



THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities



A Word from the President

Smith, Department President

Joyce



One Nation Under God, Thanking Veterans for Our Freedom

What a beautiful weekend we had for the Mid-Winter Conference in Huron. God is so good.

Friday we were busy with a Special Finance meeting in the morning and a Special DEC in the afternoon. We have an audit coming up in April and a review of our new hires in April also.

We had a preview of some of the resolutions and amendments that will be on the agenda at the State Convention this June. Our Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been busy working on cleaning up the language we have, to the language National says we should have, and how what we as a Department want said. Trying to please everyone won't happen of course, but we do need to please National to be compliant.

Get your Unit Member of the Year into your District Presidents. Your end-of-the-year reports will be due in April. Girl State registrations are due to Tiffany March 1st.

Poems and Essays March 1 from local school to the local unit's chairman, March 15, to the District President, April 1 from District President to the Department Chairman.

April 1 is the report due date to Chairman for AEF, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Historian, Leadership, National Security, Legislative, Public Relations, VA&R, the Chaplain would like the prayers around then also. Unit Awards for Poppy Posters with the winners to Jane Benzel by May 15.

There will be a Silent Auction at the Convention again this year. Pre-Convention starting on Thursday, first reading of resolutions and amendments on Friday voting on Saturday and on Sunday the parade of officers, Memorial, Installation of Officers and the Post Convention proceedings, all Chairmen need to attend this so they can be approved. (cont. page 3)

Member in the Spotlight

Edith Daily Past Department President 1974-1975

Born February 14, 1923 - Auxiliary member at Elk Point South Dakota



The Year that Edith was the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary President, she was installed in Huron South Dakota in June of 1974. This was also South Dakota's Bicentennial.

Since she lived on a Farm all her life, she thought it fitting to have her theme be "FARM" and have her members "PULLING TOGETHER FOR A BIG 75". Everyone spent the year sewing the seeds that Edith brought back from all her different meetings.

There were 14 Districts then, and 244 Units. Membership was over 14,000 members and Edith had the chance to Charter two new Units, they were Renner and Herrick.

Edith continued to be an active member of this Auxiliary for many years. She helped with the Girls State Program for many years, attended conventions and helped members without ever questioning why.

For those of us that remember Edith, she will always be a ray of sunshine, and her smile will never be forgotten.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY EDITH DAILEY!

District Spring Meetings

March 11 : District 5 - Watertown at Hosana Lutheran Church 12:30 lunch, 1:30 meetings; lunch \$10 a plate - 1617 14th Ave NE, Watertown

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

March 18: District 3- Ft. Pierre, Moose Lodge 11:00 social, 11:30 Lunch, 12:00 meeting

March 19: District 6 - DeSmet, Lunch at Oxbow 12:30, 1:30 Auxiliary meeting at Oxbow; Legion will meet at Legion all at 1:30

March 25: District 1- Spearfish, VFW 3102 E Fairground Loop (Take Exit 8 for McGuigan Rd, turn left onto Old Belle Rd, turn left onto Old US 14 and go .2 mile or take Exit 10, from the intersection of North Avenue and US 14 go 1.1 mile.) Doors open 10:45 light lunch 11:30, meeting at noon.

March 26: District 2 - Hot Springs, Post 71, 11:30 social, 12:00 meal, 1:00 meeting

April 1: District 8- Springfield, Community Center on Main Street, Legion in Auditorium, Auxiliary in small room at Community Center. Social 1:00, meeting at 2:00 lunch will follow.

April 2: District 7 - Hartford, 1:30 social, 2:00 meeting Post Home on Main Ave.

March Guide

- **March 1:** Past President Parley dues
- **March 8:** Celebrating Women of Service - Give to the ALA Foundation
- **March 15:** The American Legion Birthday Day



- Quarters—\$.25 per member to Dept. Headquarters
- Send in your prayers for the President's Prayer Book
- Member of the Year, poems & essays to District Presidents

Juniors

Easter Craft Day

March 11, 2023

Noon to 4:00 pm

Legion Hall, DeSmet, SD

All Juniors are invited. They will have lunch and make Easter cards for the VA hospitals.

Contact Junior Chairman Heather Kruger at lost_in_love54@yahoo.com



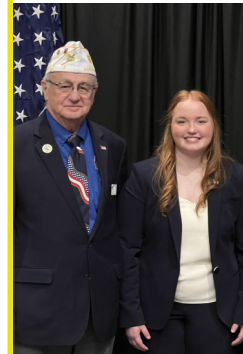
in Loving Memory

Unit 9 Milbank – Velma Wollschlager, December 2022; **Unit 13 Wakonda** – Candy Kizer, December 2022; W.Loie Larson, January 2023; **Unit 29 Woonsocket** – Loraine Lehr, February 2023; **Unit 75 Murdo** – Alice Horsley, February 2023; **Unit 80 Britton** – Carol Goedert, December 2022; **Unit 140 Salem** – Dolores Kolbeck, December 2022; **Unit 142 Tripp** – Sharon Prien, January 2023; **Unit 146 Colome** – Joanne Ahlman, October 2022; Betty Forgey, January 2023; **Unit 179 Kennebec/Reliance** – Marsha Peterson, January 2023; **Unit 220 Herrick** – Carole Gies, December 2022; **Unit 240 Martin** – Judy Meyer, January 2023; **Unit 500** – Arlene Limmer, May 2022

Membership by Rose Kraft, SD Dept. Chairman

Not even a statewide South Dakota blizzard can stop the engines of our membership. I so appreciate everyone continuing to work on renewing their memberships. Did you know if everyone renews their membership our department would be 100% **plus** 104 members! Wow! At Midwinter I did a presentation entitled "Our Promise". And this, our membership does. In it we did two activities. First, we went on a membership hunt, what if at your next meeting you go around the circle and verbally say names of people you know who could be asked to join our organization. We did this for a couple of minutes, and no one had a problem coming up with a name. If only 10% of them join, that is more than we had before. Secondly, I used M & Ms. The attendees were given a package of M & Ms, asked to open them and sort by color. I then shared what the colors stood for. The brown was the ground our veterans and service men and women have walked on, blue are the sad "blue" days they had while deployed, red is for the hidden memories they still carry with them each day, yellow the sun will come out someday, the orange are the family and friends they think about each day while deployed and the green is us. We are here to support our veterans and military – we do this through our membership and working the mission of the ALA. I'm looking ahead to what will 2024 look like. Nationals will give me a magic number, and I get to do magic math and figure out how we can reach this goal. One area I am going to look deeply at is the renewals. The units that have 100% renewal will affect your number for next year. We have fourteen units that have renewed 100% of their members from last year! Maybe your unit leadership could have a "race" party and personally call the members who have not renewed. Do you have one or two? What about a personal visit to them. Renewed, rejoined, recruited – you have done it all and the winners' circle continues to grow! The champagne cork is popped for the following: McLaughlin, Irene, Sioux Falls 15, Armour, Little Eagle, Volga, Marion, Columbia, Arlington, Montrose, Castlewood, Huron, Egan, Gregory, Chester, Rosholt, Wessington Springs, Wessington, Lemmon, Fairfax, and Ipswich. The race is on!

High School Oratorical Scholarship Winner



Department Commander Doug Feltman and sophomore from Beresford, Elena Andrews. We wish her well in the national competition.

Endorsements

The American Auxiliary Unit 86 of Alcester, South Dakota proudly endorses **AnnaMae Warnier** as a candidate for the ALA Department of South Dakota 2023-2024 First Vice President.

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

The members of Pike-Huska Unit 230 in Aurora, SD proudly and unanimously endorse **Wendy Henley** for the 2023-2024 office of Department of South Dakota Chaplain.

History Book

by Dept. Historian Linda Holmes

An organization's history is valuable for many reasons. For instance, it can simply remind our members "who we are", creating a strong bond that unites and inspires. We can draw lessons from understanding how previous members confronted challenges and opportunities, as well as how they responded to them. History can also answer the question, "How did we get to this point?" These are some of the reasons a history should be recorded.

The unit annual history shall be written as a factual narrative beginning with the installation of officers and ending with the summary of end-of-year reports for that ALA administrative year. Be sure the unit annual history truly represents a historical account of the unit - what was accomplished. It lists those who served as unit officers, as unit chairmen or committee appointments, and mentions notable awards, individual achievements, and activities or events your unit has participated in.

Your unit history year-end report needs to be submitted to Department Historian, Linda Holmes, at the same time other Year-End Reports are due, April 1, 2023. The unit history book is due by May 1, 2023. Senior Department History Contest Content and Scoring can be used as a guide. This information can be found on SD ALA website:

www.sdlegionaux.org, Program, Historian; or the National ALA website: www.ALAforVeterans.org, under History, Best Department Senior History.

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Midwinter Convention: National Security and Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Projects

Members of the Department of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary along with Legionaries and Juniors, spent a little time over the weekend making fleece blankets for the 14 Veterans residing at Avantara in Huron. The theme for the National ALA President Vicki Koutz is "Honoring our Veterans Every Day". Others prepared 84 bags of snacks and candy for the SDNG 109th Regiment deployed in the Middle East.



Pictures are: Department of SD ALA NEC and National Security Chairman Mary Jo Stier; Avantara Director of Activities Carrie; Department of SD American Legion Commander Doug Feltman; Department of SD American Legion Auxiliary President Joyce Smith; National Historian and Department of SD ALA VA&R Chairman Susie Clyde.

Friday, ALA members supported the RED program by wearing something red to Remember Everyone Deployed, an ALA National Security mission.



A Word From the President

(Cont. from page 1) We will see as many of you as possible at District meetings, prayers for good weather.

Here is a quote from Patrick Henry "Is it not amazing that at a time when the rights of humanity are defined and understood with precision, in a country, above all others, fond of liberty-that in such an age and in such a country we find men professing a religion the most human, mild, gentle and generous, adopting a principle as repugnant to humanity as it is inconsistent with the Bible, and destructive to liberty."

Joyce Smith, SD ALA Department President

Midwest Honor Flight: Safety on Board



Sioux Falls Unit 15 donated money for Midwest Honor Flight to purchase two AEDs. This will allow them to have an AED on all flights and with them for most functions and events.

Pictured: Aaron Van Beek - President Midwest Honor Flight; Marva Petit & Carole Lee - Unit 15 members.



Celebrating Women Of Service

MARCH 8, 2023

Support the ALA Foundation by donating in honor of a woman who inspires you. A tribute donation offers you a thoughtful way to celebrate a special person while contributing to our mission to positively impact the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the ALA today and for future generations.

Make your gift today!

<http://bit.ly/3vXINNg>

*Ready to give?
Simply scan the QR code.*





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"Spread the Word" Contest

ALA SD Department Public Relations Chairman: Jill Lamer

The WHO, the WHAT, the WHY

Guidelines

- ⇒ The first page of your submission entry must include the name, phone number, and address of the person submitting, town, and unit number.
- ⇒ The entry should include a short narrative not to exceed 500 words.
The narrative describes how “the Who, the WHAT, and the Why” were promoted in the unit and the community. The report can refer to the newspaper clippings, Facebook posts either on the department Facebook or unit page. Those references must be included with your submission.
- ⇒ Include newspaper articles or clippings (please add the name of the newspaper and date)
- ⇒ Submit screenshots of your Facebook page posts showing a member or members wearing or displaying the ALA logo.
- ⇒ Take a picture of a banner used at an event. This can be a handmade banner. Include the name of the event and date.
- ⇒ Take a picture where members are volunteering at an event that supports our Veterans.
- ⇒ Take a picture where members are working in a joint effort with the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion event.
- ⇒ Submit a flyer that was used to promote an event.

Who is going to be our Superstars!

Submissions may be emailed or mailed to Jill Lamer and must be received by April 15, 2023.

Winners will be announced at the ALA State Convention in Oacoma, June 9 or 10, 2023.

Jill Lamer - 46138 252nd St., Hartford, SD 57033

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March Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer
Dept. Chaplain

Dear Almighty Father,

It is always Springtime in a heart that loves You.

Springtime is a season of optimism and hope for our serviceman, veterans, and their families.

March 20th is a little over three weeks away. Our veterans and servicemen families will be waiting for the cold and dark days coming to an end. We live a resurrection life, reflected in the new life springing up around us.

Thank you, Lord, for the hope and renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our veterans and servicemen's hearts. In Jesus name, I pray.

Amen

It would greatly appreciate if all Auxiliary Units, Districts, 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!

ALA "You're a Kid Hero 2"

January 28 and February 4, 2023, The Spearfish Unit 164 had a pizza and Valentine craft party for children of deployed service members. They made Valentine cards for their dad and family, then made cards for Veterans at Ft. Meade VA. They asked if they could add their cards to the care package for their dad. The children participated in the Military Children's Table Ceremony, received a National ALA certificate « You're a Kid Hero 2 » and a G. I. Josh dog and book « I'll be OK. »



Gifts to the Ft. Meade VA



The Smith Wright ALA Unit 120 made Christmas angels from pinecones and gave them to the resident Veterans at Ft. Meade for the 2022 Christmas. They sent 40 angels.



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



Picture of the Valentine's Day cards made by Unit 120 and sent to the Ft. Meade Veterans for Valentine's Day. They made 40 cards with chocolates inside.

The Spearfish Unit 164 Juniors made Valentine's Day cards for the Ft. Meade VA and Veterans residing at the Cornerstone Mission.



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