ENCLOSED WITH THIS UP TO NOW
The Finance and Executive Committee minutes are enclosed for Posts review, also enclosed is the approved Educational Scholarship resolution.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS
It is that time of year when there are volunteers needed to man the veterans building at the State Fair and to be drivers of golf carts giving rides to those in need. Posts and individuals who would like to volunteer please call State Headquarters or e-mail to hq@sdlegion.org and let us know if you and/or your Post would like to help out. August 28th at 10:00 a.m. is clean up at the veterans building on the fair grounds. Cleaning of the building and setting up for the fair is done on this day. Volunteers are needed. The State fair runs from August 29—September 2. Do not forget August 29th is veterans get in free day along with the Chet Sorenson award presentation. Do not miss out in showing the Legion’s presence.

“B” BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS
State “B” Sr. Tournament
Host – Lennox Post 174
Friday – August 2
Redfield Post 92 (2) vs Tabor Post 183 (0)
Winner/Colome Post 169 (7) vs Beresford Post 2 (4)
Humboldt Post 62 (7) vs Big Stone Post 229 (3)
Lennox Post 174 (5) 9 innings vs Dell Rapids Post 65 (4)
Saturday – August 3
Big Stone Post 229 (8) vs Tabor Post 183 (7)
Beresford Post 72 (5) vs Dell Rapids Post 65 (1)
Humboldt Post 62 (3) vs Redfield Post 92 (2)
Lennox Post 174 (5) vs Winner/Colome Post 169 (1)
Sunday – August 4
Beresford Post 72 (3) vs Redfield Post 92 (4)
Big Stone Post 229 (5) vs Winner/Colome Post 169 (7)
Humboldt Post 62 vs Lennox Post 174
Monday – August 5
Humboldt Post 62 (9) vs Winner/Colome Post 169 (2)
Redfield Post 92 (15) vs Lennox Post 174 (11)
Tuesday – August 6
Redfield Post 92 (1) vs Humboldt Post 62 (0)
Lennox Post 174 (2) vs Redfield Post 92 (0)
Tournament MVP: Bennett Osborn, Redfield Post 92, P/SS
Big Stick Award: Camden Osborn, Redfield Post 92, 471
Porter T. Talcott Sportsmanship Award: Redfield Post 92
State “B” Jr. Tournament
Host – Groton Post 39
Friday – August 9
Claremont/Britton Post 262 (7) vs W.I.N. Post 137 (3)
Wagner Post 11 (7) vs Lennox Post 174 (3)
Winner/Colome Post 169 (5) vs Elk Point/Jefferson Post 134 (4)
Groton Post 39 (5) vs Redfield Post 92 (0)
Saturday – August 10
Lennox Post 174 (3) vs W.I.N Post 137 (2)
Redfield Post 92 (1) vs Elk Point Post 134 (0)
Claremont Post 262 (1) vs Wagner Post 11 (0)
Groton Post 39 (1) vs Winner/Colome Post 169 (0)
Sunday – August 11
Lennox Post 174 (9) vs Redfield Post 92 (8)
Wagner Post 11 (3) vs Winner/Colome Post 169 (1)
Claremont Post 262 (5) vs Groton Post 39 (4)

Tournament MVP: Chandler Larson, Groton Post 39, P
Big Stick Award: Payton Eich, Lennox Post 174, 535
Porter T. Talcott Sportsmanship Award: Wagner Post 11

NATIONAL REGIONAL PLAYOFFS (Sioux Falls)
August 7, 2019
Appleton, WI Post 38 (9) vs Dubuque Co., IA Post 137 (4)
Excelsior, MN Post 259 (17) vs Fargo, ND Post 2 (11)
Oshkosh, WI Post 70 (4) vs Renner, SD Post 307 (3)
Edina, MN (9) vs Sioux Falls, SD Post 15 (8)
August 8, 2019
Renner, SD Post 307 (10) vs Dubuque Co., IA Post 137 (8)
Fargo, ND Post 2 (13) vs Sioux Falls, SD Post 15 (1)
Appleton, WI Post 38 (9) vs Oshkosh, WI Post 70 (8)
Excelsior, MN Post 259 (7) vs Edina, MN (0)
August 9, 2019
Fargo, ND Post 2 (11) vs Oshkosh, WI Post 70 (0)
Renner, SD Post 307 (6) vs Edina, MN (5)
August 10, 2019
Excelsior, MN Post 259 (9) vs Appleton, WI Post 38 (1)
Fargo, ND Post 2 (3) vs Appleton, WI Post 38 (2)
Excelsior, MN Post 259 (12) vs Renner, SD Post 307 (2)
August 11, 2019
Fargo, ND Post 2 (8) vs Excelsior, MN Post 259 (0)
Fargo, ND Post 2 (3) vs Excelsior, MN Post 259 (2)

• World Series - August 15-20, in Shelby, North Carolina.

STATE COMMANDER APPOINTMENTS
Commander Nelson appointed the following:
• Kevin Hempel of Sioux Falls to Training team as Chairman
• Krisma DeWitt of Watertown to training team
• Kevin Morello of Blackhawk to training team
• Courtney VanZanten of Chester to training team
• Jon McDonald of Box Elder to Employment committee member for a 2 year term.

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES & ALTERNATES
Delegates, Alternate Delegates will be representing the Department of South Dakota at the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, on August 23-29, 2019.

The delegates elected are as follows:
• NEC Jim Huls, PDC Denny Brenden, Commander Fred Nelson, Dept. Adj. Travise Flisrand, Dist 1 CDR David Booze, Dist. 2 PDC Rick MacDonald, Dist 3 CDR Leroy Madsen, Dist 4 Tom Perrizo, Dist 5 Noel Cummins, Dist. 7 Ed Stringer, Dist. 8 Dan Hunhoff, additional Delegates were Kevin Hempel of Sioux Falls, Rod Smith of Chester, PDC Charemon Dunham of Iroquois, and State Vice CDR Kevin Morello of Black Hawk.

National Call-ins:
PDC Paul Evenson, , PDC Larry Price, PDC Gunner Baatrup, PDC Byron Callies, PDC Mark Weinmann, PDC Terry Hanson, PDC Hugh Holmes, PDC Tim Jurgens, Warren Aas, and Dist. 6 CDR Doug Feltman.

The alternate delegates: Ken Sabers, Dist. 2 CDR Eugene Iron Shell Jr., PDC Wayne Vetter, Tom Henley, SAA Verle Whipple and Annette Dunham.

The schedule for the National Convention will be similar to that used for the past several years:
• Fri, Aug 23 – Resolutions Screening Committees
• Sat, Aug 24 – Standing Committees and Commissions
• Sun, Aug 25 - Convention Committees

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National Chaplain’s Breakfast
Patriotic Memorial Service
National Convention Parade
Tri Stack Social – (South Dakota Hosts)

Mon, Aug 26 - Department Caucus
Tue, Aug 27 - National Convention General Assembly
National Commander’s Banquet
Wed, Aug 28 - National Convention General Assembly
Thur, Aug 29 - General Assembly continues
National Commander elected

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER AWARD
The application deadline for the Physician and Provider of the Year Awards has been extended to September 1, 2019. Thanks to our media staff in Indy, the online application has been converted to an online fillable form, which you can access at https://www legion org/veteranshealthcare. Both awards can be located at the bottom of the page.

STATE CEMETERY GROUND BREAKING
The ground breaking ceremony for the new South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery will occur on September 9th at 9 a.m. State Commander Fred Nelson is requesting a very strong American Legion presence at this ceremony.

FALL DISTRICT MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS
- District 1—Sept.29 @ Eagle Butte, Social 10 am, joint meeting 11 am, lunch 11:45, Legion meeting 1 pm.
- District 2—Sept. 28 @ Post 71 Hot Springs. Social 9 am, Meeting 10 am. Meal $10/person following the meeting.
- District 3—Sept. 7 @ Pierre Post 8. Social-noon. Meeting-1 pm
- District 4—Sept. 8 @ Leola, Social-4pm, Meal-5pm, meeting 6pm.
- District 5—Sept. 6 @ White. Social at 2:30 p.m. with Coffee/cookies/ice cream. 3:00 p.m. meeting.
- District 6—Sept. 14 @ Wessington Springs. Social 5 pm, Meal 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm. Auxiliary will meet at Courthouse.
- District 7—Sept. 15 @ Madison Legion at the VFW, Social 2:00 pm, Meeting 3:00 pm meeting Coffee, cookies bars after. Auxiliary place TBD
- District 8—Sept. 13 @ Wagner. Social at 5 pm, meeting at 6pm, and lite lunch afterwards. Ladies meet at the Methodist Church.

SAL DET. COMMANDER CALLS FOR FALL MEETINGS
SAL Commander Terry Hanson requests that all SAL Squadrions send representation to the fall meetings. He will have a SAL meeting in each District, the SAL will do the opening with the Legion and then break off into a separate group. Topics to discuss are Charters, supporting the Legion programs and membership.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT
The State Legion Golf Tournament, co-sponsored by the Humboldt and Hartford American Legion Posts, will be held on the weekend of September 21-22, 2019 at the Hartford Golf Course. Entry fee for 4 person scramble is $440. Entry fee covers 18 holes of golf on Saturday and Sunday. Free use of golf cart and catered meal on Saturday night. Top prize is $10,000 for those who get a hole in one! Contact Fred Lee at 605-413-9451 to secure your slot.

BIDS TO HOST 2024 STATE CONVENTION
No bids were submitted to host the 2024 State Convention at the 101st State Convention, the DEC will now have to decide the host/location. Bids are being accepted from Posts wishing to host the 2024 South Dakota American Legion Convention
The offer must be submitted in writing by the prospective host Post, signed by the Post Commander and attested to by the Post Adjutant. Bids must reach State Headquarters in Watertown by January 17, 2020. The DEC will decide where to host the 2024 Convention during the 2020 MidWinter Conference.

FOUNDATION DONATIONS
Remember the South Dakota American Legion Foundation when your Post considers donations / gifts. This foundation will be used by future generations of Legionnaires to fund the American Legion pro-
grams. Donations can be marked as a memorial to those Legion members who have passed onto Post Everlasting. If the Post knows someone who wants to make a larger donation and needs assistance with ensuring the endowment goes to the programs they want to support, please contact the Dept. Adjutant at adjutant@sdlegion.org.

ORATORY CONTEST COMPLETION DATES
The Americanism Commission has set the following completion dates for the oratory contests.
- Post contests completed by January 19th
- District contests completed by February 2nd
- State contest on February 23 at 10:30

BASEBALL UNIFORM DONATIONS
Ed Thompson of Custer Post 46 has requested that used/old Legion baseball uniforms that are still serviceable be donated. He is working with tribal Legion Posts to get Legion baseball started in their communities. Donated items can be shipped to: Ed Thompson / 1905 Wilson Ave / Hot Springs, SD 57747.

HONOR FLIGHTS
The MIDWEST Honor Flight is having a meet and greet open house on Saturday September 7 at 3-6 pm at the Residence Inn by Marriott Rapid. This is a great opportunity to meet and ask questions. The flights go out of the Sioux Falls and Rapid City airports; is a non profit organization run by a SAL member from Iowa. For more information, please go to the MIDWEST honor Flight website: http://www midwesthonorflight.org.

HAVE YOU WROTE YOUR POST’S HISTORY YET?
If you haven’t written your Post’s History and posted it on the Centennial website, please do so. Chairman Charemon Dunham has requested that all American Legion Posts write up a brief history and put it on the Centennial Page on the National website. In writing the history, you’ll get a sense of pride in what Legionnaires have gone through in maintaining the local Post. Also, if your Post is named after an individual, you’ll gain a feeling of satisfaction in letting the world know why. Deadlines are running short and this needs to be in place so other events surrounding the 100th Anniversary can be accomplished.

CENTENNIAL CONVENTION MEMORABILIA
Post 15 has convention t-shirts and 100 year pins for sale. T shirts $20.00 and pins $5.00. E-mail Post Adjutant Mike Driscoll at jarhead99999@gmail.com to request your Centennial memorabilia.

CERTIFICATION OF 2020 OFFICERS
Post Adjutants are reminded that they have a responsibility to certify the Post’s 2020 officers to Department Headquarters in Watertown. This certification process is one of the last official duties of the outgoing Post Adjutant. The form for certifying your 2020 Post Officers can be found in the 2018-2019 SD American Legion Adjutant’s Administrative and Awards Manual. One sheet explains the certification process, and the very next page is the Post Officers Certification Form.

Newly elected Post Officers will not be placed on mailing lists by State or National Headquarters or receive their 2020 membership cards until the Post is certified.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
2019 Membership: 18,246 or 91.23% of a goal of 20,001.
2020 Membership: 3,074 or 15.57% of goal of 19,747.

Membership Chairman Ed Stringer’s theme is: “MEMBERSHIP IS STRENGTH, LET’S GET STRONGER!”