



SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS COUNCIL

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America,
Military Order of the Purple Heart



**PVA Office, 209 N Garfield Ave, Sioux Falls, SD
November 8, 2017 10:00 a.m. CST**

1. CALL TO ORDER

*President Terry A. Paulsen

2. Roll Call

*Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Cummings

3. Welcome

*Distinguished Guests / Visitors

*Administrative Comments / Announcements

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

*Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Cummings

5. Treasurer Report

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6. Invited Guests Briefing:

- Mr. Darwin Goodspeed: Director, Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
- Department of Veterans Affairs: Secretary Zimmerman
- Senator Thune's Office: Bruce Jones
- Senator Rounds Office: Michele Mustain
- Representative Noems Office: Greg Whitlock

7. Council Updates:

- ✓ **State Veterans Cemetery Update and Progress.**
- ✓ **Campaign Effort to send benefit info to all veterans in South Dakota**

8. Legislative Priorities:

1. State Veterans Cemetery East River
2. State Veterans Home East River

**** November Roundtable Discussion:**

Wednesday, 15 November, 2017 at the DAV Headquarters in Sioux Falls, SD. Time = 12:00 P.M. (**Terry Paulsen = Moderator**)

Thursday, 16 November, 2017 at the American Legion Post in Watertown, SD. Time = 12:00 P.M. (**Terry Paulsen = Moderator**)

Saturday, 18 November, 2017 at the VFW in Rapid City, SD. Time = 10:00 A.M. (**Mike Mullen = Moderator**)

*** Each VSO will assign (1) person from their organization to sit at the table and present their information to the Legislators. Each VSO will have 10-15 Minutes to Present. Terry will provide a Slide Show for the program.

*** Each Host for the Roundtables is eligible to be reimbursed \$100.00 for expenses

*** PVA will send invites to Legislators in Districts 6,8-21&25

*** Legion will send invites to Legislators in Districts 1-5,7 &22-24

*** VFW will send invites to Legislators in Districts 26-35

(Names and Addresses can be found on the State Legislative Website:

<http://www.sdlegislature.gov/>

**** New Election / Candidate Forums: Possible Question/Answer Forum in April 2018**

1. House of Representative = General Election = November 6, 2018
2. Governor = General Election = November 6, 2018

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business:

- Governor's Budget Address = 5 December 2017
- 93rd Legislative Session Begins 9 January 2018
- Legislative Social at the Red Rosa in Pierre is January 10, 2017 5:00-8:00 P.M.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

Date:

Place:

Time:

12. Good of the Order:

13. Closing Comments and Adjournment.

Past South Dakota Veterans Council Meetings: July 6, 2011 (DAV, Sioux Falls); September 28, 2011 (DAV, Sioux Falls); October 26, 2011 (DAV, Sioux Falls); April 24, 2012 (DAV, Sioux Falls); July 11, 2012 (American Legion Post 15, Sioux Falls); October 23, 2012 (DAV, Sioux Falls); April 16, 2013 (DAV, Sioux Falls); July 8, 2013 (DAV, Sioux Falls), September 16, 2013 (American Legion Post 8, Pierre); November 18, 2013 (DAV, Sioux Falls); April 16, 2014 (DAV, Sioux Falls), July 16, 2014 (DAV, Sioux Falls), September 17, 2014 (DAV, Sioux Falls), November 13, 2014 (Conference Call), April 15, 2015 (DAV, Sioux Falls), July 15, 2015 (DAV, Sioux Falls), September 16, 2015 (DAV Sioux Falls), November 4, 2015 (Conference Call), April 20, 2016 (DAV Sioux Falls), July 13, 2016 (PVA Sioux Falls). September 14, 2016 (PVA Sioux Falls). November 16, 2016 (PVA Sioux Falls). April 19, 2017 (DAV Sioux Falls). July 19, 2017 (PVA Sioux Falls). September 20, 2017 (PVA Sioux Falls). November 8, 2017 (PVA Sioux Falls).