



THE SOUTH DAKOTA LEGIONETTE

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities

A Word from the President

by Mary Jo Stier Department President



S.M.I.L.E

Greetings on this beautiful fall day at least I hope it is still fall and snow stays away for us who have not received it yet. Just like September, October has been another whirl wind month. I began the month attending National President Kathy's homecoming in Kentucky. I along with many other from all over the United States gathered in Covington for three days of good food, awesome fellowship, and wonderful hospitality.

After the homecoming, I stayed in Kentucky for the first ever department presidents' retreat. Along with all the department presidents, the vice presidents from all the divisions, members of the executive committee and a few national presidents came together to share information and to have the opportunity to ask questions and to network. It was a fast but fabulous two days and I am very glad that I had the opportunity to attend. As I finish writing my article, I am preparing for the last two district meetings, District 6 and my own District 3. I would like to say thank you and tell the district presidents along with their team that you did an outstanding job. I so enjoyed them all.

Following the District 3 meeting, I will be traveling along with other members from the department for President Kathy's visit to our department. I am so excited to Kathy's visit some of our rural units. These units have been busy working hard on preparing and I know it will all go well. Until next month, I bid your farewell and remember to keep those memberships coming.



ALA National President Kathy Daudistel's Visit

October 24-28, 2021 Sneak Peek



At the airport and at the DTOM Veterans Ranch. More in December.

Fall District Meetings

Group Pictures



November Guide

- November 11: Veterans Day



- November 15-19 American Education Week
- November 25 Thanksgiving
- November 25-26 Department Headquarters closed



Christmas Gift Shops Monetary donations to Headquarters ASAP.



For more information on the upcoming Christmas Gift Shops, check the message on the website.

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South Dakota Delegation at National President Kathy Daudistel's Homecoming



Some of the Department Presidents attending the homecoming, in Kentucky.



The banquet's theme was Derby Time!



In Memoriam

Unit 6 Gregory – Katherine Norris, November 2020; **Unit 7 Huron** – Vicki Reif, July 2021; **Unit 11 Wagner** – Linda Khaler, July 2021; **Unit 12 Yankton** – Mary Larsen, September 2021; Patricia Keller, September 2021; **Unit 13 Wankonda** – Nadine Jensen, September 2021; **Unit 21 Hurley** – Marilyn Jorgensen, December 2020; **Unit 22 Rapid City** – Donna Dachtler Egan, August 2021; **Unit 24 Aberdeen** -Arlowine Dahme, December 2021; **Unit 33 Sturgis** – Beth Yuill, August 2021; **Unit 47 Artesian** -Raeburn Moore, September 2021; Eileen Schmit, November 2021; **Unit 53 Canton** – Lucille Sorenson, August 2021; **Unit 61 Canova** – Dorothy Olson, May 2021; **Unit 65 Dell Rapids** – Inez Wilson, February 2021; **Unit 79 Onida** – Darlene Carter, September 2021; **Unit 109 Gary** – Frances Fritz, July 2021; Leona Stamp, August 2021; Louise Mercer, October 2021; Joyce Schrunk, October 2021; **Unit 120 Isabel** – Martha Waddell, October 2021; **Unit 132 Springfield** – Billie Shaver, July 2020; **Unit 145 Howard** - Nadine Buttemeier, September 2021; **Unit 154 Montrose** – Ardis Krouse, August 2020; Agatha Weber, May 2021; **Unit 173 Philip** – Joy Neville, November 2020; **Unit 179 Kennebec-Reliance** – Joleen Norton, September 2021; **Unit 186 Eureka** – DeLores Mehlhaff, September 2021; **Unit 220 Herrick** – Cheryl Carlson, September 2021; **Unit 283 Chancellor** – Robin Dammien, July 2021; Lorene DeNeui, October 2021

Membership by Rose Kraft, Dept. Membership Chairman



As we are approaching November, we will be celebrating our 102nd birthday as the largest group of people who support our Veterans and Military. So, of course we will be hearing “Happy Birthday to us” sung across the Department. Be sure to celebrate while you are filling your membership roster to that 100% goal. Each of our Units want to be working on their 100% membership and have it sent in before the 11th of November. Those units will have the opportunity to win \$50.00! With this we

want to have our department to 75% by December 7th. Please help us meet this goal so the department can receive \$250.00. Send in your memberships as soon as you get them! Please, please, please do not sit on them. Also, we begin our time of Thankfulness – I can’t think of a better way to say Thank You then to pay for a new member’s dues. I am Thankful for each of you and all you do for your Veterans and Military.

SDALA top Units have begun.

In at #1 - Coleman - 100%

Honoring the Fallen

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42, thank you to the American Legion and the SAL 42 for setting up a table for the 13 fallen soldiers.



District One in Isabel Unit #120



Juniors Program



On behalf of the ALA department of South Dakota and all its members, we would like to thank Julie Goeres and daughter ALA Junior Jady for their dedicated and enthusiastic contribution to the Juniors program.

Sadly, Julie Goeres had to resign her chairmanship.

"We have some health issues that we are working out with our busy schedule of ranching and homeschooling and working to get things a little easier around here."

She will be missed! Please keep Julie and her family in your prayers.

With Julie's resignation, Dept. Pres. Mary Jo Stier is currently looking to fill that vacancy. If you are aware of anyone who would be interested, please send contact information to her. She hopes to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. sdalamjs@gmail.com

Guess Who?



Each month there will be pictures submitted of either Department Chairmen, Officers or District Presidents. The game is to guess who the picture is and whoever gets the most guesses correct gets something special. The reveal will be at Mid-Winter and State Convention!

Submitted by
Stacie Mosiman, PR Chair

Members in the Spotlight



Jan Wales and Diane Aas have spent many hours painting the Mobridge American Legion Post Home #4. Earlier this spring those same two members of the unit also spent many hours cleaning and rearranging the Legion Post home, making it more inviting and appealing to gather. The Legion members appreciate all their time & talent, as do the Auxiliary members! Great job Jan & Diane

Give 10 to Education

The Herrick Unit #220 participated in the 3rd grade dictionary program.



70 Years of ALA Membership



Congratulations to Dona Hansen from Nunda Unit #105 for her dedication to the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary for seventy (70) years!

THANK YOU!

The South Dakota Magazine



Katie Hunhoff and Bernie Hunhoff were presenters to the American Legion Auxiliary, Roy Anderson Post #12 at their September 27th meeting. Katie, who is the Editor of the South Dakota Magazine and the owner of the new coffee shop in Yankton, known by the name of "Muddy Mo". Bernie, who has been involved with the South Dakota Magazine from its beginning, is the Editor-at-Large and was recently inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame for Journalists!

They presented information about up-coming stories to be published in the Magazine. They relating the impact President Abraham Lincoln had on the Yankton area. Although President Lincoln had never visited Yankton, he appointed the officials who governed during the time that Yankton was the Capital of the Dakota Territory. Most of them lived in Yankton, and some are buried in the city cemetery. One appointee, Walter **Burleigh**, helped found the Dakota Southern Railroad and ran steamboats up and down the Missouri River. After the Flood of 1881, which destroyed many of the steamboats, it is believed that salvaged lumber from the boats was used to erect a building at 233 Broadway, which is now the home of the Coffee Shop, "Muddy Mo".



South Dakota District Fall Meetings



District 1 - Host: Isabel Unit 120



District 2 - Host: Rapid City Unit 22



District 3 - Host: Pierre Unit 8



District 4 - Host: Redfield Unit 92



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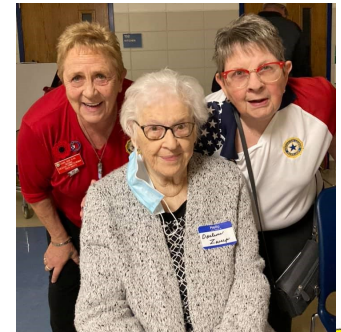
District 5 - Host Gary Unit 109



District 6 - Host: Chamberlain Unit 3



District 7 - Host: Garretson Unit 23



District 8 - Host: Hurley Unit 21





November
Prayer

Chaplain
Prayer's Book

Almighty God, we pause to give You thanks for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We are deeply grateful for Your great wisdom that leads each of us where we ought to be, though often we are unaware of Your guidance.

Thank You for those who have served in the military in the past and for those who are serving our country today. May we remember to express our gratitude to each of these people at every opportunity. We further pray that You will bless our leaders and give them direction as they serve the American Legion Auxiliary.

We ask that You continue to keep us where we can be of service to You and to others. Once again, we thank You for all You have done for each of us and for our country. May You continue to bless America.



A Pathway to Hope, Helping, & Healing



Deanna Branaugh, one of Unit 12, Yankton, presented on Suicide Awareness, at their October meeting. She is a volunteer with Bridging Yankton, A Pathway to Hope, Helping, and Healing. There is a huge need for awareness in every age and walk of life. Farmers, Veterans, and young people have shown an enormous increase in suicide and thoughts of suicide in the more recent years. October is Depression Awareness Month. It is interesting to note that suicides increased by 16% in 2020. This has been directly connected to covid and isolation. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number will be changed from [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) to [988](tel:988) in the Spring of 2022.

Parade of Cheers

October 7: The Spearfish Unit 164 went to three of the senior living facilities in town, to cheer up residents who are back in various levels of lockdown. Sandra Nauman, Unit Community Service Chairman coordinated the event with Sandstone, Garden Hills, and Edgewood Vista.

There is nothing sweeter than a smile, a blown kiss, a wave, or a peek at the window.

Residents were cheerful and so appreciative! The members even disrupted a bingo game. « Service, not Self »



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Military Blankets

President Judy Myrum of the Sisseton Unit #50, presented Roy Cleveland with his military blanket! The American Legion Auxiliary has been giving Veterans these fleece blankets since 2017! They pay LD Enterprises to embroider the Veteran's name on each of them.



They gave approximately forty (40) of these blankets to Veterans in Tekawitha Living Center and Edgewood. They have also given one for the last three years as a prize at the annual Veterans' Supper.

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