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Dear Teacher Award Winner:

The Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary are proud to announce that you have won the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for the 2023-2024 Command Year in South Dakota. You won this award, because of your abilities as a teacher to change our society one day, one class lesson, and one student at a time. Your dedication as an educator shows the role you play in the important job as a teacher creating the new citizens of tomorrow who will lead our nation in all walks of life.

We would like to invite you and your loved ones to our Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year Awards Program to be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at the AmericInn 312 Island Dr., Pierre, SD 57532.

Please meet at the Pizza Ranch on Sunday January 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm for a buffet meal and an informal meet and greet.

On Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will be meeting in the lobby of the AmericInn at 8:00am. From there, the VFW will take you on a tour of the State Capitol, to include the Supreme Court, Governor's Office, and other points of interest.

By noon, the VFW will take you back to the AmericInn for a luncheon and awards banquet. We do ask that you consider speaking for 5 to 8 minutes about your experience teaching students and how you encourage a love for your country in the classroom.

We will pay for travel expenses that you may incur while traveling to Pierre. The State Quartermaster will have you fill out a travel voucher for reimbursement and a check will be mailed to you. Hotel reservations have been made for Sunday, January 21, 2024, and will be paid by the State VFW at the AmericInn. The room is registered under your name.

**Please contact our Department Headquarters whether you will or will not join us and how many in your party.** Contact information is below. Congratulations again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Arnold".

Anna Arnold

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