



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"

Good Day Auxiliary Members. "Celebrating A Century of Service" is National President's Nicole Clapp theme this year. We had the privilege of National President Nicole making our state, her first visit. Her visit was very short, but we made the most of it. Tornadoes, rain and flooding prompted some plans and location changes. We did tour the Sioux Falls VA and had a demonstration at the PAWS foundation. When it was not raining, we went to Falls Park, Veterans Park, and the Ark of Dreams. A "Meet and Greet" was moved to Sioux Falls Post 15 when Chester was fighting flooding. Thank you, Second Vice President Joyce Smith, for taking on flood waters to bring the cake to Sioux Falls. Thank you to everyone who helped making our National President's visit a success.

This year with all the flooding, please remind your members that they can apply for financial help by completing the form from AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). Send the form directly to National Headquarters. National decides who will get a grant. Remember to donate to help an Auxiliary member. Thank you in advance.

My President's project this year is at the Sioux Falls VA Hospital to purchase adaptive kayaks. I have another project: Operation Pillowcase. The goal is to give all deploying military personal a pillowcase thanking them for their service. As of September 20th, we have given 184 pillowcases. If you need pillowcase to decorate, I have some available. We will also be decorating pillowcases at Mid-Winter. There has been Guard members from South Dakota deployed since 9/11. I was informed that the guard will be deploying as many as 500 more in the future.



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ALA National President Nicole Clapp visit to South Dakota



Pictures from the airport in Sioux Falls, dinner at the Sioux Falls Post 15 and signing up the first male spouse in the S.D. American Legion Auxiliary, Duane Riedlinger, veteran and Helen Riedlinger, veteran both belonging now to The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. NEC Susie Clyde, Dept. Pres. Teresa Huntimer, 2nd Vice Joyce Smith, Dept. Sec. Laurel Stringer, Dept. Treasurer Regina Whipple and other members made sure that National President Nicole Clapp had a memorable visit.



National Appointments for 2019-2020

- Jane Benzel:** National Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member
- Cheryl Hovorka:** National ALA Girls Nation Committee Member
- Melanie Martens:** National Northwestern Division Children & Youth Chairperson
- Barb Vetter:** National Northwestern Division Legislative Chairperson

October Guide

- Send Poppy orders to Dept. Headquarters
- October 26: Make a Difference Day
- October 31: Safe Halloween
- Pay Convention Proceedings - \$15
- Pay Unit Bond - \$6
- Cash donations for Christmas Fund mailed to Headquarters by October 1 or ASAP



REMEMBER...

Send 20189-2020 Legionette subscriptions to Dept. Headquarters by October 15

National Recognitions and Awards

Unit 58 of Columbia SD is receiving a Citation Plaque for NW Division National Security Most Outstanding Unit Award.

Department of South Dakota is receiving the Bronze Award for Veterans Creative Arts for contributing between \$1000 to \$2499 to the NVCAF.

Homestake Unit 31 of Lead is receiving a Citation Plaque for the NW Division Most Outstanding VA&R Unit Program

The South Dakota Department is receiving a Citation for the Best Children and Youth Department Program ("We Care") in the NW Division

The George Fitzgerald Unit 15, Dell Rapids is the recipient of the Outstanding Unit Award for their Poppy Program

IV Poppy Poster in NW Division Citation Award Ava Brandt

Danielle Wright is the recipient of the Class VI Poppy Poster in NW Division

Dept. Chaplain received a certificate and National Chaplain's pin



In Memoriam

- Unit 1 Vermillion** – Glennis Steward, August 2019;
Unit 2 Tyndall – Mary Ann Engelbrecht, June 2019;
Unit 3 Chamberlain – Lilian Nedved, July 2019;
Unit 7 Huron – Merna Neiffer, July 2019;
Unit 12 Yankton – Alta Kussman, July 2019;
Unit 15 Sioux Falls – Esther Clauson, August 2019; Janice Frazier, July 2019;
Unit 17 Watertown – Donna Busskohl, August 2019; Patricia Gergen, July 2019; Irene Thorson, June 2019;
Unit 23 Garretson – Lorraine Butrum, July 2019;
Unit 49 Clear Lake – Ruth Kreger, March 2019;
Unit 50 Sisseton – Doris Hormann, August 2019;
Unit 59 Wolsey – Thelma Gose, August 2019;
Unit 72 Beresford – Gail Walton, August 2019;
Unit 74 Brookings – Elaine Jense, August 2019;
Unit 76 Vebler – Kathryn Borgen, March 2019; Lavonne Jacobson, April 2019;
Unit 83 Timber Lake – Lillian Grace Torevell, July 2019;
Unit 109 Gary – Bertha Johnson, June 2019; Peggy Norton Sellin, June 2019; Rita Theisen, August 2019;
Unit 140 Salem – Floreine Duxbury, August 2019;
Unit 142 Tripp – Marcella Breikreutz, July 2019;
Unit 146 Colome – Leona Pechota, July 2019; Mary Shea, August 2019;
Unit 152 Menno – Darleen Schempp, June 2019; Verna Zeeb, June 2019;
Unit 157 Vivian – Janice Moore, June 2019;
Unit 175 Edgemont – Evelyn Boortz, June 2019;
Unit 198 Elkton – Maxine Lynn, July 2019;
Unit 283 Chancellor – Wanda Hagen, June 2019;
Unit 292 Tulare – Marion Roeber, August 2019;
Unit 311 Piedmont – Alta McVay, July 2019

Membership by Rose Kraft, Department Chairman

It is time to CELEBRATE!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!

The celebration has begun. Now it is time to think about **WHO** can join the American Legion Auxiliary. Any woman who has a direct lineage to a Veteran who is deceased or a member of the American Legion. **PLUS** – all spouses, male or female, whose spouse is a **member of the American Legion or deceased**. So, yes, if you are a female veteran, a member of the American Legion, your spouse is eligible to be a member of the ALA! Celebrate!

Triple-Chocolate Cookie Balls

A special treat for the mothers who have expanded their worrying to worldwide.

½ cup Cold milk; 12 Squares Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate melted; 1 Pkg (3.9 oz) Chocolate Instant Pudding; 1 Pkg Baker's White Chocolate, melted; and 36 Oreos

*Stir milk and pudding mix in medium bowl with large spoon just until moistened. Immediately stir in cookie crumbs: mix well

*Shape into 42 (1 inch) balls. Freeze 10 min. Dip in semi-sweet chocolate: place in single layer in shallow waxed paper-lined pan.

*Refrigerate 20 minutes or until firm. Drizzle with white chocolate, refrigerate 10 min or until firm.





CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

November 17 - 19: Starts at 9:00 am
Ft. Meade VA Medical Center:
 Attn: JoanAnn Goeringer (ALA Gift Shop)
 113 Comanche Road,
 Fort Meade - Sturgis, SD 57741

November 20 – 22: Starts at 9:00 am
Hot Springs VA Medical Center:
 Attn: Susie Clyde (ALA Gift Shop)
 500 N. 5th Street
 Hot Springs, SD 57747

November 17 - 19: Starts at 9:00 am
Hot Springs State Home:
 Attn: Diane Simunek (ALA Gift Shop)
 2500 Minnekahta Avenue
 Hot Springs, SD 57747

December 1 - 3: Starts at 9:00 am
Sioux Falls VA Medical Center:
 Attn: Julie Weinmann
 2501 W. 22ND Street, Sioux Falls, SD
 57105

November 25: Starts at 9:00 am
Human Service Center:
 Attn: Cheryl Hovorka (ALA Gift Shop)
 816 park Street
 Yankton, SD 57078

*Send monetary contributions to
 SD ALA Headquarters and
 designate your facility.*



Christmas Parties - Save-the-date

All Christmas parties start at 2:00 pm
 Yankton Human Service Center : December
 11
 Sioux Falls VA: December 12
 Hot Springs VA : December 14
 Hot Springs State Home: December 15
 Ft Meade VA: December 16

A Word from the President—Cont. from page 1

District meetings are finished. We had some challenges with flooding and did some rescheduling. Meetings were full of information and we had fun making cookie dough for membership. Please read Rose Kraft membership report each month.

Mission Training is in Sioux Falls October 19, 2019: Mission Training helps members better understand our mission of serving veterans, military and their families. There is also a National Junior Meeting. At the National Convention in Indianapolis Shanna Clyde of Piedmont Unit 311 was announced as the Honorary Juniors Vice President for our Division. Congratulations Shanna!

Saturday October 26th is " Make a Difference Day " a day to make a difference. It can be as simple as smiling at someone, helping someone with a project. Please report your hours. Remember coming soon, on November 10th is the American Auxiliary 100th Birthday ! Celebrate! Celebrate! November 11th Veterans Day and November 15th Mid-Year Reports to the District Presidents.

On October 3-6, I and other members will be attending National President Nicole Clapp Homecoming in Tama, Iowa. Then October 26 - November 4 I will be attending the National Veterans Creative Art Festival in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Remember the 3 C's : Commitment , Change, & Communication .

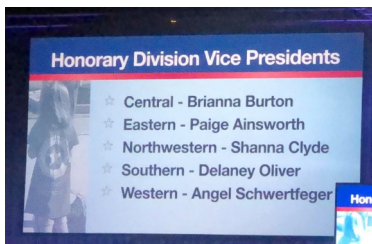
Be Kind to Everyone!

"Always Remember Serving Veterans Not Self"

Teresa Huntimer, Department President



National Convention - Indianapolis

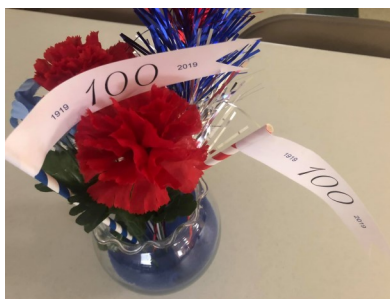


The S. D. delegation at the parade; National Northwestern Vice Pres. Barb Vetter passing on the sash for 2019-2020; Shanna Clyde elected as the Junior Northwestern Honorary Division Vice President.; and Dept. President Jeannine Loesch receiving the Child & Welfare Award from The American Legion





Top: The District 1 had a 100th ALA Birthday Party at the conclusion of the Fall District Meeting. Right, PDP Joan Spears shows the entry for the Homecoming Football game in Martin. Below left: The Spearfish Unit 164, participated in two parades with their 100th ALA Birthday Cake "made from scratch." Below - middle: the District 3 Fall Meeting decorated the tables with these vases reminding all units of the 100th ALA Birthday. Below right - Unit 164 Junior Chair and ALA Juniors participated in the Spearfish Homecoming parade and distributed candy along the float.



October Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

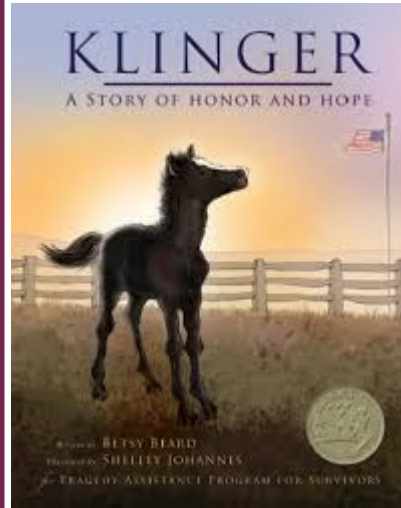
Father,

Thank You for the month of October, as it is a month to send praises to You. We will be obedient and faithful to You during this blessed month. Help us to instill breath of Your word into our youth. We can do anything but fail because we trust You, and Your will shall always be done through Your women of faith. Amen



Children's Book Corner

September 29 was National Gold Star Mothers' Day. *Klinger*, "A Story of Honor and Hope" is a wonderful and helpful book for young children who are experiencing grief over the death of a parent or loved one in the military. The story of *Klinger* is a journey of loss, grief, and hope... *Klinger* is a touching book that I would recommend to any kid who is dealing with grief over the death of a parent or loved one in the military because you realize that you are not alone on your journey and there are other kids who are going through the same situation you are.



They know how you might feel, understand your pain, and support you with their friendship. I am also so proud that this book highlights the wonderful people and animals who take such wonderful care in burying and honoring our fallen servicemembers. They are special people and *Klinger*, the book, helps us kids to remember to recognize their care and their sacrifices."

Reviewed by Madeline LaMorie, surviving daughter of LCDR Andrew LaMorie, USN
Written by Betsy Beard, Illustrated by Shelley Johannes

Resource: TAPS - Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

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Operation Pillowcases



Dept. Pres. Teresa Huntimer has vowed to provide decorated pillowcases to all S. D. deployed soldiers. Britton-Hecla students made 120 pillowcases.



The South Dakota Legionette

At the Spearfish Department Convention, it was recommended that all Unit Presidents receive an emailed Legionette. If the Unit President would like a paper copy, the subscription is \$5.00.

It is time to renew your 2019-2020 newsletter subscriptions. There will be one more mailing in October before going to the new list of subscribers.

Email Legionette: \$2.00

Mailed paper Legionette: \$5.00 (This is only fifty cents per issue.)

Send subscriptions to Dept. Secretary Laurel Stringer. The form is on the website.

Thank you, Micheline Nelson, Editor

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