



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

Did everyone have a Merry Christmas? All but one of my children made it home for our Christmas celebration on New Year's Eve Day. I marvel at how varied my grandchildren's personalities are. Isn't it funny how those irritating things our kids did seem so adorable when our grandchildren do them.

The New Year is here and our prayers for the moister have been heard and are being answered. God willing all this snow will soak into the soil.

In June, Carol Edwards was appointed as Department Treasurer. She is now, officially, our Department Treasurer. Thank you, Carol, for your dedication to this organization.

Quote by John Adams "Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom."

The Chester Post helped our WWII Veteran, a 77-year American Legion member, on his way to Post Everlasting. At 97 years old, the History of his generation lives on in those he shared his experiences with. Toast him with a drink of your choice (His was Johnnie Walker). By the way, he has a brother who is 102 1/2, a Veteran who served in WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War.

Come join us for our Mid-Winter Conference February 10-12, 2023, in Huron, SD. And stay for the Oratory Contest on Sunday, if you have never sat in on one, now is the time to do it, the contestants are amazing young people.

Have you checked out the apparel that Sign Design in Colton, SD has yet? You can find them on Main Street in Colton, SD or at signdesign1977.club.

Remember the State Convention this June will start on Thursday with all the Pre-Convention details and meetings, Friday the Convention begins. Saturday the voting will take place. Sunday, the installation of newly elected officers will commence and post-convention to follow.

Stay warm and safe this month as you plan to travel for the Mid-Winter.

Remember we are people of faith, not fear.

Joyce Smith, SD ALA Department President

Member in the Spotlight



Faye Athey has been a member of the Gertje-VanLith American Legion Auxiliary Unit 229 for 29 years. For ten years, she has been the Poppy Chairman. She designed business cards which are taken to the businesses for a donation. Faye also made the schedules for the auxiliary members, contacting businesses where we could give poppies to individuals for a donation. In addition, she took the poppy poster rules to the Big Stone City School and had a committee judge the entries.

The picture shows Faye at the Big Stone City School for the Veterans Day program, giving poppies or flags to everyone who came. Faye was Unit Sgt-at-Arms. She always sponsored the Unit blood drives. Faye was active in the Big Stone City community and at Tabor Methodist Church. Faye passed away December 22, 2022. She will be missed!

Unit in the Spotlight



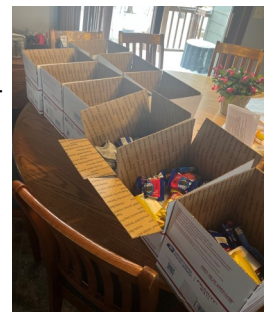
This Fall the Irene American Legion Auxiliary post 193 painted wood pallets into flags and sold them in the community. They also made some military crafts that were sold at the fall feather party.



For a community project the Irene ALA participated in a fun Children's game for the Holidays. The Children took some oatmeal and decorated it with glitter. They bagged it up with a little card with a saying "Sprinkle on the lawn Christmas Eve night."



Irene Unit 193 prepared Military boxes for the local active-duty service members.



February Guide

- **February 3:** 80th Anniversary of sinking of the Dorchester and Four Chaplains Memorial Day
- **February 14:** National Membership Goal at 85%
- **February 14:** Valentine's Day
- **February 12-18:** National Salute to Veteran Patients
- **February 20:** Presidents' Day
- **March 1:** ALA Girls State nominations (Pre-registrations)
- **March 1:** Past President Parley dues
- Sponsor or attend legislative programs
- Send in your prayers for the President's Prayer Book
- Send in nominations

District Spring Meetings

District 1: March 25 - Spearfish at the VFW, social 10:45; 11:30 lunch; noon meeting

District 2: March 26 - Hot Springs

District 3: March 18 - Ft. Pierre Moose Lodge, 11:00 social; 11:30 lunch; noon meeting

District 4: March 12 - Cresbard, 1:00 pm social; meeting 2:00 pm; light lunch to follow

District 5: March 11 - Watertown Hosana Lutheran Church, 12:30 lunch; 1:30 pm meeting (\$10 per plate)

District 6: March 19 - TBD

District 7: April 2 - Hartford, 1:30 social; 2:00 pm meeting

District 8: April 1 - TBD



in Loving Memory

Unit 3 Chamberlain - Shirley Larsen, December 2022; **Unit 6 Gregory** - Carla Trytten, September 2022; **Unit 15 Sioux Falls** - Berdyne Bosler, December 2022; **Unit 45 Harrisburg** - Verona Welter, December 2022; **Unit 72 Beresford** - Ruth Christensen, December 2022; Anita Girard, December 2022; **Unit 74 Brookings** - Donna McLagan, December 2022; **Unit 99 Pierpont** - Arlene Boe, August 2022; Vernelle Ness, April 2022; **Unit 108 Bradley** - Dorothy Springer, December 2022; **Unit 151 Mellette** - Eva Oberle, December 2022; **Unit 164 Spearfish** - Maxine Nelson, December 2022; Violet Wenck, December 2022; **Unit 172 Edgemont** - Virginia (Parks) Tubbs, August 2022; **Unit 175 Baltic** - Ona DeWitte, December 2020; **Unit 179 Kennebec/Reliance** - Adella Mohr, November 2021; **Unit 186 Eureka** - Ella Hoffman, December 2022; Lorene Libis, November 2022; **Unit 229 Big Stone City** - Faye Athey, December 2022; **Unit 240 Martin** - Shirley McCue, December 2022; **Unit 249 Delmont** - Lorraine Peters, January 2023; **Unit 276 Long Lake** - Erna Rath, August 2022; **Unit 289 Mansfield** - Shirley Dayton, September 2022; Irene Hahler, December 2022

Membership by Rose Kraft, SD Dept. Chairman

I am so excited for all the **new members who are ZOOMING into our organization**. For our 2023 Race we recruited 234 NEW MEMBERS! That is amazing. Along with this I have entered many members' dues for 2022 and for 2023 or 2021 and 2023. I love that we are taking care of lapsed years in our race. Now the focus I have for the month of **February is RENEW** - we have many units who are at or above 100% but have numerous members that have not renewed their 2023 dues... I have checked out these units along with those that are almost there and all but three of them have members who have not renewed for 2023. My challenge for all of you is to reach out to these members, your coworkers from last year and ask them to renew this year. We need 240 members to pay membership by Midwinter for the Midwinter - Rose Goal and we need 745 members to pay dues by the first of March for the Department to receive a cash incentive! That is only four members per unit. WE all like money and we like it when the department gets it.

REMINDER - national dues have been increased by \$6.00 starting for the 2024 membership year. Therefore, when turning in your dues report for what your local dues will be - it needs to be a minimum of \$30.00. This is \$18.00 for national and \$12.00 for the department. Reminder - our Veterans pay \$18.50 to national for their dues, ours are still less than theirs. This increase is five cents a day and my Veterans are worth this small amount. For those who question this raise they have the option to join as a PUFL. District President along with the Department Office have these forms and can help you with them.

Our Winner's Circle has increased.... Congratulations to McLaughlin, Irene, Sioux Falls 15, Armour, Little Eagle, Volga, Marion, Columbia, Montrose, Castlewood, Arlington, Gregory, Huron, Rosholt, Chester, Wessington Springs, Wessington, Fairfax, Ipswich, Orient, Raymond, Egan, Trent, Wakonda and Hurley!

Endorsement

Coacher-Goetsch Unit 18, Mitchell, endorses Sharon Broghammer for the position of 2023-2024 State Historian, Department of South Dakota.



Senior Poppy Contest

by Dept. Chairman Jane Benzel



Categories: Centerpieces, Corsage, Wreaths, Display/Wall-hanging

1. A Senior member may enter any or all of the categories.
2. All entries must use the ALA poppies, large or small, or a combination.
3. The white label of the poppy must be removed.
4. Accessories, greenery, and filler may be used BUT the poppy must be predominant.
5. Each entry must have the following attached behind or under the arrangement, hidden from immediate view to judge: (a) Member's name and ALA ID number; (b) Name & number of the unit; (c) The category for the entry.
6. All work must be done by the Unit member entering the contest.
7. Entries will be judged at Midwinter and should be checked in by 8:00 am on Saturday.
8. Entries will be judged as follow:
 - ⇒ 25% Labeling, proper materials, following directions
 - ⇒ 50% Predominance of the Poppy
 - ⇒ 25% Design & creativity; Use of the Dept. President's theme

Midwinter Conference

FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023

9:00 AM Registration Desk Opens
10:00 AM Department Special Executive Meeting
Dakota B & F
12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own or soup sandwich buffet-pay as you go \$17)
1:30-4:30 Chairmen Presentations
Leadership-Patsy Madsen
Constitution and Bylaws-AnnaMae Warnier
VA & R-Laura "Susie" Clyde
6:00 No Host Cocktails
6:30 Joint Legion/Auxiliary/SAL Banquet

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2023

7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens
8:00 AM Joint Opening Session-Prairie Ballroom A B C
VA&R Susie Clyde
Children & Youth-Teresa Huntimer/Stephanie Gordon
10:00 AM Recess Joint Session
10:15 AM Auxiliary Session Opens-Dakota B & F
Dept President Joyce Smith Report
Secretary Report
Treasurer Report
Presentation of Awards/Announcements
11:30-12:30 Lunch Recess (on your own or soup sandwich buffet pay as you go \$17)
12:45-4:00 Chairman Presentations
Membership Activity-Rose Kraft
National Security Remembering Your Veterans
Everyday-Mary Jo Stier
4:00 Adjourn
6:00 Auxiliary Banquet

Sunday, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

8:30 Non-Denominational Service
10:30 SD American Legion-State Finals-High School Oratorical Contest

****In place of a Silent Auction there will be a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets available at the Registration desk. Proceeds go to the President's Project-DTOM



Table of Fun

"Table of Fun" was used as a fundraiser for Unit 48 in Rosholt. Included in this Christmas table, was special meat & cheese from a local business, homemade salsa & asparagus made by member Mary Pearson, chips & crackers, Christmas items including candy and assorted beverages. A "tree box" used in place of a tree shirt was made from reclaimed wood, by member, Carol Swartz, that was also given away. A special sign, painted by member Jennifer Loosmore, to support veterans, was displayed with Christmas lights at the entrance. It was a huge success!

Pictured are Paula Wieser, Carol Luebke, Carol Swartz, and JoAnn Foltz

February Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer
Dept. Chaplain

Dear Lord,
Help us remember and embrace the overwhelming love you have for our veterans and service members who have or are fighting to protect our country's freedom. I know you hear the desires of their heart when they want to be home with their loved ones at this special time of the year. Please embrace our veterans, service members, and their loved ones with your everlasting Love until they can do so, You have good plans for us and in your Love we can feel joy and happiness every-day of the year. Help us always remember that no matter what, your love is enough. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.
Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!!

I would greatly appreciate if all auxiliary unit, district, and department members send a prayer for President Joyce Smith's Prayer Book.

You may send them to Sharon Broghammer, SD ALA Dept. Chaplain at atsab50@midco.net or mail it to: 1011 W 8th Ave Apt 27 Mitchell, SD 57301

Thank you!

Member Recognized in the Community



Congratulations to the businesses and individuals from the Black Hills and Badlands region who were recognized by the South Dakota Department of Tourism for their loyalty, commitment, and passion for the state's tourism industry at the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The Ruth Ziolkowski Outstanding Hospitality & Customer Service Award was presented to Ann D. Thompson, Affordable Adventures. Ann D. Thompson is one of the Yankton American Legion Auxiliary members, though she is living in Rapid City with her husband Lin.

Her Unit sent is proud of her and sent this information.

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 11, 2023

BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner-Buffer Style

Lasagna Bolognese, Creamy Coleslaw and Buttered Corn \$23.00

Number of tickets: ___ X \$23 = _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Sandra Mencke 1829 Dexter Ct Huron, SD 57350-3417

Make checks payable to: ALA Unit #7

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

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION 2023 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Friday, February 10, 2023

Joint Banquet-Buffer Style

6:00 Social 6:30 Dinner-Buffer Style

There will be **two** entrees on buffet:

Roast Beef or Chicken Marsala

Served with tossed salad, baked potato, green beans almondine, cookies & cream salad, dinner roll and coffee

Number of tickets: ___ X \$35 = _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Lloyd Timperle PO Box 205 Huron, SD 57350

Checks payable to: American Legion post #7

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