



# 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"*

Auxiliary members,  
It has been a very big roller coaster we been on with the pandemic. Just about everything is cancelled for our organization with no answer when we will be able to move forward safely. I am hoping to have a Department Executive Committee meeting by Zoom on Saturday June 20, 2020. A letter and email will be sent out from Department Headquarters with all the details. If you have any question, please call and I will try to answer them.  
During The American Legion's 101st National Convention, delegates approved changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" related to membership criteria for the American Legion Auxiliary. Membership is every member's responsibility. The Auxiliary is boldly pushing into a new dawn where we become increasingly inclusive and strengthen our ranks by adding new members with new ideas and new energy. For some of us, this change may be met with unease. That is a normal response. Others see opportunities and new possibilities. In truth, this is another step in the evolution of our organization that will create a new and exciting future for the American Legion Auxiliary. Our future depends on our ability to engage our core members with prospective new members who can help us bring hope to those in need and reach our mission.  
Tomorrow's American Legion Auxiliary will look much different than the beloved institution our great grandmothers established in 1919. The key to reaching our potential lies in our ability to remember our purpose for joining the Auxiliary in the first place. We must put our passion for making a difference in the lives of our fellow Legion family members, veterans, veterans' families and active military and their families first.  
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## *A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families*

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.  
We are called to serve.  
We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms.  
We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it.  
We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families.  
We are alone, yet we stand together.  
We are daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. We are family.  
We are of every color. We are of every faith.  
We are of every age.  
We are anyone and everyone.  
We are common and extraordinary.  
We are citizens.  
We live in small towns.  
We live in suburbs.  
We live in cities.  
We work in fields, in factories, warehouses, offices, at home.  
We are a community. We help one another.  
We love our flag and all that it stands for.  
We are many. We are one.  
We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of Volunteers  
Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.  
We commit ourselves to the ideal: *Service Not Self.*



## *ALA Centennial Babies*

Amara D. Timm, Centennial Baby Dept of South Dakota, born December 16, 2019



is a member of Glen Stafford Auxiliary Unit 198, Elkton, SD. Amara is eligible under her grandfather, Edward D. Timm, veteran through his service in the Coast Guard.

Elise Liana Maberry is the number 2 Baby signed up for the American Legion Auxiliary. She is a junior member of the Piedmont Unit 311. Her birthday was March 5, 2020. She is eligible through Michael Cordray, her grandfather.



## *A Thank You to the Essential Workers in Schools*



In this era of uncharted territory that we are in, it behooves all of us as individuals or organizations to step up and support those in need. The food service workers and bus drivers for the Douglas School District in Box Elder, SD, do just that every day.

These women and men prepare over 1700 meals, five days a week and deliver them to children of the school district that may not otherwise have a nourishing meal.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 315 in Box Elder had the honor of providing them a "meal" and in the process, supporting two of their local businesses. Thank you to Randy and Sheri at Prairie Edge Restaurant for preparing the meal and Tracey at Gizzi's for the desserts.

*Thank you to all the school volunteers who take care of the children's needs*

## *In Memoriam*

**Unit 2 Tyndall** – Valerie Wesche, April 2020; **Unit 15 Sioux Falls** – Phyllis Breuer, April 2020; Darlene Havel Colwill, March 2020; **Unit 24 Aberdeen** – Marylin Lahr, March 2020; **Unit 29 Woonsocket** – Marcelyn Hinker, March 2020; **Unit 37 Bryant** – Donna Fedt, February 2020; Rozella Noem, March 2020; **Unit 102 Faulkton** – Dorothy Huss, April 2020; **Unit 110 Wessington** – Leona Schilling, April 2020; **Unit 115 Platte** – Arlene Mason, April 2020; Luella Thomson, April 2020; **Unit 128 Hudson** – Mary Ann Claeys, April 2020; **Unit 148 Conde** – Betty Taylor, April 2020; **Unit 150 Avon** – Clara Fillaus, April 2020; Unit 241 Erwin – Joyce Jensen, April 2020; **Unit 283 Chancellor** – Marian Bingner, April 2020

## *Membership* by Rose Kraft, Department Chairperson

### **Focaccia Bread**

As President Teresa's first year comes to an end, she is sharing one of her recipes that she is always asked for. Goes delicious with spaghetti, lasagna, chili and many more ideas.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees  
 5 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 Tbls yeast  
 2 tsp salt

1/3 cup granulated sugar  
 1 1/2 tsp garlic powder

2 cups hot water (not boiling)      1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

Mix all dry ingredients thoroughly along with any herbs you want to include (basil). Put in mixer and add water and oil at the same time as you mix the dough. Let it go for about 2 – 3 minutes or until all of the flour is incorporated. The dough should be slightly sticky at this point, but not wet. Place mixing bowl aside and cover to allow dough to rise (25 – 30 minutes) until dough doubles in size.

\*\*Prepare a baking sheet with Crisco and lightly, evenly dusted with corn meal

After dough has risen, drop onto a greased baking sheet, spread dough over the entire sheet, make sure to reach the corners. Smooth out any large bulges and re-cover the dough for a second rise, until the dough rises just over the rim of the baking sheet.

You may sprinkle dried tomatoes, mushrooms, parmesan cheese prior to baking.

Place in preheated oven for 15 - 20 minutes and check it, if not browned continue baking for 5 minutes intervals. Remove from oven and baste with melted butter.

## **WANTED - Centennial Babies!**

We are looking for baby girls born November 10, 2019 to November 10, 2020 and become a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. After sending in membership to Laurel String at the state headquarters, send me a message with babies name, date born, and who their eligibility is under. Email me at

[sdmemberrose@gmail.com](mailto:sdmemberrose@gmail.com)

If possible I would love a picture of the baby and the Veteran they have joined under or just the baby. The baby will receive a special certificate that they are a Centennial Member of the ALA.



## June, July, August Guide

June 6: D Day 1944 - Normandy

June 14: Flag Day

June 21: Fathers' Day

July 4: Independence Day

August 2: Operation Desert Shield 1990

August 7: Purple Heart Day

August 14: V-J Day 1945 - Japan surrendered

*Remember to send your 2020-2021 Officers and Chairmen list to Headquarters and your District President.*

### Save-the-Dates

#### Tentative Fall District Meetings

District 1 October 4  
 District 2 October 3  
 District 3 September 20  
 District 4 September 18  
 District 5 September 19  
 District 6 September 25  
 District 7 September 26  
 District 8 September 27

*Times and locations are not set.*

## Operation Pillowcases



The Humboldt American Legion Auxiliary Unit 62 took part in Operation Pillowcase. Our school art teacher was asked if she was interested in having her students participate in this project and she was. Students decorated 21 pillowcases to be given to our military service people when they are deployed.

## Blue Star Family



Carol Schoenfelder, Tripp Unit # 142 President of the S.D. American Legion Auxiliary gave the Blue Star flag to Lisa Ketchum in honor of her son Jarred Ketchum who is in the United States Marines. He is stationed at Miramar, San Diego, CA. He works in the tool area in support for helicopters. Jarred is a Tripp/Delmont High School who graduated in 2018.

## Announcement:

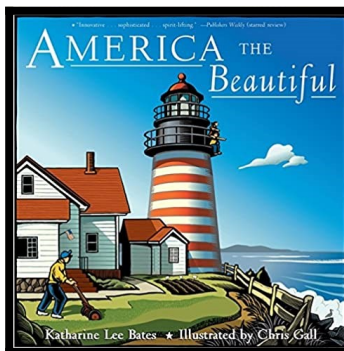
### DEC ZOOM Meeting

The ALA Department of South Dakota DEC Meeting is scheduled for **Jun 20, 2020**

**01:00 PM Central Time** (US and Canada.)

It is an open meeting and members may listen to the discussions. To access Zoom as a video or audio conference, contact your unit or district president to receive the access code and password. This form of meeting is secured as the SD-ALA purchased access to conduct Zoom meetings with up to 100 people.

## Kids' Corner



"From his unique perspective as the great, great grandnephew of "America the Beautiful" writer, Katharine Lee Bates, Chris Gall transforms this beloved patriotic song into monumental works of art--from purple mountain majesties to gleaming alabaster cities. Honoring his ancestry and national pride, Gall pairs the beautiful lyrics with striking illustrations of notable American images such as Pike's Peak, the Tuskegee Airmen, and firefighters raising the American flag at Ground Zero." By Katharina Lee Bates

## Child Welfare Challenge

Children & Youth department chairperson Joyce Smith has issue a challenge to the South Dakota American Legion Family to see who can collect the most donations for the Child Welfare Fund. Money has to be sent to the Department Headquarters.



## A Word from the President (cont. from page 1)

We must strengthen the bonds - old and new - that connect us as a community. And we must engage our fellow advocates - male and female- who bring hope, service and support to the mission and the people we love. This summer we will all have to think outside of the box to work our programs in this pandemic. Please stay safe and follow guidelines. Thank You to all members who are essential workers you are our heroes!

Teresa Huntimer  
 ALA South Dakota Department President



### June Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

Dear Lord, Thank you for allowing me to see another day. Please lead and guide me today and grant me your wisdom that I might make wise choices with my time, energy and every decision I face. Help me to keep my thoughts focused on you so my heart and mind may be filled with your peace. In Jesus' name I ask these things. Amen

### A Prayer for Our Veterans

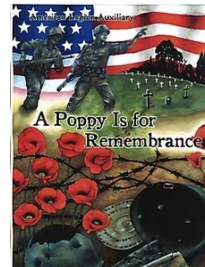
Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,  
You have blessed us with  
brave men and women  
who are willing to defend our freedom.  
May Your protection and grace  
surround them each day.  
Let Your healing hand be upon those  
who suffer wounds and injuries.  
May those who have made the  
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in  
Your Holy Presence.  
Comfort the families who mourn  
and are left to remember  
the precious lives of their loved ones.  
Help us to honor and support them.  
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made  
on behalf of the American people by our  
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,  
fathers, and friends.  
Amen

### Memorial Day

Left: Spearfish Rose Hill where the Unit had two Poppy Days one on National Poppy Day, the 22nd and Memorial Day, the 25th.



Below, Volunteers placed and picked up flags at Onida Cemetery. Right, Groton's memorial and Graceland, Cemetery in Mitchell.



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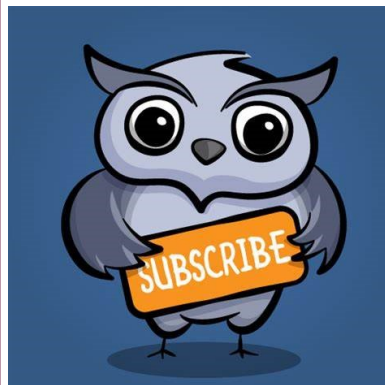
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