



# 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. What beautiful weather for our Fall District meetings, we are half done and the attendance at the meetings has been exceptional.

We began the National President's visit Saturday night. She flew into Pierre where members of the Pierre and Fort Pierre Auxiliary, Legion. Sons and Riders met her. Unfortunately, her luggage didn't arrive until Sunday afternoon. The Legion Riders escorted her to her motel, then in the morning we caravanned, with the Ft Pierre Riders escorting us to Gettysburg, President Vickie got to attend District 3 meeting. When back in Pierre we tour the Capital and the Capital's ground. We also took her around the Dam making sure she realized that highways 1804 and 1806 were part of the Lewis and Clark Route to the West Coast. Pierre Post and Unit hosted supper that evening.

On day two, we left Pierre to visit the Post in Philip, the Unit members had a very nice meet and greet ready for President Vickie. We gave her a road tour of our Badlands, She saw and attempted to feed the prairie dogs at the first visitors stop on our route. As we were leaving the Badlands, multiple cars were stopped on both sides of the road, with several people out of their cars trying to get pictures of this huge bull Buffalo. From there, we traveled to Wall where we ate lunch and wandered through the Wall Drug Stores. We then stop in New Underwood and visited the Unit there for a meet and greet. Box Elder Post and Unit hosted our supper that night, what an awesome attendance and meal that was. Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monuments began day three. Hermosa Unit provided us with a wonderful lunch. From Hermosa we traveled to Hot Springs to tour the VA Home and grounds.

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## National President Vickie Koutz Visits South Dakota September 25-29, 2022



Gettysburg District 3 - Philip

Rapid City - Pierre

New Underwood -

Loesch's Family

Lead - Hermosa

Piedmont - Julie Malcolm, Member of the Year



## October Guide



- Send Poppy orders
- Pay Convention Proceedings \$15
- Pay Unit Bond \$6.00
- 10/22 Make a Difference Day
- 10/31 Halloween

Send 2022-2023 Legionette subscriptions to Dept. Headquarters \$5 mail/\$2 email

Christmas Gift Shops Monetary donations to Headquarters

### Fall District Meetings

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

**District 8 - October 23 @** 1:00 social; meeting @ 2:00 pm

## National Commander's Pin

NEC Mary Jo Stier was contacted by an Auxiliary member and asked if Auxiliary members were eligible for the National Commander's membership award pins. Specifically the Membership Incentive Pin where an individual must recruit at least 3 members that were not members in 2022. She was not sure, so she contacted National to be informed that Auxiliary and SAL were eligible for the pin.

Please pass the word to your members. There is a specific certification form that must be filled out. Below is the link to the page.

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### In Memoriam

**Unit 3 Chamberlain** – Joan Goetsch, September 2022; Edith Thaler, September 2022; **Unit 9 Milbank** – Grace Scheff, August 2022; **Unit 38 Miller** – Carol Williams, September 2022; **Unit 47 Artesian** – Beverly Morris, December 2021; **Unit 79 Onida** – E. Fern Schumacher, August 2022; **Unit 84 Hitchcock** – Frances Puffer, July 2022; **Unit 102 Faulkton** – Julie Bowar, August 2022; **Unit 110 Wessington** – Myrtle VanAsperen, July 2022; **Unit 122 Trent** – Marilyn Boomgaarden, August 2022; **Unit 129 Waubay** – Dorothy Eidet, July 2022; **Unit 159 Hoven** – Merci Rader, March 2022; **Unit 176 Davis** – Sheila Westphal, July 2022; **Unit 178 Orient** – Pat Ruzicka, May 2022; **Unit 191 Eagle Butte** – Marcella LeBeau, November 2021; **Unit 264 Bowdle** – Ann M. Thomsen, August 2022; **Unit 272 Pollock** – Mavis Huisenga, July 2022; Betty Steiger, October 2021; **Unit 283 Chancellor** – Joretta Harms, March 2022; **Unit 311 Piedmont** – Dorothy Thompson, May 2022; **Unit 500** – Arlene Limmer, May 2022; **Unit 911 Sioux Falls** -Marilyn Finton, May 22

## Membership by Rose Kraft, SD Dept. Chairman

The race is on, and Little Eagle has streaked down victory lane right into the winner's circle with turning in their membership for 111.11%. Congratulations – you receive \$25.00 from the department of South Dakota along with a gift card from Emblem Sales for \$25.00. Woo Hoo! Yeah, for you.

We are behind in membership in comparison to last year at this time but, I think the computer will be busy next week filling ALAMIS with renewing membership. If you have not received a renewal notice in the mail by the time you are reading this message and you have not already paid your dues, please contact me or Regina at Department Headquarters as that means there is an oops in your information online.

National dues will be going up, now is the perfect time to look at becoming a PUFL member. The department web page along with your President and District President have the information for becoming a Paid Up For Life Member (PUFL). If you pay before December 31st of 2022 it will be cheaper then waiting until January. Again, for more information please contact me or Department Headquarters.

Keep your engines roaring, get out to renew, rejoin, and recruit your members. We are zoomin' into 23 with our membership. Go Department of South Dakota!

## Susie Clyde ALA National Historian



Piedmont Unit 311 hosted a congratulations party for Susie Clyde who is the new 2022-2023 National Historian. "We are proud of her and her accomplishments, and this is a dream come true for her."



## Grassroots News



Judy Wilcox of the Winner American Legion Auxiliary has painted five spools in a patriotic theme. She is pictured painting one of the spools which serve as a table in the concession area.



Hutchison Unit 6 of Gregory American Legion Auxiliary welcomes new members Patsy Madsen and Marijane Fulwider. Pictured are Janice Grenoble, Cindy Diekmann, Patsy Madsen, Sandi Jones, Darlene Shattuck, Marijane Fulwider, Cheryl Shaffer, Tara Kiley, Rachel Keune.



The Hudson Unit's float, along with our guest District President's float, participated in the Hudson Community Days Parade on September 10, where they made a proud showing of the American Legion Auxiliary.



## A word from our President

At the Hot Springs National Cemetery, the History that was shared was so interesting, and the vision they have for the future is breathtaking. We then went to the VA Hospital where the history lesson continued. We walked the corridors as our guide shared story after story with Vicki and the rest of us. From there we went to the National Cemetery that is in Hot Springs we learned that the last time a Veteran was Buried in that Cemetery was in 1963. We shared a great meal with the Hot Springs Unit.

The Sanford Lab gift shop and open pit were next on our tour of Deadwood and Lead. We enjoyed the company of some of Lead's Post and Unit members for lunch. On our way out of Deadwood we stopped as three mountain goats meandered across the road in front of us and others who had stopped. When we reached Sturgis, we went to Ft. Meade cemetery where two Purple Heart Veterans were buried. We toured the facility but as, yet we still cannot interact with any Veterans. We drove through the Black Hills National Cemetery on our way to Piedmont for supper. What an amazing turn out of Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary members.

This was President Vickie's first experience using a cabin as a home base and visiting South Dakota, we wowed her. Thursday September 29, she flew out of the Rapid City Airport headed to Missouri.

Remember our Mid-Winter Convention this year will be a working one. If you have any resolutions, that will need to come before the convention body in June, we will help you work on them.

Our 2023 Convention will begin on Thursday with all our pre-Convention Finance and DEC meetings. The first readings of all resolutions will be on Friday with final reading and voting on Saturday. That will leave Sunday for the Memorial service, installation, and post-Convention Finance and DEC.

*Joyce Smith, Department President*

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## POW/MIA Remembrance

ALA National President Vickie Koutz has requested everyone to renew their focus on POW/MIAs. During her term of office, the National Security Committee will concentrate on recognizing POW/MIA's every week of the coming year. Stay tuned and check the ALA National Security Facebook page on Wednesdays to see how we're helping National President Vickie

raise awareness of our country's POW/MIA's.

Pictured is the large American flag and POW flag on Highway 385, south of Roubaix lake. President Vickie was between Hill City and Deadwood when she noticed these flags.

## October Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer  
Dept. Chaplain

God of creation you have blessed us with changing of the seasons

As we welcome the autumn months ,may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest .

May the brilliant color of the leaves remind us of the wonder of Your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air reminds us that it is You who gives us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and the bounty we are to share with others. We praise You for Your goodness forever and ever.

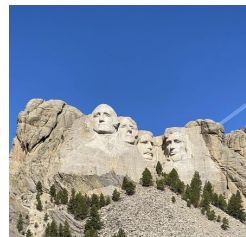
Amen



## National President Vickie Koutz Tours Western South Dakota



National President Vickie Koutz visited many touristic and unique sites while in South Dakota. The Hot Springs State Home and VA, the Ft. Meade VA, three National Cemeteries, the Hot Springs, Ft. Meade, and Black Hills, Crazy Horse, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, and the Badlands National Park, to name a few.



## Guest Speakers - Submitted by Malena Diede, Unit President

Guest speakers at our September American Legion Auxiliary meeting, were Katie Hunhoff, Editor of South Dakota Magazine, who introduced her father, Bernie Hunhoff. Bernie was the former owner of The South Dakota Magazine and he talked about some "Good People" of South Dakota that he had interviewed. Sig Anderson who served as State Attorney General and then as Governor of South Dakota. Gladys Pyle was the first woman elected to the Senate and then served as Secretary of State. Ben Reifel was born on Rosebud Reservation and became the first Lakota Sioux elected to Congress. Arne Larson was a fervent collector of musical instruments and opened the Shrine of Music at USD. Sidney Milburn operated the Milburn Veterinary Clinic in Elk Point. He was the first black veterinarian in the Midwest. Clyde Ice was known as a great pilot who took great risks in snow blizzards to safe sick people. Bernie added some very interesting stories about these Good People of South Dakota.



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## Member in the Spotlight



Forty-six (46) years ago, **Myrna Jensen** started a Halloween party for all the children in the community at the Howard Marquardt American Legion Post 260 in Badger, SD. It has been a tradition ever since.

Myrna has been a member of the Auxiliary for 57 years, holding an office for 56 years, and is currently President.

She has been a great role model and her unit would like to honor her and thank her for her dedication and leadership.

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