



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

It has been years since I have seen the colors of the leaves this vibrant and beautiful. God must be an artist.

At the time that I write my letter, we still have two District meetings left. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween. Remember to report what your Unit does to celebrate Halloween with the Veterans and the community. Mission Training will be in Minneapolis this November 5, 2022.

Don't forget November 5th is Got your Six in Sturgis SD.

November 11 is Veterans Day. A day to remember to thank your favorite Veteran for his or her service, and all Veterans. If able attend a Veterans' program close to you.

Many of our Posts will be hosting Turkey Bingo as fundraisers before Thanksgiving, let's support our local Posts.

Have you had a chance to see the apparel that Sign Design in Colton SD has? I have one of their shirts while my husband has at least three. While searching Facebook, Twitter or Google take time to go to their website and see what they have to offer, signdesign1977.club. They have been approved to use the Auxiliary, the SAL and Legion emblems.

The Veterans Homes and Hospitals are getting ready for their Gift Shops with the Veterans shopping for themselves and their families. December 10, 2022, is the Christmas Party at the State Home in Hot Springs, hopefully the first of the Christmas Parties.

Here is a quote by Patrick Henry "The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, an instrument for the people to restrain the government lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

Remember we are people of faith, not fear. *Joyce Smith*



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Celebrating the Life of Alma (Kloster) Holm



Alma Holm, age 105, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022, in Clark, SD. She was born on April 5, 1917.

While working at Augustana Academy in Canton, SD, she began writing letters of encouragement to several U.S. servicemen, including her future husband, Erwin Holm.

They made their home in Clark where Alma was involved with her church and many Clark community volunteer jobs. She served as a leader for the Cub Scouts, Brownies, and Girls

Scouts. She was a long-time active member and volunteer of the Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and the Clark Historical Society.



Alma was a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and took pride in distributing poppies every Memorial Day.

Pictured is Alma on Memorial Day 2016 and her Gold-plated ALA Life Member Pin.

Members in the Spotlight

The Rosholt Legion Auxiliary Unit 48 presented a certificate for continued membership in the Auxiliary, to Gladys Pearson for 20 years, Loretta Rausch for 74 years, and Elvonne Erdahl for 65 yrs. Mya Loosmore junior member and JoAnn Foltz unit member, made the presentations.





November Guide

- **November 6:** Daylight Saving Time Ends - fall back
- **November 8:** Election Day
- **November 10:** ALA Birthday
- **November 11:** Veterans Day
- **November 11:** Poppy orders due
- **November 27:** Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Gift Shop

November 13-15: Hot Springs State Home

November 15-16: Ft Meade VA

November 17-18: Hot Springs VA

November 29-30: Sioux Falls VA

The format of the Christmas Gift Shops may change with the flu season and COVID. The District Presidents and/or headquarters will be able to provide details for each facility.



In Memoriam

Unit 7 Huron – Madelyn Boomgaarden, October 2022; **Unit 9 Milbank** – Louise Schmidt, November 2021; Grace Scheff, August 2022; **Unit 12 Yankton** – Floris Woodhouse, September 2022; **Unit 39 Groton** – Beulah Hoops, August 2022; **Unit 40 Webster** – Alice Jean Peterson, September 2022; **Unit 42 Arlington** – Leona Dowden, March 2022; Dianna Hein, August 2022; **Unit 50 Sisseton** – Marjorie Eide, October 2022; Elaine Heinecke, October 2022; Linda Hoss, October 2022; Jodell Mackner, October 2022; Viola Taylor, June 2022; **Unit 60 Clark** – Alma Holm, July 2022; **Unit 62 Humbolt** – Barb Bassette, May 2022; Dorothy Daugaard, August 2022; **Unit 67 Ipswich** – Eileen Likness, July 2022; Gena Zahalka, June 2022; **Unit 74 Brookings** – Virginia Billet, September 2022; Arlene Flaskey, September 2022; Hazel Hauf, September 2022, Orpha Leibel, September 2022; **Unit 93 Letcher** – Sally Olson, March 2022; **Unit 115 Platte** – Pat Westerhuis, June 2022; **Unit 122 Trent** – Marilyn Boomgaarden, October 2022; **Unit 148 Conde** – Jody Aust, October 2022; **Unit 152 Menno** – Alice Aisenbrey, July 2022; **Unit 171 Strandburg** – Helen Carlson, February 2022; **Unit 191 Eagle Butte** – Shirley Hinzman, March 2022; **Unit 194 Parkston** – Nancy Thury, August 2022; **Unit 210 Mt. Vernon** – Nelle Funk, October 2022; **Unit 280 Iroquois** – Elaine Burma, April 2022

Membership by Rose Kraft, SD Dept. Chairman

The membership race has been roaring the past couple of weeks. Everyone should have received their renewal notice in the mail. If not, please contact the Department Headquarters or Rose. The Department of South Dakota is in the top 20 of the race at the national level coming in with 4169 members for **41.31%**. We need 3400 members by November 11th, that is **20 members per unit**. We have many units with a flat tire, we need to air those tires up and **send your membership in!**

Little Eagle has already reached the winners circle with 111.11% and will be receiving \$25.00 from the Department of South Dakota. Remember your unit may also receive \$25.00 by just sending in your membership and being at 100% by November 11th. The following units only have one more turn to reach **Victory Lane and head into the Winner's Circle** – Columbia, Wessington, Miller, Orient, Gayville, Wilmot, Garden City, Volga, Trent, Bonesteel, Marion, Chester, Conde, Tripp, Pukwana, Sioux Falls 15, Langford, Raymond and Garretson each unit is over 75% right now!

Remember, as I shared at our District Meetings – all of us have a role in this race. You are the **Pit Crew**, your jobs are to **Keep the tires grounded** – so everyone stays on the track, **You add the fuel** – the excitement – to keep gathering membership, **Check the oil** – make sure we can keep on going – to support our Veterans, and **Don't forget to tighten up the bolts** – go get those last 5 or 10 members. Remember South Dakota, we are Zoomin into '23 with record numbers of membership. You are all winners in this race.

Legislative Roundtables

This month, the South Dakota Veterans Council is hosting four legislative roundtables across South Dakota.

They are open to the public and provide a forum to hear from the six council representatives about issues and bills important to the South Dakota Veterans. Present will be The American Legion (TAL), the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and honorary member, the Department of Veteran Affairs.

November 16, Sioux Falls at the DAV Headquarters, 12:00 to 3:30

November 17 at the Watertown Legion Post 17, 11:00 to 12:30

November 18 at the Pierre Post 8, 2:00 to 3:30

November 19 at the Spearfish VFW, 10:00 to 11:30.

*Information from Carol Edwards,
SD Dept. Legislative Chairman*

Education

On September 9th, Janice and Sue from the Gertje-Van-Lith American Legion Auxiliary, presented dictionaries to the students in third grade at the Big Stone City School.



The SD ALA Chaplain Sharon Broghammer presented a check to Gertie Belle Rogers, Music Teacher for the 4th graders recorders, on behalf of the Mitchell Unit 18; and at the L.B. Williams Elementary



Our Juniors



Jr. Honorary President Avery Stein went to the Homecoming of the American Legion Midwest Honor Flight, Mission 13. She is pictured with the three Snider Brothers that were on the flight. The picture held is of that brother when he was in Service as Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Make a Difference Day



Liberty (Libby) Nei, Junior Auxiliary member of Castlewood Olson-Reid Unit 250, helped “make a difference” by making Halloween favors to be distributed to residents of Castlewood Assisted Living & Estelline Nursing & Care Center.



America the Beautiful

Unit 114 of Volga is setting up to promote America by handing out “America the Beautiful” coloring books and crayons to children at the Legion's pancake feed.



Golfing for Veterans' Tiny Homes

The first annual Unit 15 golf tournament was held in August. Co-chairs Kasey Jacobson, Karen Dunham & Deb Metzger exceeded all of their goals for the first tournament. Compliments from the businesses that donated, those who golfed and the team from unit 15 have all been very favorable of the entire event.



The profits will benefit the Veteran Community Project (Tiny Homes) in Sioux Falls to resupply homes as veterans move on. Thank you, Kasey, Karen & Deb. August 15, 2023 is the date set for the 2nd annual tournament. If you are a golfer, make plans to register.

November Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer
Dept. Chaplain

Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your Mighty hand.

Please hear my prayer as I lift up our military servicemen and veterans before you now.

They work hard to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work

for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always in Jesus name I pray. Amen

Happy Veterans Day and Happy Thanksgiving Day to you all!!

Wreaths for Veterans Day

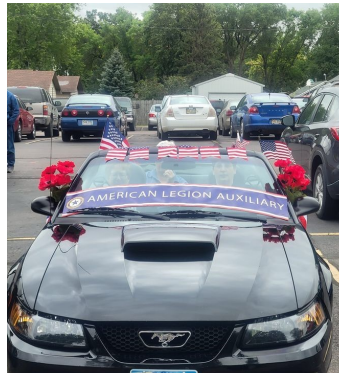
Great group of Arlington Legion Auxiliary members who worked on completing wreaths for Veterans Day. The wreaths will be placed at the Arlington SD cemetery the day before Veterans Day!!

Members purchased the supplies and donated their time to complete this project. Penny Nehl Rinderneck and Lynette Diaz spearheaded this excellent project and did a great job.



Homecoming Parade

Members of the Alexandria American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 participated in the local Hanson High Homecoming parade. Michelle Feldhacker, Kate Aulner and Marlene Warnke riding in a 2004 40th Edition Mustang owned by Michelle.



Other members hosted a pie and coffee event at the local Legion building.



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Greeting Cards for Veterans

Members of the Irene Unit made and recycled 70 greeting cards for all occasions to give to veterans at the Hospital in Sioux Falls.

They hope the Veterans can use the free cards to send a message to their love ones.



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