



# THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

*Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities*



## **A Word from the President** *Joyce Smith Department President*



*One Nation Under God*

*Thanking Veterans for Our Freedom*

God is Good. Hello everyone. We are entering another year.

We had a very good Financial and DEC meeting in July. South Dakota did itself proud at the National Convention at Milwaukee.

A couple thing to take note of. Our National President Vickie will arrive in Pierre late in the evening of September 24, 2022. She flies out of Rapid City September 29, in the morning. She will get to experience our Fall District 3 meeting.

With the decision of the Convention body last June, that the DEC needs to bring all decisions before the Convention body going forward, the Auxiliary Department Convention this year, will begin on Thursday afternoon with the Pre-Financial and Pre DEC meetings. Friday about 10:00 am, the convention will begin, in order to give all resolutions and other business that need to go before the body for their first reading, 24 hours before being voted on. On Saturday the final reading and vote will take place. That leaves Sunday for Memorial, installation, and post Finance and post DEC. Consider this as a heads-up so those of you who still are working can get your schedules in early and ahead of time.

See you at the District Fall Meetings.

Joyce Smith, Department President



## *South Dakota Department Officers 2022-2023*



Congratulations to our 2022-2023 department officers! Left to Right: **Chaplain:** Sharon Broghammer, **Historian:** Linda Holmes, **National Executive Committeeperson:** Mary Jo Stier, **Dept. President & Alternat NEC:** Joyce Smith, **Dept. First Vice President:** Patsy Madsen, **Dept. Second Vice President:** Anna Mae Warnier, **Parliamentarian:** Kim Anderson & **Secretary:** Regina Whipple, not pictured.

## *From the Department Convention - June 2022*



Department President Mary Jo Stier with her husband Steve Stier. He was the bugler at the Memorial Ceremony.

PDP Teresa Huntimer gave PDP Elvira Moen her Past Department President's Pin.



## September Guide



- 9/11: 21st Anniversary  
**Patriot Day:** National Day of Service & Remembrance
- 9/17: **US Constitution Day**
- 9/16: National **POW/MIA** Recognition Day
- Reports from Girls State delegates
- Plan your Unit Program for this year
- Make plans to attend Fall District meetings
- 9/25: **Gold Star Mothers' Day**

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Send 2022-2023 Legionette subscriptions to Dept. Headquarters

Christmas Gift Shops Monetary donations to Headquarters and items due by **October 1**

## Fall District Meetings

**District 1** - Sept. 10 @ Lemmon Post 66: Social 10:30 am, lunch 11:00 am, meeting 11:45pm.

**District 2** - Sept. 18 @ Phillip: Social 11:30 am, lunch @ 12:00 , meeting 1:00 pm.

**District 3** - September 25 @ Gettysburg: Social 12:00 pm, Meeting 1:00 pm

**District 4** - October 29 @ Warner: 4:00 pm meeting

**District 5** - October 30 @ Brookings Post 74: Meal at 12:30 pm, meeting 1:00 pm,

**District 6** - September 24 @ Wessington Springs Post 14, social at 11:00 am, noon meal, 1:30 pm meeting

**District 7** - October 22 @ Sioux Falls Post 15, Social 11:00 am, lunch noon, meeting 1:00 pm.

**District 8** - October 23 @ Vermillion

Additional details will be available in the October Legionette.

## In Memoriam

**Unit 7 Huron** – Grace McAloon, June 2022; Myra Schmitt, July 2022; Norma Will, June 2022; **Unit 14 Wessington Springs** -Patricia Mettler, June 2022; **Unit 15 Sioux Falls** - Joann Schnider, July 2022; **Unit 23 Garretson** - Agnes Schmiesing, February 2021; Dorothy Vandersnick, May 2022; **Unit 29 Woonsocket** – Karen Kogel, August 2022; **Unit 38 Miller** – Elaine Bouzek, June 2022; Marie Froning, October 2021; Marcela Lander, April 2022; **Unit 50 Sisseton** – Norma Smith, August 2022; Viola Taylor, June 2022; **Unit 89 Presho** – Cora Jean Millard, August 2022; Dallas Uthe, June 2022; Virginia Uthe, April 2022; Verna Young, July 2022; **Unit 91 Dallas** - Shirley Beck, June 2022; **Unit 129 Waubay** – Dorothy Eidet, July 2022; **Unit 150 Avon** - Betty Lou Harmacek, July 2022; **Unit 176 Davis** -Joan Schneiderman, May 2022; Sheila Westphal, July 2022; **Unit 194 Parkston** - Marceline Degen, May 2022; **Unit 209 Raymond** – Lillian Gross, May 2022; Nina Troske, July 2022; **Unit 259 Roscoe** - Lorraine Reidt, June 2022

## Membership by Rose Kraft, Department Chairman



Are you ready! We are **zooming** into membership for the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Year! The department goal for this year is 10,092 members – I don't like odd numbers so I think we can get 10100 members! Are you ready? Your first lap for success will be get out and renew all of your members who paid in 2022 and then – visit personally with each member

who did not join – we need to let them know that they matter – it will take all of them for us to make that lap around the track 10+ times!

Next, it is time to think of becoming a PUFL member. Yes, dues will be going up in the future and we will be talking about this, in person, at each of your District Meetings. If you pay your PUFL dues to nationals prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> – you will not be paying the 2023 dues as you are a member in good standing for 2022. If you have already paid your 2023 dues, you may visit with myself, or Regina and we will make this work.

So, check your tires and oil, fill yourself up with all the gas you need – think of **your Veteran** – that should fuel you up to be ready to be the first unit that meets the 100% goal by November 11<sup>th</sup> and receive \$25.00 from our Department. On your marks, get set, GO! **Zoomin' into 2023**

NOTE: Members, please check your membership card for your continuous years of membership. Regina and Rose have received many inquiries regarding if the years are correct and they are able to find if dues for a year were missing and what year it was. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of holes in our organization over the past years and some memberships were missed. Rose and Regina are working hard at making this correct. They are asking that everyone take a look at their membership cards and contact them prior to March of 2023 if they believe their years are not correct. We want everyone to get credit for their continuous years of service for our Military, Veterans and Community.

## In Loving Memory of Dorothy Thompson

Dorothy Thompson, 98, will be remembered for her passion for the Poppy program.

**Dorothy D. Thompson**  
1924 - 2022

**DOROTHY THOMPSON OBITUARY**

**D**orothy D. Thompson  
BILLINGS, MT - Dorothy D. Thompson, 98, of Billings, MT, formerly of Rapid City, SD, passed away May 31, 2022, in Billings. Funeral Mass will be held 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 9, 2022, at St. Anne's Cathedral in Great Falls, MT. For more information, go to [www.heightsfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.heightsfamilyfuneralhome.com).

Published by Rapid City Journal on Jun. 7, 2022.

*Thank you, Dorothy, for your service to the American Legion Auxiliary. We will miss you already!*

*Dorothy was our Poppy Queen. She made sure there was one in our community every year.*

HONOR OTHER SERVICE

## National President Vickie Koutz to Visit South Dakota



### Saturday September 24, 2022

Vickie arrives at 8:15 PM Pierre Airport

### Sunday September 25, 2022

Breakfast at the Motel-Governor's Inn

Attend Dist 3 Meeting

Car Tour around Pierre (if time)

6:00 Go to Dinner Post/Unit 8

8:00 PM Back to motel for the evening

### Monday, September 26, 2022

Breakfast at the motel

9:30 AM (CT) leave Pierre on Hwy 14

9:30:00-10:00 (MT) ETA AM Philip (stop for brief visit with members at each town) (1/2 hr.)

Midland might meet us at Phillip

11:00 – 12:30 Badlands Loop Cactus Flats to Wall

12:30 -2:30 Wall Drug have lunch

3:15 New Underwood visit with members at Alice Richter's home

5:00 Arrive at Hillside Country Cabins

6:00 Dinner at Box Elder Post/Unit 315

6:30 Meet and Greet -- meal at 6:30 (Limited seating)

8:30 Back to Hillside Country Cabins for the night

### Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Breakfast at the cabin

Tour Mount Rushmore then on to Crazy Horse Monument

1:30-2:30 State Home, Hot Springs

2:30 Hot Springs VA (Susie setting up visitation)

3:30 Visit old National Cemetery in Hot Springs

5:30 Dinner at Hot Springs Post/Unit 71

8:00 Return to Hillside Country Cabins for the night.

### Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Breakfast at the cabin

8:00-12:00 Travel on Spearfish Canyon Rd to Lead Unit 31 for lunch

1:00-4:00 Travel to Ft Meade VA, Ft. Meade & Black Hills National Cemeteries

5:00 Piedmont for dinner

7:30 to Lodge

### Thursday, September 29, 2022

Get Vickie to airport by 7:30 AM to fly out at

9:42 AM to Missouri

## Susie Clyde ALA National Historian

Come and Join Us!!!!!!!

as we

CELEBRATE

**SUSIE CLYDE**

ALA NATIONAL HISTORIAN

FIRST NATIONAL OFFICER FOR SD ALA



PIEDMONT AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 311 at 101 PINE STREET  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022  
3 PM TO ?????????

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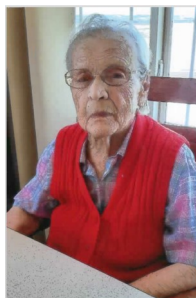
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American Legion Auxiliary #311

## National President Award of Excellence

This is the highest award a unit can receive. Your unit can win this award by highlighting the amazing work accomplished while working one of the ALA Mission Outreach Programs: Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Education, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. One winning unit per program with a maximum of 11 winners.

### Congratulations South Dakota!

The Sioux Falls Unit 15 was awarded the National President's Award for Excellence in Leadership. The Spearfish Unit 164 received the National President's Award for Excellence in Public Relations



## Gold Star Mother

The Otto-Quandre-Renville Legion Auxiliary #50 would like to put a spotlight on Erma Aadland.

Erma is their unit's only remaining Gold Star Mother! She lost her son Jerry during the Viet Nam War. She joined the unit in 1968 and is 97 years old. She lived in her own home until two years ago when she moved to Edgewood Vista.

Erma was born on October 31<sup>st</sup> and is often called a witch by her sister.

## Member in the Spotlight



Margaret Eich was honored at the June meeting of the Salem American Legion Auxiliary by her Unit and President Shawn Giesler. She was presented with flowers and a 65-year

Continuous Member Certificate. Margaret Eich is a Life-Time South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary member in "Good Standing" of Unit 140 of Salem. Margaret has shown consistent loyalty to the American Legion Auxiliary and merits the honor of being cited as an outstanding contributor to the accomplishment of the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank You Margaret for your years of guidance!

# The Grassroot News



Dept. Chaplain Sharon Broghammer is handing out boxes of tissue to families and their children for the FUMC Love Feast program.

Avery Stein, ALA Dept. Honorary Junior President's homecoming with Teresa Huntimer



For many years, Baker Unit 209 of Raymond supported the Special Olympics athletes of Clark School, by providing snacks when they attend their State Meet. During Covid, they were not able to attend. The students resumed attending the events, and recently the Children & Youth Chairmen, Sally Waterfall and Joyce Wenholt, were able to wish them well and send a "Good Luck" bag of snacks.

The Piedmont Valley Auxiliary Unit was very busy during the Sturgis motorcycle rally. They cooked, served, breakfasts and dinners. One of the volunteer teams is Helen and Duane Riedlinger, both dual members of the Legion and Auxiliary.



The Hot Springs Unit 71 Parade



The Gertje-Van Lith American Legion Auxiliary held Memorial Day ceremonies at the St. Charles and Greenwood Cemeteries in Big Stone City. When at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, the Honor Guard needed a replacement. Phyllis Lieb (Third from the left) helped them with the Gun Salute

The American Legion Post 71 Auxiliary held a Tea Party on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. It was a huge success! We sold tea cozies; signed up three new members and had our fill of wonderful food! Served were cucumber sandwiches; meat & cheese sandwiches; sausage rolls; scones, & fairy cakes; to name a few. Everyone enjoyed it (even the men!) and are looking forward to next year's High Tea!



*Dept. President Joyce Smith - Homecoming*

The SD leadership team: Casey Hanson Cmdr. SAL; Joyce Smith; & Doug Feltman Cmdr. TAL

Rod and Joyce Smith



Joyce's sisters

Guest speaker: Kathy Evenson

POW/MIA Ceremony with Vice Cmdr. Courtney Steffen and Miranda Krumm



The Chester Legion Family

Dept. President Joyce Smith's family



## *Recognition and Awards*

### *ALA National Convention, Milwaukee, WI*

#### **Americanism**

Americanism Essay Contest Award Citation Folder and \$50 Award & donation Northwestern Division - Class IV Write a narrative 450-500 words. Karter Miller South Dakota

Americanism Essay Contest Award Citation Folder and \$50 Award & donation Northwestern Division - Class V Write a narrative 450-500 words. Erin Steen South Dakota

#### **Community Service**

Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program Citation Plaque in the Northwestern Division to the Most Outstanding Unit Community Service program in the Division during the administrative year awarded to Spearfish Unit 164

#### **Leadership**

National President Award of Excellence for Leadership to Sioux Falls Unit 15

Most Outstanding Unit Leadership Program Citation Plaque in the Northwestern Division to the Most Outstanding Unit Leadership program in the Northwestern Division awarded to Spearfish Unit 164

#### **Membership**

100% Unit Award \$100 Units to Units that reach 100% of their 2022 membership goal by November 10, 2021  
SD Unit #15 Sioux Falls; SD Unit #58 Columbia; SD Unit #150 Avon; SD Unit #187 Fairfax; SD Unit #230 Aurora;  
SD Unit #278 Colman

#### **National Security**

Citation Plaque A unit in the Northwestern Division Most Outstanding Unit National Security program in the Division awarded to Spearfish Unit 164

#### **Poppy**

Poppy Poster Contest Class VII Citation A student in Special Education in Northwestern Division Judged by Department based on Criteria Sydnee Stoner South Dakota

Best Overall Poppy Poster Citation Best poster from all the Northwestern Division Submissions Judged by Department based on Criteria Hannah Hofer South Dakota

Most Outstanding Unit Poppy Program Citation Plaque in the Northwestern Division awarded to George A. Fitzgerald Unit 65

#### **Public Relations**

National President Award of Excellence for Public Relations to Spearfish Unit 164

#### **Public Spirit Award**

ALA National President Kathy Daudistel selected the DTOM Veterans Ranch as one of her caregiver for the 2022 ALA Public Spirit Award, Chris Reder & Dr. Tracy Diefenbach, Warner, SD

#### **Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation**

Most Outstanding Unit VA&R Program Citation Plaque in Northwestern Division to the Most Outstanding Unit VA&R program awarded to Spearfish Unit 164



*ALA 101st National Convention - Milwaukee, WI*



Dept. President Joyce Smith sworn in at the National Convention.



The South Dakota delegation cheering up the installation of Dept. President Joyce Smith and National Historian, Susie Clyde.



The DTOM Veterans Ranch was honored to receive the National President Public Service Award. Dept. President 2021-2022, Mary Jo Stier also presented them a check from her President Project.



South Dakota Department Member of the Year, Julie Malcolm with National President Kathy Daudistel.



Mary Jo Stier, Convention Chairman and her pages, Marla Mosiman and Rose Kraft



Pre-convention delegation

### September Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer  
Dept. Chaplain

Almighty Father, source of all wisdom and purpose, bring blessings to those who labor during this Labor Day season.

Protect all our veterans and active servicemen who are serving and protecting our country and give their families peace as they serve.

In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen



### Dept. Convention ALA Banquet

At the auxiliary banquet, we celebrated Past Dept. President Elda Hofer 1997-1998; the PDC was Larry Price.



### 2022 Department Convention

A special time for  
"Magical Moments"

For the 25th Anniversary of

**Elda Hofer**

Past Department President

1997-1998



### In Remembrance of September 11, 2001



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For reporting an error on names or addresses, change of addresses and deceased members, contact Regina first.

### Patriotism Certificate



Rosholt Legion Auxiliary Unit 48 wants to encourage everyone to show their pride in America and their patriotism by flying and respecting the U.S. flag. The Auxiliary is awarding a Patriotism certificate monthly to an individual in and around Rosholt.

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