



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**

**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

- Vice President Anna Arnold

2. Opening Prayer

- Vice President Anna Arnold

3. Roll Call

- Secretary/Treasurer Marty Pennock

4. Welcome Distinguished Guests / Visitors /Administrative Comments / Announcements

- Vice President Anna Arnold

5. Minutes of Last Meeting and Treasurer Report

- Secretary/Treasurer Marty Pennock

6. Endowment Fund Report

- Vice President Anna Arnold

7. State Updates

- South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Update: Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard

8. Invited Guest Speakers

- Dakotas Regional Office Director: Shawn Bohn
- BHVAHCS: Medical Center Executive Director/CEO Lisa Curnes

9. Recognition of Certain Individuals

10. Updates from each VSO

11. Unfinished Business

- Legislation
 - Long-term term health care resolution
 - Support increasing amount of money reimbursed from state to pay for CVSOs
 - Exempt 100% permanent and total disabled Veterans from paying up to \$5,000 in sales tax on food tax
 - 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)

Unfinished Business Continued

- 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)
- Legislative Reception January 10th, 2024, The American Legion Post 8, Pierre, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (CST)
- SDVC Tax-Exempt Status

12. New Business

- Website Update
- SD Veteran Cemetery Advisory Board

13. Next Scheduled Meeting

- Do we add on October 25th – Brookings – Council Members only to prepare for Legislative Roundtables

14. Good of the Order

- September 25th, 2023 – Long Term Health Presentation - Pierre
- South Dakota Health Care Strategic Planning

15. Closing Prayer

- Vice President Anna Arnold

16. Closing Comments, Adjournment, Honors to the American Flag

- Vice President Anna Arnold

17. Past South Dakota Veterans Council Meetings

20 October 2021 (SD Military Heritage Alliance Bldg., Sioux Falls). 12 January 2022 (Red Rosa, Pierre, SD). 20 April 2022 (SD Military Heritage Alliance Bldg., Sioux Falls). 20 July 2022 (The American Legion Post 17, Watertown). 28 September 2022 (The American Legion Post 22, Rapid City). 16 November 2022 (The Disabled American Veterans, Sioux Falls). 11 January 2023 (The American Legion Post 8, Pierre). 19 April 2023 (Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home). 19 July 2023 (Rosalies, Sisseton). 11 August 2023 (SD Military Heritage Alliance Bldg., Sioux Falls).