



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"

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the coin march for my Presidents Project at the District Meetings. My project is at the Ft. Meade Medical Center in the Inpatient Mental Health Unit. They want to purchase iPads for the patients to use to conduct their daily business. Connie Wagner District 1 President and member of the Spearfish Unit said their Unit voted to give \$500.00 towards my project and is Challenging other Units to do so also. Unit 8 in Pierre has also joined in. If your Unit wishes to do so the money needs to be sent to the Department and marked as my Presidents Project.

In early November I fractured my pelvis and have had a great deal of pain and doctor appointments. I apologize for not attending the Gift Shops at the Hot Springs VA and Ft. Meade Medical Center. I am now on my way back to recovery. Christmas Gift shops are well underway! I love this time of year and I really enjoy the gift shops. It is so rewarding to be able to spend time with "Our Veterans" our "Hero's". They always ask the question of why we do this and feel they aren't worthy—they truly are.

The December mailing will be out to the Unit Presidents from the Department Headquarters, please share this information with your Units.

I hope you have turned in your midyear reports and you reported on everything your Unit has done! I am waiting to read all those reports of all you did for Veterans, Children and Youth, and your Communities.

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..PEACE ON EARTH..



God Bless Our Troops

Mid-Winter Convention

Spearfish, February 8-10, 2019

Friday, February 8, 2019

- 9:00 PM Silent Auction Opens – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 8:30-9:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 9:30-10:00 AM Recess
- 10:00-11:30 AM Executive Committee Meeting – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 12:00 PM (Noon) Registration Desk Opens
- 1:00-2:30 PM Program Fair – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 4:30 PM Bus leaves for Deadwood for Slot tournament
- 7:30 PM Bus returns to convention center

Saturday, February 9, 2018

- 7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens
- Silent Auction Opens – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 8:00 AM Joint Opening Session – Willow/Aspen
- Presentation of Colors
- Remarks by State Commander Denny Brenden
- Auxiliary President Jeannine Loesch
- SAL Detachment Commander, Kerry Jorgenson
- James Sweet, National Vice Commander
- 8:45 AM Auxiliary VA&R, Teresa Huntimer, 1st Vice President
- 9:00 AM Auxiliary Children & Youth, Mary Jo Stier, 2nd Vice President
- 9:15 AM Department of Veterans Affairs
- 9:35 AM Paul Dillard, Leading Candidate for National Commander
- 10:00 AM Auxiliary Session Opens – Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- Junior Activities – Canyon Room
- Department Report – Jeannine Loesch, President
- Finance Report – AnnaMae Warnier
- National Northwest Division Vice President – Barb Vetter
- 11:30 AM Recess - Check your Silent Auction items
- 12:00 Noon Lunch
- 1:00 -1:20 PM Reconvene Session
- 1:30-3:30 PM Program Fair– Cottonwood/Ponderosa Room
- 3:30 PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES
- 4:00 PM Awards/Announcements/Drawings/Adjourn
- 6:00 PM No-Host Cocktails – Pre-Function Area, Conference Center
- 7:00 PM Joint Legion / Auxiliary / SAL Banquet – Willow/Aspen/Spruce/Oak/Cedar Room
- 8:00 PM Hospitality Rooms, Spearfish Holiday Inn

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 8:30AM Non-Denominational Service – Willow/Aspen/Spruce/Oak/Cedar Rm
- 10:30AM SD American Legion -State Finals- High School Oratorical

In Memoriam



Unit 9 Milbank – Marvel Black, September 2018; Helen Larsen, September 2018;
Unit 18 Mitchell – Patricia Goldhammer, October 2018; **Unit 27 Kadoka** – Norma Hopkins, August 2018; Kay Jensen, May 2018
Unit 50 Sisseton – Betty Jean Hagen, May 2017;
Unit 66 Lemmon – Tillie Salzeider, October 2018;
Unit 92 Redfield – Mary Edgar, September 2018; Letha Gallup, September 2018; Helen Hansen, July 2018;
Unit 106 Faith – Gladys Peterson, May 2018;
Unit 122 Trent – Rosemarie Lewis, October 2018;
Unit 129 Waubay – Genevive Gaikowski, July 2018;
Unit 133 Sinai – Pearl Nielson, October 2018;
Unit 135 Gettysburg – Elaine Thomas, October 2018;
Unit 139 McIntosh – Shirley Anderson, January 2018; **Unit 140 Salem** – Karon Barnhouse, October 2018; **Unit 170 Herreid** – Hazel Quenzer, July 2018;
Unit 255 Bison – Alice Vetter, May 2018;
Unit 272 Pollock – Katherine Becker, March 2018;
Unit 280 Iroquois – Lorna Gubbins, October 2018

Christmas Gift Shops



The South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary 2018 Christmas Gift Shop for the residents and their families at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, South Dakota was held November 3rd – November 7th, 2018. Thank you to the 19 volunteers and many State Veterans Home personnel involved in making this Christmas Gift Shop an enjoyable success. Sincere gratitude is expressed to all of the Auxiliary unit contributors for your home-made candy, purchased gifts, and monetary donations. Some of our reindeer volunteers will be extending time to meet Santa and maybe even Mrs. Claus to deliver presents to 94 residents on Christmas Day!



Hot Springs VA Gift Shop volunteers!



A success Veteran's Christmas gift shop at HSC! A huge thank you to the ALA & Legion Volunteers!!! Also a special thank you to the HSC staff for taking care of our Veterans all year!!!



December Guide

December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 25: Christmas

Christmas Parties

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



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I would like you to mark your Calendars for the Midwinter Conference to be held in Spearfish on February 8-10th 2019. I have an exciting weekend planned and I hope you will all plan on attending. There will be no banquets or lunches. You will be on your own.

On Friday evening there will be a **Ladies Night Out in Deadwood!**

WHEN: Friday, February 8, 2019

South Dakota ALA Members will be participating in a “Slot Tournament” during the Mid-Winter Conference at The Lodge at Deadwood. The bus will leave the Holiday Inn at 4:30 PM, upon arrival at The Lodge you will be provided a voucher to dine in the restaurant; meals ordered off the Senior Citizen menu will be FREE. The Slot Tournament will begin at 6:00 PM – NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED – participants will play two three minutes rounds. The top 6 will play a final round for a prize package of \$500. FREE Cocktail service will be available during the slot tournament. The bus will depart The Lodge at 7:30 PM; we will be back to the Holiday Inn by 8:00 PM. FREE Transportation, FREE food, FREE drinks, FREE Entertainment – what more can you ask for? Ladies if you are going to the Lodge, I would ask that you don’t wear your Auxiliary shirts. Dress according to my theme western or Patriotic. Thank You!!

In the Legionette you will find the order form for the Joint Banquet on Saturday night there will be a deadline and after that deadline you won’t be able to get tickets. All tickets are ADVANCE!!!! I have planned a Program Fair for this year’s Mid-Winter Conference. I want this to be a learning Conference with all the Chairman set up with information on their Program. It is back by popular demand so let’s have fun!!

The Silent Auction will be set up on 9:00 am Friday and close at 3:30 pm on Saturday. Think about what you can bring for the Silent Auction!! Our National Guest for Midwinter will be Barb Vetter the Northwest Division Vice President. She will speaking to the auxiliary during our Session and again at the Joint Banquet on Saturday evening! Keep your MEMBERSHIP coming in and “Saddle Up For Veterans” Royce and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wall of Honor: Saddle up for Veterans

ALA Unit 198 displayed this Wall of Honor to recognize local veterans. The design is based on Department President Jeannine Loesch's theme of Saddle Up For Veterans. The red belt buckles are the names of members of Glenn Stafford Legion Post. The gold belt buckles contain the name, branch and dates of service of submitted veterans. Listed below are the names of the members of the Auxiliary Unit. The Elkton School allows a similar display each year. Thanks Mary Lynn for your artwork. Pictures are Mary Margaret Lynn, Judy Wiskus-Kampmann, Erin Elizabeth, Norma Krogman, Dennis Lundgren, and Beth Fredriksen.



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.

Support your local schools by participating in Give 10 to Education, American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week. Every unit should be able to earn a Give 10 to Education Award. Many units give dictionaries to the third graders in their local school. Other ideas: give 10 pencils or 10 notebooks, give 10 boxes of Kleenex or 10 bottles of hand sanitizer, give 10 pairs of mittens or 10 pairs of socks, give \$10 to pay for school lunches for children who cannot afford lunch, etc. After completing this project, please send me the Give 10 to Education Report.

Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships at the Department and National level and, if you can, award a local scholarship. The applications for the Department scholarships were sent in the first mailing. For the National Scholarships, you can find them on the web site. All of these are due to your unit Education Chairman by March 1, 2019.

Assist and support you local veterans pursuing higher or vocational education. Also, remember the military children and help them with educational opportunities.

Remember to always be a visible representative of the Auxiliary. You can do this by wearing an Auxiliary vest, shirt, pin, or emblem.

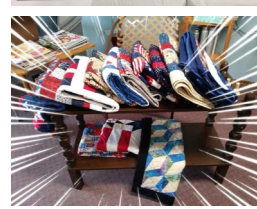
Member to Remember



Charles R. Doman Unit 131 of Valley Springs would like to honor member Elsie Brouwer. Her dedication and commitment to the auxiliary is exemplar. She is always ready to shop, visit, clip coupons, hand out boutonnières to veterans, or supply food for get togethers. Thanks

for all you do for our unit.

Veterans Day



L: Eagle Butte honors their Veterans; Mitchell gives awards, District V made cards; Hot Springs dinner crew; M: Spearfish decorations; Unit 89 Presho made Lap Quilts; Unit 22 Rapid City Little Misses serving dinner;

R: Unit 79 Onida Coffee & Rolls; and Little Misses at Hot Springs for the Veterans Day dinner.

In our community: Three young students painting their pumpkins for Pumpkin Fest 10-06-2018 held at Groton City Park, Groton, S.D.



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December Prayer

By Barbara Walter, Dept. Chaplain

Precious Heavenly Father,

We ask you to be with us as we gather together at this time; be with us as we dine wherever we may be for the upcoming Holiday Season.

Let us be thankful for the food that we will have before us and for the loved ones and friends that are gathered together around us.

Help us to search our hearts and help us to reach out to those in need, friends and to family members far and wide, to let them know that we care and that they are in our thoughts and are loved.

Prayers of Encouragement for families and friends to do early mailing to our service members here and abroad. Remember to have letters and packages shipped before the Christmas Holiday's mail deadlines to guarantee arrival.

Thank You Lord for your Protection and your Caring Mercies,

In Jesus name, we pray.
Amen

Christmas at the Capitol

From 12 trees in 1981 to 100 in 2018; Christmas at the Capitol is one of South Dakota traditions. The Juniors and Girls State Delegates made poppy ornaments for the Juniors tree. The ALA tree is decorated with ornaments from Units and Posts across South Dakota. Dept. 1st Vice Pres. Teresa Huntimer, Dept. 2nd Vice Pres. Mary Jo Stier, Dept. Sec. Laurel Stringer, PDC Hugh Holmes and members of the Legion Family spent a stormy Saturday decorating the tree.



Rapid City Stand Down

The Spearfish Middle School Student Council organized a school-wide sock-a-ton. They collected 1061 pairs of socks! PDP Elvira Moen, PDP Melanie Martens and members of Lead, Spearfish and Rapid City #22 helped 175 homeless veterans.



Joint American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Banquet

Saturday, February 9th, 2019

Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center, Spearfish, SD

Deadline to order tickets: Friday, February 1st, 2019

Banquet Tickets \$30.00 each, # Tickets Ordered _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Menu Options: (Select One)

_____ Seared Chicken Breast with Garlic Sauce

OR

_____ Slow Roasted Beef

Dietary Restriction: _____

Mail ticket order to:

Glorianne Davis

211 Deer Path, Lead, S.D. 57754

Make checks payable to: District 1 American Legion

Tickets are pre-sold only; no tickets will be sold at Mid-Winter.

Any ticket transfers will need to be approved through District 1 Commander Kevin Morello, 605-787-0619.

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