



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. Thank you to everyone that sent in their Mid-Year Report. The month of February is ALA Girl State month. Tiffany Newman is our ALA South Dakota Girl State Director. Tiffany is working with USD planning for ALA SD Girl State 2020. You can contact her email tiffany.newman@k12.sd.us

Her address is : Tiffany Newman
1645 Wildcat Lane
Custer, South Dakota

Please be patient as we work together during this transition. Tiffany will do a great job and I thank her for taking on this "Big Challenge." Congratulations to all the Oratorical Scholarship Contest winners at the district level. They will compete at state level at the Mid-Winter Conference on Sunday. Please think about attending to support these students. They have put mega hours preparing for this competition.

The 2020 Mid-Winter Conference is February 21st-23rd in Oacoma. The conference will be held at Cedar Shores Arrowood Resort. To make reservations, please call 605-734-6376. Be sure to ask for The American Legion Block. There will be a Program Fair at the conference. Our Frist Vice President Mary Jo Stier will be speaking on new ideas and thoughts. I also asked a few other chairmen to speak a few minutes about their program. We have a luncheon on Saturday. I have asked Noelle and Gloria Bonjour to do a puppet show at this time. Then Saturday night, a dinner with a Hawaiian beach theme. We have some Lei's. So bring your grass skirts, shorts and flip flops because fun, will be had by all. (Cont. page 3)



Twila Dvorak 1934– 2020

January 10, 2020 , Past Department Twila Dvorak 1983-1984 and 17-year editor of the South Dakota Legionette passed away.

May we remember her and extend our condolences to her family and unit.

loving memory She was a true servant dedicated to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Nominate your Unit Member of the Year

Each unit is invited to nominate their Unit Member of the Year and submit their nomination to the District Presidents no later than March 15. Remember that the member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed position higher than unit president. Each district will announce the District Member of the Year at their respective spring district meetings. The winner of each district will go to the state convention in Huron in June when the department winner will be announced. The Department Member of the Year will receive four days allowance and three days room allowance in addition to a round trip airfare to National in Louisville, KY - August 28-September 3.

Invitation to a Members' Forum at Mid-winter

Mary Jo Stier, leading candidate for the office of Department President 2020-2021 believes that it is important to have open and honest communication within the department. She truly values members' opinions, suggestions, and even criticism. "Working together, as we look forward to the next 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary, we thank the leaders who graciously served over the past 100 years. As the leading candidate for the office of Department Of South Dakota President 2020-2021, I believe it is an optimal time to look at making changes and see how they can improve our organization.

At the mid-winter conference, there will be an open forum to start talking about these changes. The time is not confirmed at yet but will most likely be during the Saturday program fair. The forum is open to all members. They are encouraged to attend. This is a member organization and we need to hear from as many members as possible."



Mid-winter Challenge

Let's have a little fun at mid-winter, I am extending a challenge to the districts. I will be collecting flip-flops (sandals) at the VA&R booth during the program fair. The district president who has the most pairs of flip-flops (sandals) donated will receive a prize which then can be used as a door prize that their spring district meeting. The shoes will be donated to the Hot Springs VA Hospital. From Dept. VA&R Chairman Mary Jo Stier

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE – 2020**Friday, February 21, 2020**

8:30 - 9:30AM Finance Committee Meeting - Breakwater
 10:00—11:30AM Executive Committee Meeting - Breakwater
 12:00 (Noon) Registration Desk Opens
 2:00-4:00PM Program Fair - Breakwater
 6:00PM No Host Cocktails
 7:00PM Joint Legion / Auxiliary / SAL Banquet- Oacoma-Wheeler

Saturday, February 22, 2020

7:30AM Registration Desk Opens
 Silent Auction Opens in Old Gift Shop Room
 8:00AM Joint Opening Session – Hale-Oacoma Cedar Shore Conference Center
 Remarks by State Commander Fred Nelson
 Auxiliary President Teresa Huntimer
 SAL Detachment Commander Terry Hanson
 8:30AM National Commander Bill Oxford
 9:00AM Dept. of Veteran Affairs – Telehealth
 9:30AM Youth Trooper Academy, SD Highway Patrol
 9:45AM Emblem Usage – Dept. Adjutant Travise Flisrand
 10:15AM Auxiliary Session Opens - RiverRun Wetlands Room
 Department Report – Teresa Huntimer, President
 Community Service Report, Annette Johnson
 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Report, Carol Harvey
 Leadership Report, Lynn Pohlman
 Presentation/Awards / Announcement / Drawings / Adjourn
 11:30 AM Recess – Check on your Silent Auction Items!!!
 Noon Lunch
 1:30-3:30PM Program Fair
 3:30 PM Silent Auction
 6:00 PM Auxiliary Banquet – RiverRun Wetlands Room
Sunday, February 23, 2020
 8:30 AM Non – Denominational Service – Wheeler Room
 10:30 AM Department Finals American Legion High School Oratorical Contest – Wheeler Room



Unit 1 Vermillion – Marjorie Christensen, December 2019; **Unit 22 Rapid City** – Dona Parry, December 2019; **Unit 31 Lead** – Elaine Martens, November 2019; **Unit 36 Bonesteel** – Francis Lorraine Peppel, May 2019; **Unit 40 Webster** – Bonnie Anderson, December 2019; Kathy Reiprich, December 2019; **Unit 52 Armour** – Doris Carlon, August 2019; **Unit 66 Lemmon** – Vangie Lillehaugh, November 2019; **Unit 80 Britton** – Sarah Monroe, December 2019; Phyllis Mundt, November 2019; **Unit 169 Winner** – Jo Hofeldt, April 2019; **Unit 170 Herreid** – Gladys Beck, May 2019; Lizzy Quenzer, February 2019

Membership by Rose Kraft, Department Chairman

Exciting news - South Dakota continues to sit 3rd in the nation for membership. Now is the time for us to find those members to rejoin, renew or recruit. We are tenths of a point out of 2nd and we will let the National President' department be #1. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Caramel Rice Krispies Bars

One Week of Caring and Sharing – Granddaughter – Nothing like looking into the eyes of your granddaughter and knowing that she is looking at her everyday Hero. It will be awesome to share one of these delicious bars between Veteran and Granddaughter.

½ cup butter
 condensed milk

1 – 13 oz can sweetened condensed milk

8 cups miniature marshmallows

1 bag caramels

8 cups Rice Krispies

1 stick butter

Melt ¼ cup butter and 4 cups marshmallows, add 4 cups Rice Krispies. Pat into a buttered 9 X 13 pan.

Boil sweetened condensed milk, caramels and 1 stick butter and pour over mixture in pans.

Refrigerate 30 to 40 minutes.

Melt remaining butter and marshmallows; add Rice Krispies, pat over caramel mixture. Enjoy!

**ALA in our Communities**

The Erwin Auxiliary and Legion Hartland # 241 hosted a turkey dinner in October. It is held opening weekend of pheasant season. The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, glazed carrots and homemade desserts. They have been doing this for over 30 years. They served between 250-300 people.



February Guide

- * February 2: Four Chaplains Memorial
- * February 10: American Legion Legislative Reception, Pierre Post
- * February 10-14: National Salute to Veteran Patients
- * February 17: Presidents' Day
- * February 21-23: Mid-winter Convention in Oacoma



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We will be working on Operation Pillowcase. More non deploying units are asking for pillowcases so keep them coming. Over 220 pillowcases have been given to those who have deployed, with 500 more to deploy this year. Thank you to everyone who have taken on this project.

Hope to see many of you at Mid -Winter. I will also start reminding everyone that End of the Year Reports are due to the District President by April 15, 2020. We all have a timeline for our reports. When they are on time it makes it so much better for the next person to do their report. Thank You in advance.

Be sure to send your nominees for Unit Member of the Year to your District President's - MARCH 15th. The Department Unit Member of the Year will receive four days meal allowance and three day room allowance in addition to her round trip airfare to attend the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky August 28-September 3, 2020 when she will be recognized as a Department Unit Member of the Year.

Poems and Essays are due to your District President before the District meetings. The American Legion Legislative Reception is at the Pierre Post February 10, 2020.

Stay warm and safe in our winter weather.

"Always Remember, Serving Veterans, not Self"

Teresa Huntimer

ALA South Dakota Department President 2019-2020



ADVANCE TICKET FORM

American Legion Auxiliary – Saturday, February 22, 2020

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Auxiliary Noon Luncheon, Saturday, February 22, 2020 – noon

Menu President's Choice: Sandwich Board/ Sliced Ham, beef and turkey; Assorted cheese slices; Marbled rye, whole wheat and white bread; Homemade soup and crackers; Garden fresh tossed salad with dressings; Sliced tomatoes, pickles and condiments; Coffee.

Gluten free bread will be available on request.

Number of tickets requested @ \$18.00 per ticket _____

check box for special dietary needs and list need with your check

Auxiliary Banquet, Saturday, February 22, 2020– 6:00 p.m.

Menu Presidents Choice: Caesar Salad; 8 oz. oven baked pork chops with sage dressing served with a light pork sauce; Oven roasted potatoes; Green beans almandine; Dinner Roll and Coffee

Gluten free bread will be available on request.

Number of tickets requested @ \$25.00 per ticket _____

check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check

TOTAL amount enclosed for Saturday luncheon and/or ALA Banquet \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Chamberlain ALA Unit #3

Send to: Lila Speckels; 34465 249th St; Chamberlain, SD 57325

Contact Lila at 605-234-5338 or 605-730-0548

Deadline – February 10, 2020

ADVANCE TICKET FORM

The American Legion Joint Banquet-Friday, February 21, 2020

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Menu: Steak & Walleye, Salad, Baked potato, Carrots, coffee or tea.

Number of tickets requested @ \$30.00 per ticket _____

check box for special dietary needs and list needs with your check

TOTAL amount enclosed for Joint Banquet \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Chamberlain Post #3

Send to: John Payer; 25120 344th Ave, Chamberlain, SD 57325

Deadline – January 31, 2020

February Prayer

By Kathleen Geiman Dept. Chaplain

God, the beauty of this earth reminds me of you. The sea, forest, and mountains are your creation, a reflection of your power and goodness. I pray that you would put godly counsel in my path. Give me the courage to seek mentorship and discipleship. Don't let me depend on my own wisdom but on yours and those wiser than I. Be with those who have absent family members and feel abandoned. Show them that you are their great Father who is able to fill that lonely place. Thank you for your faithfulness and the gift of friendship. Thank you for bringing people into my life to encourage me to draw near to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

prayer

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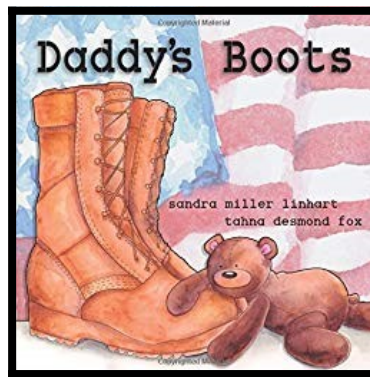
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Kids' Corner

This award-winning deployment book for kids is a favorite of all major military branches: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves in military books and best deployment books for children. The author provides a valuable tool for caregivers to explain to service members' children why their daddy leaves, what he does, and how he helps others while he's away. As it would be impossible to explain every job, rank, and branch specific name for every object and service member, the author succeeds in covering the essentials in a generic and loving way. Daddy is a soldier. Boots are preparing to take him away. If Bean can hide Boots, will Daddy be able to stay? Daddy explains the many jobs he's called to do, and how his work isn't that much different than the work other daddies do. Being deployed is a fact of life for soldiers of all military branches. Sometimes it means leaving little ones behind wondering why. Daddy's Boots is a loving description of a few quiet moments between a father and his child, as Daddy prepares to deploy for his job with the military. www.lionheartgrouppublishing.com

A Member to Remember



Gwen Vogt has been a loyal member of Piedmont American Legion Auxiliary Unit 311 for 21 years. She has held offices over the years including Secretary and Sergeant at Arms and is currently Sergeant of Arms.



Gwen has been the "Vanna White" of Friday night Bingo for 20+ years, alongside her husband, Davis, who started the Bingo program with another Legion member and has been a caller for 20+ years. Gwen has made several Bingo meals over the years and has helped with Steak Night support and is a full-week volunteer for the annual motorcycle rally in August. She also helps stuff eggs for the annual Easter Egg hunt and gets the paper supplies for the kitchen when needed. Gwen is a great asset to Unit 311, and they appreciate her, and are very grateful to have her in the community.

Endorsements

Members of Piedmont Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit #3111 are proud to endorse **Laura "Susie" Clyde** as a candidate for National Executive Committeewoman for 2020-2022.

At their October meeting, members of Unit #79 in Onida, SD proudly endorsed **Mary Jo Stier** for the 2020-2021 Office of President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Dakota.

At the Pierre Unit #8 September meeting, the members proudly endorsed **Patsy Madsen** for the 2020-2021 Office of Second Vice-President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Dakota.

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