



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



Aberdeen Yelduz Shrine Center, VFW Post #17

802 S Main St.

17 JULY 2024 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST

Microsoft Teams Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 281 504 409 876

Passcode: RXD8u4

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

- Orange Heart Medal Foundation: Bobby Tyner
- SD Department of Veterans Affairs: Secretary Whitlock and Deputy Secretary Aaron Pollard
- Sioux Falls Veterans Administration Health Care System: Executive Director/CEO Sara Ackert
 - Travel Benefits
- Dakotas Regional Office: Assistant Sioux Falls Veterans Service Center Manager Megan Carter
- U.S. Congressional Representative Liaisons for Senator John Thune, Senator Michael Rounds, and Representative Dusty Johnson

8. Unfinished Business

- 2025 Legislation
 - Transportation – Phil Brager
 - Mental Health – Kim Hubers
 - Property Tax for Disabled Veterans – Anna Arnold
 - Major Richard Star Act – Dan Klimisch
 - Long Term Medical Care – President Johnson
 - Sales Tax Exemption – Vice President Anna Arnold
 - C/TVSO Pay and Unaccredited Parties Filing Claims – Dan Klimisch
 - SD GFP Park Entrance – Marty Pennock
 - Educational Benefits – President Johnson
- 2024-2025 Officer Elections
- Chet Sorenson Award
- C/TVSO
- Final Salute Miss Veteran America
- Progressive Insurance: Keys to Progress

9. New Business

- Flag Disposal – State Veterans Cemetery – Marty Pennock
- Land Gift – State Veterans Cemetery – President Johnson

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 (Rosalies, 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). 17 April 2024 (VFW Post 1273, Rapid City). 26 June 2024 (Teams Meeting).