



# Up To Now!

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Aug 26-Sep 1 National Convention, Milwaukee WI  
Sep 1 Veterans Day at SD State Fair  
Sep 5 Labor Day, HQ closed  
Sep 8 Dept Executive Committee Zoom meeting at 7 pm central  
Sep 10-11 SD Legion Golf Tournament  
Sep 10 District 1 Fall Meeting  
Sep 18 District 2 Fall Meeting  
Sep 24 District 6 Fall Meeting  
Sep 25 District 3 Fall Meeting  
Sep 28 South Dakota Veterans Council meeting, Rapid City  
Oct 1 Midwest Honor Flight, SD American Legion Honor Flight  
Oct 10-13 National Fall Meetings  
Oct 22 District 7 Fall Meeting  
Oct 23 District 8 Fall Meeting  
Oct 29 District 4 Fall Meeting  
Oct 30 District 5 Fall Meeting  
Oct 31 VA Healthcare worker nominations due to HQ  
Nov 11 Veterans Day, HQ closed  
Nov 15 Employer Awards nominations due to HQ  
Nov 24-25 Thanksgiving HQ closed  
Dec 23, 26 Christmas Holiday, HQ closed  
Dec 31 Law Enforcement nominations due to HQ from Districts  
Dec 31 Firefighter nominations due to HQ from Districts

## INCLUDED IN THIS UP TO NOW

Information from Harry Boner, Department Children & Youth Chairman, on fundraising for the upcoming year.

## COMMANDER MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Commander Feltman has made the following appointments:  
Larry Madsen to the Trust Fund Committee  
Rick MacDonald to the Scouting Committee  
Travise Flisrand to the Marketing Committee.  
Glenn Bahley National Cemetery Committee and Primary Representative to the SDVCS  
Gary Warne as member of Employment Committee  
Jon McDonald as aeronautics chairman  
Gary Wolkow as member of Public Safety Committee

## NATIONAL VA&R VA HEALTH CARE WORKER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The National VA&R Commission is accepting nominations for the VA Health Care Provider and VA Physician of the Year Awards. Any Legionnaire in good standing can nominate a deserving physician or health care worker for this award. If you know of an individual you would like to nominate, contact Adjutant Hempel at Headquarters.

## SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION HONOR FLIGHT

Midwest Honor Flight Mission 13 has been named the SD American Legion Honor Flight. It will depart early on Oct 1st. There are two events associated with this flight Legionnaires can participate in. On September 30th, the Honor Flight banquet will be held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Up to 150 additional people can participate at the banquet. Cost is \$25 per plate. Send your check to Midwest Honor Flight; ATTN SDAL Mission 13 Banquet; P.O. Box 22 Sioux Center IA 51250. Deadline is Sept 15th. There will be no tickets available at the door. You will not receive a paper ticket, but check in at the door. Please include the names of those attending as

well as the Post/Unit/Squadron you are representing. The Banquet doors open at 5 pm and banquet starts at 6 pm. Questions can be sent to [info@midwesthonorflight.org](mailto:info@midwesthonorflight.org). There will be a Welcome Home Ceremony for the returning flight at the Sioux Falls Convention Center Arena at 9:30 pm October 1st. We want to fill the Arena with Legionnaires to welcome home our Legion Flight. Pass the word and wear your Legion Cap.

## LEGION TABLE AT STATE FAIR

The SD Legion will have a booth at the State Fair at the Veteran's Building on Thursday, September 1st from 9 am to 5 pm. PDC Gary Wolkow is going to coordinate. He will be setting up the booth on Tuesday August 30th. If you are interested in helping set up the booth on the 30th or can help out at the booth on September 1st, please contact Gary at 605-203-0226.

## LEGION STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Humboldt Post 62 and Hartford Post 118 are sponsoring this year's State Golf Tournament. It will be held September 10 and 11 at the Central Valley Golf Course in Hartford. Registration deadline for the 4 person scramble is September 1st. Contact Fred Lee at 605-413-9451 to register or for more information.

## KEYS TO PROGRESS

Progressive Insurance is giving a car away to a family facing difficult times. It will be given away on November 10th at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance in Sioux Falls. Applications must be submitted by September 16th and there is specific eligibility requirements which include, be a veteran with DD214, or Active Duty E4 or below, Spouse of Active Duty E4 or below and members is stationed overseas. Household income must be below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. If you or someone you know may qualify, or want additional information, have them contact Rachel at 605-271-1582 or [info@southdakotaalliance.org](mailto:info@southdakotaalliance.org).

## FALLEN HERO BRIDGE DEDICATIONS

South Dakota started a program in 2019 to honor Veterans killed in the line of duty by naming bridges in their honor. Following is a list of upcoming dedications. It would be great if Legionnaires in the area would attend to honor those who have fallen:

Sep 17, CPL Martin Fluegel, McCook Central High School in Salem at 1:00pm central

Oct 1, Frederic Schroeder, VFW in Madison at 1:00 pm central

## POSTS WHO HAVE NOT CERTIFIED THEIR OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

The following Posts need to contact Judy at Headquarters to complete their Officer Certifications: Lake Andes, Parker, Rockham, Blunt, Leola, Bullhead #82, Timber Lake, Egan, Astoria, Viborg, Isabel, Dupree, Rosebud, Sinai, Belvidere, Canistota, Davis, Oelrichs, Little Eagle, Delmont, Pine Ridge, New Underwood, Kyle, Virgil, Batesland, Porcupine, Parmelee, St. Francis, Manderson, Eagle Butte, Old Agency and Bull Head #324.

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## 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE

For people ages 10-34, suicide is the leading cause of death in South Dakota. Starting July 11, 2022, dialing code 988 will connect people to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People can use the 988 number if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises or other emotional distress. People can also use the 988 number if they are concerned about a loved one who may need crisis support. Please spread the word about the new 988 number.

## ORATORY CONTEST COMPLETION DATES

The Americanism Commission has set the following completion dates for the oratory contests:

- Post contests completed by January 8, 2023
- District contests completed by January 22nd, 2023
- Department contest on February 12th, 2023 at MidWinter conference.

The following dates and locations have been set for the District contests:

DIST. 1—Chair: Ken Sabers, (kcsabers@gmail.com) District contest to be held at Sturgis American Legion Post 33, January 8, 2023, 1:00pm. Storm date, Jan. 15, same time and place.

DIST. 2—Chair: Doug Harris (doughnut@gmsil.com) District contest to be held at SDSM&T Classroom Bldg., 501 E. Saint Joseph St, January 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Storm date, January 15th, same time and place.

DIST. 3—Chair: Larry Madsen, (larry\_madsen@hotmail.com) District contest to be held at Faith Lutheran Church Christian Living Center, 714 N Grand Ave, Pierre, SD. January 15, 2023 2:00 p.m. Storm date, January 22nd, same time and place.

DIST. 4—Chair: Dale Strom, (dale\_strom@yahoo.com) District contest to be held at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 431 W Melgaard Rd, Aberdeen, SD 57401 January 8 2023, 2:00 p.m. Storm date, January 15th, same time and place.

DIST. 5—Chair: Clayton Nei, (pandnei@gmail.com) District contest to be held at American Lutheran Church, Castlewood, SD on Jan. 15, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Storm date, Jan. 22, same time and place.

DIST. 6—Chair: Kim Thomas, (photostoday@midstatesd.net) District Contest to be held at the Best Western Hotel 2000 Dakota Ave S, Huron, SD, January 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Storm date, Jan 22th, same time and place.

DIST. 7—Chair: Linda Liddell (Lliddell08@gmail.com), District contest to be held at the Humboldt Community Center, January 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Storm date January 22nd, same time and place.

DIST. 8—Chair: Joseph Knoer, (joseph.A.Knoer@usd.edu) District contest to be held at Al Neuharth Media Center, 555 N Dakota St, Vermillion, January 15th, 2023, 2:00 p.m. Storm Date January 22nd, same time and place.

## FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Districts are scheduling their Fall meetings. Below is the current schedule to date:

Dist 1: Sept 10, Lemmon Post 66, 10:30 social, 11:00 meal, 12:00 meeting

Dist 2: Sept 18, Phillip, 11:30 social, 12:00 meal, 13:00 meeting

Dist 3: Sept 25, Gettysburg, 12:00 social, 1:00 meeting

Dist 4: Oct 29, Warner, 4:00 meeting

Dist 5: Oct 30, Brooking Post 74, 12:30 meal, 1:00 meeting

Dist 6: Sept 24, Wessington Springs Post 14, 11:00 social, 12:00 meal, 13:30 meeting

Dist 7: Sioux Falls Post 15, 11:00 social, 12:00 meal, 1:00 meet

Dist 8: Oct 23, Vermillion, TBD

## SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION FLOAT

Scheduling of the SD Legion float is changing to Department Headquarters. To schedule the float or check on availability, email [hq@sdlegion.org](mailto:hq@sdlegion.org) or call 605-886-3604. As before a fee to use the float

will be \$20 and should be sent to HQ after reserving the float. It is the responsibility of the organization that wants to use the float to arrange with the current holder of the float where and when to pick up the float.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The following have been elected as Delegates to the National Convention in Milwaukee August 25-September 1:

NEC Jim Huls of Madison (National Call In)

Alt NEC Denny Brenden of Watertown (National Call In)

PDC Paul Evenson of Garretson (National Call In)

PDC Terry Hanson of Arlington (National Call In)

PDC Hugh Holmes of Mitchell (National Call In)

PDC Fred Nelson of Spearfish (National Call In)

Warren Aas of Watertown (National Call In)

Krisma DeWitt of Watertown (National Call In)

Doug Harris of Rapid City (National Call In)

Courtney Steffen of Chester (National Call In)

C.P. Van Delist of Rapid City (National Call In)

PDC Charemon Dunham of Iroquois

Dept Commander Doug Feltman of Chamberlain

Dept Adjutant Kevin Hempel of Watertown

Noel Cummins of Milbank

Rod Smith of Chester

Travise Flisrand of Badger

Bill Peters of Sioux Falls

Annette Dunham of Iroquois

Jon McDonald of Box Elder

Jeff Hrabanek of Winner

Dan Hunhoff of Yankton

Alternate Delegates are:

PDC Byron Callies of Watertown

Joseph Knoer of Vermillion

Dale Hill of Sioux Falls

Tom Henley of Aurora

Eugene Iron Shell of Rosebud

## DID YOU KNOW:

The third section of the Legion Preamble and its meaning: TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of The American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due processes of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!

## DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP GOALS

National gave us the 2022-2023 membership goals for the Department at the Membership Workshop. They were determined by taking 3% of our actual membership on July 4th. The National goal is 17,041. Post goals were included with the SD Adjutant's Administrative and Awards manual which was just sent to the Posts. Rod Smith is this years Membership Chairman.

**2023 goal 17,041 Current membership 8,750 or 51.4% of goal**

Upcoming membership goals

September 14 50%

October 13 55%

Have you done your buddy checks??