



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,

I cannot believe fall is here already. The summer went by way too fast for me. Many of our meetings in the spring and summer were canceled. So, we continue to celebrate our 100 years this year too. Covid-19 has put a new normal for all of us. As auxiliary member, we have had to think outside the box to carry out our mission. Fall District meetings have been scheduled. Please check the schedule for locations, dates, and times.

American Legion Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp will be visiting South Dakota August 30 -September 4th. I hope to see you at one of the three scheduled meet-and-greets or scheduled tours.

National Commander Bill Oxford has challenged the Legion Family to walk, run, or ride 100 miles before Veterans Day to support veterans and military families. **100 Miles for Hope** is a virtual 100-mile walk/run/ride challenge. For more information and to register go to legion.org and follow the links or go to <https://emblem.legion.org/100-Miles-For-Hope-Register> There is plenty of time to get your 100 miles in. I will be delivering two hundred pillowcases to the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade who will be deploying to Djibouti to support Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Teresa Huntimer South Dakota ALA Department President 2019-2021

Tentative Agenda for National President Nicole Clapp



Sunday, August 30, 2020

15:45 – Arrive at the Rapid City Airport

Monday, August 31, 2020

10:00 – Tour the Journey Museum in Rapid City

15:00 – Tour the Fort Meade VA & lay a wreath at Ft.. Meade National Cemetery

17:00 – Social at Post 311, Piedmont

18:00 – Meet & Greet with meal at Post 311, Piedmont

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

10:00 – Tour Mount Rushmore

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

10:00 – Tour Hot Springs VA and State Home and lay a wreath at the Hot Springs National Cemetery

17:00 – Meet & Greet with meal at Post 71, Hot Springs

Thursday, September 3, 2020

13:00 – Tour Memorial Park, Pierre and the Department of Veterans Affairs

18:00 – Meet & greet with meal at Post 8, Pierre

Friday, September 4, 2020

17:45 – Depart from Joe Foss Airport, Sioux Falls

Congratulations

Spirit of Youth

Education Scholarships

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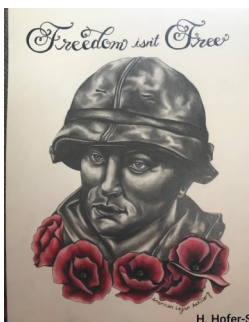
Congratulations

Kinsey DuWa, Iowa
Morgan Jefford, Massachusetts
Cynthia Campbell, South Dakota
Marleigh Smith, Oklahoma
Rachel Yei, Utah



Thelma Foster Jr Scholarship \$300 - Alexis Bannwarth of Brandon
Thelma Foster Sr Scholarship \$300 – Mickeala Boyd of Castlewood
ALA Senior Member \$400 Kailey Jacobsen of Rapid City
Dept. of SD ALA Scholarships \$500.00 for College (2) Aliah Lymon of Garretson and Maria Schaefer of Montrose
Dept. of SD Scholarships \$500.00 for Technical Institute (2) Amy Ingerson of Eureka and Eli Longville of Dell Rapids

Poppy Poster Winners



Right: Congratulations to Hannah Hofer from Dell Rapids, SD for winning Class 5, Grades 10&11 in the Northwestern Division Poppy Contest 2020

Left: Congratulations to Brianna Weiland from Dell Rapids, SD for winning Class 3, Grades 6&7 in the Northwestern Division of the 2020 Poppy Poster Contest



Membership by Rose Kraft, Dept. Chairperson

Even though we were masked for the last part of our 2020 Auxiliary year, all of you did a fabulous job of finding membership! We finished with 10,059 members just a little over 500 short of our goal! This also included 59 units at 100% or better! Now that is a reason to celebrate!

Each unit should be getting the progress chart in their District President's monthly newsletter very shortly. Your goal for the 2021 year is one more member than what you had for membership in 2020 with 11 being the minimum number for a unit.

Again, this year you have the opportunity to reach your unit's goal at 100% by November 11th. By doing this you will be put into a drawing at the national level where they will hand out one hundred \$100 awards and, in our department drawing where you will be in a drawing for ten \$50.00 awards. We will be continuing with the theme of mixing up support for our Veterans this year. However, instead of President Theresa's favorites you are going to be getting recipes from other leaders of our organization.

This month, I am thinking of my Veteran – Mike. He loves pie and if I would have been in his life when he returned from Vietnam, he would have loved having a piece of his favorite blueberry pie. We want to thank all of our Veterans for their service and commitment to our country and for our freedoms.

Easy Pie Crust (you can roll this out over and over again and it will still be flakey)

Ingredients:

3 cups flour; 1 egg; 1 ½ cups Crisco; 1 Tbls vinegar; 1 tsp salt; 6 Tbls water

Mix until crumbly.

Beat egg in tall glass, add vinegar and water. Mix this into the flour mixture until all combined. Roll out on lightly floured surface. May refrigerate for a couple of days.

To bake pie shell for a custard pie, bake at 375 for 10 – 15 minutes.

Blueberry Pie

Ingredients:

4 cups blueberries; 1 TBLs lemon juice; ½ tsp grated lemon peel; 1 ½ to 1 ½ cups

sugar; ¼ cup quick-cooking tapioca 1 TBLs cornstarch; ½ tsp ground cinnamon

In a large bowl, combine blueberries, lemon juice and lemon peel. Combine the other ingredients and add to berries; toss gently to coat. Let stand for 10 minutes. Line a 9 inch pie plate with pastry, add filling; dot with butter. Top with second pastry, trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in top pastry. Bake at 350 for 50 – 60 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

VA&R Backpack Challenge

by Mary Jo Stier, Chairperson

As families prepare to send their children back to school whether it be elementary, middle school/high school or college, they are probably out shopping for school supplies.

Maybe your unit provides some supplies as a Give 10 to Education Project. Just as these students need backpacks to head to school, our veterans at the Hot Springs VA Center sure could use a backpack (or some type of luggage) to help carry their personal items. In visiting with Carol Harvey (our VA Rep at the Hot Springs VA Center), she had said that there is such a need for these kinds of items.

Much like the flip flop challenge we had at Mid-Winter, we are challenging our members to donate backpacks (luggage) for our Veterans. We would like to have them brought to the fall district meetings if possible. If not, please contact me and we will make arrangements to get them picked up and delivered.

I am still working out what kind of prize I will give to the District President whose district donates the most backpacks but I promise I will make it spectacular.

So auxiliary members, let's get out there and SHOP!



In Memoriam

Unit 17 Watertown – Marion Oviatt, April 2020; **Unit 18 Mitchell** – Patricia Kobold, June 2020; **Unit 23 Garretson** – Lois Muyre, June 2020; **Unit 50 Sisseton** – Mae Dalbert, March 2020; Janis Martenson, May 2020; Sonja Nelson, February 2020; **Unit 74 Brookings** – Mary Parsley, July 2020; **Unit 76 Veblen** – Cleo Nielsen, April 2020; **Unit 83 Timber Lake** – Marijo Bornong, July 2020; **Unit 89 Presho** – Jean Ann Brakke, July 2020; **Unit 91 Dallas** – Clarice Jansen, May 2020; **Unit 116 Alpena** – Deloris Schaffer, July 2020; **Unit 150 Avon** – Mary Jo Monfore, July 2020; **Unit 157 Vivian** – Lilian Severyn, May 2020; **Unit 169 Winner** – Marian Jorgenson, May 2020; Norma Nielson, May 2020; **Unit 176 Davis** – Joy VanHull, May 2020; **Unit 179 Kennebec-Reliance** – Ardene Gilman, April 2020; Leola Peterson, June 2020; **Unit 229 Big Stone City** – Lamoine Herrmann, June 2020; Zina Koehntopp, May 2020; **Unit 237 Gayville** – Elizabeth Fiedler, June 2020; **Unit 262 Claremont** – Sheila Ives, May 2020; **Unit 289 Mansfield** – Lois Y Ristau, June 2020



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

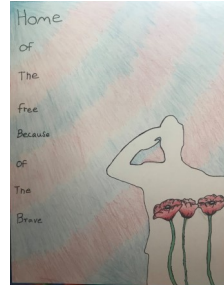
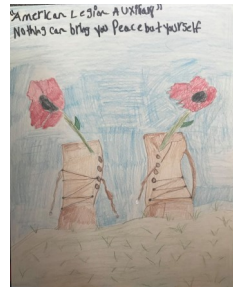
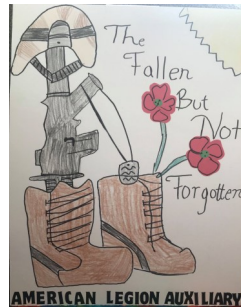
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If possible I would love a picture of the baby and the Veteran they have joined under or just the baby. The baby will receive a special certificate that they are a Centennial Member of the ALA.

Poppy Posters By Jane Benzel

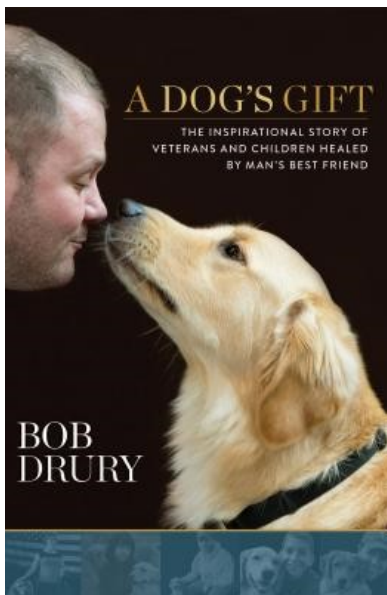
South Dakota had wonderful Poppy Posters submitted, even with the Covid19. I will not list the names for privacy purposes, but will state the city they are from. Class 1--Bruce, Class 2--Ludlow, also 2nd place winner at Northwestern Division, Class 3 Trent, also 1st place in Northwestern Division, Class 4- Gregory, also 2nd place in Northwestern, Class 5--Colton, also 1st place NW Division, Class 6--Iroquois, also 3rd place NW, and Class 7--Iroquois, also 2nd place NW division. Certificates and monetary awards have been mailed. Congratulations to all the winners, and a huge than you for all the posters submitted.

Check the front page of the Legionette for the two North-



Readers' Corner

"A decade ago, former military counterintelligence officer Terry Henry joined his precocious young daughter, Kyria, on a trip to a nursing home in order to allow its residents to play with their family dog, a golden retriever named Riley. Terry was astounded by the transformations that unfolded before his eyes. Soon after, Terry and Kyria started their service dog organization, paws4people, with the goal of pairing dogs with human beings in need of healing, including traumatized and wounded war veterans and children living with physical, emotional, and intellectual disabilities. In A Dog's Gift, award-winning journalist and author Bob Drury movingly captures the story of a year in the life of paws4people and the broken bodies and souls the organization mends. The book follows the journey of pups bred by the organization from their loving, if rigorous, early training to an emotional event that Terry and Kyria have christened "the bump," where each individual service dog chooses its new owner through an almost mystical connection that ignites the healing process. incorporating vivid storytelling, insights into canine wisdom, history, science, and moving tales of personal transformation, A Dog's Gift is a story of miracles bound to be embraced by not only the millions of people who own dogs, but by anyone with a full heart and a loving soul." <https://www.alibris.com/>



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Child Welfare Challenge

Children & Youth department chairperson Joyce Smith has issued a challenge to the South Dakota American Legion Family to see who can collect the most donations for the Child Welfare Fund. She received some funds from one Post and a few Units.

Money has to be sent to the Department Headquarters.



Project Pillowcase

July 10, The Auxiliary Unit from Egan, South Dakota presented President Teresa Huntimer with pillowcases that they and sixth graders from Flandreau SD made for Project Pillowcases. August 25, 2020—



President Teresa Huntimer delivered 200 pillowcase to the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. Thank you 1SG Hangman (on the right) for assistance in Project Pillowcase. Thank you for your Service !Safe travels to all of you. You will be in our prayers.





Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

“I have taken the first steps on a 100-mile journey in support of our nation’s veterans and children. The unique challenge — 100 Miles for Hope — was created to help drive resources toward our Veterans & Children Foundation.

In a show of American Legion Family solidarity, Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt and American Legion Auxiliary President Nicole Clapp have committed to their own 100-mile challenges.

We’re asking for support from our American Legion Family members to put on their walking or running shoes, get on their bikes or rev up their motorcycles for 100 miles today through Veterans Day, which is 100 days from now. And I am issuing a special challenge to department commanders to join me, if they are physically able, in the 100-mile quest.

For a \$30 registration fee, 100 Miles for Hope participants receive a slick tech shirt (available in men’s, women’s and children’s sizes), a sign to display and a certificate of accomplishment when they finish. ”

James W. "Bill" Oxford, National Commander

<https://www.legion.org/commander/249658/walk-run-bike-or-ride-100-miles-veterans-and-children>

Cheers for Community Seniors

June 20, 2020: “Cheers for our lonely seniors” was the Spearfish Unit 164’s project. They gathered with signs and planned a three-hour visits to two local assisted living facilities, Sandstone and Edgewood Vista and auxiliary members who are in needed social distancing. Twelve members walked, cheered, waved and visited with elderly through screened windows. Passerby cars and trucks waved, honked, or cheered. One dad with his son said: “It’s nice to see signs of love instead of hate!” The signs are ready for another morning visiting other facilities in the community!



August 6, 2020 - Spearfish, SD - Members of Unit 164 cheered 28 residents at the Garden Hills Assisted Living. A special moment to remember was the waving of a hand through the crack of the patio door and the head peaking to tell the members “We love you!” These residents and staff are coping with the restrictions of the pandemic.

ALA Training at All Levels

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy/>

ALA 101: is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter. ALA 101 provides a general overview, helpful for most new (and not-so-new) members to learn. (35-40 minutes)

ALA Communication Methods: is an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about using social media. (About 15 minutes)

ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self: reviews what it means to be a leader and that leadership is not only a title - it is helping others to stay mission-focused and leading by our guiding principles. (About 30 minutes)

Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill: is a thought-provoking course designed to help ALA members better understand how our attitudes, beliefs and behaviors impact ALA membership and the ALA's ability to serve our mission. (About 40 minutes)

ALA Branding and Why It Matters to Me: ALA members will learn that branding is more than just a logo – it’s also how the public perceives our organization and our values.

ALA Juniors E-Learning Course is designed with younger members in mind. Juniors will learn about the purpose of the program, how to excel as leaders, tips for speaking to groups, and much more.

The ALA Fundraising course teaches members about the four different ALA Foundation grants and how to apply for them, how to plan a fundraiser, how to market a fundraiser, and much more.

Preparations for Flag Day

Salem ALA Unit 140 members helped the American Legion Post mend the 40+ flags that are displayed around the courthouse and Veterans Memorial. What a great Flag Day project. Some of the members pictured are Joann Koch, Shawn Giesler, and Clea Lentsch



September Guide

September 7: Labor Day

September 11: Patriot Day

September 18: National POW/MIA Remembrance Day

Remember to send your 2020-2021 Officers and Chairmen lists to Headquarters and your District President

Fall District Meetings

District 1 October 4 - Box Elder Post 315 - Social 10:30; lunch; mtg 12:30 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815632727?pwd=UlowVy9sT2ITZzqxQnBsM0NIS2xnUT09>

District 2 October 3 - Rapid City Post 22 - Social 5:00; meal; mtg at 7:00 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85044504734?pwd=ZHF1RGJJci83TGZQUSt4dDRzZm1mUT09>

District 3 September 20 - Hoven - lunch at 1:00 and mtg at 2:00 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601930026?pwd=cnhtWWlzd0hTNFpmMC9XYkdoVFRNZz09>

District 4 September 18 - Akaska Community Center - Social 6:00; meal; mtg 7:30 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85319441873?pwd=TE43d2VITnNsU0c4WktobHlaeE9oUT09>

District 5 September 19 - Sisseton Senior Center - Social 2:00, mtg 2:30 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84455828680?pwd=eGN5WkswQ1ZqT05hbFNJbDJ3RURvUT09>

District 6 September 25 - Arlington Post - Social 5:00; meal; mtg 7:00 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85301802752?pwd=enNqY05SSfYzZEZVbUJoWGRBRXVGZz09>

District 7 September 26 - Dell Rapids Post - Social 5:00, meal; mtg 2:00 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82530555207?pwd=T1V4UFBOVk85dWNMVGdpQkVNSDVPUT09>

District 8 September 27 - Wakonda Post - Social 1:00; mtg 2:00 PM or Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747457904?pwd=SW1kdHR5cFZ3c3lHQnJvSVBHYUQ4dz09>

Memorial Day



Vivian Legion Post 157 & ALA Unit 157 were unable to have their Memorial Day services in 2019 due to overnight heavy rains and flooding. Then came 2020 with the corona virus and they again canceled the program. Therefore, in order to distribute poppies and provide a way to honor their deceased, a weather resistant picture display was uptown during the week and moved to the cemetery for display on Sunday and Monday. Their display received many compliments and the poppy donation was equal to or greater than other times. They are planning to do this again in 2021 with some improvements to the display.



Unit 74, Brookings, SD had a small Memorial Day Service. It was a joint effort from the Auxiliary of the American Legion, the VFW, and DAV. Honor Guard, 21 Gun Salute and TAPS were on the program this year. Janette Crasper, Unit Vice-President and Joyce Simet, Unit President are leading the laying of the wreaths.

American Legion Auxiliary Juniors



#ALAJuniors

South Dakota held a graduation ceremony for their Honorary Department Junior President Cynthia as she became a senior member. Cynthia is one of the winners of the national Sprit of Youth Scholarship and she will be attending Yale in the fall. A script for the graduation ceremony can be found in the Junior Activities Handbook, available from Emblem Sales or for download

at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

September Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. Dear Lord, Thank you for coming along side me to encourage me and give me hope. You are my strength and I trust in you. In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to be healed. In every heart, there is the power to do it.
Amen

Holiday Bazaar

When: Saturday Oct. 17th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Hot Springs Legion Hall

What: Artwork, crafts and/or food-items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all year

Why: Fundraiser for Unit 71

Tables can be rented for \$10.00 with 10% of profit paid to Unit 71

Please join with us to make this a successful event for all.

Contact Carol Harvey at sidecar-clh@yahoo.com or Dorothy Richards at dor_rwr@msn.com

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Education Scholarship Winners 2020



Scholarships Submitted to National Children of Warriors – Max Peacock of Dupree
Alternate – Cynthia Campbell of Aurora
Spirit of Youth – Cynthia Campbell of Aurora
Alternate – Megan Linke of Woonsocket
Jr. Member Loyalty – Kaitlyn Bannwarth of Brandon
Non-Traditional – Cindy Warkenthien of Willow Lake

SD Department Winners

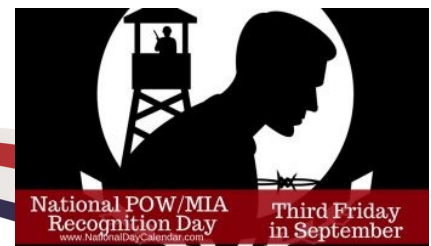
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National Winner 2020

Spirit of Youth – Cynthia Campbell of Aurora



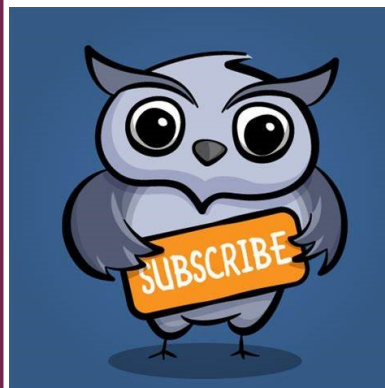
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PATRIOT DAY



National POW/MIA
Recognition Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

Third Friday
in September

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Due to COVID-19, the new roster will start in November.

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