



THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities

A Word from the President

by Teresa Huntimer Department President



"Always Remember Serving Veterans, Not self"

Good Day Auxiliary Sisters!

It is an honor to be your Department President for our centennial year. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year serving the Department of South Dakota. I will attend as many events as possible representing our organization. If you have an event you would like me to attend; I'll be happy to. Send me an invitation with the information and I will put it on my calendar.

This year I would like to work on what I will call the Three C's. **Commitment:** to our organization and serving our Veterans, military, and their families. **Change:** is always difficult for each of us. We need change some things for our organization to grow and move forward. **Communication:** it is the key factor in anything we wish to accomplish. Please share information with your unit! Ask questions, all are important. If you don't know the answer say so. Being truthful is good communication. Work with others to answer question, in the process we learn. My theme this year is *"Always Remember Serving Veterans Not Self"*.

My flower is the Red Rose: my love for this country. My songs are Taps, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, Hallelujah by Sailor Jeri and One Pair of Hands by Elvis Presley. Colors are Purple, Red, White and Blue.

My President Project is at the Sioux Falls VA Hospital. We hope to purchase Kayaks with your financial help.



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*ALA National
President Nicole
Clapp visit to
South Dakota*

Nicole Clapp of the Department of Iowa: Ehrig-McTurk Unit 127 is eligible through grandfather, Roger Schroeder, a seaman in the Navy during World War II.

Offices Held: Served in several unit, district, and department level positions. National: served as Honorary National Junior President 1987-1988, national Finance chairman five of seven years on the committee, Children & Youth chairman, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation chairman, Human Resources Committee member, Finance Committee liaison to Audit Committee, Finance Committee liaison to the ALA Foundation, Future Focus Committee vice chairman, ALA Foundation Board of Directors member, and National Executive Committee member.

Wednesday, September 11

2:00 -5:00 pm Tour Falls Parks, Arc of Dreams, and Memorial Park

Thursday, September 12

10:00-11:00 am Tour the Sioux Falls VA Hospital

11:30 am -12:30 pm Lunch

1:00-3:00 pm Tour Big Paws Canine Foundation

7:00 -9:00 pm Meet and Greet at Chester Post Home

Friday, September 13

National President returning home.

South Dakota Department Officers 2019-2020

National Executive Committeeperson: Laura (Susie) Clyde

Dept. President & Alternate NEC: Teresa Huntimer

Dept. First Vice President: Mary Jo Stier

Dept. Second Vice President: Joyce Smith

Secretary: Laurel Stringer

Treasurer: Regina Whipple

Chaplain: Kathleen Geiman

Historian: Anita Cass

Parliamentarian: Kim Anderson

September Guide

- 9/11: Patriot Day
- 9/11-13: National President Visit
- 9/17: US Constitution Day
- 9/20: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 9/29: 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 2019-2020 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

District 1—Sept. 29 @ Eagle Butte, Social 10 am, joint meeting 11 am, lunch 11:45, Legion meeting 1 pm.

District 2—Sept. 28 @ Post 71 Hot Springs. Social 9 am, Meeting 10 am. Meal \$10/person following the meeting.

District 3—Sept. 7@ Pierre Post 8; Social-noon. Meeting-1 pm

District 4—Sept. 8 @ Leola; Social-4pm, Meal-5 pm, meeting 6 pm.

District 5—Sept. 6 @ White; Social at 2:30 pm with coffee/ cookies/ice cream. 3:00 pm meeting.

District 6—Sept. 14 @ Wessington Springs; Social 5 pm, Meal 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm. Auxiliary will meet at the Courthouse.

District 7—Sept. 15 @ Madison; Legion at the VFW, Social 2:00 pm, Meeting 3:00 pm meeting. Coffee, cookies bars after the meeting. Auxiliary place TBD

District 8—Sept. 13 @ Wagner; Social at 5 pm, meeting at 6 pm, and light lunch afterwards. Ladies meet at the Methodist Church.



In Memoriam

Unit 3 Chamberlain - Marie Fox, May 2019;

Unit 12 Yankton - Constance Kendall, July 2019;

Unit 17 Watertown - Betty Dahl, May 2019;

Unit 22 Rapid City - Beverly Hillmer, June 2019; Mariann Smith, June 2019;

Unit 27 Kadoka - H. Muree Struble, May 2019;

Unit 65 Dell Rapids - Ardis Munk, May 2019; Bonnie Sorsen, April 2019; Joan Zabel, April 2019;

Unit 80 Britton - Lela Olson, May 2019;

Unit 83 Timber Lake - Muriel Sabo, May 2019;

Unit 92 Redfield - Florence Diede, June 2019; Verna Hoffman, December 2017;

Leota Jackson, February 2019; Arlene Pollock, May 2019;

Unit 133 Sinai - Christine Olson, May 2019;

Unit 135 Gettysburg - Thelma Hepper, June 2019;

Unit 137 Warner - Lana Rozell, May 2019;

Unit 140 Salem - Catherine Peterson, May 2019;

Unit 142 Tripp - Rosemarie Mayer, May 2019;

Unit 146 Colome - Betty Nance, May 2019; Betty Petersek, June 2019;

Unit 150 Avon - Arlene Dykstra, May 2019;

Unit 169 Winner - Rhoda Abbey, May 2019; Jan Bowar, July 2019;

Unit 183 Tabor - Arlene Kronaizl, June 2-19;

Unit 191 Eagle Butte - Julie Marshall, February 2019;

Unit 194 Parkston - Frieda M. Baier, April 2019;

Unit 210 Mt Vernon - Marian Powers, May 2019;

Unit 213 Cresbard - Lorraine Gebhard, June 2019;

Unit 264 Bowdle - Mildred Sandmeier,

Membership by Rose Kraft, Department Chairman

It is time to CELEBRATE!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!

Oh, what a year has National President, Nicole Clapp planned for us. She is all about recognizing each of our members for all their work. We are going to "Mix up Support for our Veterans" each month this year with a recipe from our Department President, Teresa. Each one will be a reminder of who we may recruit to be a member of our organization. We all want to jump on the band wagon right now, as the first incentive set up by nationals is \$100 for any member who signs up 10 new members, juniors or seniors by November 10th, our 100th birthday! If you meet this incentive, then your name will go into a drawing to receive \$100 from the Department of South Dakota. The rules are simple.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

These are for all our deployed soldiers. Remember, all the female veterans may be "Dual Members" of both the American Legion and Auxiliary.

¾ cup sugar	1 tsp baking soda
¾ cup brown sugar	1 tsp salt
1 cup margarine (soft)	2 cups of flour
2 eggs	2 cups of Chocolate Chips

Mix all together. Drop by spoonful on cookie sheet, bake 350 degrees for 10 - 12 minutes



Sign up 10 new junior or senior members, fill out the form that you may get from your District President, in the October mailing, or on the state website and turn it in before November 10th. Your name will then go in for a \$100 drawing that will take place at Midwinter in February. There will be five of these awards drawn!



PATRIOT DAY
WE WILL NEVER FORGET
9.11.2001



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.***



South Dakota ALA Girls State—Three Generations



A Deubrook student became the 3rd generation of her family to attend South Dakota Girls State. Ashley Landmark of White was chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary. Ashley attended Girls State in May in Vermillion, SD on the campus of USD. The girls studied and held elections for city - county - state government offices. Ashley was chosen to serve as Fire Chief of Seattle and Deputy Sheriff of Seattle County. They had lots of social fun to meet girls from across the State. Ashley's Mom, Shari (Webster) Landmark represented Brookings and attended Girls State in 1993 on the SDSU campus in Brookings. Shari was a citizen of Philadelphia. Grandma Sharon (Hoffman) Webster represented Harrisburg and attended Girls State in 1958 on the DWU Campus in Mitchell. Sharon was a citizen of Baltimore. To the Auxiliary Ladies --- thank you for sponsoring Girls State! What an informative and fun week !Sharon - Shari - Ashley

100 Years of Service

In 1994, the American Legion and the Auxiliary celebrated their 75th anniversary. Valley Springs Auxiliary member Marlene Long made a quilt wall hanging to commemorate the anniversary for the Valley Springs Legion post and Auxiliary unit. Now, 25 years later, the Legion and Auxiliary are celebrating 100 years of service to our veterans.

Marlene Long has since passed away, but her 75th anniversary wall hanging inspired the Valley Springs Auxiliary to create another wall hanging to commemorate the centennial anniversary. Auxiliary member Phyllis Lunstra quilts, so Unit President Gloria Bonjour asked her to make the wall hanging.

Auxiliary member and secretary Elsie Brouwer embroiders, so she embroidered the blue stars at the bottom of the wall hanging. The left star says "American Legion; Charles R. Doman; Post 131; Valley Springs, SD." The right star says "American Legion Auxiliary; Charles R. Doman; Unit 131; Valley Springs, SD." The middle star says "100th Anniversary; 1919-2019."

The wall hanging was presented at the Valley Springs Legion post's centennial celebration on July 11, and it hangs in the main hall of the post home.

Pictured left to right are Phyllis Lunstra, Elsie Brouwer, and Gloria Bonjour.



September Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

Father God,
 We always give thanks to You for our day of rest. We understand that freedom has never been free, and we send praises and prayers up at this time for our female veterans: past, present, and future. Bless them on a daily basis for the faithful service they have given this country.
 We ask that You also give them prosperity, joy, grace, peace, and mercy. Amen



“Always Remember, Serving Veterans, Not Self”

My homecoming was held July 20, 2019. Thank you, friends and family for an unforgettable day I will treasure forever. As I’m writing this letter, I’m getting ready for the American Legion and Auxiliary National Convention. The newly elected National President Nicole Clapp will be visiting September 11-13, 2019. Her visit is short, but I hope you came join us. Rose Kraft is my membership chairman and will have exciting news on our goals this year at district meetings. There is a Veterans Stand Down at the VFW in Sioux Falls September 20, 2019. The doors open at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers are always needed.

Operation Pillowcase: at SD ALA Girls State, delegates decorated pillowcase as their service project. On July 26, I presented pillowcases to the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Pierre. I was asked if I had more and was sorry to say no; thus, began Operation Pillowcases. On September 1st, I will be presenting 56 pillowcases to the 147 Forward Support Company and to 58 Soldiers from Alpha Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery.



If you have questions, please contact me or see information on our Facebook page or Website.
 Teresa Huntimer, Department President



“A big thank you to our South Dakota Junior President Cynthia Campbell. I asked her to decorate ten more pillowcases that were presented in Pierre for those who are deploying.”

Meeting South Dakota Senators

SD Girls Nation: Kaitlyn Hilligas, Harrisburg and Alexandra Licht, Rapid City and SD Boys Nation: Caleb Weiland, Beresford and Isaac Buchhotz, Pierre met with Senator Rounds and Senator Thune in Washington D.C.



Why our Reports Count!



*President Teresa Huntimer, Homecoming
Dell Rapids, July 20, 2019*



Master of Ceremonies, Captain Shane Skinner; guest speaker, PDP and District 1 President Carol Edwards, Chaplain Kathleen Geiman, and SD Dept. Commander Fred Nelson

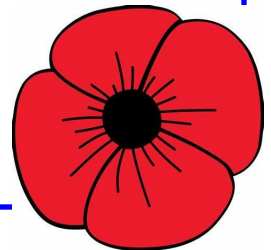
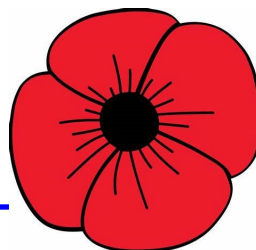
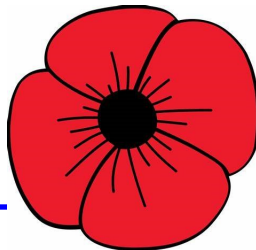


Always Remember Serving Veterans, Not Self



The Official Presidential Pin of Teresa Huntimer has elements with specific meanings:

1. The Auxiliary crest is atop the pin to show my dedication to the mission of this organization.
2. The circular shape of the main field signifies never-ending dedication to Always Remembering our veterans.
3. The outer ring is purple representing all five military branches
4. The inner gold circle is representative of the sun and signifies hope on the horizon for resolution of our POW/MIA
5. The Battlefield Cross is in remembrance of our fallen, and it faces right to signify the eternal search for peace.
6. The four poppies at the bottom represent each of the four pillars of the Auxiliary's mission; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.



50 Year Membership



Paula Carlson of Brookings on the left and Nina Troske of Clark are both members of the Baker Unit 209. During the annual Memorial Day program, they received their 50-year membership certificates. These two members have been very active over the years!

Service to the Community



Text

June Malsom
Unit President
Elstad-Archer Unit #67
Pillow Cleaning Day
June 11, 2019

Corinne Jameison from Ipswich submitted this picture to showcase how Unit 67 helps in the community and is proud to wear the American Legion Auxiliary logo.

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 2019-2020 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

Across South Dakota

Bears for Hospitalized Children



Baker Unit 209 of Raymond donated bears to the American Legion Riders when they stopped in Clark on June 15th during their annual Teddy Bear Ride.

District 2 Poem & Essay Winners



Left: Aiken Butcher, Essay Winner

Right: Kate Robinson, Poem Winner

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