



THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities

A Word from the President

by Jeannine Loesch, Department President



"Saddle Up for Veterans"

It is an honor to be your Department President. I am truly humbled that you put your trust in me to run this organization of Veterans Serving Veterans. I am looking forward to a very exciting year serving the Department of SD. I will be attending as many events as possible and working together for the betterment of our organization. In my acceptance speech I spoke to the fact that I probably won't please everybody all the time, but if you have something to say about me come and tell me don't talk behind my back! If you have a special occasion you would like me to attend and if I'm able I would love to be there. Send me an invitation with the information on it and I will put it on my calendar. My theme for the year is "Saddle Up for Veterans" lets get in the saddle and go to work for ALL VETERANS!! I really appreciate the sacrifices our Veterans made for our freedom so now is our time to give back. Let's put aside our issues and remember what we are here for our "VETERANS". My flowers are the Texas Bluebells they are symbolic of humility and gratitude. That is what our Veterans did for us. The White Daisy, with the yellow centers symbolizes innocence and purity. My songs are "Where the Stars and Stripes and Eagles Fly" and "American Soldier".
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ALA National President Kathy Dungan visit to South Dakota

Kathy Dungan ALA National President 2018-2019 is from the Department of Mississippi: Drane-Prine Unit 79.

Her eligibility is through her father Wittie Card, a WWII veteran. She held many offices and leadership at unit, district, and department levels. At the national level, she held the following positions: NEC and chairman of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Leadership, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, ALA Girls Nation, Legislative, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Junior Activities, and Poppy. Currently, she is serving on National Strategic Planning Committee and the Centennial Strategic Plan as a strategy captain. President Dungan professional/personal background: Is a 41-year member of the Auxiliary. She and her husband, William, have one son, Christopher; two grandchildren, Lauren, 6, and Lawson, 2 -- all members of The American Legion Family. Their daughter-in-law is Megan. President Dungan is retired from the Mississippi Supreme Court after serving 22 years. She was a judicial assistant to a Supreme Court Justice. She is active in her church and continues to be active in her department and local Auxiliary unit.

Sunday, September 9

7:00-9:00 pm meet and greet at the Sioux Falls Post 15

Monday, September 10

9:00-11:00 am - Tour the Sioux Falls VA Hospital

11:30-2:00 pm - Luncheon at the Dell Rapids Post

3:30-4:00 pm - Meet and greet at Perkins in Brookings

Tuesday, September 11

10:00-10:30 am - Meet and greet at the Iroquois Post

1:30-4:00 pm - Tour the Memorials at the State Capital

6:00-8:00 pm - Evening meal at the Pierre Post

Wednesday, September 12

11:00-11:30 am - Meet and greet at the Philip Post

4:00-6:00 pm - Drive through the National Cemetery & Ft Meade grounds

6:30-8:00 pm - Evening meal at the Rapid City Post 22

Thursday, September 13

9:00-11:00 am - Visit the Hot Springs VA Hospital

12:00-1:00 pm - Lunch at the Hot Springs Post

1:00-3:00 pm - Visit the State Veterans Home in Hot Springs

6:00-8:00 pm - Evening meal at the Piedmont post

Friday, September 14

9:00-12:00 - Tour Mount Rushmore

Return to Rapid City Regional Airport to depart

Hope you can join us on one of these dates.

Jeannine Loesch

September Guide

- 9/11: Patriot Day
- 9/17: US Constitution Day
- 9/21: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 9/23: Gold Star Mothers' Day

REMEMBER...

Report from your Citizens of Girl State

Plan your Unit program for the year

Launch a membership drive

Make plans to attend District meetings

Organize Junior group/activities

Send 2018 Legionette subscriptions to Dept. Headquarters

Subscribe to THE DISPATCH. Send \$15 to:

The American Legion Dispatch
PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206

Christmas Gift Shops Monetary donations to Headquarters and items are due by
October 1

Fall District Meetings

September 15 - (Saturday) District 2 – Rapid City Post 22 - 11 am Social; lunch, 1 pm meeting

September 16 - (Sunday) District 1 – Lemmon Post 66. 11 pm Joint meeting 12 pm lunch, 1 pm meeting

September 21-(Friday) District 3 –Gettysburg - TBD

September 22 - (Saturday) District 5 - Castlewood Community Center 1 pm meeting

September 23 - (Sunday) District 6– Huron, Crossroads Noon social, 1 pm meeting

District 4 - evening meeting Time TBD Stratford Community Center

September 29 - (Saturday) District 8– Marion Post 1 pm social followed by 2 pm meeting

September 30 - (Sunday) District 7– Hudson Post - Meeting at 2 pm no lunch



In Memoriam

Unit 9 Milbank - Pat Johnson, June 18; Oral Svarvari, July 18.

Unit 14 Wessington Springs– Barbara Schuettpeitz, June 18; Gladys Fagerhaug, July 18.

Unit 17 Watertown - Delores Lindner, April 18.

Unit 18 Mitchell - Jeanette Clara Weiss, June 18; Laurie Wise, June 18.

Unit 22 Rapid City - Wilma Cowan, May 18; PDP Irene C. Sears, June 18.

Unit 25 Madison - Maxine Burrell, June 18.

Unit 26 Stickney - Bernice Titze, May 18.

Unit 61 Canova - Pearl Johnson, July 18.

Unit 64 Wilmot - Bertha Foss, Feb. 18.

Unit 65 Dell Rapids - Lorraine Posey, April 18; Margaret Joneson, May 18.

Unit 88 White - Wanda Lokken, June 18

Unit 100 Selby - Dorothy Manke, March 18.

Unit 114 Volga - Evelyn Liebsch, May 18.

Unit 116 Alpena - Leona Hansen, July 18.

Unit 125 Rosebud - Mary LaPonte, April 18.

Unit 131 Valley Springs - Marian Savage-Olson, June 18; Shirley Tirrel, May 18.

Unit 146 Colome - Lucille Schnabel, July 18.

Unit 150 Avon - Viola Moysis, July 18.

Unit 157 Vivian - Eunice Hullinger, March 18.

Unit 159 Hoven - Delores DeRouchey, June 18.

Unit 173 Philip - Annabel Moses, May 18;

Unit 188 Lebanon - Agnes Weidenhold, June 18.

Unit 193 Irene - Geraldine Olsen, May 18.

Unit 194 Parkston - Lena Bialas, March 18.

Unit 213 Cresbard - Patricia Nipp, July 18; Kathy Otter, July 18.

Unit 229 Big Stone City - Margaret Schake, May 18; Phyllis Schluter, May 18.

Unit 230 Aurora - Inez Caswell, March 18.

Unit 237 Gayville - Gertrude Moore, June 18.

Unit 261 Ethan - Doris Jatton, April 18.

Unit 283 Chancellor - Lila Langrehr, July 18.

Unit 289 Mansfield - Jeannie Heidenreich, July 18.

Unit 303 Hermosa - Agnes Kline, May 18.

Membership by Lynn Pohlman, Department Chairman

Our focus this year is to **be inclusive, not exclusive**. To do this we need to engage all of our members. Department Membership awards will be given to units who have projects and programs that engage members and promote our activities within our communities. Bring your stories of past projects and planned programs or projects to your District Meetings. You will have the opportunity to submit these in drawings held at the District Meetings. Yes, there will be prizes!

Are you planning a Community Membership drive? Midyear reports should include how and where (Home Shows, Health Fairs, County Fairs, Car Shows, Farmers' Markets and other local events) your unit is recruiting new members. Watch for the October Department mailing. Included in the mailing will be a sample New Member Welcome Letter, ALA Interest Forms, Instructions on how to print and utilize for your American Legion Family – Door Hangers, 2019 Membership Awards goals and dates, the 2019 R5- Recruit & Rejoin form, the Silver Brigade form and the Membership Bulletin.

It is going to be an exciting, rewarding and fun filled year. The Legionette will be filled with many news stories of how you are supporting our Veterans and Military, their families and supporting youth development.

Thank you for all you do!



CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Due October 1

Ft. Meade VA Medical Center:

Attn: JoanAnn Goeringer (ALA Gift Shop)
113 Comanche Road,
Fort Meade - Sturgis, SD 57741

We need items that can go to men or women; kitchen items, tools are real popular, jumper cables, throws, towels, some jewelry, house hold items, pull on pants no elastic in legs, hoodies, zip up jackets, socks, underwear in sizes from medium to XX Large. Hats, gloves are good for all ages For kids, action figures, games, and craft sets. (No clothes for kids please).

Hot Springs VA Medical Center:

Attn: Susie Clyde (ALA Gift Shop)
500 N. 5th Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Check with the ALA Gift Shop representative for list of [items](#).

Hot Springs State Home:

Attn: Diane Simunek (ALA Gift Shop)
2500 Minnekahta Avenue
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Check with the ALA Gift Shop representative for list of items.

Sioux Falls VA Medical Center:

Attn: Julie Weinmann
Contact Headquarters for Address

Check with the ALA Gift Shop representative for list of items.

Human Service Center:

Attn: Cheryl Hovorka (ALA Gift Shop)
816 park Street
Yankton, SD 57078

Check with the ALA Gift Shop representative for list of items.

***Send monetary contributions to
SD ALA Headquarters and
designate your facility.***

ALA Juniors Program by Alice Upshaw, Chairman

Hello from the SD American Legion Auxiliary Juniors. As the new year starts the Juniors are ready for new challenges ahead of us. They will be learning about the programs that the Auxiliary offers and what they can do as members of this organization to help our veterans.



Attached is a picture of our new Junior officers being sworn in. If you recognize these young ladies, let me know their names and units. The girls have been hard at work honoring our veterans with multi activities they have done this year and their State project "Adopt a Vet". When the Juniors are doing

things they will be posted on the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Juniors. Like us and see what we are up to.

Please remember that National American Legion Auxiliary Mission Training October 6th at the Ramada in Sioux Falls this year and would LOVE to see how many girls we can get there. Mid-Winter February 8 -10, 2019 in Spearfish and Department Convention June 6 – 9, 2019 in Sioux Falls at the Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center. Excited to see the impact our girls will make on the world ahead of them. My Co Chair Crystal Hessaa and I are here if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to share. You may reach out to us using our email address that we set up sdalajrs@gmail.com. Thank you for entrusting us with the Juniors.

Homcoming for Barb Vetter Northwestern Division National Vice President

September 8 at the Cresbard Community Center

Social at 2:00 pm

Program at 3:00 pm

Lunch following the program

Wear your favorite hat!



Due to the large amount of information, pictures and additional submissions will be in the email Legionette. Thank you! Micheline Nelson, Editor

The South Dakota Legionette

At the Spearfish Department Convention, it was recommended that all Unit Presidents receive an emailed Legionette. If the Unit President would like a paper copy, the subscription is \$5.00.

It is time to renew your 2018-2019 newsletter subscriptions. There will be one more mailing in October before going to the new list of subscribers.

Email Legionette: \$2.00

Mailed paper Legionette: \$5.00 (This is only fifty cents per issue.)

Send subscriptions to Dept. Secretary Laurel Stringer. The form is on the website. Thank you, Micheline Nelson, Editor

September Prayer

By Barbara Walter, Dept. Chaplain

Precious Heavenly Father, we come to you this day to ask for your continued protection as we continue through these summer months and all the severe weather we are experiencing throughout the State of South Dakota and across the country. We ask for your travel mercies for all those that are traveling to reach their destinations and their return home safely. Please be with those that have lost loved ones. Put your comforting arms around those that are in need of Your gentle touch. Comfort and Protect them.

Heavenly Father be with our Military Men, Women and our Veterans here at home and those abroad, keep them safe and protect them. Many Veterans need your Helping hand in getting the proper medical care that many of them need and are trying to receive but are having difficulty in obtaining it. Help them through the steps to receive the correct care that is needed for them at this time in their lives. Encourage them Lord to stay strong. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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www.sdlegionaux.org

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Subscriptions are from September to June aligning with the Dept. President's and fiscal year. Time to renew!

Send your news and pictures to the editor at Micheine.Nelson@live.com or mail them. For reporting an error on names or addresses, change of addresses and deceased members, email or call headquarters first. Thank you!



The Artesian Unit made wreaths to decorate the veteran statues with money donated from the Eric Olson family in memory of Eric Olson was not a veteran but really liked and honored veterans.

"Saddle Up for Veterans" - Cont. from page 1.

My Presidents project is at the Ft. Meade VA and it will be announced at the Fall a District meetings they just recently changed employees in the Volunteer Services. I am asking for your help in raising funds for what the facility needs for the Veterans. My homecoming was held June 23, 2018, just 2 weeks after State Convention in Spearfish. I was so glad to see a lot my Auxiliary sisters. It was a wonderful day and I will remember it forever. As I write this letter I am getting ready for the National American Legion Auxiliary Convention is Minneapolis and right after that a visit from our newly elected National President Kathy Dungan. We will be working hard this year on Membership, Lynn Pohlman my membership Chairman has already emailed the Units and working hard to get the goals in place that we need for Membership this year. We need to work hard on recruiting new members and retaining the members we already have. Treat them the way you want to be treated. My Theme for Membership is "Be Inclusive not Exclusive". Include all members in all that you do to make them feel welcome and needed. Give them jobs to do so they feel useful to your Unit. If we do this, we should be able to get new members and retain the old ones. The National President will visit South Dakota Sept. 9-14th. She will be traveling the State try to visit her when her location is close to you. We are really lucky to have our National President for this length of time, don't let it slip by. September 21, 2018 there will be a Veterans Stand Down at the VFW Post in Sioux Falls. The doors open at 9:00 am and will close at 2:00 pm. I attend last year, and it was very well attended. Gift Shops will be starting the 1st week of November. Gifts need to be sent to the facility your Unit serves and moneys need to be sent to the Department Headquarters. Until next month...
Jeannine Loesch, Department President



Webster Unit #40 honored 10 ladies who have been members for 50 years or more with a tea party on June 5th. Rose Kraft, District 5 President, attended.

Blood Drive on Poppy Day

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 76 from Veblen, sponsored another successful Blood Drive on May 25th in Veblen, South Dakota. May 25 was also National Poppy Day. We were encouraged to wear a poppy in honor of all our men and women of the Armed Services, past and present. The American Legion Auxiliary gave each blood donor that day, a poppy. Delores Henning gave a poppy to Leroy Aadland, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean conflict. Leroy is also a regular Double Red Cell Donor.

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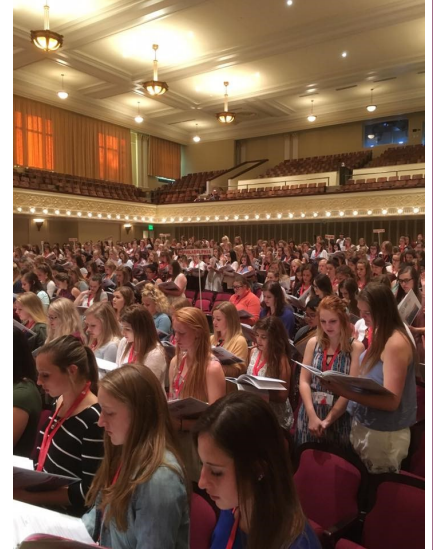
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The ALA Girls State - Vermillion, June 2018

Another successful year the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State South Dakota!



From career fair day, taking the oath as a delegate of the SD American Legion Girls State, elections, to meeting the South Dakota representatives in Washington D.C. during AL Boys State and ALA Girls Nation, the memories are countless!



Department Convention - Spearfish, June 2018



Congratulations to the newly elected Department President Jeannine Loesch!

2018-2019 Department President
 Jeannine Loesch - Homecoming

