



THE SOUTH DAKOTA *LEGIONETTE*

Serving Veterans, their Families and their Communities

Honor Our Heroes!

Remember!



Greetings! Boy this has been a busy first four months. It doesn't seem to let up as we finish up District 5, 7, and 8 meetings. A big thank you to all the District Presidents and the Unit Presidents and members that helped with the District meetings. It takes the whole Legion Family sometimes to host the District meetings. Then it is Halloween. Don't forget about the Halloween coloring book that can be downloaded from the National Website. If you are hosting a fun and safe activity for Halloween, remember it is probably a community service project. Don't forget to report hours spent, money spent and Veterans children you served. November brings the "Got Your Six" in Sturgis. Also, there are Gift Shops at all 5 facilities we serve. Donations were due October 1, if you have not donated don't panic, there is still time. You can still send gift shop money to the Department Office. It is appreciated if you could send you your financial donations and obligations to the Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Please consider adding a new donation to your giving list. During the Gift Shops we will be hosting the National President, Trish Ward. Please try to join us at Ft. Mead (Nov.17-18), Hot Springs State Home (Nov.19-20) and the Hot Spring Hospital (Nov.20-21). There will be a couple of dinners that maybe you can attend and meet Trish. I have to mention MEMBERSHIP! That is a priority. Please send in your memberships. Renew, Recruit, Rejoin members. Following the Yellow Brick Road will get us to a 100% goal. I would like to encourage members to sign up for Mission Training. This is a one-day training session that will provide a fun and interactive way for you to learn how to be more effective inworking our mission. Encourage your juniors to attend, this is their National meeting. There are two opportunities near South Dakota; Denver, Colorado Nov. 19, 2024 and Des Moines, Iowa January 25, 2025. If neither of these work for you consider Nashville, Las Vegas or Boston. You can look up the dates on the National website. November is also the time to celebrate!! What are we celebrating you ask? The American Legion Auxiliary birthday. We will be 105 years old on Nov. 19. Have a birthday treat at your meeting in November. Maybe you could reminisce about past years and the way our organization has changed. Have fun, have a party. Don't forget Let's Make a Difference Day, October 26th. It isn't too late to do something for Veterans or their families. Maybe read to or visit a Veteran in the nursing home, take them some cookies. I love having the opportunity to meet with unit members and hear about all the activities you are doing throughout the year. If your unit would like me to come visit, please send me an email at sda-la2024.25@gmail.com or give me a call at (605) 237-1661 and let me know when a good time would be. I look forward to meeting you. Thank you for all our Unit members do for our Veterans.

Wear "**Remember Everyone Deployed**" on Fridays.

"Honor Our Heroes!" "Remember!"

AnnaMae Warnier

Christmas at the Capital

The Legion Family has been chosen to decorate a tree at the capital. The theme this year is "Through The Eyes Of A Child". We are asking all units, posts and squadrons to make an ornament with their name and city. Get together with your members and create a spectacular ornament and send it to the ALA Dept. Office by Nov 10th earmarked for the Christmas Tree Decorations. If you are unable to make an ornament and want to help, donations will be accepted to offset the cost. Please send donations to the ALA Department office marked Christmas Tree. If you can help decorate, we will meet at 1pm on November 23rd. We will also need people to tear down on dec 27th at 1pm. If you can help with either of these dates please call the Department Office at 605-461-3389.



November Calendar

Daylight Savings Times End	November 3, 2024
Marine Corps Day/Birthday	November 10, 2024
Veterans Day	November 11, 2024
Armistice/Remembrance Day	November 11, 2024
Poppy Orders Due	November 11, 2024
American Legion Auxiliary Birthday	November 19, 2024
Tree Decorating/Capital	November 23, 2024

Gift Shops

Fort Mead	November 17th-19th
State Home	November 18th-20th
Hot Springs VA	November 19th- 21th
Sioux Falls VA	December 2nd -3rd

Christmas Party

Sioux Falls VA	December 9th
Human Service Cntr	Dec 10th, 5 pm
State Home	December 14th, 1 pm
Hot Springs VA	December 15th, 1 pm
Fort Meade VA:	December 16th



November Prayer

*Almighty Father,
Creator of mankind and miracles bless and embrace
our veterans with love.
Almighty Father give all our serviceman, veterans,
and their families strength
and courage for everything they do for our coun-
try. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you all
in Jesus' name I pray.
SD ALA State Chaplain
Sharon Broghammer*



Raymond Unit 229

This summer, a member of the ALA unit of Baker Post #209 of Raymond SD learned of a small group of ladies in the Watertown area that enjoyed making and donating quilts to veterans. Our unit has an "Adopt a Vet" project in which we remember our local veteran members who have health issues or disabilities. Although our unit doesn't meet during the summer, one of our members took it upon herself to deliver patriotic themed quilts, on behalf of our unit, to five of our Adopt a Vets and thanked them for their service.

Submitted by Sally Waterfall

In Loving Memory

14 Wessington- Springs Darlene Higgins - 07/24
 14 Wessington -Springs Lily Rogers - 06/24
 14 Wessington -Springs Abbie Younie - 06/24
 17 Watertown- June Else - 04/24
 17 Watertown -Leona Hendrichsen - 06/24
 17 Watertown -Evie Henrichsen - 05/24
 17 Watertown- Stella Ness - 05/24
 18 Mitchell -Clara Dewald - 07/24
 18 Mitchell -Ethel Gramm - 05/24
 21 Hurley -Darlene Schissel - 03/24
 24 Aberdeen -Margie Berndt - 07/24
 24 Aberdeen -Marjorie Campbell - 06/24
 24 Aberdeen -Jeanette Yost - 07/21
 40 Webster -Susasn Haase - 05/24
 47 Artesian -Bernice Seitz - 07/24
 50 Sisseton -Lenore Johnson - 06/24
 50 Sisseton- Margaret Thuringer - 05/24
 63 Lake Preston- Leola "Susie" Jensen - 05/24
 63 Lake Preston -Deloris Johnson - 05/24
 65 Dell Rapids -Mabel Ellefson - 06/23
 74 Brookings -Leola Rust - 03/24
 74 Brookings -Theresa Wiskur - 12/23
 75 Murdo -Beverly Andrews - 07/24
 75 Murdo -Betty Beck - 07/24
 75 Murdo -Flavia Stotts - 07/24
 89 Presho- Mildred Andersen - 07/24 - 100 yrs old; 78 yr member
 89 Presho -Wanda Sweeney - 07/24
 91 Dallas -Myrna Gergen - 07/24
 91 Dallas -Lillian Lane - 07/24
 102 Faulkton -Merlyn Mills - 07/24
 102 Faulkton- Avis Ninderbaumer - 07/24 100 yrs old -WWII Nurse
 103 Astoria- Donna Kurtenbach - 07/24
 110 Wessington- Lanette Jacob - 07/24
 115 Platte -Dean Kredit - 07/24
 128 Hudson -Ramona Schlup - 07/24
 129 Waubay -Angela Henning - 07/24
 146 Colome- Colleen Abernathy - 07/24
 146 Colome -AnnaMae Brown - 07/24
 148 Conde -Joyce Sanderson - 07/24
 158 Oldham -Elaine Bergheim - 07/24
 169 Winner- Avis Ferwerda - 07/24
 169 Winner -Donna Howland - 07/24
 194 Parkston -Luella Palmer - 07/24
 198 Elkton -Shirley Lundgren - 07/24
 240 Martin -Janice Harris - 07/24
 240 Martin -Constance Slattery - 07/24
 261 Ethan -Mary Schoenfelder - 07/24
 275 Java -Viola L Goetz - 07/24
 278 Colman-Antoinette Voelker - 07/24
 292 Tulare -Erma Ames - 07/24
 292 Tulare -Amerallis Garman - 08/24
 500 Dept HQ -Carol Heidebrecht - 08/24

There is no place like membership

Submitted by Rose Kraft

There is no one spooking South Dakota, as we continue to Lead our Way in membership. District 8 has been busy traveling down the yellow brick road picking up members to be at 50.76%. Our department has traveled far down the yellow brick road and are at 44.01%, this is only 556 members to 50% which we will meet by November 1st. Colman has reached the Emerald City and is at 100%. We have many other units that are so close! I have completed visiting the eight districts and so enjoyed visiting with each and every one of you, you are the important people of this organization, the members. While visiting I talked about the opportunities you could have with ALAMIS. I strongly recommend that each unit has at minimum the read rights, so you are able to check if memberships have been put in and verify the addresses, the names, and other information is correct. I would be totally thrilled to have 50% of our units at write or full access. This would make such a difference at the Department Headquarters and for each of your units. I think every unit would benefit from this; Kayla and I would be more than willing to help with anything going forward. Questions were asked how long we should expect from the time we send something before we can see it on ALAMIS. I will tell you about a week. If you send in a request and haven't heard back don't be afraid to call the office. If you sent in membership and you don't see the numbers changing, call and ask. Also, during my presentation I handed out membership flyers. All of these are available on the national website. Go to legion-aux.org, member log in, resources, ALA brochures, "At a Glance" brochure. The best part about this flyer is it lists the Auxiliary member discounts and services you receive as a member. It tells us who we are, what we do, ALA Fast Stats and many more – plus an application form that the new member may fill out and turn in right there. It would be great for each unit to print these off for all of their members to carry with them all the time. Getting back on our path with "No Place Like Membership," I am looking for all units to be above 50% by December 1st. I plan to make personal phone calls to see how we can help units get started that are struggling. Don't be afraid to call if you have any questions. Remember there is "No Place Like Membership" and Dorothy didn't do it by herself, find your friends and work the Membership Mission of renew, rejoin, and recruit your members!



Auxiliary Unit 18 Mitchell

Auxiliary Unit 18 of Mitchell held a flag retirement ceremony following their regular meeting on October 7, 2024. Retired US flag drop boxes were set out last year, and to date have collected thousands



Auxiliary Unit 3 Chamberlain

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #3 helped serve the Public Safety Appreciation Supper on October 14.



Enjoying the supper was the Chamberlain Police Department, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Missouri Valley Ambulance, Brule County Sheriff's Office, Chamberlain/Oacoma Fire Department, South Dakota Game Fish & Parks

Left to right are Lorna DeHaai, Gloria Anderson and Kathy Feltman.



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Unit 48 Rosholt

Legion Auxiliary unit 48 in Rosholt was instrumental in encouraging the students at our school to take on the duty of raising and lowering the flag every day. The 5th grade teacher requested to us, a lesson in flag etiquette from our local American Legion post. "Now a different student is in charge of the flag each day. The teacher responded with "It's been a great experience for them."



Bingo Fun with Veterans

Monday, 10-7-24, Wakonda Unit 13 and Irene Unit 193 traveled to Human Services Center to play BINGO with Veterans. Wakonda ladies brought sweet treats and Irene brought salty treats and soda. Margaret Peterson, Susie Learning, Karen Richelieu, Keli Stelley, Peg Nelson and Cheryl Knudson.



South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Apparel

The new Logo for the SD American Legion Auxiliary has been approved for certain items and can be purchased on-line at Sign Design (signdesign1977.com)

Navigate to club ordering then American Legion Auxiliary

Remember , any item ordered online Sign Design will give back \$2.00 to the American Legion Auxiliary.



American Legion Auxiliary Alexandria Unit 41 Celebrating Homecoming

The Alexandria Unit 41 served pie and coffee before, during and after the Hanson Homecoming Parade . The event was a huge success!



President Patricia Aylward , past-president Marlene Warnke , and Treasurer Kathleen Aulner



Hudson ALA Unit #128

At their October meeting, Hudson initiated an Annual Auxiliary Award Ceremony, celebrating members with over 25 and over 50 years of membership. Pictured are (left to right) Judy Cole-44 years, Nathalie Torkelson-48 years, Judy Anderson-27 years, along with presenter President Deb Turner. Members not pictured are Carmeen Vipond-44 years, Carol Sorlie-46 years, Dee Day-50 years, Vicki Stead-50 years, Luanne Thorpe-60 years, Sandi Wood-70 years, Ramona Schlup-70 years.



Fall District Meetings



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8