



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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TO: DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, DEC, CHAPTERS, AND AUXILIARY UNITS
FROM: HELEN PARR, COMMANDER AND KEN LAUGHLIN, ADJUTANT
SUBJECT: MARCH 2014 MONTHLY REPORT
DATE: MARCH 1, 2014

**“HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!”
“THE TOP OF THE DAY TO YOU!”**

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MONTHLY REPORT IS TO BE PRESENTED AT YOUR MONTHLY MEETING EITHER BY THE DEC REPRESENTATIVE OR ADJUTANT. YOU SHOULD TRY TO HIGHLIGHT EACH OF THESE ARTICLES FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING. YOU MAY USE ANY OF THESE ARTICLES FOR YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.

**1. DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA 2014 ANNUAL TICKET PROJECT
WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER!**

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of South Dakota will again be conducting the DAV Department of South Dakota Annual Ticket Project. One point that Ed Hartman of DAV National wanted to make clear was **“The only acceptable method is by way of personal contacts of DAV members and not by way of mail”** before he would even present a ballot for approval to the NEC. For this reason we will need ALL of the Chapters help in selling tickets to make this years Ticket Project a success. The tickets will be available for \$1.00 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.00, and 12 (12) tickets for \$10.00 donation. Tickets will be mailed to each Chapter sometime in the middle of February 2014, and we are asking members to assist with selling of these tickets. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be used for the DAV Hospital Transportation Network and Service To Veterans Programs in the State of South Dakota. **A BIG THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO OUR MEMBERS.**

The Department is also looking at changing the prize structure of the Ticket Project from a cash award structure to a prize award structure or perhaps a combination of the two with smaller cash awards. The reasons for this change are many but the main reason is producing the largest monetary gain for the DAV Hospital Transportation Network and Service To Veterans Programs. To this end the Department is requesting that each Chapter donate a prize to be used in the Ticket Project with a value of \$50.00 to \$100.00. The Department also requests that the type of prize your Chapter is donating is forward to the Departments Headquarters at Email davsd@midconetwork.com or kenl@sd-dav.org, phone 605-332-6866 as soon as possible, so tickets can be printed and distributed as soon as possible. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHAPTERS FOR YOUR HELP.**

The Department needs to have the involvement of all members, your Chapter, and Auxiliary membership in selling these tickets. The drawing will be at the DAV 75th Annual Department Convention in the Aberdeen on May 3, 2014. Winners do not have to be present.

We would like to thank you all for your cooperation and assistance.

HOW MANY TICKETS CAN YOUR CHAPTER OR UNIT SELL?? THANKS!

DEADLINE – MARCH 15TH – DAV CONVENTION BOOKLET ADS & INFORMATION

2. DAV 2014 ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION

Host: DAV Swanson-O’Connor Chapter No. 13



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Date: May 2-4, 2014
Location: Best Western Ramkota Hotel
1400 8th Ave NW
Aberdeen, SD 57401
1-605-229-4040

INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES:

LODGING: Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Fifteen (15) rooms have been reserved for the night of April 31st, then thirty (30) rooms for the night of May 1st and then a block of fifty (50) rooms for the 2nd and 3rd of May have been reserved under the name of the Disabled American Veterans organization so when making your reservations be sure to mention this. Room rates are \$79.99 plus tax. Room reservations must be made by April 2, 2014. Phone: 1-605-229-4040. **Members are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.**

Questions: Contact Chapter No. 13, Chuck Webster at (605) 380-5827 or e-mail: cwebster@nrctv.com

REGISTRATION, LUNCHEON, and BANQUET: Cost of \$70.00, which would include \$8.00 registration fee and \$62.00 for (1) lunch, (1) soup/sandwich bar, and (1) banquet meal. Attached is a registration form.

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE CREDENTIALS: DAV Department Headquarters and DAV Auxiliary State Headquarters mailed Information in January 2014.

DEADLINE DATES:

February 15th: Award Committee accepting recommendations for National and Department Awards

March 1st: Convention Booklet Information

April 1st: Members Seeking Department Office Endorsements
Constitution and By Laws Proposals
Resolutions Proposals
Fund Raising Project Proposals

CONVENTION BOOKLET: All information for the Convention Booklet must be mailed to Department Headquarters by March 15th, 2014. Chapter 13 is enclosing information regarding the Convention Booster Booklet Advertisement.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON ATTENDING THE CONVENTION ON
May 2-4, 2014**

3. CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Enclosed is the application for members for the nomination and election of Department Officers, which will take place during the 75th DAV Department of South Dakota Annual Convention in Deadwood. Candidates can fill out the Candidate Questionnaire and return to DAV Headquarters in South Dakota by April 1, 2014.

4. CONVENTION INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS BY APRIL 17TH, TO DAV HEADQUARTERS:

- Award Committee – Helen Parr, Bob Hill, & Harold Muilenburg
- Budget & Finance Committee – Ken Laughlin
- Chaplain Report – Charles Walker
- Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Don Bren
- Employment Committee – Todd Kolden
- Historian Report – Bob Hill
- Hospital Transportation Report – Eric Van Emmerik



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- Income Research Committee – Dick Amos
- Judge Advocate/Inspector General Report – Larry Bouska
- Legislative Report – Helen Parr, Ken Laughlin, & Gene Murphy
- Local Veterans Assistance Program – Ken Laughlin
- Membership Committee – Gregory A. Carter, Ritch E. Wilson, & Rodney Parks
- National Service Officer Report – Eric Van Emmerik
- Nomination Committee – Larry Bouska
- Publicity Committee – Ritch E. Wilson, & Rodney Parks
- Resolutions Committee – Lacey Van Emmerik & Ken Laughlin
- SD State Veterans Home Task Force – Loren Murren & LaVonne Gasper
- Soldiers and Sailor War Memorial Bldg. Report – Dennis Foell and Larry Zimmerman
- Time & Place Committee – Mike Mullen & Ken Laughlin
- VAVS Committee – John Huntington

If you as a Department Officers and/or Committee Chairperson would furnish a report to DAV Headquarters by April 18th we will make copies to be placed in the convention package which delegates will receive at the convention. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Enclosed is a copy of the Convention Agenda for your information of when you will present your report.

Convention Assignments:

Thursday, May 1st: Late Afternoon – Volunteers to help set-up displays, posters, and other items. The Jr. Vice Commanders will be in charge – Ritch E. Wilson, & Rodney Parks.

Friday, May 2nd: 3:00 p.m. Veterans Town Hall Meeting – Moderator Eric Van Emmerik.

Saturday, May 3rd: 2:00 p.m. Seminars – State Veterans Home; VA Black Hills National Cemetery; Vet Center; and Membership Seminar; Moderators are Gregory A. Carter, Ritch E. Wilson, & Rodney Parks. Seminar presenters will have ten (10) minutes to present their information with questions to follow.

If anyone has questions, please contact DAV Headquarters, Ken Laughlin, Adjutant/Executive Director at 605-332-6866. Thank you.

5. DAV CHANGE OF ADDRESS/DECEASED MEMBERS – THANKS TO THE CHAPTERS WHO ARE SENDING

Adjutant Ken Laughlin is requesting all Chapters to send to DAV Headquarters in Sioux Falls a copy of their monthly DAV Membership Activity Report that they receive from DAV National. The DAV Headquarters needs the information to make changes for the DAV Quarterly Bulletin mailing with the **“CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND DECEASED MEMBERS.**

6. POPULATION SUMMARY 2/23/2014

Chapter	Last Year's Total Members	Current Year				Full Paid Life			Chapter - Name
		Trial Members	Part Life Members	Full Life Members	Total Members	Goal	Goal Pct	Goal Var	
001 G	1,684	0	42	1,633	1,675	1,611	101.37%	22	ARTHUR H MUCHOW #1
003 G	1,324	0	24	1,279	1,303	1,265	101.11%	14	RAPID CITY #3
004 G	259	106	10	132	248	124	106.45%	8	COYOTE STATE #4
006 G	215	0	4	202	206	201	100.50%	1	WATERTOWN #6
007 G	218	0	4	208	212	200	104.00%	8	MITCHELL #7
011 G	307	0	4	302	306	299	101.00%	3	NORTHERN HILLS #11
013 G	253	0	7	242	249	239	101.26%	3	SWANSON O CONNOR #13
018 G	252	0	1	255	256	249	102.41%	6	OAHE #18
019 G	64	0	3	71	74	70	101.43%	1	MILBANK-SISSETON #19
022 G	141	0	6	135	141	135	100.00%	0	BROOKINGS #22
Dept. Total	4,717	106	105	4,459	4,670	4,393	101.50%	66	



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7. SIOUX FALLS VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – VETERANS ARTS AND CRAFTS

Veterans are invited to display their artistic talents in the annual Veterans Arts & Crafts Show at the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System. The show will take place March 4, 2014; in the 4th floor auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Veterans will compete for prizes and enjoy a reception in their honor at 3:00 p.m. Some entries may advance to the annual National Veterans Creative Arts competition.

To enter, veterans must receive at least a portion of their medical care from the Sioux Falls VA as an inpatient or outpatient or use one of our five Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Aberdeen, Watertown, Wagner, South Dakota and Sioux City and Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Veterans may enter woodworking, water, oil, or acrylic paintings; black and white or color photographs, needlework, woodworking projects, ceramics, stained or fused glass, or any other medium.

To enter projects in the show, please contact Diane at Ext. 6418 or Shirley Redmond, Public Affairs Officer, at 605-333-6889 or Shirley.redmond@va.gov.

8. LEGAL COUNSEL FOR VETERANS – SIOUX FALLS VA MEDICAL CENTER

Help notify veterans about this unique opportunity for legal counsel on March 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., VA 4th floor auditorium. Attorneys, USD law students, County Veterans Service Officers and VA Homeless Program staff will be available throughout the day to assist Veterans with questions, legal forms, and counsel. This is a drop-in legal clinic. VA assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of legal services provided. This referral does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by VA

9. DAV DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA MONTHLY REPORT

If any of the DAV and Auxiliary members would like to receive the DAV Monthly Report please send your e-mail address to DAV Headquarters:

E-MAILS ON DAV MONTHLY REPORT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

You can either mail or e-mail the information to:

DAV Headquarters, 1519 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

E-mail: davsd@midconetwork.com or kenl@sd-dav.org

10. OTHER INFORMATION:

Financial Statement – January 2014; Legislative Update; SD 89th Legislative Session – Veterans Bills; DAV News Service; DAV Washington Update; DAV Talking Points for DAV Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, DC; DAV 2014 Department of South Dakota Convention Information; DAV Department – Donations To Service And Legislative Programs; New APP For Veterans; and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) News Releases;

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
75TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
AND THE 63RD ANNUAL STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION
OF THE
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AND AUXILIARY
TO BE HELD AT BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL
1400 8TH AVE NW
ABERDEEN, SD 57401
MAY 2-4, 2014**



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**COMING EVENTS
MARCH 2014**

- 1st – Saturday 24th Annual VA Variety Show – SF VA Medical Center – 2:00 pm
 Peace Corps Established – 1961
 Battle of Bismarck Sea – 1943
 Sinking of USS Houston – 1942
 Articles of Confederation Adopted by Continental Congress – 1781
- 2nd – Sunday Operation Rolling Thunder – 1965
 Vietnam War Begins – 1965
- 3rd – Monday DAV Convention Booklet Deadline
 The Star–Spangled Banner adopted as National Anthem – 1931
- 4th – Tuesday Operation Utah – 1966
 2nd Annual Veterans & Employees Arts & Craft Show - VAMC Sioux Falls – 10:00am to 2:00pm
- 5th – Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**
START OF LENT
 "SEABEES" Officially Formed – 1942
- 6th – Thursday Fall of the Alamo – 1836
- 7th – Friday Operation Ripper – 1951
- 8th – Saturday First U.S. Combat Troops Land in Vietnam – 1965
- 9th – Sunday Daylight Savings Time
- 11th – Tuesday Operation Resolve to Win – 1968
- 12th – Wednesday Girl Scouts of The USA Founded – 1912
- 14th – Friday SD 89th Legislative Session Ends - Pierre
- 15th – Saturday 35th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Sioux Falls
 VA Elevated to a Cabinet–level Agency – 1989
- 16th – Sunday 1st US Military Academy Established (West Point) – 1802
- 17th – Monday **HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY**
 First POWs are released from "Hanoi Hilton" – 1973
 Camp Fire Boys and Girls Established – 1910
- 18th – Tuesday Operation Breakfast – 1969
- 19th – Wednesday Operation Iraqi Freedom – 2003
- 20th – Thursday..... **SPRING BEGINS!**
- 21st – Friday Drop-In Legal Services For Veterans – Sioux Falls VA – 9:00am to 3:00am
- 25th – Tuesday **NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY**
 Remaining US Ground Forces Leave Somalia – 1994
- 30th – Apr 4th 28th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sport Clinic – Snowmass Village, CO
- 31st – Monday SD 89th Legislative Session - Reserved for Gubernatorial Vetoes - Pierre

APRIL 2014

- 1st – 4th 28th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sport Clinic – Snowmass Village, CO
- 1st – Tuesday DAV Convention Resolution
 DAV Convention Constitution & Bylaws
 DAV Fund Raising Projects
 Invasion of Okinawa – 1945
 Operation Pegasus - 1968
- 2nd – Wednesday North Vietnamese Easter Offensive begins - 1972
- 2nd – 6th VFW Legislative Conference – Washington, D.C.
- 3rd – Thursday Union forces occupy Richmond, Virginia – 1865
- 6th – Sunday US Enters WWI – 1917
 Operation Linebacker – 1972
 Army Day



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- 6th – 13th..... National Volunteer Week
- 7th – Monday BHNC Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service – BHNC – 9:00am
- 8th – Tuesday Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 9th – Wednesday **NATIONAL FORMER POW RECOGNITION DAY**
 Fall of Bataan - 1942
 Lee Surrenders to Grant, Ending Civil War – 1865
- 10th – Thursday Bataan Death March – 1942
 Battle for Lang Vei -1968
 USS Thresher (SSN-593) sank – 1963
- 11th – Friday Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire – 1991
- 12th – Saturday Operation Eagle Pull – 1975
 Fort Sumter shelled Civil War begins – 1861
- 13th – Sunday **PALM SUNDAY**
 Siege of An Loc 1972
- 16th – Wednesday Battle of Pork Chop Hill – 1953
- 18th – Friday **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Doolittle Raid on Japan – 1942
- 19th – Saturday Operation Delaware – 1968
- 20th – Sunday **EASTER SUNDAY**
 Operation Little Switch – 1953
- 24th – Thursday Battle of the Hills – 1967
- 25th – Friday Spanish-American War – 1898
- 25th – 27th DAV North Dakota Convention – Jamestown, ND
- 26th – Saturday MOPH Annual Department of Dakotas Convention – DAV Chapter Home
- 28th – Monday Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 29th – Tuesday US Forces Evacuate Vietnam – 1975

MAY 2014

- 1st – Thursday Loyalty Day
 National Day of Prayer
 DAV Chapter/Department Service Officers Training – Aberdeen
- 1st – 4th DAV Department of Minnesota Convention – Rochester
- 2nd – 4th **DAV 75TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA CONVENTION –
 BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL, ABERDEEN**
- 4th – Sunday Battle of Coral Sea begun – 1942
- 6th – Tuesday Fall of Corregidor – 1942
- 8th – Thursday V-E Day: German Surrender Signed – 1945
- 9th – Friday Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 10th – Saturday Battle of Hamburger Hill Began - 1969
 Military Order Of the Purple Heart Annual Convention – DAV Sioux Falls
- 11th – Sunday **“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY”**
- 12th – Monday The Soviet Union lifts its blockade of Berlin – 1949
- 15th – Thursday..... US Marines arrive in Laos – 1962
- 17th – Saturday **ARMED FORCES DAY**
 An Iraqi missile hits the USS Stark killing 37 Sailors – 1987
- 22nd – Thursday Anzio Beachhead, Italy - 1944
- 22nd – 23rd PVA Annual Walleye Fishing Tournament – Chamberlain
- 23rd – Friday Sgt. William H. Carney first African American to receive the Medal of Honor - 1900
- 26th – Monday **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 29th – Thursday The WWII Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. – 2004
- 30th – Friday Battle of Da Nang, begins – 1965
- 31st – Saturday U.S. Marines land on Cuba – 1912