Leland Berndt	Post #71	Hot Springs	Clarence Kessler
Post #7	Huron	James Gamber	Post #71	Hot Springs	Harlan Niedermeyer
Post #8	Pierre	Laverne Bak	Post #71	Hot Springs	James Sewright
Post #8	Pierre	Elyvn Hansen	Post #71	Hot Springs	William Spitzer
Post #8	Pierre	Eldon Huber	Post #74	Brookings	Terrence Aulner
Post #8	Pierre	Paul Inman	Post #74	Brookings	Kenneth James
Post #8	Pierre	James Likeness	Post #76	Veblen	Carlton Henning
Post #8	Pierre	William Novak	Post #78	Leola	Francis Kallas
Post #11	Wagner	Raymond Baumgart	Post #78	Leola	Robert Schilling
Post #12	Yankton	Duane Kleinschmit	Post #78	Leola	Elmer Schock
Post #13	Wakonda	Marvin Girard	Post #79	Onida	Clifford Carter
Post #14	Wess Springs	George Tapken	Post #79	Onida	Johnny Gross
Post #14	Wess Springs	Edward Vavra	Post #79	Onida	Marvin Hiller
Post #15	Sioux Falls	Kenneth Dains	Post #79	Onida	Rueben Niehoff
Post #15	Sioux Falls	Vance Janssen	Post #81	Toronto	Marlo Lemke
Post #15	Sioux Falls	Albert Lehman	Post #83	Timber Lake	James Hulm
Post #15	Sioux Falls	Ernest Tyler	Post #84	Hitchcock	Tabitha Carr
Post #15	Sioux Falls	Douglas Wilson	Post #84	Hitchcock	Timothy Vorlage
Post #17	Codington Co	Steve Allard	Post #89	Presho	Dallas Brost
Post #17	Codington Co	Jack Pownell	Post #114	Volga	Gerrit Den-Otter
Post #17	Codington Co	Clifford Welch	Post #118	Hartford	Marvin Fara
Post #18	Mitchell	Richard Blankenship	Post #118	Hartford	Jerome Kapperman
Post #18	Mitchell	Ray Buckley	Post #120	Isabel	Burt Bridges
Post #18	Mitchell	James Meagher	Post #125	Rosebud	Calvin Jones
Post #18	Mitchell	Jerry Mohr	Post #128	Hudson	Carlen Dejong
Post #18	Mitchell	James Myers	Post #128	Hudson	Daryl Halling
Post #18	Mitchell	Jerry Pattison	Post #128	Hudson	John Vipond
Post #20	Ft Pierre	John Tuveson	Post #129	Waubay	Vincent Boik
Post #22	Rapid City	Maynard Aadson	Post #131	Valley Springs	Richard Smook
Post #22	Rapid City	William Hess	Post #132	Springfield	David Henderson
Post #22	Rapid City	Norbert Johnson	Post #132	Springfield	Leo Tyrrell
Post #22	Rapid City	Melvin Lehman	Post #141	Langford	Harvey Tobin
Post #22	Rapid City	Tom Long	Post #146	Colome	Richard Mathis
Post #22	Rapid City	Delfino Solano	Post #148	Conde	Berwin Place
Post #22	Rapid City	Delmer Sorenson	Post #152	Menno	Chad Gilbert
Post #22	Rapid City	Kenneth Steele	Post #152	Menno	Tim Schaeffer
Post #22	Rapid City	James Trenary	Post #152	Menno	Wahnel Ulmer
Post #23	Garretson	Steven Austin	Post #152	Menno	Kevin White
Post #23	Garretson	Norman Benson	Post #152	Menno	Anthony York
Post #23	Garretson	Nelson Benson	Post #152	Menno	Elmer Zeeb
Post #23	Garretson	Dennis Hoven	Post #159	Hoven	Mike McGarvey
Post #23	Garretson	Francis O'Neal	Post #159	Hoven	Harlan Rausch
Post #23	Garretson	Laurie Tidemann	Post #164	Spearfish	Richard Krogstad
Post #24	Aberdeen	Carl Antanitis	Post #164	Spearfish	William Lovitt
Post #24	Aberdeen	Dale Dauman	Post #164	Spearfish	Larry Martin
Post #24	Aberdeen	Roy Gruenstein	Post #164	Spearfish	Gerald Miles
Post #24	Aberdeen	Donald Johnson	Post #164	Spearfish	Ronald Schuttler
Post #24	Aberdeen	Jerald Lout	Post #164	Spearfish	James Seward
Post #24	Aberdeen	Allan Monson	Post #169	Winner	Dale Aeschbacher
Post #32	Miller	Harold Brost	Post #169	Winner	James Beranek
Post #33	Sturgis	George Blair	Post #169	Winner	Robert Blomstrom
Post #33	Sturgis	George Hlavka	Post #169	Winner	Richard Neuharth
Post #33	Sturgis	Lawrence Loobey	Post #170	Herried	Harold Kosel
Post #33	Sturgis	Daniel Regan	Post #171	Strandburg	Arlo Fish
Post #35	Highmore	John Zilverberg	Post #179	Kennebec-Reliance	Donald Parisien
Post #37	Bryant	Dennis Currier	Post #180	New Effington	Eugene Cornelius
Post #37	Bryant	Delbert Riter	Post #186	Eureka	Kevan Fitzgerald
Post #39	Groton	Curtis Sombke	Post #186	Eureka	Cornelius Goehring
Post #40	Webster	Vernon Lohman	Post #186	Eureka	Allen Weller
Post #42	Arlington	Stephen Eddy	Post #209	Raymond	Roger Claussen
Post #42	Arlington	Allen Hanson	Post #230	Aurora	Dennis Dokken
Post #45	Harrisburg	Howard Dodd	Post #230	Aurora	Virgil Stembough
Post #45	Harrisburg	Roger Iverson	Post #237	Gayville	Ken Kjer
Post #46	Custer	Carl Jackson	Post #246	Wall	Lola Simpfenderfer
Post #47	Artesian	Howard Bechen	Post #261	Ethan	John Engel
Post #47	Artesian	Alfred Ellingson	Post #261	Ethan	Varland Hansen
Post #48	Rosholt	Byron Akerson	Post #261	Ethan	Gary Pressler
Post #49	Clear Lake	Arlie Asmussen	Post #261	Ethan	George Puetz
Post #50	Sisseton	Richard Aas	Post #266	Tea	Donald Kuper
Post #50	Sisseton	Keith Kelly	Post #273	Frederick	Deane Weekley
Post #59	Wolsley	Robert Brodkorb	Post #274	Corsica	Sylvan VanZee
Post #62	Humboldt	Nick Hoek	Post #280	Iroquois	Dale Kopplin
Post #65	Dell Rapids	Oscar Emly	Post #280	Iroquois	Merlin Rieck
Post #65	Dell Rapids	Harry Gaspar	Post #303	Hermosa	Jerry Remer
Post #65	Dell Rapids	Ronald Wolf	Post #307	Renner	Lavern Larsen
Post #71	Hot Springs	Allen Annis	Post #500	South Dakota	Alvin Plagmann
Post #71	Hot Springs	Kerwin Douthit			