



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*

Easter is past and Christ Has Risen Alleluia!!!

For a couple of days last week, I thought we had skipped Spring altogether, we went from winter to summer.

I have started to think about a garden, it won't be very big this year. I believe my large gardens are in the past, I have neither the time, the energy or a place to store my canning now.

At the writing of this we have one of the rescheduled Districts left. The meetings had good attendance, and members have been stepping up to take on District positions.

By now all District Presidents and all Unit Presidents received the mailing with the Resolutions we will be voting on in June. Remind your delegates to bring all the Resolutions Bylaws and Standing Rules to the Convention as we are not going to have extra copies. Units go over the resolutions at your meetings, so your delegates know how you want them to vote on each one, we added a cheat sheet for your convenience also. Unit elections are coming right up, don't forget to send in your new officers to Department Headquarters before the Convention. The Pre-Convention Finance and DEC will be on Thursday, The Convention begins on Friday where we will have the first reading of the almost 50 resolutions, standing rules, and bylaws. Saturday we will have the second reading and voting, that leaves Sunday for all the ceremonies and the post-convention meeting.

During the Department Convention, there will be a silent auction to raise monies to fund my president's projects. Think of bringing a themed basket, some nice items, or donate.

Thank you to all the Units that got your reports into the Chairman and Districts; we appreciate your efforts to be on time.

"Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence. (This quote is from John Adams)

Enjoy the Sunshine and warmer weather. Joyce Smith

SD ALA 103rd Department Convention

Oacoma, June 8-11, 2023

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday June 8, 2023

10:00 AM	Finance Meeting
12:00-1:30 AM	Lunch
1:30-4:00 PM	DEC Meeting
5:30 PM	PDP Dinner in Missouri Winds (order off menu)

Friday June 9, 2023

7:30 AM	Registration Desk Opens
9:00-11:30 AM	Call to Order Official Opening Department President Joyce Smith Advancement of Colors Sergeant-at-Arms Colleen Peterman Ass't Sergeant-at-Arms Kathleen Geiman Reading of Resolutions/Amendments Officer Reports Nominations of Department Officers
11:30-1:30 AM/PM	Lunch Break Legion Band
1:30-4:30 PM	Convention Reconvenes Greetings and Reports Continue
4:30 PM	Joint Memorial Service
6:00 PM	No Host Cocktail/Social
7:00 PM	Joint Banquet

Saturday, June 11, 2023

8:00 AM	District President and Chairman Orientation (Previous and New) MANDATORY
9:00 AM	Call to Order Constitution and Bylaws (final reading)
11:30-1:00 AM/PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Business Meeting Vote on Resolutions/Amendments Election of Department Officers Election of National Convention Delegates and Alternates
5:00 PM	Auxiliary Banquet-Honoree Kathryn Thompson

Sunday June 12, 2023

8:30 AM	Processional Line Up
9:00 AM	Procession of Dignitaries Memorial Service Installation of Department Officers and District Presidents Adjournment of the 103 rd Annual Convention

30 Minute Break

Post Finance Meeting
Post DEC Meeting
All are welcome to attend!!

Preparations for Memorial Day

The American Legion Auxiliary of Hutchison Unit #6 of Gregory made Poppy crosses at the April meeting to distribute to local businesses in May. Members also made new wreaths to place at the cemetery on Memorial Day.



May Guide

- Election and installation of unit officers
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 26: National Poppy Day
- May 29: Memorial Day
- Remit 25% of Poppy Proceeds to Dept. Headquarters by June 10
- Elect delegates and alternates to Dept. Convention & remit registration fee
- May 29– June 3: ALA SD Girls State

Due Dates for Reports

Poppy Posters are due to Poppy Chairman Jane Benzel by **May 15, 2023**.

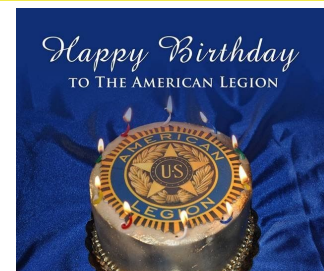
Program Chairmen, your reports are due to the Northwestern Division Chairmen by **May 1**; some extended to **May 15**.

May Baskets



May Day

Auxiliary Unit #65 of Dell Rapids made May baskets for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls. Sue Carlson, Nicole Agnew, Junior member Ariana Agnew helped prepare these baskets to renew the old tradition on giving May baskets on the first of May.



Piedmont Valley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 311 had a birthday supper with a variety of soups and cake desserts for the American Legion Post before their March meeting. Good times had by all.



2023 Girls State Liaison

Department President Joyce appointed me as the 2023 Girls State Liaison, and I accepted. This position allows me to be the go-to person to help coordinate Auxiliary Day during the yearly ALA Girls State event! In talking with Tiffany French, our Girls State Director, it was decided that Auxiliary Day will be held on Thursday, June 1st. Auxiliary members can start arriving around 8:30 that morning and be at Slagle Hall for the first general assembly at 9:00. I will be in the front foyer of the hall to show you where you will be sitting. After general assembly, you will have the opportunity to spend the day until the colors are retired at 10:00 pm. I will have an itinerary for you following the general assembly, so you have an opportunity to see what the delegates are doing that day. If possible, I would like members to contact me by May 24 at 605-222-3857 or sdalanec2@gmail.com if they are planning on coming. This will help with the planning of the day.

As far as lunch and/or is concerned, that will be on your own. There are several fast-food restaurants in the area at are easy to get to.

Mary Jo Stier, Department of SD NEC

Membership by Rose Kraft, SD Dept. Chairman

Auxiliary world,

We are coming around the last corner and need to pick up our speed. Department of Kansas would be our sister department as we both have about equivalent membership goals. We need to stay ahead of them, do not allow them to pass us. They are at 82.98% and the home of the upcoming National First Vice President, which gives them extra incentive gas to go out and get those members. We are 496 members ahead of them. Don't let them catch us! You can do this, go get those last renewed members! Please make sure that if your unit has an honorary member that you have paid their dues. Along with this **PLEASE** check your progress report that your member number and the progress number are equivalent.

The victory lane continues to grow with 36 units at 100% or better. These units even grew – an extra 115 members to join the race! We have 71 unit that need five or more members to be 100%!!! Unfortunately, we have eight units with more than 25 members to reach their 100% goal. If these would all come in, we would get another 274 members! Plus, the five and under units! Auxiliary members, you can do this! I would like to see our department at 95% by Memorial Day! This is 665 members – or 3.5 per unit – I would prefer a whole person.

Thank you for keeping your checkered flag waving, and the work you do for your community, our veterans, our active military, and our department. You are all appreciated.

In Memoriam

Unit 9 Milbank – Dolores Nordquist, March 2023; **Unit 10 Lake Andes** – Evelyn Patocka, April 2023; **Unit 14 Wessington Springs** – Dorothy Powell, April 2023; **Unit 18 Mitchell** – Irene Wilson, February 2023; **Unit 47 Artesian** – Janice Ebersdorfer, March 2023; **Unit 58 Columbia** – Florence Krege, April 2023; **Unit 59 Wolsey** – Josephine Christopherson, March 2023; **Unit 62 Humboldt** – Jean Friske, January 2023; **Unit 65 Dell Rapids** – Mavis King, March 2023; Delores Salviola, March 2023; **Unit 84 Hitchcock** – Sheila Hampton, March 2023; **Unit 91 Dallas** – Betty Travnicek, March 2023; **Unit 118 Hartford** – Iona Secher, March 2023; **Unit 135 Gettysburg** – Priscilla Brown, June 2022; **Unit 142 Tripp** – Gloria Just, April 2023; Arlene Schaefer, March 2023; **Unit 199 Garden City** – Kay Derrick, October 2022; **Unit 229 Big Stone City** – Ann Lundberg, March 2023; **Unit 240 Martin** – Janet Speidel, March 2023; **Unit 261 Ethan** – Marlys Paulsen, November 2022; **Unit 267 Grenville** – Mary Ann Ewalt, January 2023; **Unit 315 Box Elder** – Deanna Marie Holst, February 2023

Patriotic Award Certificates

Hudson Unit #128 presented Patriotic Award Certificates to persons/companies who have been nominated as publicly portraying their true Americanism. Recipients have been so proud and pleased to receive these. Recent recipients of certificates presented for "Continuous Display of the American Flag, Showing Respect of These United States" are:



Steve (Mayor) & Roxanne Wickre of Hudson, Forest Hill Cemetery (Tom Theede-VFW Commander) of Canton, and Dan & Brenda Schlup (not pictured) of Hudson.



American Legion Family Convention

Arrowwood/Cedar Shores
Oacoma, SD
June 8-11, 2023

LUNCH & BANQUET TICKETS

A Sandwich lunch buffet or a Burger Bar will be served at noon on Friday and Saturday of the Department Convention. Ticket cost will be \$20 per person each day. Details for banquet tickets are below.

Ticket requests must be received no later than **25 May 2023**. No tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets can be picked up at the convention registration table. One check can be made for the total lunch and banquet ticket costs. Please make checks payable to **Potter Post #3**. Ticket requests should be sent to:

John Payer
25120 344th Ave
Chamberlain, SD 57325

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

Event	Price	Number of Tickets	Cost
Friday lunch	\$20	x	= \$
Saturday lunch	\$20	x	= \$
Saturday Auxiliary banquet	\$26	x	= \$
Friday Legion Joint banquet	\$35	x	= \$
TOTAL:			= \$

Sandwich Buffet: Ham and Swiss, Turkey and Provolone, Roast Beef and Cheddar, or Chicken Salad; Chips, Potato Salad, Condiments; Coffee, Ice tea, Water. (Friday or Saturday)

Burger Bar: Grilled ¼ lb. Beef Burgers, Grilled Chicken Breast, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle Chips, Potato Salad, Soup; Coffee, Ice Tea, Water. (Friday or Saturday)

Auxiliary Banquet: Roast Pork Loin, Warm Dinner Rolls, House Salad, Vegetable Du Jour, Baked Potato; Coffee, Ice Tea, Water.

Joint Legion Banquet: Half Roasted Chicken, Warm Dinner Rolls, House Salad, Vegetable Du Jour, Baked Potato; Coffee, Ice Tea, Water.

Breakfast Buffet will be available in the restaurant for \$12.00 plus tax and gratuity. Pay the restaurant directly when finished eating. **NO ORDER OFF OF THE MENU**

Bon Appetit!

May Prayer

By Sharon Broghammer
Dept. Chaplain

Dear Heavenly Father,

In remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms, cover them with your sheltering grace.

May all of our veterans and the families who have lost loved ones feel your everlasting Love.

Embrace and comfort them as they remember their loved ones this year, in Jesus name I pray.

Happy Memorial Day to you all.



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!

BE IN THE KNOW

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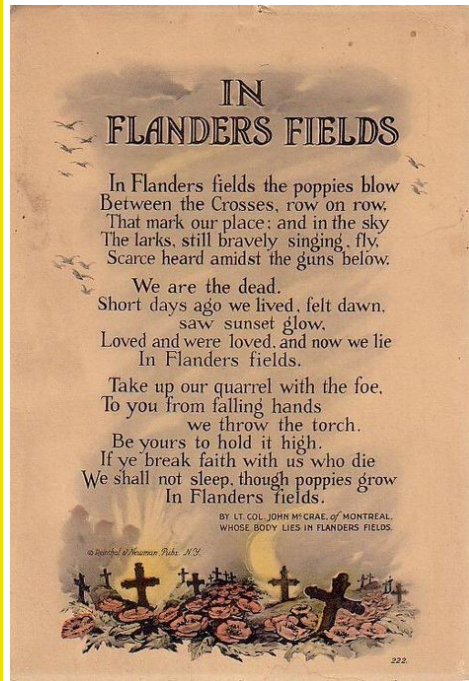
For reporting an error on names or addresses, change of addresses and deceased members, contact Regina first.

ALA National Poppy Day®

Friday, May 26, 2023

What is the Poppy Program, and why do we have it?

“Connecting the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans has been an important goal of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program since its inception in 1921. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, millions of red crepe paper poppies, handmade by Veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation, are distributed across the country in exchange of donations that go directly to assist veterans in our communities...



The Poppy Program raises community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating auxiliary members and the public about the symbol of the poppy, taken from a line in the poem “In Flanders Fields” written on the battlefield during World War I by Lt. Col. John McCrae M.D.

National Poppy Day broadens a tradition that dates to the American Legion Auxiliary’s first National Convention on September 27, 1920s when the red poppy was adopted as The American Legion Family’s memorial flower. Today, it remains an iconic symbol of honor for the sacrifice of our veterans.” (Adapted from Bridgette Greene, Florida Poppy Chairman)

The Poppy Lady: The-Poppy-Lady.pdf (alafli.org)

Did you plan activities for the National Poppy Day? Sponsor a poppy poster contest, select your Miss Poppy, set up tables in the community for poppy distribution, give the poem or poppy sticker to children, or have a city proclamation.

Endorsements

2023 – 2024 Nominating Committee Report

As chairman of the nominating committee for the 2023-2024 year, I would like to announce the following candidates have been endorsed by a unit.

Department President – Patsy Madsen

1st Vice President/Leadership Chairman – AnnaMae Warnier

2nd Vice President/Constitution & Bylaw Chairman – Susie Learning

Chaplain – Wendy Henley

Historian – Sharon Broghammer

A member may be nominated from the floor at the convention as long as the member is in good standing and has agreed to be placed on the ballot in writing.

Please feel free to contact me at sdalanec2@gmail.com if you have any questions or have an additional endorsement.

Thank you, Mary Jo Stier, Department of SD NEC



National Poppy Day®
is May 26 this year!



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