



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"

We just finished District Meetings around the State. The majority were very positive. Some of the District Presidents are planning County Meetings, if your Unit can't attend the County Meeting and would like to have your District President visit your Unit meeting, give them a call and set up a time for them to come to your Unit Meeting.

At District Meetings I touched on the National Judge Advocates decision on the matters that took place in our Department. You can hear the National Judge Advocate's own words by going to (#AuxCom18).

"IT'S DONE, FINISHED, OVER"

It is settled. We need to go forward to serve our Veterans, not ourselves.

In the National Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules 2018 Update under Article X, Department Charters, Section 3 it says: "Upon Cancellation or revocation of an American Legion Auxiliary Department charter, the National Executive Committee is authorized, empowered and directed by an through its duly authorized agents, to take possession, custody and control of all records, assets, property and belongings of the Department, and to take all necessary and proper steps and proceedings to wind up and close the affairs of Department. The National Executive Committee may provide for continued recognition and activities of Units in said Department as it may deem proper.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Past Department Secretary Pat Coyle



Pat Coyle was a shining star for this organization. She did her job --- some might say she did it too well. Pat began her adventure with the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary as Department Secretary in June 1995. It was an amazing year of teamwork and learning all the ins and outs of the organization. For the next four years, the elected top leadership positions of Kim Anderson, Kathryn Young, Elda Hofer, and Kathryn Thompson worked closely as a team with Pat. What a great transition for our organization. While Pat was busy with her new job, her husband PJ helped to turn the front porch of their home into an office that was open and comfortable to any member. He also refurbished the upstairs bedrooms so you could spend a night or two. The historical records were stored in a special custom made room in the basement to keep them safe and protected.

Pat learned to deal with many personalities, making seventeen department presidents look good. It wasn't always smooth sailing but Pat never complained. With her best foot forward, she was always professional. She proudly worked and represented the entire American Legion Auxiliary at every level. Her integrity could never be questioned. Her dedication went beyond helping officers and chairmen. She was always available to assist any member with questions or concerns. If she didn't have the answer, she took the time to find the information or to send you in the right direction. The teacher always came out during our district and department meetings. She was always on the hunt for a special prop for the creative skit she was currently working on. Many of us can still see her as Rosie the Riveter or portraying the operator, Lily Tomlin. Her membership articles in the Legionette could usually bring a smile to your face as well. The volunteer spirit was alive and well in Pat. She worked countless hours with her Auxiliary sisters, serving veterans, helping with the State Fair booth, working fundraisers, and holding several different offices in her local unit. Pat was a special friend; always ready to check out a mall, a quaint little store, or her favorite Christopher Banks. She could always find something patriotic to add to her wardrobe. Oh, a cup of coffee and a piece of pie was often in the plans as well. As you spent time with Pat and PJ too, you soon realized how important family was to them. They were so very proud of their eight children, and the grandkids, and then the great and great-great grandkids. Huron was always a welcoming spot during our travels throughout the state.

Some of her achievements to this organization include:

- Assisting with identifying and solving the SD permanent membership crisis
- Worked with leadership to develop written policies and procedures for the officers, the chairman, and the district presidents
- Worked on improving her skills by joining toastmasters and taking some computer classes --- after her initial resistance, she was able to bring our office into the technical age
- Held her first national division chairmanship after retirement and was taking care of her husband PJ in their home

All in all, Pat was a friend to all and loved by so very many. She will be missed, but memories never die.



November Guide

- Send Poppy orders to Dept. Headquarters
- November 7-9: National Commander in South Dakota
- November 8: Stand Down Rapid City Civic Center 10:00-2:00
- November 10: American Legion Auxiliary Birthday
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 12-16: American Education Week
- November 22: Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Parties

Hot Springs VA: December 8;
 Hot Springs State Home: December 9;
 Ft. Meade VA: December 10;
 Human Service, Yankton: December:12;
 Sioux Falls VA: December 13



Unit 6 Gregory – Marie Vosika, June 2018;
Unit 7 Huron – Patricia Coyle, October 2018;
 Mary Jane Thompson, October 2018; **Unit 15
 Sioux Falls** – Fran Tullar, November 2017;
 Beverly Unzelman, March 2018; **Unit 18
 Mitchell** – Loretta Harders, October 2018;
 Mary Murley, September 2018; Helen Tietz,
 September 2018; **Unit 22 Rapid City** – Marigold Simpson, August 2018;
Unit 23 Garretson – Kathleen Bly, September 2018; **Unit 24 Aberdeen** –
 Donna Misslitz, August 2018; **Unit 25 Madison** – Maria Hulscher, October
 2018; **Unit 32 Belle Fourche** – Joyce Kahler, August
 2018; **Unit 39 Groton** – Bev Dorfschmidt, July 2018; Marian Raines, June
 2018; **Unit 50 Sisseton** – Connie Brennan, September 2018; **Unit 64 Wil-
 mot** – Helen Whipple, September 2018; **Unit 66 Lemmon** – Elsie Sack-
 mann, August 2018; **Unit 76 Veblen** – LaVonne Jacobson, April 2018; **Unit
 75 Murdo** – Carol Cressy, October 2018; **Unit 88 White** – Patsy Nepodal,
 August 2018; **Unit 105 Nunda** – Pearl Albertson, August 2018; **Unit 109
 Gary** – Liz Kloos, April 2018; **Unit 128
 Hudson** – Mary Miller, January 2018; **Unit 136 Chester** – Medora “Dorie”
 Ostraat-Evans, May 2018; **Unit 140 Salem** – Joan Erickman, September
 2018; **Unit 141 Langford** – Mavis Erickson, September 2018; **Unit 142
 Tripp** – Deloris Brunken, September 2018; **Unit 148 Conde** – Eunice Jen-
 sen, April 2018; **Unit 158 Oldham** – Betty Bjorkman, September 2018; **Unit
 186 Eureka** – Delores Hilgemann, July 2018; **Unit 187 Fairfax** – Ruth
 Wagner, August 2018; **Unit 249 Delmont** – Helen Fuerniss, June 2018; **Unit
 261 Ethan** – Virginia Henglefeld, June 2018; Eva Lingemann, August 2018;
Unit 267 Grenville – Angie Boik, September 2018; **Unit 500 Hartford** –
 Irene Linderman, November 2016



CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Ft. Meade VA Medical Center:

November 8-10, 2018

Attn: JoanAnn Goeringer (ALA Gift Shop)
 605-717-6900

Hot Springs VA Medical Center:

November 13-15, 2018

Attn: Susie Clyde (ALA Gift Shop)
 605-890-1854

Hot Springs State Home:

November 4-8, 2018

Attn: Diane Simunek (ALA Gift Shop)
 605-890-3093

Sioux Falls VA Medical Center:

November 25-28, 2018

Attn: Julie Weinmann
 605-764-2743

Human Service Center:

November 19, 2018

Attn: Cheryl Hovorka (ALA Gift Shop)
 605-665-5635

“Saddle up for our Veterans” cont. from page 1

The Department of South Dakota is under scrutiny by National! Ladies think twice before you accuse or indulge in sharing gossip. We judge others by their actions, but we judge ourselves by our intentions. Only God and each of us know our intentions in any given moment or on any given happening. Don't let it be you who is the one responsible for us losing our charter. Each of us is responsible for our own actions. We are of the age where “it's her fault or their fault” is no longer acceptable. If we have our Charter either Suspended by the Legion or pulled by National, it will be our own fault.

Now LET'S LET IT GO!

Our Veterans need and deserve our best as they celebrate 100 years.

I just returned home from Mission Training, it was in Sioux Falls how nice that it was so close. There was a lot of information and we had 82 Seniors and 34 Juniors, wow wat a great group of Girls!! Mission Training is a one -day training session that provides a fun and interactive way for you to learn how to be more effective in working our mission in your community. Keep this in mind for next year! November 10th is the Auxiliary's birthday, plan a special event in your Unit and be proud of belonging to the world's largest patriotic organization in the world. Veterans Day is November 11th so plan to attend a program in your area. Remember to wear Auxiliary pins and branding attire. National Education week is November 18-22. Do something special to recognize the teachers in your community. Mid-Year reports are due November 15th. Report on Who, Where, What When and Why you did what you did. The forms for your Reports are on the website www.sdlegionaux.org for you to print and use. If you have any questions, contact your District President. The Gift Shops will be starting the first week in November at The State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. Those Veterans really enjoy visiting and sharing. Thank you for caring for our Veterans. All our members are welcome to visit any of our Gift Shops. It is very rewarding! I will be attending all the Gift Shops this year! I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jeannine Loesch, Department. President

Give 10 to Education

November 12-16: American Education Week

Margie Hovorka is a 50 year life member of the Tabor Unit 183. She is pictured with ten items given to the BonHomme Kindergarten class of her great-granddaughter who is a junior member becoming the fourth generation member of the American Legion Auxiliary.



Piedmont Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 311 provided two 10 for 10 projects to Piedmont Valley Elementary School - headphones and snacks. The young student in the picture was pretty proud of and reminded Mary

and Helen that his dad was a veteran.

Education by Linda Youngbluth, Chairman

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

Things that your unit can do to promote the Education Program:

Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.

Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and unit levels.

Your unit Education Chairman should contact your school guidance counselor or teacher who handles scholarship opportunities. Make copies of any scholarship applications (unit, department and national) and provide them to the schools. Please refer to the application rules and deadlines.

Form a scholarship selection committee. Send your scholarship winners for department and national scholarships to the Department Education Chairman.

Publicize the winners of ALA scholarships at a school presentation and in the medial.

Please keep track of the total number of applications received for any National Scholarship and send that information to your Department Education Chairman.

Department Scholarships: Applications forms were in a previous mailing.

Deadline for these is March 1, 2019.

Thelma Foster Scholarship for Junior & Senior Members - \$300

Senior Members Scholarship - \$400

Scholarship for College/University or Technical School -\$500

National Scholarships: Applications are available at www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships.

Deadline for these is March 1, 2019.

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship - \$3500, \$3000, and \$2500 scholarships awarded in each division. Awarded to children of veterans. The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship - One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded in each division. The applicant must be a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons for two years.

Spirit of Youth Scholarship - One Junior Member in each division will receive \$1250 per year for four years (\$5000). The applicant must be a member of the Auxiliary for three years and continue her membership during the four-year scholarship period.

Support Give 10 to Education, American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.)

Assist and Support Veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.

Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

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.

Email Legionette: \$2.00

Mailed paper Legionette: \$5.00

Send subscriptions to Dept. Secretary Laurel Stringer. The form is on the website.

The south Dakota Legionette is the official newsletter of the SD Department of the American Legion Auxiliary. The editor respects the message from the Department President and/or program chairmen and will publish these articles as submitted.

Thank you, Micheline Nelson, Editor

Member to Remember



Mavis Eske is a 70-year member of the Warner Legion Auxiliary #137. She joined when she was 18 years old under her brother who died in WWII. She is a charter member of the Unit. She was active holding many offices, helping with blood drives and fundraisers. Now, Mavis resides at the Bethesda Nursing Home. Her willingness and dedication to serving our Veterans and community are well noted. Her Unit thanks her for all she has done!



November Prayer

By Barbara Walter, Dept. Chaplain

Precious Heavenly Father,

We thank you Lord for being with us these past few weeks as it has been very difficult for many that has suffered loss and injuries. Be with those families and friends by giving them the Strength and Comfort they need to continue.

Be with us Lord throughout our day as the winter weather is upon us, keep us Safe and Warm. Give us Travel Mercies and Protection during the times that we travel the roads of South Dakota and beyond which can be difficult and unsafe.

We also Pray for our military men and woman, our veterans and the first responders away and here at home. Be with them this day and continue to protect and keep them safe as they help in keeping us free from all that may be in harms way. Bring them home to their loved ones. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

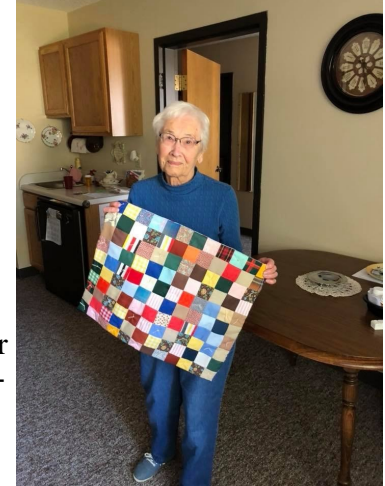
Quilting and Knitting for a Good Cause



Judy Sweet of Unit 71 in Hot Springs made these beautiful lap quilts for the residents at the S. D. State Veterans Home.



Lavilla of Unit 31 Lead knitted over 75 scarves for homeless veterans.



Elaine of Unit 31 hand makes doll blankets for the Jan Magnolis Safe Center for families.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

by Teresa Huntimer, VA & R Chairman

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of U.S. veterans, military and their families. Since World War I, the American Legion Auxiliary have taken an active role in the care and rehabilitation of veterans. It wasn't until 1930 that the care and rehabilitation for veterans were integrated under a unified Veterans Affairs program similar to what we know today.

As it stands today, under the direction of the ALA's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program, members serve as VAVS volunteers and as Service to Veterans volunteers. VAVS volunteers must serve in a VA healthcare facility, whereas Serve to Veterans volunteer can serve from their homes or in the community with other service organizations.

You may earn a pin for 50 hours of service and hour bars to add to your pin. Record service hours and value of any expense donations made in service and submit them to the unit VA & R chairman, then district, then department.

This month on November 11, we honor our veterans. As American citizens, we owe everything to those men and women who heroically sacrificed so much, and sometimes everything to preserve our nation's freedoms. This is why our nation celebrates Veterans Day, and why the American Legion Auxiliary works hard for our veterans every day. It's vital that we do all we can to honor the memory of those missing in action, those veterans who have perished, those who remain in service, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, every day is a time of remembrance for me. It's such a small thing we ask of ourselves, just this one day of the year, to honor our veterans for such a huge gift they have given to us- Our Freedom.

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Memories of the Fall District Meetings



There are more pictures on Facebook.



Looking for a project?

Britton Unit #80 assembled a “ Vet’s Moving in Kit” Ideas for the KITCHEN KIT: garbage container and bags, measuring cups and spoons, can opener, wooden spoon, grater, spatulas, ladle, potato masher, pepper and salt shakers, funnel, oven mitts, kettle, coffee maker, colander, casserole dish, containers for leftovers with lids, one set of pots, frying pan, mixing bowls, cookie sheets, cutting board, knives, dish drying rack, towels, dishcloths, glasses, mugs, plates, bowls, small appliances, cleaning supplies, etc.



Children & Youth, Education and Music

Children and Youth Chairman, Sharon Broghammer and Education Chairman, Linda Holmes, both of Unit 18, Mitchell presented a check to Longfellow music teacher and the principal to purchase new recorders for the fourth graders.

**Get the tools
you need
to help grow
the ALA
as a team!**

*Check out the
ALA Academy today!*

