



Bliss Bugle

November 2024

Your Connection For All The Latest Happenings

Commander's Corner

- **Attention:** For those of us with email, it is the intent for the the Post Newsletter deliverable by email or text only. Please provide your correct email and phone number to the office at: office@vfw628.org or call the office at 605-338-0869
- Scouts will be selling popcorn. The revenues assist in Shipping products to military bases, food banks, and first responder organizations. Contact your nearest Scouting Leader to purchase or make a donation.
- Post's By-Laws are being revised. Copies are available for review with a vote schedule for the December Post meeting.
- Joint Post and Auxiliary Party is scheduled for December 8, 2024. time may be 6pm.
- Post's Life Members, Ray Reker is at Good Samaritan on 2nd Street and Minnesota Ave, and Harold Hanson is at Prince of Peace. Lets go pay them a visit.

Auxiliary President

Hello, this is Amy Bolduc, and I just want to remind you that we will be having a potluck dinner before the November meeting at 6 p.m. If you are bringing a food item, please have it here no later than 5 :30. We will be making Lefse on November 16th, 2024 from 8 to noon in the Auxiliary meeting room.

There will be a Veterans Day program at the Alliance on November 11th, 2024 from 9 to 12. We are also doing a Veterans Day program at the Inn at Westport at 2 pm

Just a reminder to get your tickets, if you have not already, for the Marine Corp League Ball on November 9th, 2024 at the Alliance. Thank you to those who came for the membership luncheon last month.

HELP WANTED

Need Post Members to volunteer and help with monthly Pancake feeds, Americanism programs, community services projects, and our Post Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard has always been the flagship that provides and incredible and honorable service to veterans. If interest in being on the Honor Guard, please call the Office.

These projects give us great exposure in the community and helping our veterans If you can help, please contact the office at 605-338-0869 or office@vfw628.org.

Membership

Membership is important to the Post. If you know of a veteran, ask her/him if they served in a combat zone. A lot of National Guard/Reserve members are eligible for the VFW. As many of our locals have served in a hostile environment, we should be encouraging these new veterans to continue to serve and that joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars is another way to continue their service to their fellow veterans and the surrounding community.

Remembering our Brothers and Sisters

POST

Victor Brandts-80-Army
Alvin Helwig -90-Navy

AUX

Rose Marie Estlund -95

Chaplin's Words

Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

Post Closed November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Normal business will resume December 2. Enjoy your holiday

Upcoming Days of Interest

November

- Nov 1: Start of American Indian Heritage Month
- Nov 3: Daylights Savings time Ends
- Nov 5: Election Day
- Nov 6: Post Meeting 7PM
- Nov 7: Post Meeting 7PM
- Nov 9: Marine Corps Ball- 4:30PM-?
- Nov 17: VFW Pancakes
- Nov 11: Veterans Day
- Nov 28: Thanksgiving Day

December

- Dec 4: Post Meeting 7PM
- Dec 13: Lita Ford at the Alliance
- Dec 21: Diamond Rio at the Alliance
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec 25: Christmas Day
- Dec 31: New Years Eve

SD Military Heritage Alliance



By contributing to the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, you are joining a dedicated movement committed to providing essential resources and support to those in need. This noble cause not only honors the sacrifices of our veterans but also fosters a spirit of unity within our community—inviting both veterans and civilians to stand together in solidarity. Together, we can create lasting change and instill hope for a brighter future, reminding our heroes that they are not alone in their struggles. Every dollar counts, and your recurring donation can help save lives, ensuring that our veterans receive the care and support they deserve. Join us in this vital mission and be a beacon of hope for those who have fought for our freedom.



We are on line at vfw628.org

MARINE CORPS HISTORY



On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a [resolution](#) stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) [Samuel Nicholas](#). The first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, Nicholas remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine [Commandant](#). The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES



The 249th USMC Birthday Ball hosted by the Marine Corps League Det 659, The Dakota Marines of Sioux Falls Saturday, November 09 - 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM
Click the insignia above for tickets.

At the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance

2024 ARMY / NAVY GAME

DECEMBER 14 - 1300 N Industrial Ave, SFSD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Event hosted by the Legion Riders Chapter 2 with the Post 15 "Legion Family" all participating.

- **Doors open at noon**-Chili tasting, Auxiliary bake sale, Sons of Legion Dimock cheese & flag sales
- **Post 15 Singing Legionnaires** 1pm-1:30pm
Christmas Sing along / Military Medley
- **Game time** 2pm / chili awards at half time
- **Door prize and raffle** winners at the end of the game. **RAFFLE** is a USA Flag Heritage .22 LR Blk Std 6.5" round Cocobolo grip - tickets available late November in the Legion office and from members.



"He that can have patience can have what he will."
- Benjamin Franklin

Upcoming Events at the Alliance



New VA Character of Discharge Regulation:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing a new regulation pertaining to character of discharge determinations that will allow more former service members to qualify for VA benefits regardless of discharge type. Generally, a former service member must have a discharge under honorable conditions. Though VA cannot change the status of a DOD military discharge, it will review less than honorable discharges for benefits eligibility. VA encourages former service members to whom it previously issued a negative character of discharge determination to reapply under the new regulation using a [VA Form 21-0995](#), Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Contact an [accredited service representative](#) for more information.

DEC 13-15, 2024

18th ANNUAL DAY COUNTY COYOTE HUNT

Roslyn SD

All money raised supports South Dakota Military and their family

2 Person Team \$60
First Prize \$1,500

Additional cash prizes in 9 categories

Optional Buy-In for Big Dog/Little Dog \$15
75% pay back

Contact Patti at 605-280-0777

Pre-registration Due by November 11 or Roslyn FireHall on Dec 13 at 5:30 PM

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!!

Sponsored by John M Bliss Post 628 VFW Auxiliary



Whooping cough on the Rise

Reports of whooping cough (also known as pertussis) are rising in the United States based on information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Preliminary data from the CDC show that about **five times as many cases** have been reported through the first nine months of 2024 compared to the same time in 2023.

The rise in occurrences has happened in part because people who believe they're protected against whooping cough are learning that older vaccines wane in effectiveness. Many adults lose track of the last time they were vaccinated or ignore the recommendation to have a booster shot every 10 years.

Meeting Notes

- December 8th Joint Christmas Party.
- Post Christmas Party invite will come through Eventbrite, Freewill donations.
- Membership recruiting Drivee Event planned for April 2025.
- Pancake attendance is down. Lets invite, friends, family and neighbors.
- Post investments are growing. Come to the Post meeting November 6th for specifics.



Pancakes and Chislic

Pancakes

The next pancake breakfast will be held November 17, 2024 starting at 8 AM. Adults \$8, Children under 10yo \$2 Cakes, Sausage, Eggs, Coffee, Juice and all the fixings.

Revenues help us support the Lincoln High School Marine JROTC, veterans issues around the Sioux Falls Community and surrounding area.



Chislic

Great lamb chislic November 17, 2024, serves from 3pm thru 6pm.

Come to the best chislic in Sioux Falls. Bring your friends, you'll be glad you did.



Donations to Our VA

What a morning!!! I was blessed to make a delivery of donations to Royal C Johnson VA Hospital on behalf of the Department of South Dakota VFW Auxiliary, John M Bliss Post 628 Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cooties SD001. Receiving the donation is Crystal Reimers.



Some of the donations include fidget toys, bingo balls, personal hygiene products, camis, bras, socks, boxer briefs, t shirts, sleep pants, youth activity bags and gift cards.

BERAKHAH HOUSE

Deb Felton with food donations to the Berakhah Veterans House.



Americanism Program

Kayle Decker, Barb Hayes, Mike & Anne McGoffin at Annie Sullivan Elementary School doing an Americanism program to 105 five and six graders.