



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"

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you and your family a Happy New Year! The Gift Shops and Christmas Parties are now over and were a huge success. The Chairmen did a wonderful job. It is so rewarding to visit with the Veterans at all the facilities and for them to share with us. Each facility is so different in so many ways! Thanks to Commander Brenden for sharing with us.

Department Secretary Laurel sent out the December mailing on the 20th of December. It has a lot of information in it, Girls State, Scholarship information, Poems and Essays, and Midwinter Conference. I would appreciate it if you have any pictures that would fit in my scrapbook, to please send them to Joyce Smith, rj.smith@itctel.com. Congratulations to the Unit in Little Eagle for revitalizing, writing a Constitution for their Unit and electing and installing officers.

I hope to see many of the Units represented at Midwinter, I am so excited about the plans for the weekend, Executive and Finance Meetings on Friday followed by the Program Fair lead by the Chairmen on Friday and Saturday. If you have a Laptop and would like to bring it along to learn how to access the State and National website, Alamis, there will be people to help you. Then comes the big event on Friday evening, plan to go to the Lodge in Deadwood for a slot tournament, supper and drinks, all free, and you can win money, how much more can you ask for?

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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, 2019

- 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 CLOSES
- 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 10, 2019

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



Unit 14 Wessington Springs – Viola Fuerst, November 2018; **Unit 15 Sioux Falls** – Delores Sherman, November 2018; **Unit 17 Watertown** – Bonnie Roso, November 2018; **Unit 18 Mitchell** – Geneva Delzer, November 2018; **Unit 21 Hurley** – Ruth Davey, November 2018; Phyllis Friman, November 2018; **Unit 22 Rapid City** – Dorothy J. Brookens, July 2018; **Unit 26 Stickney** - Bernice Borman, August 2018; Eleanor Oliver, November 2018; Cindy Sperlich, August 2018; **Unit 35 Highmore** – Loraine Abernathy, October 2018; **Unit 40 Webster** – Connie Bacon, October 2018; Leona Hirtes, July 2018; **Unit 56 Geddes** – Jeannine Vander Pol, July 2018; **Unit 71 Hot Springs** – Verna Schyur, November 2018; **Unit 108 Bradley** – Sharon Olson, January 2018; **Unit 115 Platte** – Jean Thompson, November 2018; **Unit 124 Dupree** – Lorane McLellan, January 2018; Carole Wince, June 2018; **Unit 148 Conde** – Beverly McComsey, October 2019; **Unit 191 Eagle Butte** – Regina Ducheneaux, September 2017; **Unit 246 Wall** – Joan Bielmaier, July 2018

Wreaths across America & Remembrance Wreaths at other Cemeteries



Wreaths at BHNC with Lead Unit Members Renee Bertrand and Joanann Goeringer on December 15. Lemon ALA Juniors Unit 66 helped place wreaths at Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon and rural cemeteries in Watauga and Morrystown. Spearfish Unit members and Black Hills Chapter Riders at BHNC on December 8.



Department Christmas Parties

Due to privacy, many facilities do not allow for pictures. Here are a few that were posted on social media.



Christmas Party at the Sioux Falls VA with Theresa Maeschen, PDP Regina Whipple, and District 7 President Alice Upshaw. Salem Post 140 District 7 cut and tied 14 lap robes for Veterans at the Sioux Falls VA for their Christmas Party.



Wonderful turnout at the Hot Springs VA hospital. ALA unit 22 was so happy to be there!

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

On Saturday, at the joint session VA&R Chairman and 1st Vice Teresa Huntimer will present her program and Mary Jo Stier 2nd Vice will present the Children and Youth Program. Saturday evening will be the Joint Banquet. Sunday the State Oratory contest will take place. The dates are Feb. 8-10, 2019 in Spearfish SD. The Silent Auction will be held, and the proceeds will go to fund iPads at the Ft. Meade Medical facility. The Juniors will be meeting at the same time and have a lot planned. Watch the Legionette for all the details!!! Complete Schedule!!

We are very excited to have Barb Vetter, Northwest Division National Vice President as our guest speaker. We look forward to her message.

I hope that all the Units celebrated the Auxiliary’s Birthday! January is Americanism month. Sponsor Legislative programs and attend the Legislative Reception in Pierre in February. Martin Luther King’s birthday is January 21st. In February get ready for Girls State.

Send the memberships as soon as you receive them, don’t hold them back. Remember if you need anything from me don’t be afraid to contact me and I will try to help you. There are also Past Department Presidents that have good information to share and they would be good mentors.

I would like to share with the Auxiliary members that in the middle of October I fractured my pelvis. With a great deal of testing they found out that I have multiple myeloma (bone cancer). I am doing chemo therapy and chemo pills. I do the 1st treatment of every cycle in Sioux Falls and the rest here in Pierre. In July, I will have to have a stem cell transplant. I feel great, the only side effect so far is that I get tired easily. Otherwise I feel GREAT!! I would like to ask if you would keep me in your prayers. The doctors tell me this is treatable, so I’m keeping a positive outlook.

Royce and I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!
Jeannine Loesch, Department. President

Wall of Honor: Saddle up for Veterans

Correction: The editor received the correct names of the members pictured after the edition was submitted to the publisher.

ALA Elkton Unit 198's Wall of Honor recognizes local veterans. Pictures are Mary Lynn, Judy Kampmann, Marsha Timm, Erin Lynn, Norma Krogman, Deanna Lundgren, Beth Frederiksen and Mary Ann Stuefen.

In front is Junior member Addison Arthur.



January Guide

Martin Luther King Jr. Day- January 21st, 2019
National Security donation by February 1st
Plan Poppy Contest / Miss Poppy
Sponsor Legislative Programs



American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters



American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters completed relocation to its new building Dec. 10 and resumed business operations Dec. 11.

ALA Headquarters is at **3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.**

All phone numbers and email addresses have remained the same.



Member to Remember

Phyllis Winterfeld has been a **member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, Bergstrom Bodeen Post 128, Hudson, SD, for **91 years!** Her mother, Inez, started paying dues for her when Phyllis was born, and Phyllis is still a member of the Hudson Auxiliary.

She lived in Hudson, SD, until 1948, when she moved to Ireton, IA, and lived there until 1989. She is now a resident of Sioux City, IA, living with her daughter, Janine. Phyllis was a farm owner and wife throughout these years, raising 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Being members of the Auxiliary and the Legion has been sort of a "family affair" for her relatives for many years. In addition to Phyllis' grandmother and mother being members of the Auxiliary, some of her aunts and cousins were also members. Phyllis' daughter and son-in-law's son was in the Army; currently, their oldest son is a Paratrooper; and their other son joined the Airforce. Phyllis is very proud of these grandchildren, and they are certainly following in her footsteps by exhibiting her same "Proud to be an American" lifestyle.

She always worked Hudson's annual fundraiser turkey shoot dinner, serving food and taking tickets (she started doing this when she was a youngster). She participated in the annual Hudson memorial service, many times carrying the poppy wreath. Her daughter Janine fondly remembers being "hailed around" to help her mother at these Auxiliary events and the parades and was/is so proud of her.

A proud highlight for Phyllis was being Auxiliary Chaplain for over 10 years. Many of the chaplains read from the auxiliary prayer books or other magazines and publications which are powerful additions to meetings; however, Phyllis created and collected her own prayers and stories and compiled poems and prayers from her readings, choosing to create her own special prayer book. One year, her Auxiliary members convinced Phyllis to send in her prayer book for the State competition. Phyllis' prayer book won first place! One of her favorite poems from her prayer book was called "Buttprints in the Sand," which she would now like to share with all of her auxiliary friends and members, the military, and veterans, as a reminder to all of her faith in God and Country and to thank you all for **taking your stand in serving our America.**

BUTTPRINTS IN THE SAND *author Sonia Schroeder*

Buttprints In The Sand

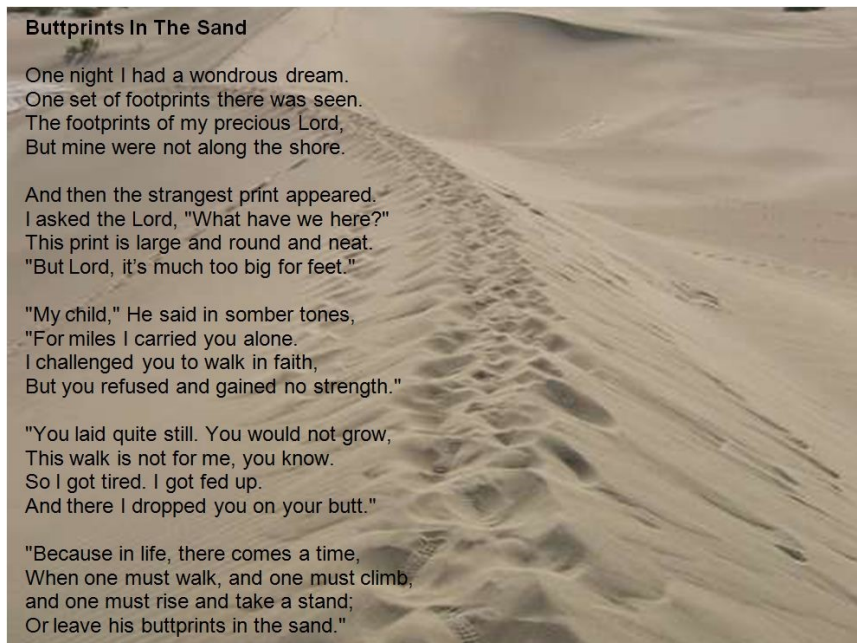
One night I had a wondrous dream.
One set of footprints there was seen.
The footprints of my precious Lord,
But mine were not along the shore.

And then the strangest print appeared.
I asked the Lord, "What have we here?"
This print is large and round and neat.
"But Lord, it's much too big for feet."

"My child," He said in somber tones,
"For miles I carried you alone.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and gained no strength."

"You laid quite still. You would not grow,
This walk is not for me, you know.
So I got tired. I got fed up.
And there I dropped you on your butt."

"Because in life, there comes a time,
When one must walk, and one must climb,
and one must rise and take a stand;
Or leave his buttprints in the sand."



January Prayer

By Barbara Walter, Dept. Chaplain

As I write this in December 2018 for the January Legionette 2019 and the radio is playing Christmas music I look at the reason for the season and what it is all about that we celebrate this Christmas, the birthday of Jesus.

Precious Heavenly Father, be with us through these holiday season and comfort those that have lost loved ones during this past year and those that are going through trails and sorrow in their lives. Give them strength to endure and help them keep their eyes on Enduring Hope. We will make it with your help Lord.

Lord, be with the Active men and women of our Armed Forces, our Veterans and all that are away from their families here at home. Please keep and bring them home safe and secure.

Prayers for our Veterans that are away from their families. Send a helping hand Lord, be with them and protect them from any harm.

Be with our South Dakota ALA as we start a new year. Watch over us, guide us through the meetings, events, conventions and keep us safe when we travel the many miles in serving our veterans and military families working in unification for our purpose and mission of this organization. Heavenly Father we Thank You for all that you do throughout our lives and keeping us close to you. In Jesus Name We Pray. Amen

Spreading Christmas Cheer



Little Miss Poppy for Spearfish Unit #164, Sydnee Lawlar, made and delivered Snowmen (Hershey Candy Bars) to Veterans in the nursing home.

Sydnee and Kelsey Lawlar with new junior member Maddie Reece delivered Christmas gift boxes at one of the Assisted Living in Spearfish.

The Mitchell ALA Unit 18 sang Christmas Carols and gave lap robes to veterans at the Firesteal Healthcare Community with Sharon Broghammer, Shirley Thelen, Linda Holmes, Lyle W. Sunderland, CJ Prickett, JoAnn Schlimgen, and PDC Hugh Holmes.



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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serving in harm's way
and the families waiting for
for them at home

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