



# THE SOUTH DAKOTA LEGIONETTE

*Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities*

## A Word from the President

*by Mary Jo Stier Department President*



## S.M.I.L.E

Over the past few months, I always seemed to talk about how fast time flies. Well this time, I really have to start with that. As Department President, I was to write an article for the Legionette and it always gave me a chance to reflect on the month, and today, I am writing the last one.

As the year is coming to a close for me, I truly want to say that our Department worked hard at promoting and living the American Legion Auxiliary mission. We might have had some bumps in the road, but I am so proud of the way we worked together as a family for our veterans, families, and military. I truly am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve the department and want to say thank you to you all.

Even though we weren't able to go back to "normal" on everything, we had a terrific year. That is because of all of you. I loved everyone's willingness to think outside the box and try different ways of doing things.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming Department President the best of luck. I look forward to continue in contributing to make the department the best it can be. So on that note . . . remember to SMILE.



**WE REMEMBER**

## Poppy Posters

Sheron-Faiferlick Auxiliary Unit of Nunda awarded prizes to 22 Rutland School students for

the poppy posters that won in their respective classes. Several students gathered for a photo submitted by the school.



## THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPT. OF SOUTH DAKOTA

### 102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Ramkota - Watertown- CONVENTION CENTER**

**JUNE 16 - 19, 2022**

#### Thursday, June 16, 2022

1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Dept. Finance & Secretary Interviews – Harvest Room

5:30 PM Past Dept. Presidents Dinner - Boardroom

#### Friday, June 17, 2022

8:00 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Lobby by Harvest

8:30 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting – Kampeska Hall

Silent Auction Opens – Harvest Room

10:30 A.M. Juniors Meeting – Harvest Room

12:00 P.M. Lunch – On your Own

1:30- 3:45 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting – Kampeska Hall

3:45- 4:15 P.M. Department Chairmen Training & Incoming/Outgoing

District Presidents Training – Mandatory – Kampeska Hall

4:30 PM Joint Legion/ALA/SAL Memorial Service – Heritage Th.

6:00 P.M. No Host Cocktails/Social – Cottonwood/Bigstone

7:00 P.M. Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet Cottonwood/Bigstone

#### Saturday, June 18, 2022

7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth

8:00 A.M. Processional Line-UP – Hallway by Kampeska

8:30 A.M. Auxiliary Convention Convenes – Kampeska hall

11:30 A.M. Recess

Silent Auction Opens – Harvest Room

12:00 P.M. Auxiliary Luncheon – Kotadome (Need ticket)

12:45 PM Legion Band – Lobby by Kampeska Hall

1:15 P.M. Convention Reconvenes – Kampeska hall

4:00 PM Convention in Recess

5:00 -7:00 P.M. Auxiliary Banquet Honoring PDP Elda Hofer - Kotadome

7:00 PM "The American Legion" Fun Auction" - Kotadome

#### Sunday, June 19, 2022

7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth

8:00 A.M. Convention Reconvenes

ALA Memorial Service

Member of the Year

Election of Department Officers

## Summer Guide

05/30 - 06/04: ALA Girls State  
 06/06: D-Day 1944  
 06/10: Sent 25% of Poppy Proceeds to Hdqt.  
 06/14: Flag Day  
 06/16-19: Dept. Convention  
 06/19: Father's Day  
 07/04: Independence Day  
 07/24: Leading candidate for Dept. President Joyce Smith - Homecoming  
 08/07: Purple Heart Day  
 08/26 - 09/1: National Convention in Milwaukee, WI  
 Election and installation of Unit Officers. Send Unit Officers Form to Headquarters and District President  
 Elect delegates for Dept. Convention; send convention delegates and alternate delegates form with fees.



## Poems & Essays

Picture of the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay & Poetry Contest Winners in Webster, SD - Herbet McKennett Post 40 presented the awards on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Bottom /Front Row Left to Right: Drake Dargatz, Cooper Gregerson, Brittyn Bloom, Casen Fish, Malin Kwasniewski, Cartney Hanson

Middle Row- Left to Right: Hannah Sonstebo, Jackson Gabriel, Dylan Rasmus

Top Row- Left to Right: Lennox Rumpca, Makynlee Curan, Chloe Kvernevig, Callie Shoemaker, Kinsey Kuecker



We had to say goodbye to many of our members; their memories, however will remain a part of us. An updated list will be available in the September Legionette.



## Flag Etiquette

Rosholt American Legion and Auxiliary (Unit 48) presented a class to the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades on flag etiquette, what the American flag represents and how we

honor and respect it. Members demonstrated how to properly fold the flag and when it is folded this way. The symbolism for each of the 13 folds was explained. Students were given the opportunity during a question-and-answer period, and each assisted with folding the flag. All students were given an American flag and then the Pledge of Allegiance was said together.



## Membership

by Rose Kraft, Dept. Membership Chairman

The end is getting close, and we cannot give up hope for President Mary Jo and her year as leading our department to end with us at 100% in membership. Remember membership matters. Through your membership you bring services to our state for our Veterans. Unfortunately, we did not meet the 95% goal to earn \$250 for our department. We are at 94.36% membership which puts us in second place in the Northwest Division and way out of the top ten at the National Level. We are still looking for 558 members to make Mary Jo proud.

Talking about proud, we have 56 units that are at 100% or above! That is amazing! Bullhead Unit 82 continues to lead the pack at 183.33%, with DeSmet in second at 155.56% and Sioux Falls 15 at 138.52%. Bullhead 324, Sioux Falls 911, Brandon, Bowdle, Parkston, Aurora, Armour, Piedmont, Avon, Elkton, Hurley, Midland, Salem, Chester, Eureka, White Lake, Conde, Groton, Mellette, Iroquois, Hudson, Claremont, Selby, Herreid, Volga, Letcher, Castlewood, Cresbard, Onida, Rosholt, Wessington, Wilmot, Garretson, White, Tripp, Wakonda, Arlington, Sturgis, Eagle Butte, New Underwood, Presho, Fairfax Herrick, Columbia, Big Stone City, Wessington Springs, Woonsocket, Badger, Ethan, Madison, Trent, Worthing, and Colman.

If your unit was listed, you want to be at the Department Convention and personally receive your Units recognition for the hard work each and everyone of you have done. Meeting and surpassing goal is not easy, and I appreciate all the work you have all done.



## "Magical Moment for our Veterans"

In 1997-1998 Elda Hoffer served at the "Ring Master" under the "Big Top" as the South Dakota Department President. The theme was to make "Magical Moment for our Veterans"; join us on Saturday, June 18 as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her presidency. Help us make some "Magical Moments for Elda!"

Social will be at 5:00 PM, banquet at 5:30, program at 6:00 PM. If you are unable to attend but have a magical memory that you would like to share please contact Jeannine Loesch.



2022 Department Convention

A special time for

"Magical Moments"

For the 25th Anniversary of

Elda Hoffer

Past Department President

1997-1998

## Endorsements

Members of the Piedmont Valley American Legion Unit #311 are proud to announce the candidacy of **Laura 'Susie' Clyde** for the office of National Historian 2022-2023.

The members of Sully Unit #79 in Onida, South Dakota proudly endorse **Mary Jo Stier** for the office of National Executive Committeeman (NEC) for 2022-2024.

Arthur Peterson Chester ALA Unit #136 is proud to endorse **Joyce Smith** for Department of South Dakota President for 2022-2023.

Pierre ALA Unit #8 is proud to endorse **Patsy Madsen** for Dept. of South Dakota First Vice President for 2022-2023.

Alcester ALA Unit #86 of Alcester, proudly endorses **AnnaMae Warnier** as a candidate for the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of South Dakota Second Vice President for 2022-2023.

Members of Mitchell Unit 18, proudly endorse **Linda Holmes** for the ALA Dept. of South Dakota Historian for 2022-2023

Members of District 6 proudly endorse **Sharon Broghammer** for the ALA Dept. of South Dakota Chaplain for 2022-2023.

Members of Pike-Huska Unit #230, Aurora, proudly and unanimously endorse **Wendy Henley** for the office of ALA Dept. of South Dakota Chaplain for 2022-2023.

## Department Convention Watertown Friday, June 17 - Sunday, June 19, 2022

### Advance Ticket Form TAL Joint Family Banquet

All American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL) Friday, June 17, 2022

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### American Legion Joint Family Banquet –

**Social 6:00 PM with meal at 7:00 PM**

Choose 1: \_\_\_ Yankee Pot Roast \_\_\_ Pan Seared Chicken Breast  
Slow cooked savory roast beef with house gravy or boneless chicken breast.  
Served with House garden salad, choice of starch, vegetable, house bread & butter.

Fresh brewed coffee

Number of tickets requested at \$35.00 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check.

Send to: American Legion Auxiliary

P.O. Box 1432

Watertown, SD 57201

Deadline is May 25, 2022

### Advance Ticket Form Auxiliary Saturday Evening

All American Legion Auxiliary, Saturday, June 18, 2022

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### American Legion Auxiliary Evening Banquet –

**Social 5:00 PM with Meal at 5:30 PM**

Choose 1: \_\_\_ Roasted Pork Loin or \_\_\_ Chicken Asparagus  
Alfredo Penne

Served with house garden salad with assorted dressings, Chef's choice of starch,

Vegetable, house bread with butter, fresh brewed coffee

Number of tickets requested at \$30.00 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check

Make checks payable to Codington County Auxiliary Unit 17

Send to: American Legion Auxiliary

P.O. Box 1432

Watertown, SD 57201

### Advance Ticket Form Noon Luncheon

All American Legion Auxiliary, Saturday, June 18, 2022

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Soup & Sandwich Saturday, June 18, 2022, 12:00pm –

Choose 1: \_\_\_ 1/2 Turkey \_\_\_ 1/2 Chicken Salad \_\_\_ 1/2 Caesar Wrap

Served with Vegetable Beef Soup

Number of tickets requested at \$15.00 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check

Send to: American Legion Auxiliary

P.O. Box 1432

Watertown, SD 57201

Deadline is May 25, 2022



## June & July Prayer

By Wendy Henley  
Department Chaplain

On this, our country's birthday, we turn to You, O God, in gratitude and thanksgiving, for making us a free and independent nation.

We thank You for freeing us from an autocratic government, for making self-government possible, with liberty and justice for all.

We confess that we are unworthy of all Your mercies, and ask You to pardon our sins and lead us in the way of righteousness.

Help us to keep in mind the ideals for which so many offered their lives in war, and also our obligations to the community, the state, and the nation.

Protect our country from subversive elements that would destroy our government and deprive us of our freedom, and from selfish interests that would weaken us.

Ward off all foes that threaten us from without and from within.

Help us always to remember that America owes her very life to You, and that her future rests in Your counsel.

We dedicate and consecrate ourselves anew to the preservation of our country and our way of life, and ask Your blessing upon us.

Amen



## Memorial Day



Remember - our fallen heroes. They are the reason that we are free.



Draper Post 301 had two youth trumpeters play Taps.

Groton Unit 39 staked 319 flags and placed flowers around the memorial circle.

Korbyn Schmidt, Dells Rapids Unit 65 future junior.

Junior of Letcher Tormey Stach Unit 93 placed a wreath.

Spearfish Rose Hill Cemetery, home to 400+ Veterans from all wars; Chief Warrant Officer 4, Kaylan Harrington (Member of Spearfish ALA Unit 164) spoke of the meaning of Memorial Day. As a combat Veteran, she remembers those who gave their lives for our freedoms.



## Legionette Re-

This is the last edition of the 2021-2022 Legionette subscription. There are no newsletters in July and August. The next one will be in September 2022, under our newly elected Department President. You may send your Legionette dues anytime this summer or before October 15, 2022, to headquarters to make sure you don't miss the next edition.

## BE IN THE KNOW

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For reporting an error on names or addresses, change of addresses and deceased members, email or call headquarters first. Thank you!

## Juniors Help on National Poppy Day



Juniors from Edgar L Herrick Unit 42, Arlington and Spearfish Unit 164 spent time distributing poppies on Friday, May 27 and Memorial Day weekend.

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