**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS   
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA   
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 26, 2025 – ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Department Commander Elect Walsh called the DEC Meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. on April 26th, 2025, at the AmericInn, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Commander Elect Walsh led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DEC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commander Elect Walsh; Sr. Vice Commander Amy Lucas; 1st Jr. Vice Commander Matt Kistler; 2nd Jr. ViceCommander Dave Meltz; Past Commander Kim Hubers; Treasurer Gene Murphy and Judge Advocate/Inspector Robert Hill and Chapter - DEC No. 1 - Pennock, No. 3 – Krosschell and Meltz, No. 6 – Barrow and Wehy, No. 11 – Turnwall, No. 13 – Himes and Lindner, No. 19 - Chapman, No. 22 – Hill and Hanson and, No. 27 – Christensen and White

Officers and DEC Excused: Floyd Hermans and DEC No. 18

**COMMANDER’S APPOINTMENTS:**

ADJUTANT................................ Marty Pennock

CHAPLAIN................................. Gaylord Helmbrecht

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN ……. Loretta Helmbrecht

HISTORIAN................................ Tim Walsh

LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM…… Peggy Kirk

SGT-AT-ARMS.......................... Dave Meltz Stu Himes

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SD VETERANS COUNCIL Tim Walsh, Commander

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Gene Murphy, Treasurer

SD STATE VETERANS HOME TASK

FORCE …………........................Don Ackerman

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT

OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ….. Jeremiah Schneider

VAVS COMMITTEE

STATE CHAIRPERSON........................ John Huntington

VAVS - FT. MEADE VAMC................. Bill Branum

VAVS - HOT SPRINGS VAMC............. H.G. Krosschell

VAVS - SIOUX FALLS VAMC............. Gaylord Helmbrecht

VETERAN’S CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Black Hills National Cemetery ………… Mike Mullen

Black Hills National Cemetery ………… Christine Speirs, PDC

South Dakota State Cemetery ………….. Amy Lucas

South Dakota State Cemetery ………….. Matt Kistler

WEB SITE MASTER …………. ……… Marty Pennock

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR FY 2025-2026**

AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR...... Robert Hill, PDC

H.G. Krosschell, PDC

Marty Pennock

BUDGET & FINANCE CHAIR......... Tim Walsh, Commander

Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

Matt Kistler, 1st Jr. Vice

Dave Meltz, 2nd Jr. Vice

Gene Murphy, Treasurer

Robert Hill, Judge Advocate

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Kim Hubers, PDC

INCOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE

CHAIR …………………………….. Kim Hubers, PDC

Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

Matt Kistler, 1st Jr. Vice

Gene Murphy, Treasurer

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Bob Hill, Trustee

H.G. Krosschell, Trustee

LEGISLATION CHAIR...................... Tim Walsh, Commander

Robert Hill, Judge Advocate

Gene Murphy, Treasurer

Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.................... Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

Matt Kistler, 1st Jr. Vice

Dave Meltz, 2nd Jr. Vice

PUBLICITY

CO-CHAIR......................................... Matt Kistler, 1st Jr. Vice

CO-CHAIR......................................... Dave Meltz, 2nd Jr. Vice

**2025 CONVENTION COMMITTEES:**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................. Kim Hubers, PDC

Gaylord Helmbrecht, PDC

Dan Francis, PDC

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIR………………………………. Matt Kistler, 1st Jr. Vice

Jack Hanson

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................ Bob Hill, Judge Advocate

Gaylord Helmbrecht, Chaplain

Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................ Dave Meltz, 2nd Jr. Vice

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Paul Hanson

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................. Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Dan Francis, PDC

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR (PDCs)..................................... Gaylord Helmbrecht

Dick Turnwall

Robert Hill

H.G. Krosschell

Gene Murphy

Dan Francis

Christine Speirs

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................ Amy Lucas, Sr. Vice

Dave Meltz, 2nd Jr. Vice

TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE

CHAIR................................................ Kim Hubers, PDC

Christine Speirs, PDC

Marty Pennock, Adjutant

Dan Francis, PDC

WOMEN VETERANS COMMITTEE

CHAIR………………………………. Kim Hubers, PDC

Peggy Kirk

Christine Speirs

On a motion by Amy Lucas, Chapter 13, and seconded by Dick Turnwall, Chapter No. 11, to approve the Commander's Appointments, Standing Committees, and 2025 Convention Committees. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

On a motion by Bob Hill, Chapter No. 22, and seconded by Gene Murphy, Chapter No. 1, to add new officers in an elected or appointed or designated officer position and remove anyone not in an elected, appointed or designated officer position to the SD DAV Department of South Dakota checking account, as signature authorities. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. ELECTION OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DAV 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

On a motion by Gene Murphy, No. 1, and seconded by Bob Hill, Chapter No. 22, to elect Elect Commander Walsh as Delegate and Adjutant Marty Pennock as Alternate from the Department of South Dakota for the DAV 2025 National Convention. Motion Carried.

**2. REPRESENTATION AT SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Tim Walsh            May 2nd - 4th – DAV North Dakota Convention in Jamestown, ND

Dick Turnwall      May 26th – Memorial Day Ceremony at VA Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis

Tim Walsh            May 26th – Memorial Day Ceremony at the South Dakota State Cemetery in Sioux Falls

Tim Walsh            May 30th – 31st – DAV Montana Convention in Great Falls, MT

Owen Richards    June 3rd – NSO Information Seminar – Custer

Owen Richards    June 4th – NSO Information Seminar – Spearfish

Owen Richards    June 5th - NSO Information – Rapid City

Tim Walsh           June 19th – 22nd – Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention in Pierre, SD

Amy Lucas          June 19th - 22nd - American Legion State Convention in Huron, SD

CDR and SR.V. June 29th – July 2nd – Commander and Adjutant Association in Erlanger, KY

SDVC DAV         July 16th – South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting - Mitchell

CDR and ADJ     August 7th – District 14 DAV Meeting – Las Vegas, NV

CDR and ADJ     August 8th - August 12th – DAV National Convention – Las Vegas

Marty Pennock August 13th – DAV Drive to Victory AHM CH #1 Golf Tournament – Prairie Green Golf, Sioux Falls

SDVC DAV        August 20th – South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting – Online

Tim Walsh          August 27th – SD State Fair – Veterans Day - Huron

Bob Hill              August 30th – 727th Transportation Poker Run – Brookings

TBD September 9th -12th – South Dakota Benefit School – Sioux Falls

Owen Richards   September 16th – NSO Information Seminar – Mitchell

Owen Richards   September 17th – NSO Information Seminar – Aberdeen

SDVC DAV        September 17th - South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting - Yankton

Owen Richards    September 18th – NSO Information Seminar – Brookings

Marty Pennock September 19th – Sioux Falls Standdown – Sioux Falls – Alliance

Marty Pennock September 19th – POW / MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony – Sioux Falls

Tim Walsh           October 3rd -4th – DAV Department of SD Fall Conference Sioux Falls, SD

2025 DAV & Auxiliary Fall Conference: DAV Arthur H. Muchow Chapter No. 1 would host the DAV and Auxiliary Department of South Dakota Fall Conference on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. The Chapter would host the Commander’s Reception, with a light dinner on October 3rd, at 5:00 p.m. and provide coffee, rolls, donuts, and cookies free for members on October 4th, at 8:00 a.m. The lunch will be provided with a free will offering from the members, Chapters, and/or Auxiliary Units. A Quilts of Valor Program will commence at 8:00 a.m. on October 4th.

SDVC DAV       October 16th - South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting – Online

 CDR and ADJ    October 17th – 18th – District 14 Conference – Detroit Lakes, MN

The Department EC is recommending assisting with hosting the event with an allowance of $375.00 for the DAV Department of Minnesota. Discussion. District 14 Meeting will be in Detroit Lakes October 17-18.

NSO Approved October 22nd -23rd – West River DAV CSO/DSO Level I and Level II Training CH 3 HQ, Rapid City, SD

SDVC DAV         November 19th - South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting – Sioux Falls – 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SDVC DAV         November 20st – 22nd -South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Roundtables – Tentative

SDVC DAV January 14th, 2026 – South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting – Pierre TAL Post 8 – 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

SDVC DAV January 14th, 2026 – South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Reception – Pierre TAL Post 8 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**3. DEPARTMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHISTLEBLOWER, AND RETENTION/DESTRUCTION POLICIES:**

Adjutant Marty Pennock reminded Officers and DEC Members to sign and return these policies.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

On a motion by Gene Murphy, Chapter No. 1, and seconded by Robert Hill, Chapter No. 22, to adjourn the DEC Meeting. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chaplain Gaylord Helmbrecht led the DEC members in prayer. Honor was rendered to the flag.

Submitted by Marty Pennock, Adjutant