



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"

Wow, the month of June is here already. Thank you to all who sent in their year-end reports. A big "Thank You" to our department secretary Laurel Stringer who helped me write reports for those who did not send one. Writing year-end reports is the responsibility of the chairmen. Chairmen send them to department headquarters, Department President, Northwestern chairmen, and national chairmen. Northwestern and national chairmen contact headquarters when one is missing.

I will be attending ALA South Dakota Girls State in Vermillion, May 30th - June 5th 2021. I have attended before as a staff member and this year as your Department President. This will be Tiffany Newman's first year as the Director and I look forward to working with her for many more.

June 25-27 is the State Convention in Huron at the Crossroads Convention Center. I hope every unit is sending a delegate to cast their votes on the 15 amendments and for the candidates who are running for leadership offices. Voting is on Sunday June 27, 2021. Zoom will be offered for view only. The Finance and DEC meetings will also be on Zoom with view only.

There will be no silent auction this year, but we will have a raffle with some poppy items and jewelry. All proceeds will go towards the president's project at the Sioux Falls VA Hospital. One kayak has been ordered and we are waiting for it to be shipped.

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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 - Salon 1

Friday, June 25, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – ALA Raffle & Registration Desk
- 8:00 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting - Prairie Ballroom A&B
- 10:30 A.M. Juniors Meeting - Salon 2
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch – On your Own (Buffet available)
- 1:00- 3:00 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting - Prairie Ballroom A&B
- 3:00 P.M. Department Chairmen Training
 Incoming/Outgoing District President Training - Symposium
- 4:30 P.M. Joint Legion Family Memorial Service - Ballroom A-B-C
- 6:00 P.M. No Host Cocktails/Social - Dakota C-D-G-H
- 7:00 P.M. Joint Legion Family Banquet - Dakota C-D-G-H

Saturday, June 26, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
- 8:00 A.M. Processional Line-Up - Hallway
- 8:30 A.M. Auxiliary Convention Convenes - Dakota A-B-C-E-F-G
- 11:30 A.M. Recess
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch on your Own (Buffet available)
- 1:15 P.M. Convention Reconvenes - Dakota A-B-C-E-F-G
- 4:00 P.M. Convention in Recess
- 6:00 P.M. Auxiliary celebration honoring Kim Anderson & Kathryn Young - Dakota D-H
- 8:00 P.M. The American Legion Foundation Fun Auction—Lobby

Sunday, June 27, 2021

- 7:30 A.M. Registration Desk Opens – Registration Booth
- 8:00 A.M. Convention Reconvenes - Dakota A-B-C-E-F-G

2021 South Dakota ALA Department Convention

You have the opportunity to "listen in" via ZOOM if you are unable to attend.

Topic: 2021 DEC Meeting - June 25

Time: Jun 25, 2021 12:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 881 7645 4584

Passcode: 929840

Topic: 2021 South Dakota ALA Department Convention

Time: Jun 26, 2021 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 890 7496 1404

Passcode: 266388

Topic: 2021 South Dakota ALA Department Convention - Saturday Afternoon

Time: Jun 26, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83305684604>

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Meeting ID: 833 0568 4604

Passcode: 569453

Topic: 2021 South Dakota ALA Department Convention - Sunday Morning

Time: Jun 27, 2021 07:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 889 8871 5817

Passcode: 985600



In Memoriam

Unit 9 Milbank – Darlene Eide, February 2021; **Unit 18 Mitchell** – Marian Hegdahl, April 2021; **Unit 38 Miller** – Norma Carr, May 2021; **Unit 42 Arlington** – Orlene Dahl, March 2021; Jean Lee, April 2021; Verna Schmidt, April 2021; **Unit 63 Lake Preston** – Joann Helland; **Unit 66 Lemmon** – Nancy Skretteberg, December 2020; **Unit 67 Ipswich** – Helen Thares, May 2021; **Unit 76 Veblen** – Gayle Hansen, April 2021; **Unit 88 White** – Jennie Vaselaar, February 2021; **Unit 93 Letcher** – Clara Wise, November 2020; **Unit 94 White River** – Kay Olson, November 2020; **Unit 102 Faulkton** – Rosene Royce, March 2021; **Unit 115 Platte** – Anna Gillings, November 2020; Jennie Sudrla, March 2021; Sharon Walters, April 2021. **Unit 129 Waubay** – Jeanette Utne, December 2020, Cynthia Sikkink, January 2021; Unit 135 Gettysburg – Jane Hottman, November 2020; Linda Simon, January 2021; **Unit 171 Standburg** – Vivian Larson, February 2021; **Unit 172 Edgemont** – Janet Porter, April 2021; **Unit 176 Davis** – Sunee Shattuck, March 2021; **Unit 241 Erwin** – Elaine Kazmerzak, April 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.

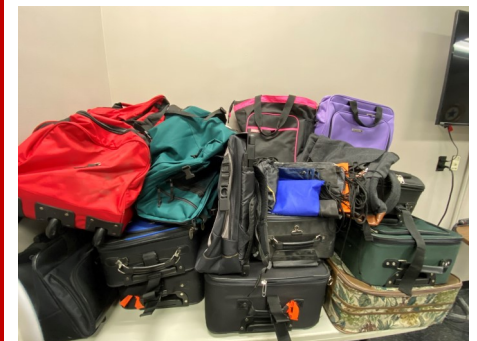
At the October meeting, Pierre Unit 8 proudly endorsed **Patsy Madsen** for South Dakota Department 2nd Vice for the year 2021-2022.

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.

On April 28, 2021, The American Legion Auxiliary Chauncey Eagle-Horn Unit 125 of Rosebud endorsed Jennifer Iron Shell for the office of Department Historian for the year 2021-2022.

Backpacks for Veterans

Legion Riders Unit 15 came to the pancake breakfast at the Alliance in Sioux Falls and collected backpacks for Veterans. Then they rode in the Loyalty to Our Veterans Parade in Brandon, SD, on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021.



Summer 2021 Guide

June 1-5: South Dakota Girls State - Vermillion

June 6: D - Day 1944

June 10: 25% of Poppy Proceeds due to Dept. Headquarters

June 14: Flag Day

June 20: Father's Day

June 25-27: State Convention - Huron, SD

July 4: Independence Day

July TBD: Department Executive & Finance Meetings

July 31: Homecoming for Mary Jo Stier Leading Candidate for Dept. Pres.

August 7: Purple Heart Day

August 27-September 2: National Convention – Phoenix, A

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.)

Flowers and Vegetables Ft. Meade VA

Lead Unit 31 had the pleasure of providing flowers and vegetables for the Ft. Meade Community Living Center outdoor gardens! Veterans assist with planting, caring and harvesting of the vegetables!



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



June Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

There is power in Prayer.
When you pray, God listens. When you pray, storms get stilled. When you pray, doors open. When you pray, relationships get restored. When you pray, sicknesses get healed. When you pray, hope gets rekindled. When you pray, strength is renewed. When you pray, answers come. Don't lose faith about what you are praying for today. God is faithful. His answer will come at the right time.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Dept. President's Message - cont.

Project Pillowcase was greatly appreciated by so many active duty and Veterans throughout the state. With everyone's help 1500 pillowcases were given out. ALA South Dakota Girls State delegates will be doing pillowcases this year again. Now that Covid-19 has slowed down, they are anticipating more deployments in the future.

It has been an honor to serve as your Department President for two years. A first in one hundred years. I always did my best to serve our Veterans and active Military and their families. I will continue to serve in this organization and help when asked. Thank you for all the support during my chemo treatments, and when I lost four of my family members. *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!

ALA National Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to our National Scholarship Winners! Michelle Knecht is from Shelby, SD and Rachel Johnson is from Sioux Falls, SD

 <p>2020-2021 Non-Traditional Student Scholarship</p> <p><i>Congratulations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesa Jo Dingman, Michigan • Danette Smith, District of Columbia • Michelle Knecht, South Dakota • Janie Wilson, Alabama • Elizabeth A. Hunt, Washington 	 <p>2020-2021 SPIRIT OF YOUTH Scholarship</p> <p><i>Congratulations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madelyn Wynveen, Wisconsin • Rianna Garlic, New York • Rachel K. Johnson, South Dakota • Marley A. Rokas, Texas • Harlow Thomas, Hawaii
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Poppy Awareness Day

The Junior American Legion Auxiliary members from Jenarde Unit 162 in Canistota, SD held a **Poppy Awareness Day** on Saturday, May 1st for preschool through fourth grade. This day was all about the Poppy! Those attending learned about the history of the Poppy, what it stands for today, and why it is important to Americans. They also completed two art projects that focused on the Poppy and the poem "In Flanders Fields." In addition, the Junior members and the children that came, worked together to decorate and fill May Day baskets with lots of goodies for our local American Legion members. Following the event, each child delivered a May Day basket to a Veteran and thanked them for their service. The Junior members delivered the remaining baskets. Everyone had a great time learning about the Poppy! Pictured in the back row, from left to right: Rebecca Bond, Katelyn Bond, and AnnaBelle Bond.



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 **June 15, 2021** to Department Headquarters at 129 N Main Ave., Hartford, SD 57033.

Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, June 24, 2021

Notice the date extension.

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