



# 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



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1273  
420 Main St., Rapid City, SD  
17 April 2024 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT  
Microsoft Teams Meeting Information  
Meeting ID: 288 940 176 479 Passcode: uJbn7Z  
Dial-in by phone+1 872-239-6022, Passcode 922961611#

## 1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

- President Connie Johnson

## 2. Prayer & Roll Call

- Vice President Anna Arnold

## 3. Welcome Distinguished Guests and Visitors

- President Connie Johnson

## 4. Minutes of Last Meeting & Treasurer Report

- Secretary / Treasurer Marty Pennock

## 5. Endowment Fund Report & Recognition of Individuals

- President Connie Johnson

## 6. Updates from Each Veterans Service Organization

## 7. Guest Speakers Invited

- South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Legislative Update: Deputy Secretary Pollard
- Sioux Falls Veterans Administration Health Care System: Executive Director/CEO Sara Ackert
- Black Hills Veterans Administration Health Care System: Interim Director Spencer Mion
- Dakotas Regional Office: Director Shawn Bohn
- U.S. Congressional Representative Liaisons for Senator John Thune, Senator Michael Rounds, and Representative Dusty Johnson

## 8. Unfinished Business

- SDVC Federal Tax-Exempt Status – Treasurer Marty Pennock
- 2024 Legislation - President Connie Johnson

## **9. New Business**

- Bylaws
- 2024-2025 Officer Elections – Pending Bylaw Changes if Approved
- Chet Sorenson Award
- 2025 Legislation
- 2024 Meeting Dates
  - July 17 – Aberdeen VFW Post #17, 802 S Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401, POC: Sean Johnson 605-228-1636
  - August 21 – Yankton VFW Post #791, 209 S. Cedar, Yankton, SD 57078, POC: Anna Arnold 314-435-5772
  - September 18 - Rapid City
  - October 16 – Brookings The American Legion 1229 Western Ave. Brookings, SD 57006 POC: Connie Johnson 605-651-3649
  - November 20 – Sioux Falls – DAV, 1519 W. 51<sup>st</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, POC: Marty Pennock 605-332-6866
    - November 20 Legislative Roundtable – Sioux Falls, DAV
    - November 21 Legislative Roundtable – Watertown, TAL Post 17
    - November 22 Legislative Roundtable – Rapid City
    - November 23 Legislative Roundtable - Pierre, TAL Post 8
  - January 15, 2025 – Pierre – TAL Post 8, 520 S. Pierre, SD 57501, POC Kaitlyn 605-224-7681

## **10. Good of the Order and Closing Comments**

- President Connie Johnson

## **11. Closing Prayer**

- Vice President Anna Arnold

## **12. Honors to the American Flag and Adjournment**

- President Connie Johnson

## **13. 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 (Rosales, Sisseton). 11 August 2023 (SD Military Heritage Alliance Bldg., Sioux Falls). 20 September 2023 (VFW Post 1273, Rapid City). 25 October 2023 (Executive Suite Research Park, Brookings, SD). 15 November 2023 (Disabled American Veterans, Sioux Falls, SD). 10 January 2024 (The American Legion Post 8, Pierre).