



# 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, Our regular Mid-Winter Conference has been cancelled. The Department Finance Committee and the Department Executive Committee (DEC) will be meeting in person on Saturday February 20, 2021 at Cedar Shores, Oacoma. The Finance Committee will start at 9:00 AM and the Department Executive Committee at 11:00 AM. Both meeting will be offering Zoom options.

The Senior Poppy Contest will be moved to State Convention. Juniors will have their Poppy Contest at State Convention as usual. The Poppy Contest is a favorite activity at Convention. Members creative is phenomenal.

Remember February 14th - National Membership Goal is 85% as a state we are at 82.72% as of 1/20/2021 we are so close. I know we can make that goal. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Thank you and Please keep up the excellent job everybody is doing!

District meetings will be starting in March. Time and places to be announced when available. Check on Americanism Poems and Essay and get your local winners to your District President so she can announce them at the district meeting.

Please check out our new webpage  
[www.sdlegionaux.org](http://www.sdlegionaux.org)

On a personal note, I finished my chemo treatments and slowly gaining my strength back. Every day is a little bit better than the day before. Thank you for the Get Well wishes and the words of encouragement. Also, thank you for the prayers and cards after losing my Uncle Bill Huntimer. Losing three close relatives in one month was difficult for me. Please stay safe and have a wonderful Valentine's Day. *Teresa Huntimer, Dept. President*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
SOUTH DAKOTA



The American Legion Auxiliary South Dakota Girls State program will continue to grow and achieve great things during the 2021 ALA Girls State session. **The 75th annual ALA SD Girls State will be held May 31st - June 5th, 2021 on the campus of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.**

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$125.00 PER DELEGATE.**

As a reminder, delegates attend the FULL session of ALA Girls State. No permission will be granted to attend other activities during the session. To receive awards and scholarships, the FULL session must be attended.

Deadline for Journalism City is APRIL 1, 2021, candidates will be contacted by April 15 of their acceptance or rejection.

Deadline for the applications is MAY 15, 2021; units should make sure that there are no last minute changes by that cut-off date.

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I hope you are all doing well and were able to enjoy the holidays. Preparations ALA South Dakota Girls State is in full swing, and we could not be more excited to host this year's session. We are so very fortunate that the University of South Dakota is allowing us to hold an in-person session. There are just a few things that I would like to bring to everyone for an update:

It was brought to my attention that there was a typo on the ALA SD Girls State Brochures. On the inside panel under "Date to Remember" the dates of when the delegates would arrive and depart from campus are incorrect.

The printed document reads "June 1 – Arrival" and "June 6 – Departure". **Correction: May 31<sup>st</sup> – Delegates will arrive on campus between 1 and 4 p.m. and June 5<sup>th</sup> – Delegates will depart from campus at noon.**

All information that will be sent to the delegates will have the correct dates. I am so excited to have an official ALA South Dakota Girls State phone line! This just opens another line of communication with you all regarding this year's and future sessions. I did, however, realize that there was an issue with the voicemail box that I had set up. That should be fixed, and you will be able to leave messages for me!

I am so excited about hosting ALA South Dakota Girls State this coming spring. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have! In ALA SD Girls State Spirit,

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**Oacoma, February 20, 2021**  
**OACOMA, S.D.**

**February 20 Finance & DEC Meetings (In-person & ZOOM)**  
 Starting at 9:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)  
 Zoom available for each meeting

**C. How To Join A Zoom Meeting**

Here's a step-by-step guide to join a Zoom meeting quickly:

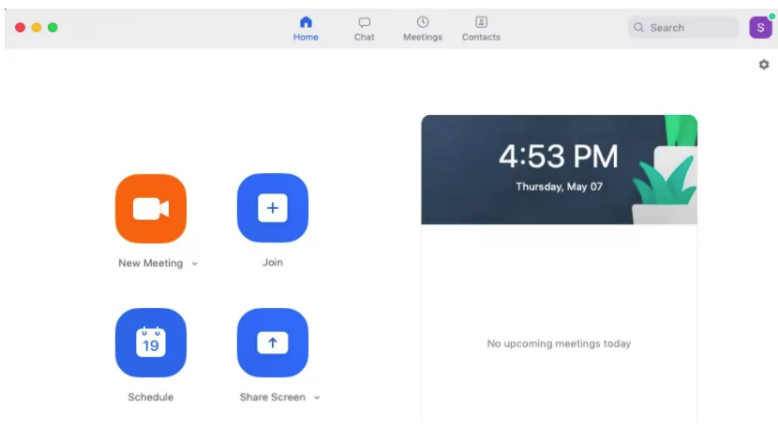
*Note: The same steps apply to both your desktop and your phone.*

**A. Join Using A Meeting Link**

If you have a meeting link, just click on it or paste it into your web browser to join the meeting.

**B. Join Using A Meeting ID**

**Step 1:** Open the Zoom app and click on the "Join" icon.



**Step 2:** Paste the Meeting ID in the box provided, add your display name for the meeting and click on the "Join" button.

**Join Meeting**

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

Stan Rastogi

Don't connect to audio

Turn off my video

You may decide to join by video or just listen to the meeting. To listen, click on "Turn off my video."

After announcing who you are, remember to mute your microphone.

**Finance Meeting February 20 at 9:00 CST (In-person & ZOOM)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89464878815?pwd=aEdVRHZkZWd2b2ZGWtI2Skpnb1VZZz09>

**Meeting ID: 894 6487 8815**

**Passcode: 887817**

**DEC Meeting February 20 at 11:00 CST (In-person & ZOOM)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81171406950?pwd=OXZmanpMakVxd2I2aFBPbjkwWXorZz09>

**Meeting ID: 811 7140 6950**

**Passcode: 999704**

## *To Memoriam*

**Unit 50 Sisseton** – Carmyn Halseide, December 2020; **Unit 53 Canton** – Annie Harris, December 2020; **Unit 59 Wolsey** – Mildred Schill, November 2020; **Unit 74 Brookings** – Ardelle Derald, January 2021; **Unit 76 Veblen** – Ruby Chelgren, November 2020; **Unit 86 Alcester** – Eda Ridgway, November 2020; **Unit 92 Redfield** – Desamore Dangel, December 2020; **Unit 102 Faulkton** – LaVerne Spangler, November 2020; **Unit 124 Dupree** – Susan Birkeland, November 2020; **Unit 130 Kimball** – Marie Chmela, June 2020; Clara McGregor, April 2019; **Unit 146 Colome** – Maxine Larsen, December 2020; **Unit 213 Cresbard** – Eileen Gabler, November 2020; **Unit 220 Herrick** – Irene Hickey, July 2020; Ruth Sutton, December 2020; **Unit 29 Big Stone City** – Agnes Grabow, December 2020; **Unit 240 Martin** – Karen Alexander, December 2020; Helen Good, December 2020; **Unit 301 Draper** – Rita Smithburg, January 2021

## Impact of the ALA

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
SERVING  
VETERANS &  
MILITARY

3,233,625

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
SERVING  
MILITARY  
FAMILIES

402,818

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS SERVING  
YOUTH,  
SCHOLARSHIPS,  
COMMUNITIES

2,579,527

TOTAL  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

6,215,970

## February 2021 Guide

February 2: Groundhog Day  
 February 14: Valentine Day  
**February 14: Membership Goal is 85%**

February 14 - 20: National Salute to Veteran Patients

February 15: President's Day  
 Americanism Poem & Essay

March 1: Past President Parley dues

**Journalism City applications due APRIL 1**

### District Meetings

**District 1:** April 10 - Piedmont Post 311, 10:00 social, 11:00 lunch, 1:00 Business meeting

**District 2:** 11 April - Martin Bennett County Post 240, Times TBD

**District 3:** March 20 - Winner TBD

**District 4:** March 28 - Eureka Post 186, 12:00 social, 1:00 meal, 2:00 business meeting

**District 5:** March 27 - Veblen Post 76, 1:30 Social, 2:00 business meeting

**District 6:** March 21 - TBD

**District 7:** March 14 - Montrose Post 154, 12:00 social, 1:00 meal, 2:00 business meeting

**District 8:** March 13 - TBD

## Member in the Spotlight



Margie Hovorka is a pillar in her American Legion Auxiliary unit. She has been a member since 1964. She has 32 years of service as an officer, in her unit or district. She was her unit president twice for eight years, district president for two terms, 4 years, and is the chaplain of her unit for the last 20 years.

She is pictured when taking supplies to the Menno-Tyndall Elementary - High Schools. She has four great-grandchildren in school. With her are Mirik and Parker at Menno School; Peyton and Abbie at Tyndall School.



**Have you noticed something different?**

**The department website has a new look!**

The website committee really took the time to think through how our members engage with the content on [www.sdlegionaux.org](http://www.sdlegionaux.org) and how the public engages with it. The site is designed so that someone unfamiliar with the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary can look at it and easily see who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Please make sure your internet browsers are up to date. If your technology is not current, connecting can be difficult.

We invite you to check out the new [www.sdlegionaux.org](http://www.sdlegionaux.org)

Don't delay – click today!



## Youth Trooper Academy 2021

In an effort to aid in the recruitment for our South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy, I would like to invite the members of the American Legion Auxiliary to help with our efforts.

As we all know, The American Legion family has always been a huge supporter of our men and women who serve in Law Enforcement. At the same time, we support our youth, their education and helping them become better citizens. The South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy has helped nearly 200 young people reach those goals and our Law Enforcement community has gained some valuable young officers.

Legionnaires and State Troopers across the state are gearing up to visit the schools to help find those **HS Juniors and Seniors** who are interested in Law Enforcement or Military careers.

This year will be the ninth year we have partnered with the SDHP to host 24 select students to attend the academy held in Pierre at the SD Law Enforcement Training Center during the week of **July 12-16**. The Application deadline is **March 21, 2021**.

If you know of a high school student who may be interested in attending this year's academy, please have them see their Counselor, resource officer, or they can call me. The American Legion has established a Scholarship for an outstanding graduate and the SDHP has done so for several years as well.

This weeklong program is sponsored by local Legion Post at \$200 per student. The majority of the cost comes from the South Dakota Highway Patrol. This sponsorship leaves very little costs to the students.

Information can be found on the South Dakota American Legion website or the South Dakota Highway Patrol website.

Thank you for your consideration,

Larry Price

Chairman, (605-460-2273)

SD American Legion Public Safety Committee



## February Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

Lord, If You lead me, I will follow. I'll go with You, all the way. My heart is Yours! My mind is Yours! My soul is Yours! Father, I pray that You would protect us, guide us, heal us, and provide for us. Thank You for the privilege of being able to call you our Father,

In the precious Name of Jesus,

Amen



## ALA Junior Member Activities

**ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities:**

- Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag
- Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school
- Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them
- Practicing leadership by organizing service projects
- Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs
- Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarship, college, or military service applications



The **Patch Program** has been a vital component of Junior Activities for many years. As a fundamental program tool, it teaches our younger members about the mission they are charged with carrying on: helping veterans, military, and their families. Additionally, school-aged Sons of The American Legion members can participate in the program.

The ALA Patch Program has three levels: Level 1 (kindergarten through third grade), Level 2 (fourth through eighth grade), and Level 3 (ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). There are 34 patches available across the three levels.

## Centennial Baby

Taryn Mae Christensen. Parents are Tyler and Tia Christensen. She was born October 20, 2020. Member of Hoven Unit 159, eligible under her grandfather Francis Karst.



## Membership by Rose Kraft, Chairman

Shout out to all of our ladies who are working so hard on membership. South Dakota continues to be 3rd in the nation! Woo Hoo! We need 1757 members to be a 100% department. This is nine members per unit. I know for some that is not possible but, I also know for some they can double or triple that amount. Let's try to be at the 100% by our February report time!

We continue to mix up support for our Veterans by our monthly recipe. I reached out to a friend of my family, SGT Kelsey Garber, HHB 1-147th FA who has just returned from a deployment. When asked what did you miss the most her answer was home cooked food. Of course she missed the chocolate chip cookies however, I asked for a second recipe and she shared the following recipe. Thank you Kelsey and all of our young service men and women for your commitment to our freedoms.

### Tuna Casserole:

1 can cream of chicken soup; 1 can cream of mushroom soup; 2 cans tuna drained  
1 lb box of Rotini pasta; 1 cup real Mao; 1/2 cup milk; 1 cup or as much as you want - Shredded Colb Jack cheese.

Boil noodles and mix everything in a casserole dish. Bake in a casserole dish at 350 for 30 minutes. Add some garlic bread for fun.

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[Micheline.Nelson@live.com](mailto:Micheline.Nelson@live.com) or mail them. For reporting an error on names or addresses, change of addresses and deceased members, email or call headquarters first.  
Thank you!

## 2021-2022 Endorsements

On November 23, 2020, the members of Sully Unit #79 in Onida, South Dakota, proudly endorsed **Mary Jo Stier** for the office of President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Dakota, for the year 2021-2022.

The members of Arthur Peterson Chester American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136 proudly endorsed **Joyce Smith** for the nomination of Department of South Dakota 1st Vice President for the year 2021-2022.

At the Pierre Unit October meeting, Pierre Unit 8 proudly endorsed **Patsy Madsen** for SD Dept State 2nd Vice for the upcoming 2021-2022.

On October 13, 2020, The American Legion Auxiliary Pike-Huska Unit 230 of Aurora, South Dakota, endorsed **Wendy Henley**, for the office of Department Chaplain for the year 2021-2022.

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