



SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS COUNCIL

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Paralyzed Veterans of America, 1054 & 959 Vietnam Veterans of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart

MINUTES OF THE SDVC MEETING VFW RAPID CITY POST #1273 - 420 MAIN ST. – RAPID CITY, SD 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 9 AM – 12 PM (MT)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting of the South Dakota Veterans Council was called to order by Vice President Anna Arnold at 9 am.

2. OPENING PRAYER:

(DAV) Christine Speirs led the Council in opening prayer.

3. ROLL CALL:

Secretary/Treasurer Marty Pennock called the roll call showing the following members present and Quorum was met. A current list of Council Members was provided. Handout Provided dated September 18, 2023.

American Legion (TAL): C.P. Van DeList, and Fred Nelson

Disabled American Veterans (DAV): Christine Speirs, Marty Pennock, and Gene Murphy
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): Anna Arnold

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 1054 and 959 (VVA): Phil Braeger (1054) and Terry “Hawk” Mayer (959)

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH): All absent

North Central Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA): All absent

Official Officers Excused (TAL) Courtney Steffen, (VFW) Derek Besler, (VFW) Dan Klimisch, (VVA 1054) Gordy West, (MOPH) Connie Johnson, (MOPH) Bill Flippo, (MOPH) Buck Underwood, (PVA) Terry Paulsen, (PVA) Mike Olson, (PVA) Lisa Cummings

There were a total of 24 present for the meeting (attached sign in roster – Three did not sign in)

4. WELCOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS / VISITORS /ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS /ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

5. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Vice President Arnold called on Secretary-Treasurer Pennock read the minutes from the August 11th, 2023, SDVC meeting.

On a motion by (VVA 959) Terry Mayer and seconded by (DAV) Gene Murphy to waive the reading of the minutes from the August 11th, 2023, SDVC meeting, and approve them as written as they were mailed to members of the council, posted on the website and provided to members prior to the September 20th SDVC meeting. Discussion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Vice President Arnold called on Secretary-Treasurer Pennock for a Treasurer's Report. Beginning Balance as of August 11th, 2023, was \$10,604.24, with deposits of \$250.00 and expenses of \$645.00 leaving a balance, as of September 20th, 2023, of \$10,209.24.

On a motion by (DAV) Marty Pennock and seconded by (VVA 1054) Phil Braeger to approve up to \$200.00 in mailing expenditures for legislative mailing notifications for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion. Motion carried.

On a motion by (DAV) Marty Pennock and seconded by (DAV) Gene Murphy to approve up to \$100.00 for food and refreshments in support of each legislative roundtable event in the fall of 2023. Discussion. Motion carried.

On a motion by (DAV) Marty Pennock and seconded by (VVA 959) Terry Mayer to approve up to \$1000.00 for expenditures to support the legislative reception on January 10th, 2024. Discussion. Motion carried.

On a motion by (DAV) Gene Murphy and seconded by (VVA 959) Terry Mayer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion. Motion carried.

6. ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT: Vice President Arnold provided the endowment fund report

South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery Fund			
From:	01/01/2023	To:	09/12/2023
			Printer-friendly version
Additions		Net Assets	
Contributions - Nonspendable	\$250,150.00		
Dividend & Interest Income	\$53,262.67	Beginning	Ending
Capital Gain/Loss - Unrealized	\$129,604.03	(1/1/2023)	(9/12/2023)
Total Additions:	\$433,016.70		
Subtractions			
Fund Administrative Fee	\$9,483.22	Activity	
Total Subtractions:	\$9,483.22		
3000 Net Assets - Available for Distribution	\$104,846.05	\$0.00	\$104,846.05
3010 Net Assets - Undistributed Income/Loss	(\$17,444.31)	\$43,779.45	\$26,335.14
3015 Net Assets- Unrealized Gain/Loss on investments	(\$207,745.65)	\$129,604.03	(\$78,141.62)
3020 Net Assets - Non-spendable principal endowment	\$2,744,406.90	\$250,150.00	\$2,994,556.90
Total Net Assets	\$2,624,062.99	\$423,533.48	\$3,047,596.47

7. STATE UPDATES: SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPUTY SECRETARY AARON POLLARD

- Annual Benefit School was held in September with about 100 in attendance at the Alliance in Sioux Falls. It is planned on being held there again in 2024
- Key Dates: December 5th – Budget Address is at 1pm
 January 9th – State of the State Address
 January 10th – Legislative Reception
- Legislative Long- Term Care Meetings Pierre– September 25th and October 18th
- There are two Fallen Hero bridges still to be conducted October 7th and October 14th. There are 75 applications for the next round and are due April 1st, 2024
- The state will again be seeking removing the residency requirements at the South Dakota Veterans Home in 2024. Several questions were asked on the current occupancy and operational levels. The Home is currently at 58 or 59 residents. The Home is capable of only having Independent Resident Living or Nursing Care. There is no Assisted Living due to the fact the VA does not recognize this level.
- The State Veteran Cemetery is at 641 burials as of today
- The budget is not yet approved but may be asking for more dollars to address the contracting issue at the Veterans Home.

8. INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **DAKOTAS REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR SHAWN BOHN
PACT ACT**

Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (PACT) has been signed by the President adding 20 toxic exposure related condition to the presumptive list of Veterans and Survivors.

- Empower VA to deliver benefits to Veterans living with more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions and to their survivors.
- Make generations of Veterans eligible for VA health care, while increasing care for many more.
- Ensure that every enrolled Veteran receives an initial toxic exposure screening at VA and follow-up screening at least every 5 years.
- Increase VA research on toxic exposure; and
- Give VA tools to hire and retain employees and modernize over 30 facilities.

VBA has received over 1,041,300 claims since the passage of the law. Decisions are being made as of January 1, 2023. VBA has already processed over 570,955 PACT related claims.

Cancer claims are being prioritized for processing due to the potential for terminal illness.

Conditions included as presumptive for PACT for toxic airborne exposures:

These types of cancers:

- Brain cancer
- Glioblastoma
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Head cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Melanoma

These illnesses:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Veterans and survivors are encouraged to submit claims.

Blue Water Navy (Vietnam Agent Orange) Presumptives

Bladder cancer
 AL Amyloidosis
 Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
 Multiple Myeloma
 Hypothyroidism
 Chronic B Cell Leukemias
 Hodgkin's Disease
 Non-Hodgkin's Lymph.
 Parkinsonism
 Chloracne
 Ischemic Heart Disease
 Parkinson's Disease
 Peripheral Neuropathy
 Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
 Prostate Cancer
 Respiratory Cancers
 Soft Tissue Sarcomas

For Vietnam Agent Orange Exposure PACT Act new Presumptive:

- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance
- High blood pressure
 New areas: Any US or Royal Thai military based in Thailand from January 9, 1962 through June 30, 1976, Laos from December 1, 1965 through September 30, 1969, Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province from April 16, 1969 through April 30, 1969, Guam or American Samoa or in the territorial waters off of Guam or American Samoa from January 9, 1962 to July 30, 1980, Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll from January 1, 1972 through September 30, 1977.

VBA Veteran Readiness and Employment Services

Veterans may receive Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) (Formerly known as Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans and Servicemembers in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment. Veterans/Servicemembers can visit the Regional Office in Sioux Falls or visit the following website to learn more and apply for VR&E benefits: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>.

Current Regional Office Public Contact/Veterans Readiness and Employment Hours

Regional Office is opened from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays. Masks are not required when entering the Regional Office at this time.

Questions:

Q: How much of VBA C&Ps exams are being completed via contract provider?

A: VBA wide and depending on location, it is well over 60%. This is why it is so important we keep the lines of communication open regarding concerns with contract C&P providers. Overall, the program is going well, but please continue to let me know if you receive concerns regarding these providers.

- **BHVAHCS: MEDICAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO LISA CURNES WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER TOM JOHNSON PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING**

PACT ACT Updates

Toxic Exposure Screens (TES)

- Clinical reminders for Nurses and Providers are in place for the assessment of Veterans for their exposure to toxins. Toxic Exposure Screens are being offered through your Primary Care Team. TES is also being done in some Specialty Care areas as well and we continue to expand these screens into other areas of the healthcare delivery system.
- VABHHCS has screened over 13,000 veterans with (4820) 37% endorsing at least 1 exposure concern.
- 0 Veterans waiting over 30 days for follow-on care.
- ***PACT ACT VetFest at the 83rd Annual Sturgis Rally- Over 50 claims have been entered by the staff at the event. Hundreds more Veterans have been assisted in submitting an Intent To File. Over 400 Veterans have received a personal introduction concerning the PACT Act, with hundreds more engaging with staff and sharing their experiences with VA health care from Across the Country.

VA Black Hills Census

- Community Living Centers: 43 available beds, HS and FM have a census of 42.
- HS DOM: 60 available beds, Census of 40 as of 9/14/2023. We are still actively recruiting RRTP employees.

Care In the Community

- Black Hills has 2026 unscheduled consults.
- Black Hills has led the VISN in unscheduled consults. Recently seen an increase of over 1000 consults over the last month. We expect our unscheduled to return to around 1000 in the next month.
- There are no unscheduled consults >30 days with no activity.
- No consults aged >180 days
- Average days to schedule is 16.1 days, less than VISN (18.1 days) & National average.

Home Health Program

- VA medical staff including Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, and Pharmacists travel to the homes of Veterans in rural communities.
- Reduced inpatient days by 86.3%.
- Reduced ER visits by 36.6%.
- Reduced readmissions by 39%.
- Currently serving over 160 Veterans in the Community/

ON-BOARDING EVENT

- Focusing on hiring high-need positions: The type of employees who will be attending the surge event include Providers, Nurses EMS, Nutrition and Food Service workers, Social Workers, and Medical Support Assistance (MSAs).
- Last event was held in Fort Meade on Sept. 6th. 53 perspective employees attended. Offers were made on the spot to RNs, LPNs, and CNAs.
- Monthly Hiring Events will continue in Fort Meade, Hot Springs, and Rapid City.

Travel Claims

BTSSS Backlog is at 233. The oldest claim in review is less than 10 days from the date the claim was submitted.

Background: Last month our travel backlog exceeded 4500. A previously used system was recently discontinued, and all claims must be entered in BTSSS. Paper claims are still being accepted but must be manually entered into BTSSS by VA staff.

Construction update – Hot Springs

- PACT AREA UPGRADE- Renovate Bldg 12 for PACT (HS) to increase the size of the PACT Area- A study has been completed identifying a potential space layout.

Construction updates – Fort Meade

- Renovate Inpatient 113 will consolidate inpatient care (ICU, Med/Surg, and sleep lab) for staffing efficiency and modernize patient rooms. Anticipated completion in September 2024.
- The Upgrade MH Lock Ward project will correct several MHEOC deficiencies including ceiling height, hard ceilings, windows, and handrails. The project has been awarded, with an anticipated start in September 2023 and completion in September 2024.

The new clinic is located at 2165 Promise Road in Rapid City.

- Approximately 120 FTEE will be located at the new facility.
- Zero-graded incline entrance for ease of access for wheelchairs.
- Covered drop-off location to protect from weather elements.

- Increase in access allows us to meet the needs of Veterans by increasing PACT teams from 5 to 8 teams.
 - Increase in Mental Health exam rooms to include cutting-edge technology via biofeedback services that provide evidenced-based treatment to Veterans experiencing PTSD and Military Sexual Trauma (MST).
 - Addition of Women's Health Services specializing in providing comprehensive care across the spectrum to treat and provide prevention services. Enrolled Women Veteran has increased from 2021 to the present by 16%. Women Veterans make up the largest growth in the VA and we are ready to care for them.
 - We ensured there would be access to Veterans with the need for Physical Therapy in this location by incorporating a PT gym.
 - Multiple specialty services to include: Audiology, Physical Therapy, Chiropractor, etc.
 - Laboratory services will allow Veterans to receive their lab results at their clinic appointment with their clinician.
 - Radiology services include X-ray, Mobile CT, and MRI exams with the potential to expand to include mammography services in the future.
- **SFVAHCS: MEDICAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO SARA ACKERT NOTES PROVIDED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER TOM JOHNSON**
PACT ACT Updates:
 - Screened over 19,478 Veterans, 40% claiming at least one exposure.
 - A PACT ACT event was held in conjunction with Community Action for Veterans (CAV) on August 8th and had approximately 85 Veterans attend.

COMPACT ACT:

COMPACT ACT stand for Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care and Treatment. It requires the (VA) to directly furnish, pay for, or reimburse for emergent suicide care (to include associated transportation costs) at VA and non-VA facilities for eligible individuals in acute suicide crisis.

This includes:

- Up to 30 days of inpatient or crisis residential care
- 90 days of outpatient care related to the acute suicide crisis (this period can be extended if deemed clinically necessary). This includes both medical care and mental health care.
- Prescription medications
- Emergency transportation (ambulance or air transport) that are related to the suicide crisis.

Sioux Falls has had a total of 103 Veterans covered under the COMPACT ACT since it was rolled out in January. There are currently 49 Veterans that have an active episode.

Health Administration Service Update:

- Bene Travel – SFVAHCS received national support to assist in working bene travel claims. As of 9/13/2023 the oldest claim is from 8/4/23. We anticipate being caught up by the end of September.
- Scanning –the backlog continues to decrease. We are down to 2430 documents.
- Release of Information – we continue to have a backlog in ROI.
 - We recently had another VA agree to assist in this area.
 - The first of 2 hired new ROI Clerks is onboard and started training 9/13. The 2nd new hire starts 11/6.

Care in the Community Update FY23 Notable Metrics:

Days to schedule appointment: 14 days

Call center calls Handled: 98.2%

- Call center number for questions: 605-333-6800/1-800-316-8387

Construction:

- Work is progressing on the 10-bed Hospice Cottage and we anticipate completion in the Spring 2024
- New Prosthetics department on the 4th floor – anticipate completion by the end of the calendar year
- Work continues on the EHRM infrastructure project despite the EHRM implementation rollout being put on pause.

Sioux City CBOC Update: We recently added an Optometry Technician in Dakota Dunes

Rural Veteran Transportation Taskforce:

A meeting was held on September 13:

- Since the driver campaign occurred there have been 13 drivers apply.
- Voluntary Services has developed a one-stop process for new applications to be processed.
- COVID Vaccination requirements have not changed for volunteers. They are still required unless there is a religious or medical exemption.
- An application has been submitted for a VTS driver and vehicle for the Watertown CBOC. The application is pending, awaiting FY24 budget.

Community Living Center Update – The latest CLC Compare data has been released and the Sioux Falls VA CLC continues to be rated a 5-star facility.

Award of Valor- Sioux Falls Social Worker Mathia Rall received the Award of Valor signed by VA Secretary McDonough. Ms. Rall participated in a community situation with a homicidal/suicidal Veteran in a police standoff. She partnered with community police to manage the situation safely.

Nurse Recruiting Efforts

- Our current RN Vacancy rate is 14.6%, LPN vacancy rate is 15%, and Nursing Assistant vacancy rate is 36.4%.
- We are offering recruitment bonuses (amounts vary by location); we are implementing 72/80 for inpatient and CLC nurses; and we are offering flexible scheduling for nurse managers.
- Sioux Falls has initiated two different nurse residency programs:
 - The **RNTTP** Residency Program is a year long residency that any nurse within their first year of nursing is automatically enrolled in. They attend class 1 day a month and we review different topics in accordance with CCNE accreditation. These topics include: Change in patient condition, Veteran Centric Care, Safety, Ethics, End of Life Care, Stress Management and Professional Development. We incorporate simulations, guest speakers, case studies and lecture each month as well as provide a system of support for the new graduate learning their new roles in a new career.
 - The **PBRNR** Residency Program is also a year long residency, but is only for BSN nurses who have just graduated nursing school. This program is funded by OAA (Office of Academic Affiliate). These residents will have 100% protected time and will meet weekly for didactic/simulations. These residents will rotate throughout the facility to all the different units and departments and will spend the final 4 months in the “immersion phase” where they will hope to see themselves working at the end of their residency.
- This next year, our goal is to develop a nursing assistant training program whereby we will hire and train our own nursing assistants inhouse.
- VA offers multiple scholarship programs and tuition reimbursement programs which are attached to my notes (descriptions on the next page).

Nursing Scholarship and Tuition Reimbursement Opportunities

Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) – The HPSP provides financial assistance to students receiving education or training in a direct or indirect health-care services discipline (Title 38 and Hybrid Title 38 occupations). Scholarships are determined and published for VHA workforce needs. The HPSP award pays a participant’s school tuition and approved fees, as well as a \$1,200 monthly living stipend and an annual book stipend.

VA National Nursing Education Initiative (NNEI)- Through NNEI, VA registered nurses of at least one year can receive up to **\$44,228** toward the cost of higher education in pursuit of a bachelor’s or advanced nursing degree, including tuition, registration fees and books. The tax-free scholarships pay for an approved academic program to retention in a registered nursing position. VA nurses employed on a part- or full-time basis may apply. Candidates for the scholarship agree to serve in a VA career for one to three years after program completion of the academic degree or licensure.

VA Employee Incentive Scholarship Program (EISP)- EISP provides eligible VA employees of at least one year with tax-free scholarships of up to **\$44,228** toward the cost of higher education, including tuition, registration fees and books. VA employees who are in, or seeking to enter, a Title 38 or hybrid Title 38 occupation may apply. Candidates applying for the scholarship agree to serve in a VA career for one to three years after program completion or licensure.

VA Student Trainee Experience Program (VA-STEP)- VA-STEP serves as a first step to employment with VA after graduation and licensure. VA-STEP is open to current nursing students who have completed or are within one semester of completing their junior year of a bachelor's degree program from a nationally accredited school for nursing sciences with a CCNE or ACEN accreditation. You'll be employed as a trainee earning a salary while you learn to develop understanding, confidence, and competencies in the care of our nation's Veterans at a local VA facility under the supervision of a mentor.

V23 Non-Title 38 and Hybrid Title 38 Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program (TRiP)- Non-title 38 and Hybrid Title 38 employees are eligible to apply for tuition reimbursement providing they have been employed in the Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of one continuous year and have demonstrated fully successful or better performance. Employees meeting criteria are eligible for \$5000 per fiscal year with a lifetime cap of \$30,000. Tuition reimbursement funds can assist with tuition, challenge exams that result in the awarding of college credit, associated student fees, or textbooks related to the course in which the employee is enrolled.

9. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS:

(DAV) Gene Murphy recognized Kim Hubers as DAV VOY

(DAV) Gene Murphy recognized Marty Pennock as the DAV National Chairperson for the POW/MIA Interim Committee

10. UPDATES FROM EACH VSO:

VFW:

- 6-8th Oct Fall Conference in Oacoma
- Introduction of QM of Post 1273
- Oct 29th boots on the Ground Rapid City – Standdown – 100 Vets
- Nov 11th – Veterans Day Parade – Rapid City

TAL:

- National Convention 24-31st August completed
 - Resolution started in SD Hypertension % Connection
 - National Due Increase
 - New Commander Daniel J. Seehafer
 - Major Richard Star Act Support
- Fall Districts Going on Now
- Jan 10 Legislative Day
- Midwinter Conference Feb 16-18 in Deadwood
- Increase Fund Raising – Trust and Foundation Expansion – Beef Raffle / Estate Gifting
- VSO Roles and Responsibilities State Legislation

DAV:

- Transportation Across State Biggest Issue
- District 14 Meeting – Kalispel, MT Oct 13-15th
- Uptown - Nov 18th – 9am – 3pm - SD Service Dogs - Handout Provided
- Jan 1st Lifetime Dues goes to \$325.00 Nationally
- DAV Dept SD Fall Conference – Oct 6 -7th – Sioux Falls
- Next SD Department Convention – April 26-27th, 2024 – Deadwood
- Chapter 3 Claim Support in Rapid City 605-787-2645

VVA:

959 – Terry Mayer

- 12th POW/MIA Ceremony completed
- Gold Star Memorial Program on September 24th
- Election of Officers in October

1054 – Phil Braeger

- Video for School Support in 23 States - \$100.00
- Fall Gift Card Program Kick Off – Nine County Area
- CBOC Blood Drive Support
- Elk Hunt – Date to be Set
- Honor Guard can Support when Requested

MOPH: Absent

PVA: Absent

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Legislation
 - Long-term term health care resolution. Two upcoming meetings 9am September 25th and October 18th at the State level. Vice President Arnold will be present at the 25th September meeting to represent the SDVC.
 - Support increasing amount of money reimbursed from state to pay for VSOs
There is a gap in many rural counites in VSO coverage
 - Exempt 100% permanent and total disabled Veterans from paying up to \$5,000 in sales tax on food tax
 - (TAL) C.P. Van DeList had conversations with Department of Revenue and this is dead on arrival
 - New 41-6-10.3 - Issue a combination hunting and fishing licenses to all qualifying Veterans who apply at one-half off the current rate
 - 41-17-13.4 Free admission and reduced fees for certain veterans
 - Certain disabled residents and residents held as prisoners of war

eligible for reduced license fees

- Update Major Richard Star Act Resolution sent to U.S. Congress

- Future Meetings
 - November 15th, 2023, Sioux Falls, DAV, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (CST)
 - January 10th, 2024, The American Legion Post 8, Pierre, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (CST)
- Legislative Roundtables:
 - November 15th Sioux Falls – DAV, 12pm -1:30 pm (CST)
 - November 16th Watertown – The American Legion Post 17, 11am (CST)
 - November 17th Pierre - The American Legion Post 8, 11am (CST)
 - November 18th Rapid City - The American Legion Post 22, 11am (MT)
- SDVC Tax-Exempt Status: Treasurer Pennock reported that Form 1024 was filed on behalf of the South Dakota Veterans Council after the motion from the August 11th, 2023 SDVC meeting motion to approve the council to seek a tax-exempt status. The SDVC new EIN is 37-2103133 and the SD Business ID is NS256444. The SDVC filed under 501C-19 is waiting for the IRS to provide a decision. These decisions can take several months.

Application for Recognition for Exemption Under Section 501(a) or Section 521

Form Number: 1024

Form Status: Accepted

Pay.gov Tracking ID: 2775E2KG

Date Submitted: 08/24/2023 14:30:19 PM

Application Name: Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- Website discussion – Discussion deferred to next meeting
- SD Veteran Cemetery Advisory Board: Letter to be drafted and sent to the SDDVA to establish a SD Veteran Advisory Board.

Nancy Worth briefed that the SD Veterans Cemeteries Support Council already provides this function. Handout provided.

13. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

On a motion by (VVA 959) Terry Mayer and seconded by (DAV) Christine Speirs to approve a Council Member Only SDVC meeting only on October 25th, 2023, in Brookings, SD. Discussion. Motion carried.

A time and venue will be decided on a later date.

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- September 25th, 2023 – Long Term Health Presentation – Pierre – 9am
Vice President Arnold will represent the SDVC at this event.
- South Dakota Health Care Strategic Planning and the SDVC will be involved
- Nov 4th, Veteran Appreciation Fair- Sturgis – handout
- Vice President Arnold thanked Post 1273 of the VFW for hosting the meeting
- (DAV) Gene Murphy Provided an Article on “Vet Unhappy with Memorial Redesign”

15. CLOSING PRAYER

(VVA 959) Terry Mayer provided a closing prayer

16. ADJORNMENT: Vice President Arnold provided closing comments, rendered honors to the flag.

On a motion by (DAV) Gene Murphy and seconded by (DAV) Christine Speirs to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.