



**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**



**YANKTON VFW POST #791, 209 S. CEDAR**  
**21 August 2024 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CST**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting Information**  
**Meeting ID: 281 504 409 876**  
**Passcode: RXD8u4**

## **Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Vice President Arnold called to order the meeting at 1:12 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Prayer & Roll Call**

Secretary / Treasurer Marty Pennock led the Council in opening prayer and conducted roll call of the Council showing the following members present and a Quorum was met. A current list of Council Members was provided.

**American Legion (TAL):** C.P. Van DeList (TAL),

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV):** Kim Hubers (DAV), Marty Pennock (DAV), and Gene Murphy (DAV)

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW):** Anna Arnold (VFW) and Dan Klimisch (VFW)

**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters 1054 and 959 (VVA):** Bob Frink (1054), Phil Braeger (1054) and Terry "Hawk" Mayer (959)

**Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):**

**North Central Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA):** Terry Paulsen (PVA), Mike Olson (PVA)

**Official Officers Excused:** Buck Underwood (MOPH), Bill Flippo (MOPH), Kevin Morello (TAL) and Glynis Collier (VFW)

**Official Officers Attended Via Online:** Fred Nelson (TAL) and Connie Johnson (MOPH)

### **Welcome Distinguished Guests and Visitors**

Yankton Elk Lodge 994 gave a check for \$2739.37 to the DAV for the next Yankton vehicle in the DAV Hospital Transportation Programs

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Vice President Arnold called on Secretary-Treasurer Pennock to read the minutes from the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, SDVC meeting.

On a motion by Terry Mayer (VVA 959) and seconded by Gene Murphy (DAV) to waive the reading of the minutes from the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was \$8,017.80, with \$1,000.00 deposits and \$0.00 of expenses leaving a balance, as of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, of \$9,017.80.

The August 2024 First Interstate Bank Statements were available.

Shirts were handed out to Aaron Pollard, Phil Braeger, Terry Mayer, Gene Murphy, and Christine Speirs. Everyone has been notified to pay what is owed to the Council. Gene Murphy, and Terry Mayer have paid for their shirt. A shirt is still to be handed to Courtney Steffen.

SD Annual Report was submitted on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and \$10.00 registration fee is due to cover this expense.

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

**Endowment Fund Report**

Vice President Arnold provided the endowment fund report. Total Net Assets August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, \$3,397,568.52.

## Updates from Each Veterans Service Organization

Vice President Arnold asked that all organizations at the next Council meeting be prepared to provide a report that does more than just lists past or upcoming events. Please describe how each organization is assisting Veterans within their organization.

### VVA:

1054 – Phil Braeger reported

- Flood Emergency Relief Funds Given to Veterans in McCook Lake
- Working on Agent Orange Heart
- School Presentations to Begin

959 – Terry Mayer reported

- Stand Down in Sioux falls – Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-11:30 am – Alliance
- POW/MIA Ceremony in Sioux Falls – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Veterans Memorial Park

### VFW: Dan Klimisch reported

- Fall Conference – September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Oacoma
- Completed National Convention - New Commander Al Lip hart
- Be at the State Fair August 27<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Membership Goals is 102%
- Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pens

### TAL: C.P. Van DeList reported

- Two resolutions accepted for national consideration
- Credit for Service
- Health and Wellness expansion for Veterans
- National Membership Workshop
- 15,600 members is the 2024-2025 Goal for SD. 60 more than last year 0.3% increase approximately 28% of all veterans in the state.
- Just over 50% at this time.
- \$3000 in National Emergency Assistance Provided to McCook Lake Recovery
- National Commander Visited the Black Hills
- Commander Morello Homecoming
- Service Project – Camping Scholarships for Scouting– \$2000ish raised so far, looking for each Post to send one scout to camp. It cost \$400ish to send a scout.
- Assistance and awareness efforts around the state include:
- Dakota Fest
- State Fair
- National Convention In New Orleans, LA next week.
- District Meetings Coming up this fall.
- In talks with Senate and House and SDNG discussing Credit for Service Resolution

**DAV:** Kim Hubers reported

- August 2-7 will be our National Convention in Phoenix, AZ.
- Vehicle Being Procured for Sisseton HTP
- Abbey of the Hills – October 11<sup>th</sup> – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>
- SD DAV Fall Conference October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- 727 Charity Poker Run – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- FMN – 20K Thus Far
- State Fair August 27<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bingo
- Membership Plug

**MOPH:** Connie Johnson reported

- Four (4) Cities being Named Purple Heart
- Brookings County Possibly Being Named Purple Heart County
- OIF Veteran is New Commander at the National Level
- Collaboration emphasis with other Organizations
- Thanked everyone for Attending

**PVA:** Terry Paulsen reported

- Annual Crooks Gun Club Trap Shoot – August 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- Top Gun Hunt – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- PVA Picnic July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 125 Attended
- Membership Plug
- Thanked VFW for Hosting

**Guest Speakers**

- Final Salute Miss Veteran America: Heather Bormann – Adjutant of WOTAF. Is a Finalist for Miss Veteran America.

The Ms. Veteran America competition highlights more than the strength, courage, and sacrifice of our nation's military women, but also reminds us that these women are Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Wives. Ms. Veteran America is a movement, encouraging women veterans to uplift each other and find their tribe. Proceeds from this event provides housing for homeless women Veterans and their children. Women Veterans are currently the fastest growing homeless population in America. Over half of homeless women veterans are single mothers.

On a motion by Gene Murphy (DAV) and seconded by Mike Olson (PVA), to donate \$250.00 to Heather for her efforts within the Final Salute Process. Discussion. Motion passed.

- SD Department of Veterans Affairs: Director of SD State Cemetery Erin Brown and Claims Office Manager Brett Dickerson

Summary of the SDDVA C/TVSO School September 3-5 in Sioux Falls

Next Bridge Dedication is in Beresford, SD

SDDVA will have a Booth at the State Fair- Expo Building

A FSO was at the Sturgis Rally completing Claims

Open Door in the SDDVA to Discuss All Issues

Cemetery – 849 Burials, with Four to go this week

Walkin Ins – 200 and Phone Calls 230 in July

Committals in July Alone – 27

Claims Offices – 100 Shy of Record (During the PACT Act)

1194 – Filings Last Month

200-300 Walk Ins

Gene Murphy Thanked the SDDVA for the Work they do!

- Sioux Falls Veterans Administration Health Care System: Executive Director/CEO Sara Ackert

#### Events:

- Women's Retreat
  - September 27, 2024
  - Great Bear, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Veteran Stand Down
  - September 20, 2024
  - SD Military Heritage Alliance

#### PACT Act Update:

- Recent PACT Act Outreach events have been held at the Alliance in Sioux Falls this past April, two in June in Watertown and Aberdeen, and the Show and Shine Car Show on August 14.
- As of Aug. 20, 2024:
  - 23,935 Unique Veterans screened.
  - 9,755 Unique Veterans reporting at least one exposure concern.
  - 41% of Veterans reporting exposure.
- Local workload has increased by 4.4% this year.
- 2-Year Anniversary of the PACT Act
  - National Data
    - Health Care (as of 7/14/2024):
      - New enrollees over past year: 413,9157 (26.9% increase, 87,764 more enrollees from the same time period last year) (as of 7/28/2024)
      - Toxic exposure screenings: 5,690,086 (approximately 45% reporting at least one potential exposure)

#### Compact Act Update:

- Sioux Falls has had a total of 222 Veterans covered under the COMPACT ACT since it was rolled out in January. There are currently 53 Veterans who have an active episode.
- COMPACT ACT stands 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 is related to the suicide crisis.

Construction Update:

- Work is progressing on the 10-bed Hospice Cottage. It is currently 75% complete and we anticipate completion in the next few months.

Business Office Update:

## Beneficiary Travel:

- Travel Claims backlog: 325
  - Oldest claim: 8/6/2024
- In Manual Review: 5
- Average of 100 – 150 claims per day

## Veteran Transportation Services: July 2024 – August 2024

- Rides
  - Total Rides: 1036
  - VTS Rides: 687
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Rides: 349
  - Denials: 13

## Other Info:

- Watertown Driver starting on 10/6/2024 and the will be in orientation for a few weeks.
- Patient Check-In (PCI) App
  - Working well in Primary Care since 6/3/2024 and implemented in Neurology, Dermatology, MH, Rehab (OT/PT/ST), Optometry and Audiology to start today, 8/19/2024.

Community Care Update:

- Scheduling Numbers
  - Average Daily Incoming: 204 per day
  - Average Daily Scheduled: 215 per day
  - < 2 Days Pending-Active: 95.6%
  - FED to 1<sup>st</sup> Scheduled Avg: 10.3 Days ~BEST in the VISN!!!~
- Call Center Numbers
  - Average Daily Incoming: 285 per day
  - Average Wait Time: 33 seconds
  - Calls Handled: 98%
  - Clinical Incoming/Outgoing: 272 per day
- Standard Episodes Of Care Update
  - The SEOC changes have been postponed indefinitely.
- National Direction for Whole Health CoC
  - Chiropractic, Acupuncture, and Massage Therapy RFS must have the new RFS form filled out with notes attached. CC is working with vendors making them aware of the new requirement to ensure no delays in care.

### Staffing Updates:

- Nurse Staffing:
  - RN has 372 active positions and 337 filled. 9% Vacancy Rate
  - LPN 9% Vacancy Rate

### Home Health Update:

For skilled and non-skilled services:

- Have 129 active Veterans with 152 total services.

### Million Veteran Program

- The Million Veteran program is the largest research program within the VA. The program looks to find better ways to treat prevent and detect illnesses using a combination of analytics and genetic research. We have over 1,000,000 veterans and are moving towards our next million.
- Joining the program is easy. The sign-up process takes about 20 minutes. After signing up, it is a one-time blood draw, and time it takes to complete the surveys. The surveys arrive on an average of once a year.
- The MVP offices are currently accepting walk-in appointments between 7:30 and 12:30 or our Veterans can reach out to schedule an appointment through our research coordinator at 605-336-3230 Ext. 7541.



## VA Black Hills Health Care System- Not Briefed

### PACT ACT Updates

**The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.**

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

We can assist you in getting medical treatment and enhanced benefits by providing Toxic Exposure Screens with your Primary Care Team.

#### 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 16,165 Veterans with 40% endorsing at least 1 exposure concern. 76% of all VA Black Hills Veterans have been screened.

Future PACT Act enrollment events :

Rosebud Sioux Tribe Stand Down July 25th 1000-1400 CT, Antelope, SD (Just east of Mission) Sinte Gleska Multipurpose Bldg. (Same location as last year)

84<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Sturgis Veterans Club.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Stand Down Aug 14th 1000-1400 CT, Mobridge, SD at the Grand River Casino and Resort

Rapid City VetFest (PACT ACT Enrollment Fair). Rapid City CBOC Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Veteran Stand Down Aug 21st 1000-1400 MT, Eagle Butte, SD Veterans Building W. Hwy 212 (same as last year)

Rapid City Veterans Stand Down Sept 19th 1000-1400, Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn Convention Center next to the Monument (same as last year)

## COMPACT ACT

### What it is

- Any Veteran – whether enrolled in VA or not – can go to a VA or non-VA emergency room for emergent suicidal care.
- We strongly recommend Veterans in suicidal crisis call 911 or visit their nearest emergency room for expedited care.
- VA will provide the treatment or cover the costs for treatment including transportation, inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days, and outpatient care for up to 90 days
  - VA Black Hills has assisted 142 Veterans with coverage under the COMPACT Act since implementation.
  - New COMPACT ACT Coordinator Jessica Cornwell

### Care In the Community

**VA provides care to Veterans through community providers when VA cannot provide the care needed. Community care is based on specific eligibility requirements, availability of VA care, and the needs and circumstances of individual Veterans.**

- Black Hills has 1055 unscheduled consults. Lowest in the VISN.
- There are no unscheduled consults >30 days with no activity.
- No consults aged >180 days

### Home Based Primary Care and Home Health

**Home Based Primary Care is health care services provided to Veterans in their home. The program is for Veterans who need team based in-home support for ongoing diseases and illnesses that affect their health and daily activities.**

Veterans usually have difficulty making and keeping clinic visits because of the severity of their illness and are often homebound, but that is not required.

This program is also for Veterans who are isolated, or their caregiver is experiencing a burden. Home Based Primary Care can be used in combination with other Home and Community-Based Services.

- VA medical staff including Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, and Pharmacists travel to the homes of Veterans in rural communities.
- 0% readmission rate for all veterans using home-based primary care at VA Black Hills.
- Reduced inpatient days by 84%.
- Reduced ER visits by 36.6%.
- Reduced ER readmissions by 44%.
- Currently serving 312 Veterans in the Community. (Up from 183 in Jan. 24)

## Travel Claims

BTSSS Backlog is at 213. The oldest claim in review is less than 12 days from the date the claim was submitted. Addressing the backlog currently.

## UPDATES:

- Pre Nurse and provider appointments were two scheduled appointments. Changing this to one (cut down on texts and letters).

## 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.
- Increase in CLC beds.

## 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 October 2024.
- Dakotas Regional Office – Tracee Metcalf

## 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 completed 1.6 million + PACT Act Claims; of those 5,608 were for South Dakota Veterans.**

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)

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PACT Registries: Below is a link to a PACT registries website.

***Blue Water Navy (Vietnam Agent Orange) Presumptive***

|                       |                          |                          |                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Bladder cancer</i> | AL Amyloidosis           | Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 | Multiple Myeloma     |
| <i>Hypothyroidism</i> | Chronic B Cell Leukemias | Hodgkin's Disease        | Non-Hodgkin's Lymph. |
| <i>Parkinsonism</i>   | 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 recently processed there 1 millionth PACT Act Claim.

***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.

Nationally, VBA has completed over 1.9 million claims; on par to exceed 2 million in FY24. Over 6.6 million Veterans compensation and pension benefits.

- U.S. Congressional Representative Liaison for Senator John Thune  
Appropriations: The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved 11 of 12 appropriations bills. The only appropriations bill left in limbo is Homeland Security – and that bill could see some action from the committee after the August recess.

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, which was approved by the committee in July, would include \$339.59 billion for the VA in total discretionary and mandatory funding — \$32.39 billion above current levels and \$77 million above President Biden’s request. Discretionary funding for the VA would clock in at \$129.18 billion, which is \$5.59 billion below fiscal 2024 levels and \$77 million more than the president’s budget request.

The VBA would receive \$241.16 billion for fiscal 2025 — \$23.91 billion more than fiscal year 2024. The Veterans Health Administration would receive \$132.32 billion for fiscal 2025, which is \$25.89 billion more than fiscal 2024 levels.

This title also includes \$112.59 billion for veterans’ medical care — \$8.43 billion below enacted levels — along with \$495 million to the National Cemetery Administration and \$894 million to help implement the VA’s electronic health record system.

The Senate is adjourned until September 9.

### Unfinished Business

- 2024-2025 Officer Elections  
Gene Murphy (DAV) Nominated C.P Van DeList (TAL) for Secretary – He Declined  
Nominated Dan Klimisch for Secretary – He Declined  
Gene Murphy (DAV) Nominated Phil Braeger for Secretary – He Accepted

On a motion by Dan Klimisch (VFW) and seconded by Mike Olson (PVA) to cease nominations and elect Phil Braeger for Secretary. Motion carried.

Gene Murphy (DAV) and Terry Paulsen (PVA) Nominated Marty Pennock (DAV) for Treasurer – He Accepted

On a motion by Gene Murhpy (DAV) and seconded by Terry Paulsen (PVA) to cease nominations and elect Marty Pennock for Treasurer. Motion carried.

Gene Murphy (DAV) and Terry Paulsen (PVA) Nominated Terry Mayer (VVA 959) for Judge Advocate – He Accepted

On a motion by Terry Paulsen (PVA) and seconded by Gene Murphy (DAV) to cease nominations and elect Terry Mayer (VVA 959) for Judge Advocate. Motion carried.

- Chet Sorenson Award – Marty Pennock was selected and will be given the award at the State Fair on August 29<sup>th</sup>, in Huron.
- 2025 Legislation
  - Transportation – Phil Braeger – A Task Force will be developed for a resolution next year
  - Major Richard Star Act – Dan Klimisch – A letter was drafted by President Johnson to be sent to the Council for their Review
  - C/TVSO Pay – Dan Klimisch – No action as the State is content with Counties bearing the weight of pay for the C/TVSOs
  - SD GFP Park Entrance – President Johnson will follow up with the SD GFP on their decision to allow MOPH into State Parks for free. It is recommended that a press release go out and mass media support for the State RX State Program.
  - Educational Benefits

On a motion by Terry Paulsen (PVA) and seconded by Terry Mayer (VVA 959) to support the amendment of current law to allow for Resident Active Duty 100% P&T to be added to the list for free tuition. Discussion. Motion carried.

On a motion by Dan Klimisch (VFW) and seconded by Terry Paulsen (PVA) to support changing laws to allow for the credit of accredited military service as college equivalency. Discussion. Motion carried.

- Flag Disposal – State Veterans Cemetery – Marty Pennock

Director Erin Brown will meet with Marty Pennock, Stu Turnwall, and Anna Arnold to discuss the way ahead for American Flag disposal processes at the SD State Cemetery

## **New Business**

- 2024 Meeting Dates – Gene Murphy (DAV) requests that all facilities that are scheduled by the Council are ADA compliant.
  - September 18 - Rapid City The American Legion Post 22, 818 E. Saint Patrick St., starting at 9:00 a.m. MT. POC C.P. Van Delist 605-210-0428
  - October 16 – Brookings The American Legion Post 74, 1229 Western Ave., starting at 1:00 p.m. CST. POC: Connie Johnson 605-651-3649
  - November 20 – Sioux Falls – DAV, 1519 W. 51<sup>st</sup> St, Sioux Falls, starting at 9:00 a.m. CST. POC: Marty Pennock 605-332-6866
    - Nov. 20 Legislative Roundtable – Sioux Falls, DAV – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. CST
    - Nov. 21 Legislative Roundtable – Watertown, TAL Post 17
    - Nov. 22 Legislative Roundtable – Rapid City, TAL Post 22
    - Nov. 23 Legislative Roundtable - Pierre, TAL Post 8
  - January 15, 2025 – Pierre – TAL Post 8, 520 S. Pierre, SD 57501, POC Kaitlyn 605-224-7681

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

- C.P Van DeList questioned the number of meetings the Council holds
- Ken Teunissen has been named MOPH Veteran of the Year Nationally
- Thanked the VFW for Support at the meeting and providing a terrific lunch

## **Closing Prayer**

Treasurer Marty Pennock provided a closing prayer.

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

Vice President Arnold rendered honors to the flag.

On a motion by Terry Mayer (VVA 959) and seconded by Gene Murphy (DAV) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



*Marty Pennock*, Secretary-Treasurer **8/22/24**