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Department Commanders Notes

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, guests, friends, and family; I am honored to serve this coming year as your new Department Commander for 2016-2017. Having been involved with The American Legion for nearly 25 years, I have enjoyed numerous travels, meetings, activities and made many friends and memories along the way.

This Coming year will be one of challenges and successes. The interest and publicity of The American Legion has been declining over the years and this will definitely be a challenging year to Stay on Track! I do believe that The American Legion is still a vital and important group of highly dedicated individuals coming together for common causes while still serving veterans and communities.

My goal for this coming year, as before, is to keep our posts and Legionnaires active. It is our duty to future veterans and servicemen and women to maintain

The American Legion. This may be a rough period but we all are still needed and we are still prominent and boisterous. Our programs are at the heart of TAL and we need to support and promote our programs this year more than ever. I want more involvement and more exposure of our posts and our members. It's no longer "why you should belong..." it is "why you should be involved." We all belong to The American Legion but we also need to be involved for our organization to continue and prosper. We need to keep working membership - not for mere numbers - but to maintain consistency and longevity of our Post and our Department. We need to mentor our future leaders in order to preserve our long and prominent history.

The past few years have been challenging and upside down, but we have been and are still continuing in the right direction. We have fabulous personnel in places we need them and we have members dedicated

to keep our Department on the level. We have young members coming through and learning and embracing the Legion and we have senior members with their history and experience to keep us running. As for the coming 2016-2017 Membership year: Keep working towards another future. Let go of the reins once in a while and allow others to take the lead. We all won't be here forever. Give them guidance and the tools needed to succeed.

My Commander's Project is: Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. strives to effectively serve the deserving past and present members of our armed forces who have made great sacrifices in the service of our nation. In this we support

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Patriotism is alive and well



On July 28th a major fire broke out in the forest above Mountain View, Wyoming. Six Hundred (600) firefighters from around the United States known as Team Black were brought in to help combat the fire and keep damage down. Post # 36 went to the command center to offer any assistance they could provide. We got to meet and know some of the firefighters. On August 2nd the incident commander from Team Black contacted IPDC, Tom Dean and explained to him that while doing some mop up one of the firefighters found a flag that was almost totally burned up. He picked up the flag off the ground and carefully placed it in a box and brought it to the Mountain View incident command center. He asked Tom if the Post would

properly dispose of this flag. This moved Tom almost to tears at the tender care this firefighter had gone to so he could get this symbol of our country to the proper place for a proper disposal.

As you can see by the picture there was not very much left of this flag. I know so many others may have just left it and never bothered to pick it up let alone to get it to a place for proper disposal. Post # 36 is so humbled that we will be able to perform this service.

We felt that we should share this story with our fellow Legionnaires so they would know there are still people out there that care about our country and the symbol that represents us.

*For God and Country
Tom Dean*

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The American Legion
Department of Wyoming

Department Commander's Project, 2016-2017

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. Program

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics with participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. All fly fishing and tying equipment is provided to the participants at no cost. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day, are also provided free of charge to participants.

PHWFF is unique in that our volunteers are teaching classes on an on-going, long term basis. It is much more than a one day fishing trip. For many participants, particularly disabled veterans, the socialization and camaraderie of the classes are just as important as the fishing outings, and provide them a new activity.

The Platte Rivers Program of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing serves veterans in northeastern Colorado and Southeastern Wyoming. "The Water Holds no Scars" is our slogan. We strive to help veterans experience

solace through fly fishing pristine waters. First and foremost, the Platte Rivers Program of Project Healing Water Fly Fishing is a totally volunteer organization. We take veterans fishing. We practice and teach the art of fly fishing. On some trips and for some reasons we do use other fishing methods. We believe concentration, the demands of fly fishing, and the water itself, offer something miraculous. It's like therapy without the therapist or church without the preacher, or ... just something we can't explain, but we see the transformations again and again. We strongly encourage catch and release. There is no cost to veterans for our fishing trips, fly tying or builds. We do ask vets to pay for the cost of the rod blank if they build a second or third rod.

Please help me in support of this wonderful organization and contribute to the rehabilitation of our veterans while showcasing some of Wyoming's most picturesque locations. Organize a dinner or raffle. Solicit local organizations for support. Plan a fishing trip with veterans and youth. Every little bit helps and is a step towards helping our Veterans. Please send all donations to the Department office. <http://www.platteriversphwff.com>

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest

The School year is upon us and it is time to advertise the program and solicit participation in the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest.

The Program is open to students enrolled in accredited school programs in grades 9 – 12.

Contest information is available is available on the American Legion website:

www.legion.org/oratorical and www.wylegion.org/oratorical

(Tentative) Scholarship amounts:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
District Level	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Department (WY)	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$100.00

I list these as tentative as the Committee in charge of the funding is still working on their budget. The values may increase. The District and Department Scholarships are paid from a scholarship fund at the Department level. The local Scholarship is the responsibility of the Post.

Contest Dates:

Post Contests: Not later than February 5, 2017

District Contests: Not later than February 19, 2017

Department Contest: March 5, 2017; Douglas, Wyoming; Venue: TBD

National Contest: April 21 – 23, 2017; Indianapolis, Indiana

Donald L. York, Chairman

High School Oratorical Contest Committee

WEBSITE FOR DD214 -

[HTTP://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV/](http://VETRECS.ARCHIVES.GOV/)



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THE AMERICAN LEGION and AUXILIARY FALL WORKSHOP and WALRUS MEETING

Hosted by Tom Whitmore Post and Unit 28—Green River-- SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2016

Registration and Auxiliary meets at Post 28, 38 N. Center Street, Green River

Legion will meet directly across the street from Post 28

WALRUS will meet at Post 28

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Advance Cost</u>	<u>At the Door</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration @ Post 28 5:30-7:00 p.m.			
No Host Hors Dourves and social hour @ Post 28 5:30-7:00 p.m.			
<u>Saturday:</u> Meeting 9-noon and 1-4			
Coffee and Registration @ Post 28			
Lunch @ Post 28	\$7.00	\$10.00	
Dinner @ Post 28	\$10.00	\$15.00	
<u>Sunday</u>			
WALRUS Meeting tba			

Register at the Door or Preregister by calling 307-389-2705 or emailing

Tammy at tjharris@wyoming.com by September 5 or by mailing to:

Tom Whitmore Unit 28—Fall Conference

38 N. Center

Green River WY 82935

Name Post/Unit Office Telephone Number

Area Hotels:

Little Bear Inn	\$65.00/\$77.00	307-875-7554, mention American Legion Fall Conference
Oak Tree Inn	\$55.00/\$60.00	307-875-3500, mention American Legion Fall Conference
Hampton Inn	\$144.00	844-277-8438

2016 DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Legionnaire of the Year
Kenneth V. Persson, Jr - Post 33

Outstanding District Commander
Don Sillivan - Post 13

Post Commander of the Year
Tim Freye - Post 14

Membership Worker of the Year
Nick Bosanko - Post 14

Outstanding Post Adjutant	Bill Jussila - Post 14 - Laramie
Club Manager/Bartender of the Year	Cecilia "Pep" Barnes - Post 14 - Laramie
Citizen Soldier of the Year	SFC Samuel Beecham - Post 33 - Lander
Educator of the Year	Lisa Moss - Post 33 - Lander
Emergency Medical Technician of the Year	Patrick Kappus - Post 33 - Lander
Fireman of the Year	J.P. Apostolopce - Post 28 - Green River
Lawman of the Year	Bart Olson - Post 2 - Casper
Lloyd Seaman Athletic Trophy	Husted Pendleton - Post 14 - Laramie
Americanism Plaque	Husted Pendleton - Post 14 - Laramie
Community Service - Large	Archie Hay Post 28
Community Service - Small	McDonald Voight Post 75 - Chugwater

Mallet Awards

Bantam Mallet Post	Cokeville - Post 40
Light Mallet Post	Van Tassell - Post 1
Medium Mallet Post	Rawlins - Post 122
Heavy Mallet Post	Jackson - Post 43
Big Mallet Post	Green River - Post 28

First Post to Reach Goal by District

District 1	Afton - Post 49	11/09/15
District 2	Van Tassell - Post 1	12/31/15
District 3	Lander - Post 33	04/18/16
District 4	Heart Mountain - Post 91	08/25/15
District 5	Kaycee - Post 90	12/17/15
District 6	Rawlins - Post 122	11/04/15

First Post to Reach Goal by Division

Division 1	Heart Mountain - Post 91	08/25/15
Division 2	Afton - Post 49	11/09/15
Division 3	Rawlins - Post 122	11/04/15
Division 4	Wheatland - Post 10	02/29/16
Division 5	Green River	02/11/16

Goal Posts:

Reaching or exceeding membership goal

Green River - Post 28	Cokeville - Post 40
Pinedale - Post 47	Kaycee - Post 90
Afton - Post 49	Kemmerer - Post 55
Van Tassell - Post 1	Wheatland - Post 10
Lander - Post 33	Heart Mountain - Post 91
Hulett - Post 80	Rawlins - Post 122
Jackson - Post 43	

Notes from the NEC and Alt NEC

Notes from the National Executive Committeeman (NEC) and the Alternate NEC is our new column in an attempt to keep membership aware of what is happening on a national level. This is in addition to updates discussed in the National Magazine, briefings from officers at Fall Workshop, Midwinter Meeting, District Meetings and the Department Convention, as well as email messages. With all the methods of communication there were still members who stated they were unaware of the dues raise for 2016, even though it had been covered numerous times in other methods.

First we would like to thank membership for their support and electing us to our respective offices. Second we would like to thank those who have gone before us and blazing the way as the Alt NEC/NEC for the Department of Wyoming. Most recent Bob Wright, Jake Jacobs, Tiny Quick and Todd White. They have all helped both of us develop our knowledge of the American Legion, and hone our skills to be able to accomplish the tasks required of the office.

The duties of our office are outlined in the Department of Wyoming By-Laws below:

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING, BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 12. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN. The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be prescribed by the National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, and such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

The duties as outlined in the National Constitution and By-Laws are located at the following web site: <http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/constitution-bylaws.pdf> See article VII National Executive Committee of the Constitution of

TAL and Article I, National Executive Committee of the By-Laws of TAL for the duties of the NEC and Alt NEC and the National Executive Committee. Space here does not allow us to print them in their entirety.

The National Executive Committee meets 4 times a year, once less than 24 hours prior to the National Convention and once less than 24 after the National Convention at the convention site. They also meet in less than 45 days after the National Convention, usually in October of each year at Indianapolis at the time of the Commander/Adjutant meeting. The fourth meeting is held each May at Indianapolis. Bob Wright will be the NEC through the National Convention and Terry Miller remains the Alt. NEC to the close of the Convention. At the close of the convention Bob takes off the red Legion cap and puts his Blue one back on, Terry removes the Alt NEC Legion cap and puts on the red NEC Legion cap. At that time Keith Davidson will be authorized to wear the red Alt NEC cap and assume the duties of that office. Keith is a voting member only in the case Terry is not available. The NEC is a member of the Department Executive Committee, with the Alt. NEC filling in when the NEC is not available.

This column is intended to provide information and education on the functions of the office of the NEC and its link between Department of Wyoming and National Office. The NEC is the communications link between the Department of Wyoming and the National Executive Committee of The American Legion (TAL). I.E. dues amount, resolutions, discipline, post operations and closures, etc. The day-to-day communications is accomplished by the Department Adjutant in the Department Office directly to the National Office.

*Terry Miller,
NEC 2016-2018
Keith Davidson
ALT NEC 2016-2018*

Commanders Notes

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our veterans and I also remember Alex and his love for fishing.

My plan is to have fun and to promote enjoyment and comradery of our members and our communities. I thank you for your support and your endorsement

of my position as Department Commander. I look forward to a fun-filled and rewarding year in the great state of Wyoming.

*Bill Frye
Department Commander
Department Commander*

Korean War Veterans Receive Medals

The Wyoming Veterans Commission, working closely with Wyoming Veterans Service Organizations, coordinated the application and presentation of the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace medals in Cheyenne, Casper, and Lander on June 30, 2016. Korean War Veterans or their surviving spouses and family members were presented with the impressive medal and certificate.

Governor Matt Mead and Republic of Korea Consul General Shin Chae-Hyun traveled with Maj. Gen. Luke Reiner, Commander of the Wyoming Military Department, Veterans Commission Chairman Linda Allgeier, Veterans Commission Vice Commander Lee Alley, Governor's Veterans Military Policy Advisor Judge Gary Hartman, and Korean War Veteran Blackie Budd.

The American Legion served in key roles at each of the ceremonies which featured Legionnaires in all aspects of the ceremonies. Notably, Senior Vice Commander Ken Persson served as Emcee in

Lander, the Cheyenne ceremony took place at American Legion Post #6 and featured the Post #6 Honor Guard, and Legionnaires assisted in the Casper ceremonies.

Many of the Veterans were recognized more than 60 years after their service on the ground, in the air, or on the seas around Korea. Proud family members and local dignitaries ensured the ceremonies were well attended and statewide media coverage was prominent.

The Veterans Commission advertised the application process in print and broadcast media, email groups, and social media to help get the word out across Wyoming. More than 275 applications were received with more than 150 awards presented on June 30. Individual award presentations are being scheduled for those who could not attend the June 30 ceremonies.

Include this part if delivery is scheduled by mid August...

The Commission is coordinating the final opportunity for applying

for this medal. The application deadline is August 31. Applications can be downloaded at vets.wyo.gov or by calling the Veterans Commission at 307-777-8152.

We are counting on Legionnaires and Auxiliary members across Wyoming to reach out to Korean War Veterans and assist them in applying for the award. Please don't assume the Veteran you are thinking about has been presented the award, reach out and ask, help them complete the application process. A



great way to honor those who served during the Forgotten War.

Larry D. Barttelbort
COL, USA (Ret.)

Director
Wyoming Veterans Commission



Governor Matt Mead and Korean Consul General present Warren Hess, Vice Commander District 3 and Commander of Post 19 Riverton, with the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal at the June 30th Ceremony in Lander. Mr. Hess also gave the benediction at the ceremony.

Words of wisdom from the Chaplain

We have worked on a number of "For God" articles. Now we will work through a "and Country" article.

There are efforts in education that we can all debate and we equally have great concerns over. Two words explain the evolution of our nation's progressive direction very well, exegesis and eisegesis. Exegesis is the process by which one extracts the truths of literature. Eisegesis pushes understanding into a literary passage. Eisegesis, therefore, impresses a literary rendering with new meaning, extra meaning. One process (exegesis) seeks truth. The other process (eisegesis) attempts to superimpose another meaning on literature.

In today's history we find regular eisegesis. Revisionist history is an example where individuals attempt to glean other truths from *reading between the lines* (so to speak) of historic documents. Exegesis on the other hand attempts to correlate

known facts with a document to better understand it. The following is an example of two different views of our First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Eisegesis is responsible for giving our government permission to control religious practice through our constitution. This happened because people began including the phrase "*separation of church and state*" which is not in the Constitution. The phrase is taken from a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptists January 1, 1802. This effort coupled with the opening statement of the first amendment, that "Congress shall make no law *respecting an establishment of religion...*" (the establishment clause) has created great misunderstanding. This eisegesis ignores the second part of this phrase, "or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" (the prohibition clause). It has created an

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Taps...

Post Everlasting 2016



District 1

Post 24 Rock Springs

Carmine, Robert (41)
Woodward, John (19)
Gunyan, Ronald (41)
Levitt, Lawrence (7)
Shockey, Marvin (4)
Perri, Mike (9)
Larsen, Norman (1)
Larson, Larry (38)

Post 46 Alpine

Brown, Maxwell (2)

District 2

Post 1 Van Tassell

Hahn, Wayne (3)
Shoults, Rex (9)

Post 5 Torrington

Surratt, Clyde (47)

Post 8 Douglas

Burback, Jerry (61)

Post 9 Glenrock

Wollen, Byron (7)

Post 10 Wheatland

Preuit, Leo (4)

Post 63 Lingle

Gibson, James (39)

Post 95 Guernsey

Beatty, James (19)

District 3

Post 81 Ft. Washakie

Charging, Harvey (30)

District 4

Post 26 Powell

Fulbright, Gary (23)
Stolts, Donald (46)
Bright, Harley (2)

Post 29 Basin

Urwiller, Elmer (9)

District 5

Post 7 Sheridan

Axlund, Robert (1)
Guilford, Charles C Jr (23)
Bond, Clyde (36)
Richards, Clare (15)

District 6

Post 6 Cheyenne

Diekroeger, Bill (3)
Thomas, Gary (24)

Post 14 Laramie

Murphy, Daniel (6)
Sneddon, Donn (41)

Post 122 Rawlins

Beck, Robert L Sr (3)
Holcomb, Allen (6)

Post 17 Department Headquarters

Peterson, William



Please note...the number in the parenthesis denotes the continuous years of service to the American Legion.

Reprinted from the Pine Bluffs Post
Zach Spadt/Pine Bluffs Post

10 - Pine Bluffs Post, June 2, 2016

Honoring the fallen

Town pays tribute to veterans' sacrifice, service

By Zach Spadt
pinebluffsreporter@rtconnect.net

The atmosphere was somber as members of the American Legion and residents of Pine Bluffs gathered Monday to pay their respects to the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice defending America.

Also on hand was United States Air Force Tech Sgt. Erin Callahan.

Callahan was originally on hand in Pine Bluffs to help put out nearly 200 U.S. Flags at the graves of Pine Bluffs veterans. She came back Monday to participate in the ceremonies.

Callahan said Memorial Day is personal to her, citing relatives who have served in the military. She has also lost friends in the line of duty over the years.

"It's emotional," Callahan said.

American Legion member Chuck Radcliffe noted the gravity of the day.

"It means a lot to us," Radcliffe said.

Radcliffe, along with other members of the Legion and volunteers were out Friday placing 190 flags at the Pine Bluffs cemetery to note the people buried there who have served. Radcliffe said there are people who have fought in the American Civil War and the Spanish-American Wars buried there.

All were honored Monday.

The ceremony

At 9 a.m. sharp, the honor guard was called to attention.

The honor guard consisted of members from Lewis Canady American Legion Post No. 60 and members from American Legion Post No. 6 in Cheyenne. Callahan was also present, holding the U.S. Flag.

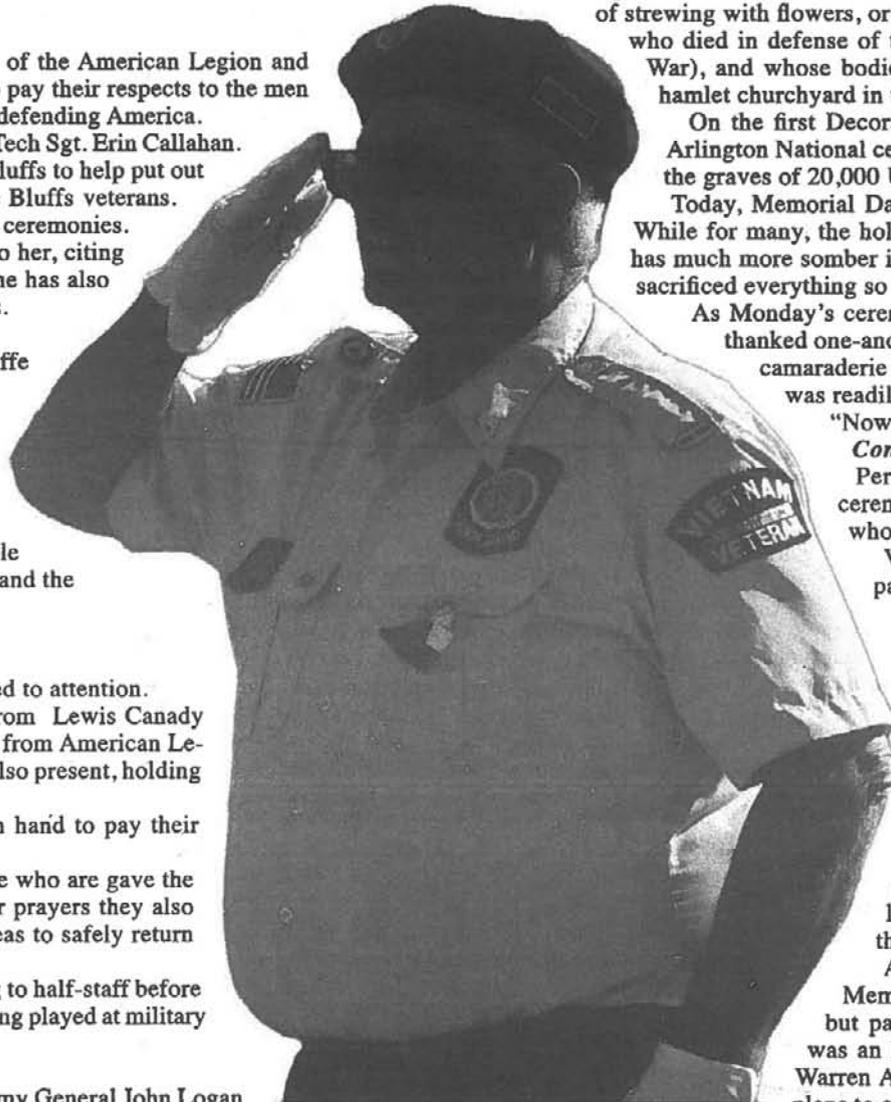
About 40 members of the public were on hand to pay their respects as well.

Attendees took a moment to pray for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families. In their prayers they also asked God to send those still serving overseas to safely return home.

Chuck Radcliffe lowered the cemetery flag to half-staff before Mike Heath played "Taps," a somber bugle song played at military funerals to honor fallen heroes.

The holiday

Memorial Day was established by U.S. Army General John Logan on May 30, 1868 as National Decoration Day, according to usmemorialday.org



Terry Harvick

His proclamation reads, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decoration the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion (Civil War), and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield spoke at Arlington National cemetery. Five-thousand participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May. While for many, the holiday marks the unofficial start of summer, it has much more somber implications for those whose loved ones have sacrificed everything so we can enjoy our freedoms here in the U.S.

As Monday's ceremonies concluded, tears were shed. Veterans thanked one-another for their service and their sacrifices. The camaraderie shared by only those who have fought together was readily apparent.

"Now you see what this means to us," Radcliffe said.

Continuing to serve

Perhaps the biggest takeaway from Monday's ceremonies were the several generations of veterans who turned out.

Veterans young and old paid their respects or participate in the ceremonies.

Callahan, who is serving as a medic out of F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne helped set up the cemetery for the ceremonies on Friday. She said several of her comrades in the Air Force were dispatched to cemeteries in the Cheyenne Area to help with ceremonies, but no one was sent to Pine Bluffs, so she volunteered.

Callahan said her grandfather served in the Air Force, reaching the rank of Master Sergeant before passing away. Continuing the legacy she has lost friends in comrades along the way.

As with all service members, Callahan said Memorial Day is an emotional, somber occasion, but participating in the ceremonies in Pine Bluffs was an honor. She said she will be stationed at F.E. Warren AFB for at least the next three years, and she plans to come back to Pine and participate in Memorial Day ceremonies.

"It's a day filled with pride and honor," Callahan said.

Election of Officers 2016-17

AMERICAN LEGION POST # 85
MEETEETSE, WYOMING

On April 19th, 2016, American Legion Post #85 held election of officers for the coming year. Newly elected are:

Commander: James D. Yockey

Vice commander: Kurt Owens (second term)

Adjutant: Janna Harris

Secretary/Treasurer: Eric Scott (second term)

Chaplain: James Vandervart

Post #85 members have been busy remodeling their current meeting hall which happens to be in the basement of Meeteetse Senior Center. The Post has covered the costs of repairing and replacing the outdated plumbing for the building, adding separate electrical and heating systems and all labor has been donated by our members. Pivotal in the organization and physical labor in this endeavor was Jim Yockey. The addition of a beautiful hand finished cedar bar top was installed thanks to a member donation of the cedar, and generous donations from businesses in our community. This year's goal is to complete the remodel and install a new flagpole. The Post wants to make our presence known in the community, educate and provide services to our current members and other veterans who might not know about our organization. The Post will be organizing a public ceremony and display of American Flags on the graves of all veterans in our cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.

Dues Increases

Legionnaires, I want to personally thank you for your service and to your country and your continued service to The American Legion and the Department of Wyoming. This is just a friendly reminder that the Department and the National levels have increased their dues this year. As some of you may have by this time seen, renewal notices have already gone out and the new dues (for many posts) have changed. Other posts may also be raising their dues. Please do not let this deter you from continuing to invest in yourself and your fellow Veterans. This includes the HQ Post #17. Check your membership card – if it says Post 17, then you are a member of the HQ holding post and not a local post. These dues are higher than most post dues, so if this becomes an issue consider transferring to a local post and supporting them. Your fellow veterans, families and communities still need your support. Let's keep your Legion operating and "Carry the Legacy Forward!"

Thank you,

Bill Frye, Dept Commander

District 2 News

Hello Legionnaires, First I need to introduce myself, I am Dean Welch of Casper. I served 4 years active in the Navy and 22 years in the Army National Guard and retired in 2005 after my deployment for OIF in 2004.



Dean Welch

I am a Serve Wyoming Commissioner, ESGR Training Director and Board member for the Brain Injury Alliance of Wyoming.

It is my honor and privilege to be the newly elected Commander for District 3 and last years District 3 Vice Commander.

Also this is my 3rd year as the Post 2 Commander in Casper.

Past District 3 Commander Ken Persson Jr. did a great job last year and is still a vital asset to the District and Post 33 in Lander. I will be bending his ear for advice and suggestions through the next few months whether he likes it or not ...ha

As with all Districts we in Dist. 3 have been

busy trying to improve our membership and still continue to make a difference in our communities through all our programs.

We are saddened at the loss of both Post 84 and Post 86, we hope that one day they may be rebuilt to support those communities.

Also Post 16 is having issues and hope we can improve membership this year so we don't lose that one as well, if you are in Post 16 it is important to get the numbers up and new officers installed to avoid a future closure of another historical Post.

I will strive to connect with each Post throughout the year and I'm always available by phone or email.

My cell is 307-258-9120 and my email is chiefsurveyor@juno.com I will try my best to assist any way I can.

Our main focus in the coming year as in the past is to get the word out about the Legion and our importance in

making changes in the VA and making our congressional delegation understand our strong desire to protect the benefits for ALL Veterans who have earned them through their service.

Reaching out to all Veterans to join our numbers to give our National Commander a strong voice every time he gets to speak to Congress and to Veterans around the world.

We have many Veterans out there that only need to be asked and shown what the Legion does to get them to decide to be one of us.

The Posts of District 3 continue to promote the Legion and participate in the Legion programs to include Boys State, Oratorical, Youth programs, Legion baseball, Americanism and Military Funeral Honors.

We were pleased to have Dept. winners from our District nominees for Lawman of the Year from Post 2 (Bart Olsen NCSO, Casper) Fireman of the Year from Post 33 (J.P. Apostolope, Green River), Citizen Soldier of the Year from Post 33 (SFC Samuel Beechum,

Lander), Educator of the Year from Post 33 (Lisa Moss, Lander), EMT of the Year from Post 33 (Patrick Kappus, Lander) and Legionnaire of the Year went to Past District 3 Commander Ken Persson Jr. Post 33 Lander.

Congratulations to all these individuals who have shown their pride and dedication to their communities and their service.

The future of the American Legion lives in the men and women that make up the Legion and it is our duty as Legionnaires to promote, recruit and support our great organization.

I will be attending the Legion membership conference in Indianapolis so hope to bring back some beneficial information for our Districts.

Hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer.

"My Oath Of Enlistment Has No Expiration Date"

God Bless American and The American Legion

Dean Welch D3 Co

Gene L. Wilenius Post #29



Gene and grandson. Jeff Redland.

Powder River Post 13

Powder River Post 13 hosted a "Thank You" prime rib dinner for forty-seven Legion and Auxiliary members who helped this past year. Special Guest was Carrie Little who gave the Post and Unit a Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners License. Members were thanked for Honor/Color Guard, Convention, painting, beer booth, selling tickets at the fair, working breakfasts and baking cookies and cakes to name a few.

District 5 News

District 5 is slowly getting ready for 2017. Membership cards have been given to all Posts in District 5 with phone calls encouraging membership. Posts were contacted asking for input for 2017 Goals. The Goals were turned into Department 1st Vice Commander Persson. Adjutants are reminded to not sit on "renewals" as Legion benefits can be affected. I made a visit to Post 7 along with District Vice Tim.

National Commander Dale Barnett visited District 5 Posts in July. His visit started in Gillette when he arrived. The following morning, Hulett Post 80 sponsored a "Veterans Walk" around Devil's Tower. TAL, ALA, SAL and Riders from Post around the Department and South Dakota Rider's enjoyed the walk and lunch. The next day found them in Sheridan visiting the Sheridan VA and Buffalo at the Wyoming Veteran's Home finishing up with a well-attended dinner at Post

13. Thank you District 5 Posts for stepping up and making the National Commander's visit memorable. Most Posts take it easy during the summer months getting ready for fall. Buffalo's Color Guard has provided funeral honor for several veterans this summer. They led the Fair Parade and had veterans riding on a float. The Post did their major fundraiser with the beer booth at the Rodeo and thanks all members for working. The Annual Bug Run took in Dayton Days on the way to Kirby, Montana for a late lunch. Post 7's Drum and Bugle Corp has been in several parades this summer and much appreciated by the townspeople. Post 80 sponsored the "Veterans Walk" and say "thanks to everyone for participating". I encourage all Posts to email or call me with news and upcoming events. Also remember to call me with questions and concerns. If I don't know the answer I will find it for you.

Post 26 Powell

Post 26 Powell is restarting an old tradition from our post history, dating back to 1937. Annual American Legion picnic. New membership cards are at the post. Powell was just shy of 100% for last year. As Commander I would love to be first in our district to get 100%. We have to beat Heart Mountain, they were first last year. Good job you guys. Remember dues are now \$45. Congratulations to our Sons Squadron they hit 200% on their membership and received a National certificate for their hard work. I would like to thank the Sons for all they do at the post. Also like to congratulate

the Auxiliary for the awards they received at convention, nice job ladies, and thanks for all you do at Post 26. Our new Shooting team is having the organizational meeting in July. If you are interested if shooting military caliber weapons come on down. Reminder in 2019 we will be 100 years old, anyone who has old photos of Powell American Legion history I would love to scan them and include them in our birthday party presentation. If you have an old story and just want to share it that would be great also. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. The Sons meet

on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM. Our Riders (Yellowstone Riders) meet on the last Monday of the month at 7 pm. Auxiliary is off for the summer but they meet the same night as the Legion. In August we will have our next Executive committee officer meeting so be ready. Fall workshop is in Green River Sept. 9th and 10th. Convention next year will be close to home, June 22 - 24 in Worland. If you've never been to a Department convention that would be the time to go. Don't forget to thank a veteran for their service when you see them.

Post 26 Commander Jerry Clark

George W. Vroman Post 2 Casper News

Hello Legionnaires,

Post 2 has been busy again this summer.

On Memorial Day we proudly held a dedication ceremony for a "Combat Cross Statue" also called a Battlefield Cross. It took us almost 3 years to make this happen.

We sold raffle tickets for a Gold plated Vietnam War Commemorative 1911 45 pistol to raise the funds for the statue as well as the brass plates mounted on the monument.

We were fortunate to get the Granite base donated by Lavin Tile and Stone of Casper and they also did the mounting in Veterans Park in Casper.

Senator Barrasso attended and spoke and State Senator Jim Anderson was our guest speaker.

Post 2 Legionnaire Chris Walsh volunteered to be the MC and did a great job.

We had several Gold Star family members do the unveiling and also had a representative from each branch place a set of dog tags on the statue and had the Casper Fire Department Pipe and Drum Team play Amazing Grace. Members Brian Petersen, Bob Renz and Miles Hartung conducted the 3 round rifle volleys while Sons member Bob Meloy played TAPS.

There was a very good



attendance by the community and now every time someone drives past it they can reflect on our fallen and their sacrifice to this country and our freedoms.

We even put a small time capsule in the base to be opened May 30th 2041 which will be the 100th anniversary year of Pearl Harbor.

Post 2 continues to be a active part of the Casper Community, we sent 2 Boys to Boys State, had our Independence Day picnic for all Veterans and Legionnaires and had our Legion float in the Central Wyoming Fair Parade.

The "Tribute to Fallen Soldiers" motorcycle group are making their way from Oregon to Arlington Cemetery and stopping in Casper to present a plaque to the family of Captain Robert Lucero who was killed in

Iraq in 2003. Post 2 has joined with Mrs Miller (who lost her son Scott in 2007) to help raise funds for the group to help them continue their work honoring our fallen each year. To make a donation go to <http://tributetofallen-soldiers.com/>

With over 5000 Veterans we continue to try and make each of them a Legion member so if you know anyone that qualifies to be a member have them contact the local Post.

Friend us on Facebook www.facebook.com/casperlegion or check out our website www.casperlegion.wordpress.com

"My Oath Of Enlistment Has No Expiration Date"

God Bless American and The American Legion

Dean Welch, D3 Co, P2 Co

Post 9 Meeting



At our regular Post 9 Meeting held on July 25, 2016, we presented the "Ambassador for Peace" Medal to two members. Glen Blakeley and Ed Wagner were both unable to get their medal when the Consul General was in Casper July 1st. A good crowd was on hand to see these Vets receive their medals. Glen served in the U.S. Army Military Police Unit while Ed was a "Tin Can" sailor off the coast of Korea on two occasions.

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imbalance between the two phrases causing "establishment clause" and forced it to overpower the "prohibition clause." First people added the separation clause out of ignorance, a testimony for the questions about our education system. People have added the words to the original document in their personal analysis. This addition in thought and the political influence it represents has caused errors to grow exponentially. Now many assume our country was founded on secular philosophy. Some claim religious freedoms, though not promotable by our government, can be curtailed in public institutions. However, this requires laws and "Congress shall make no law."

Exegesis involves extracting truths from literature in a three-prong effort alien to many today. First, historical – what is the period of time the document was written (time period, political forces, purpose, current events)? Second, context – what is in the sentence, the paragraph, the chapter, the entire book or writing? Third, grammatical – how is the sentence constructed, and specifically how are the words used? This type of literary research is also known as lower criticism. It may involve studying the literature in its original language if foreign (i.e., study the play *Les Misérables* in the original French). Applying exegesis to our Constitution's First Amendment, we find the following.

Historically, the first 10 Amendments of our Constitution were taken from the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights was generated in response to

concerns that the original Constitution might eventually permit a tyrannical central government to evolve. Our country broke from Great Britain because of tyranny. The purpose of the Bill of Rights was to specifically curtail governmental authority. For these reasons, the portion which reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these were life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..." is counted as one of the most cherished and clearly articulated phrases of freedom and liberty in the world history. Interestingly, while going through the revision process, the only words ever contested were "inherent and inalienable," replaced by "certain inalienable." There was never a question that a Creator bestowed these rights and liberty upon mankind.

Contextually, we begin with the founding document that opens, "We the People..." The people themselves give the individual articles the authority and position they have. Their personal freedom is being exercised as they choose their government, its construct, and the authority it is given. With an understanding of the origination of the amendments themselves, we find the First Amendment stands for a personal freedom to exercise religious belief. This is the first freedom referenced and it is the first restriction on government. We should note that this first liberty is the most personal, the most individual. It deals with how every person is driven, what they live

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Post 6 Cheyenne

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires: Let me introduce myself. My name is Shonna Wright and I am the new commander for Post 6. My current officers are 1st Vice Eddie Enriquez, and my 2nd Vices are Eric Woods, DJ Johnson, and Jerry Bowen. We are looking to do great things for the post for 2016-2017. We are hosting the Legion Regional Baseball Tournament here in Cheyenne August 2-7, 2016 for the second year in a row and wish the WY teams good luck. Our goals for Post 6 are many, but just to name a few, to bring the community and the legion members together to

help all organizations. Continue to support other organizations; for example, Wreaths Across America, our free Thanksgiving meal, and VA lunches. Of course we want to reach our 100% membership goal this year and we will continue to strive to reach out to new members to join our Post. It will take a lot of work, dedication, and commitment, but with the Executive Boards leadership and guidance and the participation of members who care about Post 6, we can push upward and onward to reach our goals.

*Shonna Wright
Commander, Post 6*

2016 Veteran's Walk at Devil's Tower with National Commander Dale Barnett

Legion, Aux, SAL and ALR members from Post 64, 80, 13, 42, 10, 36, and 45 were represented. Also Post 164 Legion Riders from Spearfish SD and members of Post 205 from Maine. It was a great time for all!!

National Commander Barnett along with Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members took part in a Veteran's Awareness Walk at Devil's Tower on July 11th. Members from Hulett, Moorcroft,

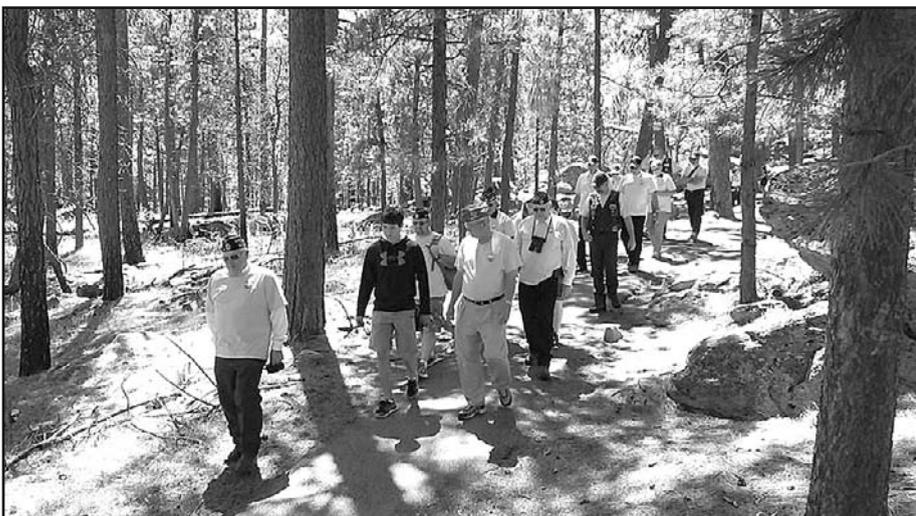
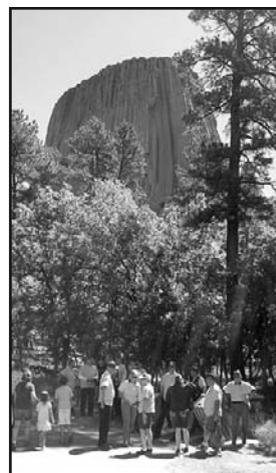
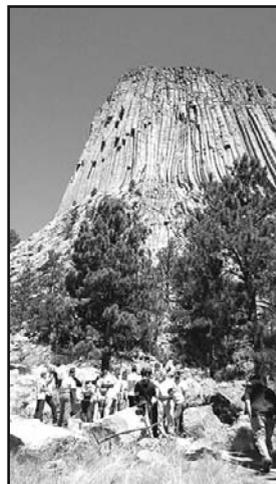
Gillette, Buffalo, Medicine Bow, and Wheatland along with Riders from South Dakota walked and had lunch provided by Roy Montgomery Post 80 and Auxiliary.



Veteran Awareness Walk at Devil's Tower



PDC Keith Davidson leads the pack followed by National Commander Barnett.



Department Convention



Americanism Lunch



Convention Pin



Buffalo Girls State Delegates Stephanie Camino and Governor Sadie Gruntmeir



Peg Sullivan addressing the Commanders Banquet



Green River Fireman of the Year



Kenneth Persson, Jr. Legionnaire of the Year



Don Sullivan, District Commander of the Year



Deanna Hurless accepting District Membership



Installation of TAL Officers: PDC Dean, Finance Deanna Hurless, 2nd VP Rick Dansereau, 1st VP Ken Persson;



Commander and President Banquet



Commander and President Banquet



Commander and President Banquet



Legion Riders coming in for picnic



Installation Picnic



Don Sullivan accepting Post 90 Goal Ribbon



Polyester Blends



Post 43 received the "Large Mallet" for highest % of membership by May 31, 2016

Chaplain's Cloud

IN MEMORIAM

Ruby Sellig-Unit 6
Esther Balden-Unit 13

Mary Alice Sjoden-Unit 54

SYMPATHY

Connie Stokes-Unit 28..... loss of mother
Karlene Sjoden-Unit 54..... loss of mother
Randall Sjoden..... loss of mother

GET WELL

Phyllis Hahn-Unit 1 hip surgery
Norma Leis-Unit 7 hospitalized
Sharon Soule -Unit 13..... cancer
Pepper Williams-Unit 13 cancer
Edith Leath- Unit 13..... hospitalized
Katherine Murphy-Unit 26 shoulder surgery
Peggy Lucas-Unit 26infection
Jackie Graham-Unit 26 heart surgery
Jeni Jacobs-Unit 5 foot surgery
Linda Johnson-Unit 42..... broken foot
Phyllis Gernant -Unit 32 Leukemia - doing chemo
Beth Baker-Unit 75 Hip Surgery and Rehab

THINKING OF YOU

Donna Allen-Unit 45ongoing health issues

Units please make sure you send your Chaplain form to Vicki Paddock - PO Box 130; Moorcroft WY 82721 or email vickip@rtconnect.net

Chaplain report

Hello ALA members! I hope this article finds you rested and refreshed after a wonderful summer!

I have started receiving some monthly Chaplain reports, wow, what a treat it is to see the compassion the ALA members of the Department of Wyoming have. Please feel free to send your report either electronically, or via the USPS.

Please remember to use the current Chaplains form when submitting requests by mail, this ensures a quick turn-around for cards, as the mail comes directly to my house instead of making its way across the State first. If you do not have the current form, it is available on the Department website: www.wyamericanlegion-auxiliary.org under the forms and scholarships tab, or those unaware,

my information is:

Susan Dansereau; 2110 Wyoming Drive; Green River, WY 82935; dansereau_r_f@hotmail.com 307-875-4408 home 775-790-3105 cell

If you would rather send the request via e-mail, I have access to the addresses of all Department members, so feel free to drop me a quick note with the name, and type of card requested, and I will take care of the details. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. I may not pick up on the first ring, but will certainly respond to any messages.

I am very humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve you in this capacity for the upcoming year, thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS

Green River #28 and Cheyenne #83 for reaching 102% of the National Goal. They received \$150.00 from National. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

Department receives CWF Excellence Certificate Top 10 Per Capita Giving presented by National TAL

Department Convention 2016 was a SUCCESS!

Powder River Post and Unit 13 member's hard work paid off in Buffalo. Comments were heard from many TAL, ALA, SAL and Riders when they walked in and saw the new paint and new flooring at Post 13.

Highlights of the Convention included a visit from ALA National President Sharon Conatser and TAL Leading Candidate Charlie Schmidt.

The convenience of having the meetings at Bomber Mountain Civic Center gave members a chance to attend dual meetings. The proximity of the motel and downtown offered members a "walk" following lunches served by Unit 13 members. The Commander/President Banquet cooked and served by Post and Unit members was well attended with entertainment from the "Polyester Blends" who came out of retirement

to sing well known songs of the past. Commander Don Sullivan was called from the kitchen by Department Commander Tom Dean to receive the District Commander of the Year award.



Following the close of Convention at noon gave members the chance to relax on the golf course, at the park, walk downtown or ride up the mountain with the Legion

Rider's before Installation of the 2017 Officers. The picnic and installation at the park was well attended with hamburgers and hotdogs being cooked by Post 13. A trial by the Buffalo "Wild Bunch" found PDC Dean, President Wright and SAL Keith guilty and a hanging occurred.

THANK YOU for attending and making Department Convention a memory.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wyoming Fall Workshop Schedule September 10, 2016 ~ Green River, Wyoming

Friday Sept 9:

- 4:00 to 5:00 Finance – Post 28 downstairs
- 5:30 - 7:00 Registration at Post Home
Hors d'Oeuvres and Social Hour
- 7:30 – 8:30 DEC - Post 28 downstairs

Sat. Sept 10:

- 8:30 Open Workshop
Advance colors
Prayer - Chaplain Susan Dansereau
Pledge of Allegiance - Gina Dusel
Preamble led - Tammy Harris
Greetings - Tammy Harris
Response - Edie Taffner
Roll Call of Units and Officers Introductions
Minutes of June 25, 2016 Meeting
Finance report - Peggy Miller 9:00
Session #1 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Twila, Cynthia and Becky
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Session #2 Americanism - Gina
- 11:00 Greetings to The American Legion
- 11:15 Pick a Chairman Question time
- 11:55 Break for lunch
- 1:00 Session #3 Membership
Vicki and Peg
- 2:00 Session #4 Constitution and By Laws
Tammy
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Session #5 Leadership - Peg
- 4:00 Office tidbits
- 4:30 Retire colors Prayer Close

Fall Workshop Registration Form is on page 2

Department Secretary
Peg Sullivan
Tidbits

Department Office Tidbits

- \$740.00 was collected and given to Crook County Fire Fund at Convention;
- Packets not picked up at Convention were mailed out June 30th. Have you read the information?
- The 2016-17 Budget was approved at Department Convention;

- Girls State Site for 2017-2019 will be LCCC located in Cheyenne;
- Past President Parley Scholarship was awarded to Andrea Habel, Unit 64. Congratulations Andrea.
- Dues notices will be mailed out from National the middle of September. Please be watching for yours.
- Membership Chairman - DON'T SIT ON DUES, TRANSMIT THEM to DEPARTMENT WEEKLY.

BRICKS

We have been asked by numerous other Auxiliary Unit members to share this information. Contact Dorothy Williams or email Connie Inman (addresses listed Under District 2) for further information.

In 1994 the American Legion John Prince Post and Auxiliary Unit 15, placed a flag pole in the Glendo town park. This being dedicated to our veterans, we would like to see it continue to grow. In helping this growth, we are having a memorial monument placed next to the flag pole along with

a concrete walkway to allow for easy access and viewing. We have arranged with the BRICKSRUS company for those interested to order a permanent brick to be placed on the walkway. If you would be interested in honoring a Veteran or family member, we have forms available or you can go to the online website WWW.BRICKSRUS.COM/ORDER/ALAUUNIT (yes... alauunit). Our deadline is October 31, 2016 in order for them to be in place for the dedication on November 11, 2016.

2015-2016 AWARDS

- Americanism:** Essays:
 - Class I Maddie Ann Ludwig, Unit 13;
 - Class II Bethany Howard, Unit 64;
 - Class III Joelle Eisell, Unit 9
 - Class IV Grace Anderson, Unit 80;
 - Class V Britany Morton, Unit 29
- Children and Youth** - Units 51-125 members:
 - 1st Unit #7 Sheridan;
 - 2nd Unit #36 Fort Bridger;
 - 3rd Unit #70 LaGrange;
 - Units 126 + members: 1st Unit #26 Powell;
 - 2nd Unit #42 Gillette;
 - 3rd Unit #15 Glendo
- Alice Norfleet Memorial Children and Youth Traveling Trophy for the best Children and Youth Program - Hughes-Pittinger Unit #26 Powell.
- Community Service** - Class II - Medicine Bow, Class III - Powell
- Education** - Give 10 - Unit 13, 64, 80, 70, 19, 44, 45; Best Americanism Education Week Program & Best Overall Program - Unit 70; Best Veterans in the Community Schools Program - Unit 9 Glenrock; Best Scholarship Program - Unit 80 Hulett
- History** - Class I Guernsey, Basin; Class II Glendo
- Membership** - Leda White Memorial Trophy; Department Citation Goal

- by 12/31 - Greybull Unit 32;
- Goal Ribbons** - Greybull Unit 32, Chugwater Unit 75, Alpine Unit 46, Green River Unit 28, Medicine Bow Unit 64, Big Piney Unit 78, Cheyenne Unit 83, Lander Unit 33
- Poppy Posters**
 - Class 1 - Wyatt Kaufman, Unit 70;
 - Class II Lily Cox, Unit 70;
 - Class III Elizabeth Peterson, Unit 25 Joshua Clayton, Unit 70;
 - Class IV Faith Anderson, Unit 80 Mickayla VanNatter, Unit 95;
 - Class V - Darbi Buckmiller, Unit 25 and Anthony Ramirez, Unit 70;
 - Class VI Katalina Pfeif, Unit 25
- Past President Parley** - Unit Member of the Year - Debra Anderson Unit 80 Hulett and Scholarship - Andrea Habel, member of Medicine Bow, Unit 64
- Public Relations** - 1st - Hughes Pittinger #26; 2nd - Marion Tanner # 29; 3rd - Powder River #13
- Other: 1st - Cheyenne #6; 2nd - Floyd Minch #44; 3rd - Roy Montgomery #80
- VA & R** 50 and under - Greybull; 51 to 100 - Casper; 100 and over - Powell
- Certificate of Appreciation to Bobbie Gertsch for her many years of service to the Cheyenne VAVS

VA FACILITIES COOKIE SCHEDULE
2016 - 2017

Units may send monetary donation to the Department Office for cookies. The VAVS Rep will buy cookies in your Unit's name. The cookies are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU

CHEYENNE	MONTH	SHERIDAN
Medicine Bow Rock Springs	SEPTEMBER	Basin Buffalo
Saratoga Douglas	OCTOBER	Casper Gillette
Torrington Pine Bluffs Wheatland	NOVEMBER	Ft. Bridger Ft. Washakie
	DECEMBER	
Cheyenne 6 Lingle	JANUARY	Kaycee Hulett Big Piney
Albin Cokeville	FEBRUARY	Greybull Pinedale
Chugwater Glenrock	MARCH	Alpine Lander
Glendo Guernsey	APRIL	Powder River Riverton
Van Tassell LaGrange	MAY	Sheridan LaBarge
Rawlins Laramie	JUNE	Worland Powell Moorcroft
Cheyenne 83	JULY	Sundance

June 2016

Thank You

To all of the American Legion Family that helped our family during state convention:

During the state convention in Buffalo, WY Our son Cody Landwehr (an SAL member) who was in Rock Springs, WY was in a bad Motorcycle accident and was life flighted to Salt Lake City, UT His father and I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the wonderful people who helped us to be able to get to Salt Lake and to be able to stay with Cody for the three weeks that he was in the Hospital. Cody lost the lower part of his Right leg so it will be a long road ahead for all of us. But he is doing well and is at home.

A Very Heart Felt Thank You To All.

*James Landwehr
Janet Packer
Cody Landwehr*



Mark Your Calendar

FALL WORKSHOP

September 10, 2016
Green River

MID WINTER CONVENTION

January 21, 2017
Cheyenne

NWDVP will attend

MISSION TRAINING & JUNIOR DIVISION MEETING

October 29, 2016
Spokane, Washington

SPRING CONFERENCES

Locations to be determined by Legion District Membership
April 2-3, April 9-10, April 23-24

GIRLS STATE

June 11-18, 2017
LCCC - Cheyenne

POST, UNIT, SQUADRON & RIDER DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

June 22-24, 2017
Worland

NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 18-24, 2017
Reno, Nevada



American Legion Auxiliary News



Auxiliary Emergency Fund co-chairman Peg Sullivan presenting two checks to National President Sharon Conatser in the amount of



District Officers for 2016-17



PDC Dean



Rock Springs Unit 24 members displaying a mat they make out of shopping bags for homeless veterans.



Department President Sonja being hung by the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Wild Gang during the picnic



A great mix of Department Officers



Susan Dansereau, Peg Sullivan and Past National President Nancy Brown-Park at Longmire Days in Buffalo.



Post 13 Commander Don Sullivan presenting a thank you certificate to Gene Wright owner of Crossroads Trike and Trailers in Salt Lake City for supporting the 2016 Department Convention in Buffalo.



Unit Member of the Year from Hulett, Debra Anderson (center) with her mom Mae Neiman and Chairman Shareen Johnson



SAL Incoming Commander Charlie Keith



Leila pinning PDC ribbon on Tom



Historian Gina, Chaplain Susan, Sec/Treas Peg, Vice Vicki



The District News



Saddle Up with Sunny District 1

Summer Happenings - half of the District 1 units have played hooky this summer (mine among them-no judgment!), but most participated in Memorial Day and Fourth of July Programs. Flags and wreaths were laid by Senior and Junior members and parades attended-and walked in-by both groups as well. Fall will kick off our busy time again, so I hope everyone has rested up for the coming year.

I would like to brag a bit on Unit 28 Green River this time. They decided to continue meeting though the summer this year and great things have happened! They recently held their *first* flag etiquette class and netted 26 people! The children that attended were given the chance to fold, raise and lower the flag correctly. An amazing turnout and a wonderful teaching opportunity!

Tammy Harris, Unit 28 President and her husband have been doing a morning talk show on the local radio station (along with her in-laws) once a month to talk about Post Happenings. Another great idea to get our names and activities, out there. Great job Tammy!

Unit 28 is also going to be our host unit for Fall Conference so they are gearing up for that as well. We hope to see everyone at Fall Conference in September!

DISTRICT #4: "Becky's Brigade" Hello, Units of District 4 and members throughout the state. As we begin this new year, the energy is strong for membership and programs.

MARION TANNER, UNIT 29, BASIN, is busy working with the Legion to complete a raffle; this includes a table during the Big Horn County Fair, where tickets and membership sign up will be the focus. The first meeting in September will be aimed at collecting dues for 2017, discussing new member possibilities and the goal to keep our renews involved. At our first meeting Department President Sonja Wright will make her official visit; Greybull unit will join us for this meeting. The Poppy Committee is already working with businesses for Poppy Day; Legislative Committee is very busy this year, with so many offices/elections and Meet the Candidates events. Girls State Delegates and Boy's State Delegate will ride in the Big Horn County Fair, behind the Legion Color Guard and the Auxiliary Float.

GREYBULL, UNIT #32, GREYBULL, President Carol Webb reports that Greybull Unit #32 held a Girls State and Boys State Dinner ; the members did a Community Service Program active for children and adult members; the unit sponsored a Veterans Day Dinner; they took goodies, cards and visits to the Wyoming Retirement Center and Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home to the resident veterans on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other special residential activities. The members are visiting and recording information on veterans buried in the surrounding communities of Whaley Cemetery, Emblem Cemetery, Shell Community Cemetery, and the Greybull Cemetery.

HUGHES-PITTINGER, UNIT # 26, POWELL, is busy under the leadership of Trudy Anderson with the following activities and programs. In May they participated in a Veterans' Welcome Home Day at the Lovell Community Center with Governor Matt Meade speaking. Powell's Mayor declared Poppy Day in May and the Unit had a very successful Poppy Day in the community. Memorial Day was spent with others at a ceremony at Crown Hill Cemetery, laying wreaths and paying respect for the brave heroes. June was a busy month with the American Legion Auxiliary providing dinners for the National Guard during the annual training; Girls State was held at Northwest College, with Powell members participating in the week's events; the Girls State Dinner was held; a Field of Honor was part of Flag Day events, plus the Flag retirement ceremony performed by the Post and Boy Scouts, with ALA members wearing red, white, and blue scarves; SENIOR FOCUS event was held at Washington Park to celebrate seniors and showcase local businesses. ALA had a table with Membership information available. Members attended Department Convention in Buffalo where the unit was recognized with awards in Children and Youth, Public Relations Community Service VA/R, PPP, and Membership. The ALA provided a breakfast for the Powell Alumni for their final June activity. July brought the ALA furnishing baked goods at a bake sale during Special Olympics; August will have a special event with a Post/ALA Picnic, not since 1937, at Homestead Park at 6 pm. Door prizes, visiting, eating, sharing and family fun is the purpose.

Post 13 Quilt of Valor Recipients



FLOYD MINCH, UNIT #44, WORLAND's unit is under the leadership of Becky Fowler, who has said that Unit 44 will be working diligently on membership throughout 2017. The unit has lost members through passing and non renewals. Fund raisers for Girls State and other programs are starting early. One Wyoming Whiskey Basket and a "Made in Wyoming" Basket will be raffled. One basket's proceeds will go to Veterans and one basket's proceeds will go to Girls State. Yellow Ribbons will be placed Downtown for Veterans Day. Using a small trailer the ALA will participate with a float in two parades. I will be making my District Unit Visits in September, October and November, with specific details coming for each unit. Wow, this District loves our Veterans.

DP and PDP Becky Allred.

Lasso with Linda District 5

I wish to thank everyone for their confidence and support by choosing Melba Bennett Unit 7 as your District 5 Vice President and me as your President.

Our Gold Star winners this summer were Buffalo Unit 13 and Deb Anderson from Hulett Unit 80.

Buffalo Unit 13 hosted a very successful Department Convention in June. Their members rose to the occasion and provided an outstanding experience for all in attendance. Unit 13 and Post members cleaned, cooked and sold many ads for the Convention Book. The Buffalo American Legion Family is very proud of their members.

Hulett Unit 80 is proud of Deb Anderson. She was named Member of the Year at the Department Auxiliary Convention. Way to go Buffalo and Deb Anderson! District 5 is proud of you and your accomplishments.

Melba and I would like to visit every unit in District 5 if possible. So far, we will be visiting Buffalo on September 5th and Kaycee on September 15th. Please let us know if your unit is interested in such a visit.

We would like units to blow their horns about the wonderful things that they do for our veterans, family and community. You can do this by talking with friends and family about Auxiliary projects, inviting the newspaper to an event, posting on Face Book and emailing us about your events. We will write a report about your events in the Auxiliare. Sharing helps your community and others know how much you care about veterans and your community. Caring and sharing might attract others like yourself to join your unit. We all could use more help. Please feel free to contact us at anytime.

The Fall Workshop will be in Green River on September 10, 2016. Please join your district at the Fall Workshop. The Department will be discussing many issues including tax information and membership. Hotel information will be in the September issue of your Auxiliare. Hope to see you at Fall Workshop.

Thank you for all that you do for our veterans.

Linda Johnson and Melba Bennett

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Convention	Becky Allred		

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TROPHIES AND AWARDS From the Chaplain From page 7

AMERICANISM

- Armitage Trophy - best all around Americanism program.
- Bender Trophy - most outstanding unit Americanism program conducted within the schools.
- Americanism Essay Contests.

CHAPLAIN

- Book of Prayers
- Juniors - 1st place, 2nd place
- Seniors - over 75 unit membership and under 75 unit membership - 1st and 2nd place.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- For the best and most complete Children and Youth Program
- Alice Norfleet Traveling Trophy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Goppert Memorial Trophy
- Best Community Service Report

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

- Boam Traveling Award Plaque

EFFICIENCY CITATIONS

- Given to all Units achieving 90% or over in efficiency

HISTORY

- Citations to all Units submitting their annual histories to the Department Historian

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

- Memory Book, Andrews Memorial Trophy, Traveling Bell, Handwork

MEMBERSHIP

- Van Dyke Cup - 1st District to reach goal
- Whiteaway Trophy
- Earl Wright Memorial Trophy
- Leda White Memorial Trophy
- Department Citations
- Goal Ribbons

POPPY

- Poster awards in each of the classes - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Only winning posters (1st place) from each District will be judged at the Departmental level. Rules as National directs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Sheridan VA Hospital Report

Although summer and vacation time has been in full swing, activities continue at the Sheridan VA Healthcare Center.

We purchased \$100 in Coupon Books for the Canteen for Recreation to use as prizes in different activities held throughout the summer.

2 telescoping fishing rods we acquired for door prizes for the Welcome Home festivities held at the VA in late June for ALL veterans. This is an annual event that draws over 200 veterans and family members to a ceremony thanking ALL veterans for what they do and have done.

Department bought popcorn and popcorn seasoning for patient activities. We also purchased a popcorn maker and cart for the Nursing Home Care Unit as many of their vets are unable to go down to the Auditorium to get popcorn.

We sponsored the Dan Orr Memorial Fishing Derby for the Nursing Home and Rehab patients held at the Veterans Home in Buffalo at their walk-in fishing pond. This is another annual event. There were approximately one dozen

patients attending on a day that the temp was at 95+. We had Auxiliary members from Sheridan and Buffalo and SAL/Legion members from Sheridan helping with everything. A delicious chicken, beans and watermelon lunch was provided for all with bars provided by 2 Auxiliary members for desert.

I attended a meet and greet with the National Commander of the American Legion Dale Barnett when he visited the facility. Following a facility tour and meeting with the Acting Director, the group ate in the dining hall with the vets.

Thanks to all for cookies sent. When we sent out a plea for cookies when stores were low, you came through. Anytime you feel like baking, make cookies and send them up to the VA whether it is your month or not. They adore homemade cookies!

Keep up all that you do. Your donations are what allow us to make the hospitalization of the veteran more comfortable. You are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Linda Orr and Ramona Jacobs,
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for, their life's force and conviction. It is more intimate than any other right. It is thought, spirit, heart. It is a person's liberty to worship whom we desire in the way in which we desire, to live out our faith personally between us and our god.

Being the first amendment, it sets the tone and authority for what follows. It also flavors the entire document. It does not *call* for government activity, it restricts power. It strips the government of ability. Historically, and contextually our study shows the Constitution denies our government any authority to curtail the freedom for anyone to practice their religion, including inviting others, or simply public fellowship or discussion. This is clearly a "free exercise thereof" for any religion, whether Christian, Islam, Buddhism or Atheism. The amendment itself is labeled "Freedom of Religion, Press," indicating a preeminence to freedom of religion even above that of the press.

Equally, in reviewing the amendment itself, we find the phrases "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech," before the phrase "or the press." We should also understand that "press" freedoms referred to the printing press, not necessarily people, although they were inherent in it. For instance, you know now it¹⁵ was against the law to print bibles in English until Congress commissioned Robert Aitken.

Grammatically, we find the amendment is a single sentence. Historically, this was how things were written in the 18th century. Many continuing phrases were connected with commas and semicolons to complete a thought. For instance, our Thanksgiving proclamation by George Washington was written in this fashion. The second paragraph of this address is a single sentence, 190 words, connected by 13 comma's and six semicolons. This form of communication attempts to open with an anchor phrase. In this

fashion the Amendment's verbiage is focused upon, "Congress shall make no law..." This correlates the history and context with this opening amendment. The next phrases "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;" indicates the amendment deals with a freedom from any law of Congress concerning religion. This is followed by, "or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;" again indicating a freedom from any Congressional law that abridges, censors, or edits a person's speech or freedom of the press. Finally, we find "or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is connected to the first two where people are given freedom to assemble without congressional interference or harassment. Further, a right to petition the government for redress of grievance exists under the same circumstances.

Again, the key phrase of concern then is, "Congress shall make no law..." Those things that follow explain the restrictions inherent in the opening statement. They are individually connected within their phraseology and literarily connected in the whole.

Emotions cloud issues and facts; emotions about politics and religion especially. Know the truth and that it may set you free to serve God and country. Comrade in arms, shipmate, friends and acquaintances, understand the freedom our constitution truly provides. We fought for those freedoms. Some of our friends gave themselves for that freedom. An ancient church father said that Christian blood is as seed to the gospel of Christ. I submit to you, the soldier's, sailor's, airman's and marine's blood is as seed unto liberty! In this way, *not one* of our comrades has ever died in vain. Can I encourage you to remember them through that truth's patriotic prism?

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