



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, Thank you to all who attended the District meetings. It was good to see everyone face to face. Thank you to the units hosting the meetings and all the gifts from units and district presidents. You all did a fantastic job thinking outside the box to serve our veterans and their families.

Please share all the information on Amendments to be voted on at the State Convention. There are 15 of them and each one will be voted on separately. So read carefully and as a unit know how you'd like to vote on each amendment. Try to send at least one person or more from your unit to vote. Units, this is your responsibility to be heard and have a say in this organizing.

Department Convention will be June 24-27, 2021 at the Crossroads Hotel & Huron Convention Center located at 100 4th St. SW Huron, SD. Call (605) 352-3204 and mention that you are with the American Legion when making reservations.

The Senior and Junior Poppy Contests are being held at State Convention this year being the Senior Contest was not held at Midwinter. Contact Jane Benzel for rules at 605-745-6374 or jane.sdala@gmail.com Unit presidents received them in their headquarters mailing packets. Poppy posters are due to Jane May by 15, 2021.

There will be No Silent Auction. This year, we will be selling raffle tickets. The money still goes to for the President's Project at the Sioux Falls VA Hospital.

ALA South Dakota Girls State Orientations are happening in the districts. ALA South Dakota Girls State will be May 31, 2021 - June 5, 2021 in Vermillion, SD. We will follow USD Covid -19 regulations. Mask will be required. We look forward to having an in-person ALA SD Girls State.

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
100th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**Crossroads – Convention Center, HURON, SD
JUNE 24-27, 2021**

Thursday, June 24, 2021

- 12:00 P.M. Registration Desk Opens
- 3:00 P.M. Finance Committee Interviews

Friday, June 25, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – ALA Raffle & Registration Desk
- 8:00 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting
- 10:30 A.M. Juniors Meeting
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch – On your Own (Buffet available)
- 1:00- 3:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. Department Chairmen Training
- Incoming/Outgoing District President Training
- 4:30 P.M. Joint Legion Family Memorial Service
- 6:00 P.M. No Host Cocktails/Social
- 7:00 P.M. Joint Legion Family Banquet

Saturday, June 26, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
- 8:00 A.M. Processional Line-Up
- 8:30 A.M. Auxiliary Convention Convenes
- 11:30 A.M. Recess
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch on your Own (Buffet available)
- 1:15 P.M. Convention Reconvenes
- 4:00 P.M. Convention in Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Auxiliary celebration honoring Kim Anderson & Kathryn Young
- 8:00 P.M. The American Legion Foundation Fun auction

Sunday, June 27, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
- 8:00 A.M. Convention Reconvenes

Poppy Poster Contest

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups, including Junior members, may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

The contest shall have seven classes: Class I: Grades 2 and 3; Class II: Grades 4 and 5; Class III: Grades 6 and 7; Class IV: Grades 8 and 9; Class V: Grades 10 and 11; Class VI: Grade 12 or Class VII: Students with special needs defined as: Those in special education classes A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities. Identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poppy Poster Requirements:

Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles – “a,” “and,” “an,” “the” – are not to be counted as words.

The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.

The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10- word count.

Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.

The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).

The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.

Posters will be judged using the following criteria:

- 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
- 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
- 10% - neatness

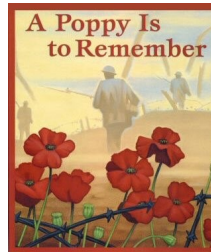
Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, hand-made paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.

Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.

Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians’ grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

The poster shall be the work of only one individual.

The label “In Memoriam” from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.



In Memoriam

Unit 3 Chamberlain – Nola Maxon, April 2021; **Unit 14 Wessington Springs** – Lois Warfield, February 2021;

Unit 15 Sioux Falls – Helen Williams, March 2021; **Unit 38 Miller** – Dorothy Sargent, March 2021; **Unit 41 Alexandria** – Lois Soladay, March 2021; **Unit 50 Sisseton** – E. Marie Anderson, March 2021; **Unit 56 Geddes** – Bernice Jaeger, November 2020; **Unit 67 Ipswich** – Patricia Larman, March 2021; **Unit 71 Hot Springs** – Carol Harrison, March 2021; **Unit 74 Brookings** -Eunice Colburn, March 2021; **Unit 96 White Lake** – Lucille Mohnen, December 2020; **Unit 103 Astoria** – Gladys Christianson, March 2021; **Unit 104 Revillo** – Evelyn Borkl, March 2021; **Unit 109 Gary** – Lorraine Perkins, November 2020; **Unit 171 Strandburg** – Vivian Larson, February 2021; **Unit 178 Orient** – Lois Hargens, March 2021; **Unit 191 Eagle Butte** – Vallee Anderson, December 2020; **Unit 229 Big Stone City** -Violet Griep, April 2021; **Unit 237 Gayville** – Mary Buckman, March 2021; **Unit 292 Tulare** – Minnie Binger, April 2021; **Unit 311 Piedmont** – Sue warner, December 2019; Doris Hume, November 2020; Darlene Nupen, July 2020



Unit 15 Sioux Falls
Helen Williams
Gold Star Mother



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields. ~John McCrae

Chartering a New Unit

On April 15, 2021, Dept. Teresa Hunter had the honor of signing a new Charter for the Patrick W. Herried Unit 911 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



2021 Guide

May 9: Mother's Day

May 15: Armed Forces Day

May 15: Poppy Posters are mailed to Jane Benzel

May 28: National Poppy Day

May 31: Memorial Day

May 31: ALA Girls State starts

Send your updated Unit Constitution & By-laws to NEC Susie Clyde and Headquarters before the Department Convention.

Department Convention Delegation Fees are **due at least 15 days prior to the convention. (June 9, 2021)** Some units paid last year - check with Headquarters if uncertain.

It's time to elect your delegates and alternates for the department convention. The form is in the Headquarters' April mailing packet. Delegates are the voice for any decision or change coming to the floor at convention. Names need to be sent at least 15 days prior to the convention. (June 9, 2021)

DID YOU KNOW

For Units to receive their membership cards at the department convention, they need to send the list of their unit officers for 2021-2022 to their District President and ALA Headquarters Laurel Stringer. (This is considered certification of officers.)



Poems and Essays

Awards

Pictured are winners of all poem and essay by classes from John Paul II School in Mitchell, advancing to District 6.



ADVANCE TICKETS

The American Legion - Friday, June 25, 2021

NO Tickets will be available at the event

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Menu: A Two Meat Buffet

Number of tickets requested @ \$30.00 per ticket _____

check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check
TOTAL amount enclosed for Friday Night \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Huron Post #7

Send to: Lloyd Timperley, PO Box 205, Huron, SD 57350

Deadline June 15, 2021

ADVANCE TICKETS

American Legion Auxiliary - Saturday, June 26, 2021

NO Tickets will be available at the event

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Celebration for Kim Anderson and Kathryn Young 25 Year PDP
Saturday, June 26, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Buffet Brats with buns, Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw and chips.
Number of tickets requested @ \$17.00 per ticket _____

check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check
TOTAL amount enclosed for Saturday Night \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Huron ALA Unit #7

Send to: Sandy Mencke - 1829 Dexter Ct, Huron, SD 57350

For additional information, contact Sandy at 605-352-3208

Deadline June 7, 2021

2021 Department Convention

"Wear your favorite baseball hat or spectator hat"

for the celebration of

Kim Anderson 1995-1996

Kathryn Young 1996-1997

25th Anniversary as Department Presidents

Tip your Hat to a Vet



Spring District Meetings



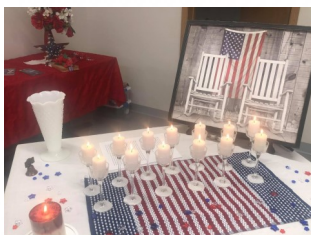
April 10, District 1 in Piedmont. Morning crafts at the Piedmont Valley Post 311. Cards for Veterans and the VA. Four PDP attended, Carol Edwards, Regina Whipple, Susie Clyde, Kim Anderson, and Dept. Pres. Teresa Huntimer

April 11, 2021 - Martin; District 2. Great participation of the district juniors, decorating, reading the Military Children's Table Ceremony, helping with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Memorial. Four PDP attended - Jane Benzel, Joan Spears, Regina Whipple, and Susie Clyde. The local unit came together to prepare a luncheon for over 80 attendees.

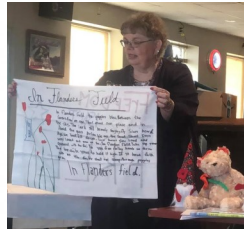


Saturday, March 20, 2021: District 3 in Winner. The new Post home is beautiful and accommodated the lunch and both meetings. A new District President was elected, awards given, and the district memorial ceremony honored the members no longer with us.

March 28, 2021 - District 4 in Mobridge. Mobridge Unit 4 decorated both the Legion and Auxiliary rooms. Questions were answered, suggestions/ideas shared, and department updates given -great District 4 meeting! PDP Jeannine Loesch, is pictured with her son Justin Loesch, granddaughter, and grandson - three generations of members of The American Legion Family.



Spring District Meetings



March 27, 2021 - District 5 Spring Meeting in Veblen. A great attendance, four PDP were present, Sue Christensen 10-11, Regina Whipple 11-12, Janet Hurlbert 13-14, and Elvira Moen 17-18 Dept. Junior Chaplain, Avery from Aurora Unit 230 did the Military Kids' Table Ceremony, and district officers were re-elected.

March 21, 2021: District 6 Spring Meeting in Wessington Springs. After a nice social time and dinner, the Auxiliary met to share the units' reports, program chairmen's updates, messages from the Department and District Presidents, and a Memorial Ceremony for the district deceased members. We also recruited a new SAL member!



March 14, 2021: District 7 in Montrose - There was another great turnout at the spring meeting. Awards, memorial service, election of new officers, and reports are just a few items on the agenda.

March 13, 2021 - District 8 Spring Meeting in Wakonda. Great hospitality, good information, units sharing their stories, and special memorial ceremony.



May Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain
Thank You that Your ways are far greater than our ways and Your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank You that You make all things new. Thank You that Your face is towards the righteous, You are close to the brokenhearted, You hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Thank You for Your daily, powerful presence in our lives, that we can be assured, no matter what we're facing, Your heart is towards us, Your eyes are over us, and Your ears are open to our prayers. Thank You that You surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in Your care. In Jesus' name, Amen. Happy Mother's day.

Dept. President's Message - cont.

May 15, 2021 is Armed Forces Day. Remember to Thank our Veterans and their families for their service.

May 28, 2012 is National Poppy Day. Our Veterans in South Dakota make the poppies at the Hot Springs VA Hospital. This is one of the programs in the Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation. Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world.

May 31, 2021 is Memorial Day. A day to honor those who have died in military service for the United States.

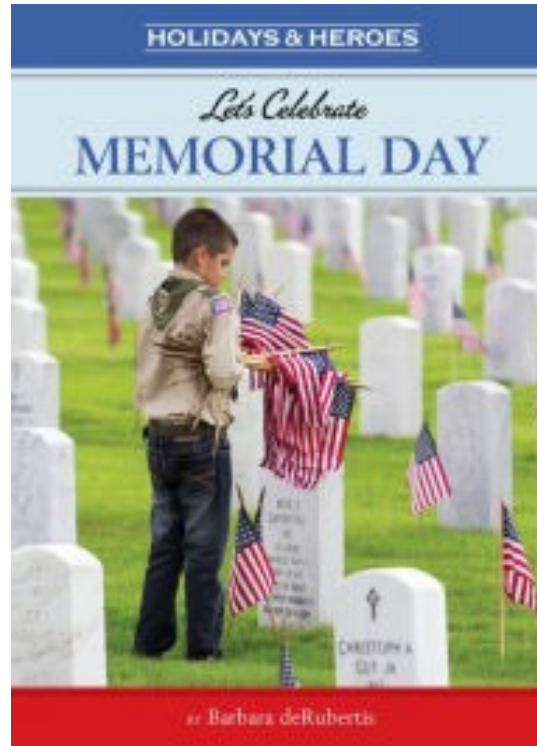
Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who volunteer hours and hours to serve our Veterans, active Military and their families. Job well done!

Teresa Huntimer, Dept. President 2019-2021

BE IN THE KNOW

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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!

Kids Corner



Let's Celebrate Memorial Day, by Barbara deRubertis

It sometimes happens that Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day get grouped together, as the country joins in support of our troops both past and present. But each holiday has its own purpose.

Let's Celebrate Memorial Day is a book written for ages 6-9, and briefly but accurately highlights the history and purpose of the holiday.

This is a great pick for both home and classroom libraries, where it can be used as a foundation for further discussion.

Two openings on the Dept. Finance Committee

The South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary is looking for members interested in serving on the Department Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee are to oversee the general financial policy of the organization and to prepare and monitor the annual budget and its expenditures. This is a three year term and there are two positions that are open.

Interested candidates need to submit a letter of interest along with a resume by May 1, 2021 to Department Headquarters at 129 N Main Ave., Hartford, SD 57033.

Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, June 24, 2021

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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