



THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities

A Word from the President

by Elvira Moen, Department President



"Thanks to Our Veterans, Freedom Rings in South Dakota"

I always thought that April showers referred to rain, not snow... Hopefully the snow is gone for good now and spring is on its way. At the writing of this article, our membership is at 89.4% of goal. Membership is crucial to the survival of our organization and our mission. We cannot carry out our mission without members to implement our programs. Please continue poring over membership lists from previous years and continue promoting our organization to all who will listen and learn what we do and why it matters. It is challenging to retain and grow our membership, but for the good of our organization and those we serve, we must continue the effort. Keep working to engage retain and attract members so we can continue delivering our very important mission.

Congratulations to all the District Presidents for a job well done. I love hearing about all the wonderful accomplishments from our units and members. I want to congratulate the newly-elected District officers and all the District Members of the Year who were chosen to represent their District at State Convention. I am looking forward to announcing the Department winner at the State convention in Spearfish in June.

May is a very busy month for the ALA. Units need to elect and install officers for the 2018-2019 year. Girls State orientations are conducted, Mother's Day and Memorial Day programs are planned, and end of year reports need to be completed. Poppy Day programs and distributions need to be arranged; the Friday before Memorial Day has been designated as "Poppy Day." This is a wonderful recognition and will help to promote the significance of the poppy.

Our 98th annual convention is just around the corner. This year it will be held June 7 - 10, 2018 in Spearfish, and I can't wait to see all of you there! Please elect your delegates and alternates to the convention at your May meeting. A list of your delegates and alternates needs to be sent to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. The April issue of the Legionette contained the ticket information for the Friday evening Auxiliary Banquet honoring Margaret Demery, who served as Department President for the 1993-1994 year. This issue contains the pre-order form for tickets for all of the luncheons and banquets. Be sure to check the deadlines for these tickets as none of them are available at the Convention. I would like to end this article by wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in my personal family (including the mother of my newest great-granddaughter, Isabella, born 4/16/18) and to those of you in my ALA family.

Thanks to our Veterans, Freedom Rings in South Dakota!

National Security By Dept. Chairman Melanie Martens

The National Security Program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families. The National Security Program and the 2014-2019 ALA Centennial Strategic Plan; maintaining and promoting a strong national defense by supporting service members and their families helps us build brand loyalty (Goal 5) among a target membership population (Goal 1) while keeping us focused on our mission.

One commonly asked question is, "How are **National Security and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation** different?" National Security deals with **active duty military and their families**, including those who do not live on military bases; while VA&R promotes our Mission to enhance the lives of **veterans and their families**.

What can you do to support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families:

Wear **red** on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed." We will continue to do this until they all come home.

Greet service members and families as they deploy and/or return from a deployment. Provide support on a spouse-to-spouse or family-to-family basis, such as to a Family member, neighbor or another military family.

Support Operation Comfort Warriors. A program dedicated to meet the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel in hospitals and entirely supported by the American Legion.

What are some of the activities we can participate in to support this program?

Donate Blood. Assist with a Blood Drive in your community.

Join with your Legion or Riders group to host a POW/MIA ceremony.

Host a dinner in honor of our service members on Armed Forces Day.

Provide GI Josh dogs and the book "I'll Be Ok" to local children whose parents are deployed.

Place an ad in the local newspaper or write a letter to the editor thanking our brave men and women for their service.

Send a care package to a deployed service member.

Check out the National Security Programs Action Plan on our website, or contact me for information regarding awards that are available for members and units. Let's share with others what we have been doing to support our men and women servicemembers. Also, remember to keep our active duty military members and their families in your prayers.

Thank you for all you do!

Poppy by Dept. Chairman Sue Frantzick

Thank you so much for the poppy orders and Senior Poppy Contest entries again this year! I received orders for over 95,000 small poppies and 660 large poppies. Please contact me at 605-431-4513 if your complete order has not arrived. May 1st is the postmark deadline for Poppy Poster Contest entries to be sent to me and many have already arrived. I am excited to see so many wonderful young artists' masterpieces! National poster winners can be seen on their website at www.alaforveterans.org.

It has been an honor to serve as your Department Poppy Chairman. The "poppy-making force" at the Hot Springs VA, the Hot Springs community and the Pine Ridge Veterans Shelter worked diligently to fill orders and have provided us with a surplus of over 30,000 poppies! They are appreciative not only for the income, but for being able to fill their time with "poppy therapy." Your dedication to our Poppy Program allows proceeds to come back to them as funds are used to help veterans and their families and active-duty military and their families where financial and medical need is evident. Remember to submit poppy proceeds to Department Headquarters by June 10th. Our Northwestern Division Poppy Chairman, Barbara Washburn, sent out a monthly newsletter this past year which helped to answer questions, clarify issues and remind us of deadlines. A few of her notable points of interest were: *The Poppy Program is part of the curriculum in Canadian schools, but in the United States it is up to US to make this information available to all. *There is no specific way to wear a poppy, except that it is worn with PRIDE. *The Miss Poppy Contest is no longer a part of the National Poppy Program (Little Miss Poppy Program remains).

*The Poppy Poster Contest rule regarding the use of the Holy Cross and the Star of David has been removed. (Cont. page 4)

MAY Guide

May 6: 1:00—3:00 pm Girls State Orientation

District 8 at the Vermillion High School and

District 1 at BHSU Jonas 305

Mother's Day & Poppy Day Programs

Election & Installation of Unit Officers

Elect delegates to Dept. Convention & remit registration fee

May 25: National Poppy Day
Conduct Poppy Distribution
Remit 25% of Poppy proceeds to Dept. Headquarters by June 10TH

Membership by Dept. Chairman Janet Hurlbert

Here we are near the end of April and we still have numerous memberships that have not been renewed for the year ending December 31st, 2017.

DID YOU REALIZE: That according to the ALA National Standing Rules, a member failing to pay such annual dues by January thirty-first of the current membership year shall be delinquent and suspended from membership privileges. A member deemed delinquent for failing to pay dues by December 31 of the current membership year shall be classified as expired. Such expired member may rejoin as an active member under her original join date without interruption of her continuous years of membership, and her membership privileges reinstated, by payment of all past dues.

Therefore, we are asking you, as current members of the American Legion Auxiliary, to contact any of the members from your Unit that have not renewed and ask them to please renew their membership in this great organization.

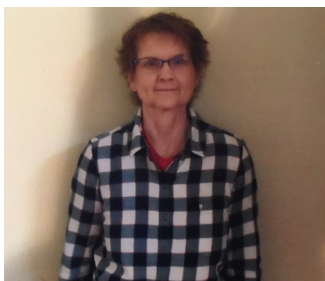
The following are the district standings for membership as of 4-18-18: District 8 is at 94.8%, District 5 is at 92.1%, District 2 is at 89.6%, District 7 is at 89.2%, District 1 is at 87.2%, District 3 is at 86.5%, District 4 is at 86.9% and District 6 is at 84.4%. Thank you to all of the District President's for the work that they have done on membership.

Again, membership does not just belong to the Membership Chairman – it belongs to the entire Unit.

Members to Remember



Gladys Lee has been a member of the Volga American Legion Burrows Young Post 114 Auxiliary for 66 years. Gladys served as treasurer, and then president for many years. She was poppy chairman, supervised Girl's State applications and set up for the Poultry Party preparation in November each year, until recently turning those duties to other members. Gladys is a very dedicated member.



Linda Johannsen wears many hats. She is a hairdresser by trade. She helps cancer patients care for their hair and finds wigs when needed. She also cuts hair in their homes or care facilities if unable to travel. She has been a member of Warner Unit 137 for almost ten years and held the office of secretary and chaplain. She is active in community events, church activities and is on the Warner Town Zoning Board. Linda is always one you can count on and always comes with a smile on her face.



Advance Ticket Form for 2018 State American Legion Convention deadline is May 25, 2018
NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EVENT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Auxiliary Noon Luncheon, Friday, June 8, 2019

Menu: **Black Hills Croissant Sandwich**-Turkey with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, and Mayonnaise on a Flaky Croissant, with Coleslaw. Choice of Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

Number of tickets requested @ \$20.00 per ticket _____

Check box for special dietary needs and list need with your check

Auxiliary Noon Luncheon, Saturday June 9, 2018- noon

Menu: **Chicken Caesar Wrap**- Crispy Romaine Lettuce, Grilled Chicken, and Parmesan Cheese tossed with Caesar Dressing, wrapped in a Flour Tortilla, with Potato Salad, Choice of Iced tea, Coffee and Water.

Number of tickets requested @ \$20.00 per ticket _____

Check box for special dietary needs and list need with your check.

Auxiliary Banquet, Friday, June 8th, 2018

Menu: **Stuffed Apple Almond Pork Loin**- Boneless Pork Loin Stuffed with Apples, Bacon and Almonds, topped with Cider Demi. Served with a Dinner Salad and Chef Featured Vegetable and Chef Featured Potato. Choice of Iced Tea, Coffee and Water

Number of tickets requested @ \$25.00 per ticket _____

Check box for special dietary needs and list need with your check

Legion and Auxiliary Joint Banquet Saturday June 9, 2018

Menu: You have a choice of (select one): **Seared Chicken Breast with Garlic Sauce** _____

OR

Slow Roasted Roast Beef _____

Both entrees are served with Dinner Salad, Dinner Rolls, Chef Featured Vegetable, and Mashed Potatoes. Choice of Coffee, Iced Tea and Water.

Number of tickets requested @ \$30 per ticket _____

Check box for special dietary needs and list need with your check

TOTAL amount of all meals \$ _____

Make checks payable to: District 1 American Legion and mail to
Glorianne Davis
211 Deer Path
Lead, S.D. 57754



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In Memoriam

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 3:00 p.m. Finance Committee Interviews -Swarm Room
5:00 p.m. Incoming/Outgoing District President Training, Swarm Rm

Friday, June 8, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
8:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting – 76 Room
Silent Auction opens – Concourse Area
10:30 a.m. Juniors Meeting - Swarm
12:00 p.m. Lunch – 76 Room
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – 76 Room
3:00 p.m. Department Chairmen Training – 76 Room
6:00 p.m. Auxiliary Banquet honoring Margaret Demery – 76 Room
7:30 p.m. The American Legion “Fun Auction” - Poolside

Saturday, June 9, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
8:00 a.m. Processional Line-Up – Cottonwood/Hallway
8:30 a.m. Auxiliary Convention Convenes – Cottonwood Room
11:30 a.m. Recess
Silent Auction open – Concourse Area
12:00 p.m. Auxiliary Luncheon – 76 Room
12:45 p.m. American Legion Band – Concourse Area
1:15 p.m. Convention Reconvenes – Cottonwood Room
2:45 p.m. Convention in Recess
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Meet & Greet Candidates – Elvira’s Room
4:00 p.m. Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Memorial Service – Cottonwood Room
5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails/Social – Cedar Concourse Area
6:00 p.m. Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet – Cedar Room
8:00 p.m. Dance – Cedar Room

Sunday, June 10, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
8:00 a.m. Convention Reconvenes – Cottonwood Room

- Unit 8 Pierre** - Mary Watkins, March 2017;
Unit 12 Yankton – Audrey Misar, March 2018;
Unit 14 Wessington Springs – Lois Lee, March 2018; Adaline Schlegel, April 2018; Esther Swanson, February 2018;
Unit 26 Stickney – Arlene Kayser, January 2018; Norma Van Gorp, February 2018;
Unit 33 Sturgis – Joyce Chord, March 2018;
Unit 41 Alexandria – Marsha CorCoran, November 2017; Carole Ann Kayser, December 2017;
Unit 83 Timber Lake – Irene Winterberg, February 2018;
Unit 92 Redfield –Mavis Dorsey, February 2018; Jane Robertson, February 2018;
Unit 104 Revillo – Lucille Sims, February 2018;
Unit 118 Hartford – Luella Shafer, June 2017;
Unit 135 Gettysburg – Gail Larson, February 2018;
Unit 140 Salem – Carol Kolbeck, April 2018;
Unit 147 Buffalo –Sharon A Knapp, November 2017;
Unit 151 Mellette – Alvina Fischbach, November 2017; Kenda Hoff, December 2017; Doris Sandquist, January 2018;
Unit 158 Oldham – Mary ferry, March 2018; Lorraine Huntimer, April 2018;
Unit 179 Kennebec – Jeanne Quick, April 2018;
Unit 184 Estelline – Judy Beste, March 2018;
Unit 209 Raymond – Violet Drexler, February 2018;
Unit 250 Castlewood – Leola Miller, March 2018; Carol Nagelhout, March 2018;
Unit 253 Roslyn – Myrene Hanson, March 2018;
Unit 283 Chancellor – Jewel Sweeter, March 2018



Endorsements

At the November meeting, the Piedmont Valley Unit 311 endorsed **Susie Clyde** for the 2018-2020 South Dakota National Executive Committeewoman (NEC).

The members of Lead Homestake Unit 31 are proud to endorse **Melanie Martens** as a candidate for 2018-2020 South Dakota National Executive Committeewoman (NEC).

The members of Unit 20 Ft Pierre are proud to endorse **Jeanine Loesch** for Department President for the State of South Dakota for the 2018-2019 year.

The George A. Fitzgerald Unit 65 in Dell Rapids, SD proudly endorse **Teresa Huntimer** for Department 1st Vice President for the 2018-2019 year.

Hot Springs Unit 71 is honored to endorse **Carol Harvey** for Department 2nd Vice President for the 2018-2019 year.

Hot Springs Unit 71 is honored to endorse **Barbara Walter** for Department Chaplain for the 2018-2019 year.

May Prayer

By Karen Layher - Dept. Chaplain

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses during this month of May and especially on Memorial Day, to remember those in the military who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy, we pray your nation of the United States of America would turn to You for strength, comfort and guidance.

Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant them your loving protection. We humbly ask for peace to prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our nation. We acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness and the prosperity you have blessed on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizens. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy word where we find true peace. Your peace calms our souls, empowers us to do thy will which surpasses all understanding. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Your beloved Son, who alone gives this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. Amen.

Lord, You promise that when your people pray, humble themselves, and seek You, You will hear and answer. You even promise healing in the land. Lord, our land needs healing and I believe it starts with me. I humble myself before You right here, right now. I'm seeking Your face. I ask You to grant me a repentant spirit so I may be an instrument that ushers in Your blessing for this nation. II Chronicles 7:14

Poems & Essays

Poetry Oldham-Ramona School sponsored by Oldham Am Legion Auxiliary Unit 158. **2018 Poem Winners (Grades 3-6)** Back – Harris Terwilliger, Nakeyta Woldt, Camlin Schneider, Alivia Bickett, Collin Riedel, and Kailey Pearson; Front – Alejandra Vasquez, Isaac Dean, Caleb Brown, Brennon Bickett, Caleb Fisher, and Gavin Ryder

Essay Winners (Grades 3-6) Gavin Ryder, Aux.Member Darleen Duffy, Rylan Pearson, Emma Powell, Kayden Jensen, Morgan Ryder, and Kailey Pearson



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National Poppy Day is Friday, May 25. As the time approaches for Poppy distributions, keep in mind the purpose of the Poppy Program: To elevate community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating our membership and the public about the poppy's significance and the financial benefit realized by our nation's veterans as a result of its distribution. Using the image and the story of the Flanders Field poppy to educate people about the sacrifices of our military service members helps us raise awareness of The Legion Family and link us to our mission in the eyes of the public. Be sure to check out the poppy distribution resources available on the National website. The "In Flanders Field" and thank you bookmarks work well as educational tools.



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