



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, on November 10, 2019 the American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating its 100th Birthday; in the "Spirit of Service, Not Self" to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad; to be committed to the four founding principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty.

Did you know in less than one year, 1342 local units of the Women's Auxiliary to The American Legion had been organized in more than 45 states. One hundred years later, we are still going strong.

November 11th is Veterans Day, a day to honor all who have served in the military. It is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living Veterans. Veterans Day is always a humbling experience for me. I do count myself extremely lucky to be around those who have served. I have learned and continue to learn volumes about what it means to those that have served this country. Being a part of this great organization also helps me see how veterans continue to serve. The opportunities to help veterans, military and their families are endless. I look forward to new challenges and opportunities. Please join in the fun. I will be attending the National Veterans Creative Art Festival in Kalamazoo, Michigan October 28 – November 3rd, 2019. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help Veterans recover from physical and emotional disabilities. Melvin LeRoy of Hot Springs will perform one of his original songs. I look forward to seeing him there.

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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

by Dept. Chairman Mary Jo Steir

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (commonly referred to as VA&R) program is one of the biggest programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Coming home may be the end of one journey for many veterans; it is also the beginning of a new journey to transition to a "new normal". Helping them get there is at the core of the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. Members are passionate about providing care and comfort to our heroic U.S. service member who are so highly deserving of everything we can possibly do for them.

How can you and your unit help?

One way is through the upcoming Gift Shops and Christmas Parties at the following locations: Ft. Meade VA Hospital, Hot Springs VA Hospital, Hot Springs Veterans Home, Sioux Falls VA Hospital and the Human Service Center in Yankton. Many units contribute money and/or gifts for the gift shops, but have you ever considered helping out at one of them. Let me tell you, it is a very humbling experience and one that will fill your heart.

If you are interested in helping, contact the gift shop chairman and/or the hospital representative at the location you would be interested in attending. Their information is located on the department's website. They would love to have you come help.



November Guide

- Nov. 10: American Legion Auxiliary 100th Birthday
- Send Poppy orders to Dept. Headquarters
- November 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 11-15: American Education Week
- Nov. 15: Midyear Reports due to District Presidents
- November 28: Thanksgiving Day



Pass it on...

This money went to the Homeless Veterans section of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City.

They get lots of grant money to house these veterans (worldwide), so they are able to get them in the Vet wing very fast. They ask them what their goals are and how they can help them get in their own housing. This money will help their immediate needs like underwear, long johns, shoes, or wherever they need it, etc.



In Memoriam

Unit 6 Gregory – Darlyne McCollam, July 2019; **Unit 9 Milbank** – Elsie Johnson Tennyson, August 2019; **Unit 12 Yankton** – Lorraine Cahoy, August 2019; **Unit 14 Wessington Springs** – Irene Scott, September 2019; **Unit 15 Sioux Falls** – Margaret Fortin, August 2019; **Unit 17 Watertown** – Bonnie Townsend, January 2015; Helen Vansickle, October 2019; **Unit 22 Rapid City** – Mavis Iversen, September 2019; **Unit 23 Garretson** – Martha Evenson, October 2019; **Unit 39 Groton** – Delores Knoll, September 2019; **Unit 40 Webster** – Virginia Koenig, June 2019; **Unit 60 Clark** – Ann Foster, July 2019; Eunice Lien, August 2019; **Unit 63 Lake Preston** – Darlene Hauck, May 2019; **Unit 64 Wilmot** – Mary M. Kay, May 2019; **Unit 71 Hot Springs** – Juanita Curley, April 2019; Helen Iversen, December 2018; **Unit 76 Veblen** – Marcella Schlekewy, September 2019; **Unit 84 Hitchcock** – Joyce E. Beasley, July 2019; **Unit 88 White** – Marva Dean Barg, July 2019; Bette Watts, July 2019; **Unit 89 Presho** – Shirley Mowry, January 2019; **Unit 104 Revillo** – Margaret Cronin, August 2019; **Unit 113 Willow Lake** – Donna Pommer, July 2019; **Unit 114 Volga** – Avis Leite, September 2019; **Unit 115 Platte** – Ruth Burnham, July 2019; **Unit 120 Isabel** – Hazel Stadel, August 2019; **Unit 122 Trent** – Carol Parsley, April 2019; Unit 133 Sinai – Delores Larson, July 2019; **Unit 148 Conde** – Clara Barondeau, May 2019; Sonie Colcord, October 2019; **Unit 194 Parkston** – Darlene Schilling, August 2019; **Unit 198 Elkton** – Mildred Vaske, October 2019; **Unit 209 Raymond** – Marilyn Swanson, August 2019; **Unit 220 Herrick** – Dorothy Frank, September 2019; **Unit 240 Martin** – Virginia Gup-till, August 2019; **Unit 267 Grenville** – Helen Nowak, July 2019; **Unit 276 Long Lake** – Betty Heyd, September 2019; **Unit 303 Hermosa** – Marion O. Kelly, June 2019; **Unit 500 ALA** – Ramona Vanasselt, November 2018

Membership by Rose Kraft, Department Chairman

Congratulations ladies - at publication date, we are celebrating 47.52% membership for our Department! Along with this we have Miller at 100% and Chester at 107% membership! How exciting! Mother Nature gave us a reminder of what season is coming and along with this comes gift giving. What about giving the gift of membership? Many units are only a few members away from goal and their \$100.00 from the National Department. What if you have a neighbor down the road who would be eligible for the organization, not sure, short on money or for no other reason than a random act of kindness you paid for their membership! This gives you a feel good moment, them a feel good moment, and the possibility of a future lifetime member of our organization. We are down to less than a couple of weeks to turn in your membership for the 100% \$100.00 prize, be sure to not miss the deadline of November 10th to Laurel! Continue "Mixing up Support for our Veterans" with your membership.

Snickerdoodle Bread

As siblings you may "snicker" behind each other's back. But here is a recipe for the sisters of our soldiers and veterans.

1 cup softened butter; 3/4 cup sour cream; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 2 1/2 cups flour; 1/2 tsp salt; 2 tsp baking powder; 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon; 1 cup cinnamon chips (or mini chocolate chips); 3 eggs; 3 Tbsp. sugar; 1 tsp vanilla extract; 3 tsp ground cinnamon

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease 5 mini loaf pans or 1 large pan. *In a medium bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, salt and cinnamon. *Add in the eggs, vanilla, and sour cream.

*Add in the flour and baking powder stirring until just combined.

*Fold in the chips; and *Pour batter into the prepared loaf pans, filling about 2/3 full.

*In a small bowl, combine the 3 Tbsp sugar with 3 tsp ground cinnamon. Sprinkle mixture evenly on top of batter.

*Place pans in oven and bake 30 – 35 minutes for mini loaves, 60 – 65 min if large loaf pans. *Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly before removing from pan and serving.





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 2 - 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

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

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November brings Christmas Gift Shops. Please volunteer at one near you it is an experience you will never forget and so much fun. If you have questions, contact the gift shop chairmen for more information.

November is also Mid - Year Report that are due to the District Presidents by November 15th. Report on what you accomplished from April 1, 2019 - November 1, 2019.

Membership is the responsibility of All members. Do not hold membership. Remember your unit could win \$ 100 if you are goal by November 10th. So, get membership to Laurel before the tenth.

Now is the time to think about coming to Mid -Winter at Cedar Shore in Chamberlain, February 21-23. We will have a Program Fair.

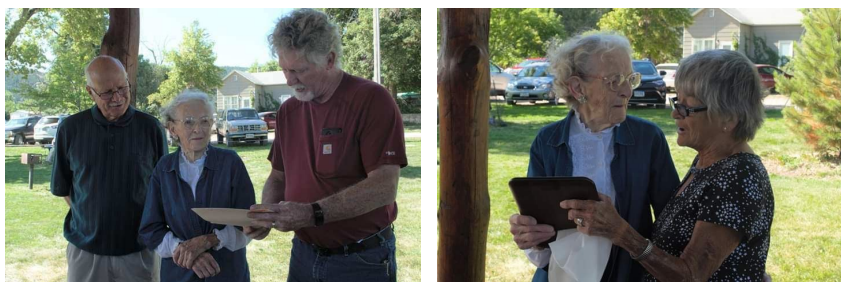
As we sit down at the table with family and friends this Thanksgiving, say an extra prayer for our active military whose presence will be missed at the table. To everyone Happy Thanksgiving!

"Always Remember Serving Veterans Not Self"

Teresa Huntimer, Department President



A Member to Remember



Ruth Kraft, one of Piedmont Valley Unit members who had a 90th birthday in September had September 7 declared as "Ruth Kraft Day". The City has a picnic for all that day and the Chamber served hot dogs and chips.

She has been an ALA member for about 5 years. Ruth attends the monthly meetings, makes cakes regularly for the monthly steak night suppers and prepares bingo snacks. She helps the full week during the rally for whatever needs doing. Jean Howe, Unit President is presenting the plaque.

National Service Women's Award - U. S. Air Force.

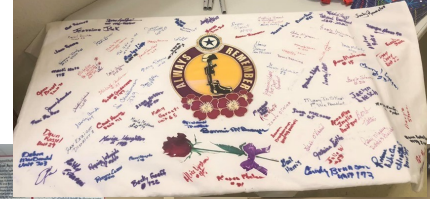


The Faulkton Unit 102 nominated Chellie for this award. She is a 1986 Faulkton High school graduate and her mother is a member of their unit. The Northwestern Division National Vice President, Barb Vetter from Cresbard, SD with Rachelle (Chellie) Collins Hartze are pictured with National President Kathy Dugnan.

Col. Hartze is now stationed in Ohio. She had been at Minot Air Force Base, ND, and Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD prior.

Thank you to all the hosting units!

Fall District Meetings





Herrick American Legion Allen Loudon Post 220 and Auxiliary held their membership supper October 14, 2019 and celebrated the 100th birthday for both organizations. The Legion was founded in March 1919 after the end of World War I. The American Legion Auxiliary began on November 10, 1919 to support the Legion and honor the sacrifices of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. A decorated cake and ice cream were served to those in attendance.



Hermosa Unit 303 took first place with their 100th Birthday float at the Custer Co. Fair



September 29 in Eagle Butte, the District 1 Fall meeting had an ALA 100th Birthday party. A large group of members sang and shared cake provided by District 1 President Carol Edwards.

October 30, 2019

sample proclamations

Promote your ALA centennial events and activities by using the 100th anniversary media toolkit available for download at the national website:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/Marketing--Promotional-Materials/?fbclid=IwAR2mplR1hKy2Hqy-qE2alVkd6xmECJJcB7B32vntMoQekGNxJEcFV4ZGThg>

Sample Radio adds

And so much more

100 years count down: 12 days!



November Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

Father, your name is above all other names. You deserve my worship and my praise. Help me to remember that the same power that conquered the grave also lives in me. So often I take for granted what Christ did for me. Teach me the truths of Jesus as if I am hearing them for the first time. Please help my friends and family to see that your way is righteous and true. Thank you, God, that you give us what we need when we need it. In Jesus's name, amen.

Happy Thanksgiving to all



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Honorary National Northwestern Division Junior Vice President



Shanna Clyde, Junior member of the Piedmont Valley Unit #311 was installed in Sioux Falls during the National Junior Meeting on October 19 by National Vice-President Kathy Daudistel. Congratulations Shanna! You will lead the Juniors with pride. Have a great year!

Dictionaries for Third Graders



Barb Vetter of the Cresbard ALA Unit #213 presented dictionaries to the 3rd grade students at Northwestern School.

Sharon Broghammer and Becky Rigg, members of Mitchell ALA Unit #18 gave dictionaries to Gertie Belle Rodgers 3rd graders.

Sharon Broghammer also gave dictionaries to 3rd graders at Mitchell's John Paul II school.



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

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Thank you, Micheline Nelson, Editor

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