



Commander's Corner

- Commander Mike Cooke

The destruction from natural disasters has been evident throughout the nation; unfortunately, Wyoming has had its share of them. I would like to take this opportunity to get the information out that may help you or someone you know during these trying time.



Mike Cooke

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

Through TFA "Temporary Financial Assistance", The American Legion distributes one-time grants of up to \$1,500 to eligible active-duty military and American Legion members in need. Grantees must have minor children in the home and the funds are designed to help meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses so that children have a stable environment during a time of hardship.

Because the safety and well-being of American Legion members and the Legion Family is of the utmost importance, National Headquarters is asking that all TFA investigators suspend home investigations/site visits for TFA applicants during this time. While the home visit is an integral part of the TFA process, the following are other measures to validate and complete the investigation.

If you know of someone who

qualifies for TFA, please contact Adjutant Lish at Department HQ's (307-634-3035) and he will get the process started.

National Emergency Fund (NEF)

The Preamble to The American Legion Constitution sums up the theme of the National Endowment Fund, "... devotion to mutual helpfulness." This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to Legionnaires and their family members. Since the early 1920s, The American Legion has been actively involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion Family members in the wake of disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and wildfires.

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

NEF helps those affected by well-known disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy and lesser-publicized tragedies such as flooding in South Dakota or Illinois, or wildfires in the southwest.

The fund provides up to \$3,000

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Hounddog Missile



The hounddog missile that used to be on display in Buffalo was moved to Pueblo, Colorado on June 10, 2020. It is temporarily on display outside the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. It has been cleaned up and painted and looks mighty fine!

MEET THE NATIONAL COMMANDER!

1 NOVEMBER 2020 AT FRANCIS E. SELF, POST #6

SOCIAL HOUR: 1700

DINNER: 1800



The American Legion National Commander, Bill Oxford, will be visiting Wyoming in November.

Come join the Welcome Dinner at Post 6 and meet your Commander. Dinner will start at 1800 hours with Entertainment from Steve Navaris following the dinner.

Dinner Options: \$20.00 per plate.

— London Broil

— Pork Roast w/Gravy

Please RSVP to the Post prior to 23Oct2020.

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2nd Vice Commander Report

- Michael Hobbs

Greetings Legionnaires!! It is almost that time a year again. All the traveling for district conferences and the election of new officers! What an exciting time to be a member of The American Legion. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the continued support while I, "Learn the ropes" this year. Things have truly been a learning experience. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you during your district conferences in April and May. I will be announcing my candidacy for Department of Wyoming Vice Commander! I love being a member of The American Legion and I love helping our fellow veterans!

This is the time of year to make sure we are connecting with veterans in our neighborhoods. I'm talking about the Buddy Check! I would like to see ever member checking on at least one veteran to let them know that we are still here to help them if they are in need. This is also a great opportunity to follow up with them to make sure that they are a paid-up member of The American



Michael Hobbs

Legion for 2020-2021! We are so close to our goal and the last 10% is the hardest. We will need all hands available to make this happen. We made our goal last year thanks to all YOUR hard work. Let's make this year even better than last year.

The last thing coming up that I think everyone should be aware of is the District 6 revitalization coming in April. We will be working with the national level along with other departments to set a new standard for national level revitalizations. This will be a very exciting opportunity for the Department to be a part of. If you are in the Cheyenne area during the weekend 17th -19th of April I encourage you to stop in to Post 6 to see what it is all about. We can always use volunteers with some of the logistical efforts. The District meeting will be held on the 19th along with an AAR for those who participated in the revitalization. Like I stated earlier, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you during your district meetings and please travel safe!

Attention Wyoming Veterans!

If you are looking for a job, please contact your nearest Department of Workforce Services office. Our trained staff will assist you in all aspects of the job search.

Remember, all of our services are free. You served our country, now let us serve you.



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for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are:

All of this information can be located on the American Legion website www.legion.org and search for TFA of NEF. I encourage everyone to get the information out about all The American Legion programs especially these two. We just might be able to help some local families and businesses out. Please keep track of the time you put into researching these for your community as they are both reportable to your post adjutant and they can add that information to their yearly reports.

If you are going to be venturing out into the wild Wyoming coun-

tryside this hunting season, I wish you the best of luck and a safe trip. As always, remember that it is starting to get cold again, be mindful of your fellow veterans and elderly in your communities. Keep an eye on them to ensure they are staying warm and sheltered.

"In a storm at sea no one on board can wish the ship to sink, and yet not unfrequently all go down together because too many will direct and no single mind can be allowed to control."

— President Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)

God Bless America

Mike Cooke

Department Commander

The American Legion Department of Wyoming 2020 Membership Report

Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target	Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
24	Rock Springs	435	254	58.39%	0	1	Van Tassell	36	20	55.56%	0
28	Green River	255	122	47.84%	18	4	Lusk	34	24	70.59%	0
36	Ft. Bridger	135	85	62.96%	0	5	Torrington	179	102	56.98%	0
40	Cokeville	12	5	41.67%	2	8	Douglas	215	118	54.88%	1
41	Evanston	52	30	57.69%	0	9	Glenrock	55	35	63.64%	0
43	Jackson	121	61	50.41%	6	10	Wheatland	96	48	50.00%	5
46	Alpine	43	23	53.49%	1	15	Glendo	29	26	89.66%	0
47	Pinedale	53	25	47.17%	4	56	Veteran	10	3	30.00%	3
49	Afton	30	14	46.67%	3	63	Lingle	29	19	65.52%	0
55	Kemmerer	43	29	67.44%	0	70	La Grange	15	9	60.00%	0
78	Big Piney	20	11	55.00%	0	75	Chugwater	11	10	90.91%	0
88	La Barge	17	11	64.71%	0	95	Guernsey	38	21	55.26%	0
D-1		1216	670	55.10%	0	D-2		747	435	58.23%	0
	55% - 10/15/2020						55% - 10/15/2020				
Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target	Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
2	Casper	293	176	60.07%	0	11	Lovell	42	22	52.38%	1
16	Powder River	10	3	30.00%	3	18	Thermopolis	27	18	66.67%	0
19	Riverton	92	46	50.00%	5	20	Cody	65	36	55.38%	0
31	Dubois	25	13	52.00%	1	26	Powell	200	110	55.00%	0
33	Lander	262	131	50.00%	13	29	Basin	61	35	57.38%	0
61	Pavillion	16	2	12.50%	7	32	Greybull	35	19	54.29%	1
81	Ft. Washakie	27	19	70.37%	0	44	Worland	205	125	60.98%	0
96	Arapaho	14	9	64.29%	0	85	Meeteetse	29	17	58.62%	0
						91	Heart Mountain	13	13	100.00%	0
D-3		739	399	53.99%	7	D-4		677	395	58.35%	0
	55% - 10/15/2020						55% - 10/15/2020				
Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target	Post		2021 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
3	Newcastle	88	51	57.95%	0	6	Cheyenne	1254	806	64.27%	0
7	Sheridan	245	112	45.71%	23	14	Laramie	338	228	67.46%	0
13	Buffalo	175	116	66.29%	0	21	Burns	10	3	30.00%	3
25	Moorcroft	42	19	45.24%	4	54	Saratoga	101	57	56.44%	0
42	Gillette	380	217	57.11%	0	60	Pine Bluffs	58	33	56.90%	0
45	Sundance	30	18	60.00%	0	64	Medicine Bow	36	27	75.00%	0
80	Hulett	44	37	84.09%	0	77	Albin	10	10	100.00%	0
90	Kaycee	11	3	27.27%	3	93	Cheyenne	13	8	61.54%	0
						122	Rawlins	69	36	52.17%	2
D-5		1015	573	56.45%	0	D-6		1889	1208	63.95%	0
	55% - 10/15/2020					DISTRICT TOTALS		6283	3680	58.57%	0
Current as of:		13-Oct-2020									

Chaplain's Corner

American Legion Chaplains' Mission: "Your mission is twofold: help Legionnaires and others grow in their relationships with God and one another, and minister to people wherever there is a need."

American Legion Chaplains' Handbook; page 1

How To Have Peace In Stressful Times

I have been watching the news and researching on the internet. Like most of you I see things happening in the United States of America that shouldn't be taking place. Rioting, looting, burning and murdering people is not protesting, it is insurrection. Seeing these things happening in many of our large cities brings up troubling memories and thoughts of wars we Veterans have fought. We remember the oaths we have taken to stand against the enemies of America both from without and from within. To see these things happening is very stressful and brings both anger and fear into our lives. Is there now a real possibility that we might have to fight against the enemies of America on our shores?

Many people in America have turned their backs against the God of Heaven that we Legionnaires profess to serve. We serve God and Country. What can we do about this

Spiritual problem? In The Holy Bible, 2nd Chronicles 7:14 it says *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

The God of Heaven is talking to people who say they serve Him. He is talking to people who profess to be Christians. To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. To follow Christ is to have a personal relationship with Him. How is this possible? It says in The Holy Bible, Romans 10:9, *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* The God of Heaven works in the lives of men and women today here on earth. He is still on the throne and has not abdicated. The Holy Bible has all the answers for all situations in our lives. It is as applicable today as when Christ Jesus walked on the earth. There is comfort for living in these stressful times. It can be found in the pages of The Holy Bible. Here are some encouraging verses;

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your

ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

2 Timothy 1:7, For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

John 14:27, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither

let it be afraid.

Look to God for the answers you need today. Yes, we may have to stand against the enemies of America but we don't have to be afraid and we can have peace in Him in spite of the circumstances we find ourselves in. Have Faith and Trust in Jesus.

Chaplain Vandivort

Taps...



Post Everlasting 2020

District 4

Post 20 Cody

Nick Misciagna (1)

Post 26 Powell

Robert Murphy (14)

Henry Bennett (1)

District 5

Post 7 Sheridan

James Brewer (41)

John Dierking (5)

Squadron 7 Sheridan

Brad Bruns (2)

Post 80 Hulett

Al Ellefson (37)

Dickie Conzelman (48)

District 6

Post 6 Cheyenne

Stephen Miller (9)

Post 54 Saratoga

Walter Alcorn (37)

Post 122 Rawlins

Juan De Herrera (14)

Gary Walton (1)

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

EARLY BIRD Drawing 2021 membership year.

This drawing is for all American Legion Department of Wyoming Members who have a paid up 2021 membership. That includes Paid up for life members, renewals, new members, and honorary members.

If your membership card looks like this, you will be entered for the drawing



The cutoff for this drawing will be December 1, 2020

1st place \$1000 plus \$250 to the winners post
2nd place \$500 plus \$250 to the winners post

Drawing: December 7, 2020
@1300

Facebook live on the
Department Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionheadquarters/>

High School Rodeo News

The American Legion Wyoming High School Rodeo Association Board of Directors met in Wheatland on September 25. The board expressed their appreciation for the past and continued support of the American Legion to the High School Rodeo Program. Your donations to the Scholarship program made it a great success. We were able to award 22 graduating seniors in total of over \$18,000. Each applicant received a minimum of \$750 to help further their education. Sponsorship of awards and other general support helped the Association during some trying times. Even though the Spring rodeo season and State Finals were cancelled, we were able to send 48 rodeo competitors and 5 shooters to the National Finals in Guthrie, OK.

The drawing for the Rifle/Time Share/Knife raffle will be conducted by 1 November. Thanks for your support in selling and buying tickets. The American Legion WHSRA will be having another Raffle for the 2020-21 year. Tickets, information and posters will be available by Mid-

Winter. Contact Ken Persson Sr. for more information at ppersson@tcinc.net or 307-349-2881. Thank you, Chad Chapman, for the beautiful rifle in the past and the Persson Family for donating the time shares for 2020.

We will have the same basic program for the 2021 raffle as we have in the past.

The 2021 raffle will tentatively include a Weatherby Mark V rifle in 257 Weatherby caliber and a Weatherby over/under shotgun as well as two custom antler knives.

The tentative schedule for the remainder of the 2020-21 Rodeo season is out.

Laramie-10-11 April 2021

Post 14

Rock Springs – 17-18 April 2021

Posts 24 & 28

Big Piney – 24-24 April 2021

Post 78

Newcastle – 1-2 May 2021

Post 3

Gillette – 8-9 May 2021

Post 42

Casper – 15-16 May 2021

Post 2

OPEN- 22-23 May 2021 - Torrington has expressed an interest

Post 5

Buffalo/Sheridan 29-31 May (Memorial wknd)

Post 7 & 13.

Douglas - 7-12 June 2021 -Wyoming High School State Finals

Post 8

Currently, we are planning on visits by both the Leading Candidate for National Commander, Paul Dillard of Texas and National Vice Commander for the Western Region, Robert Liebenow from Oregon. Tentatively, Paul will be in Douglas 7-10 June and Robert will be there 9-12 June. I will be looking for help with the Scholarship interviews on Wednesday, 9 June. If you would like to help, let me know.

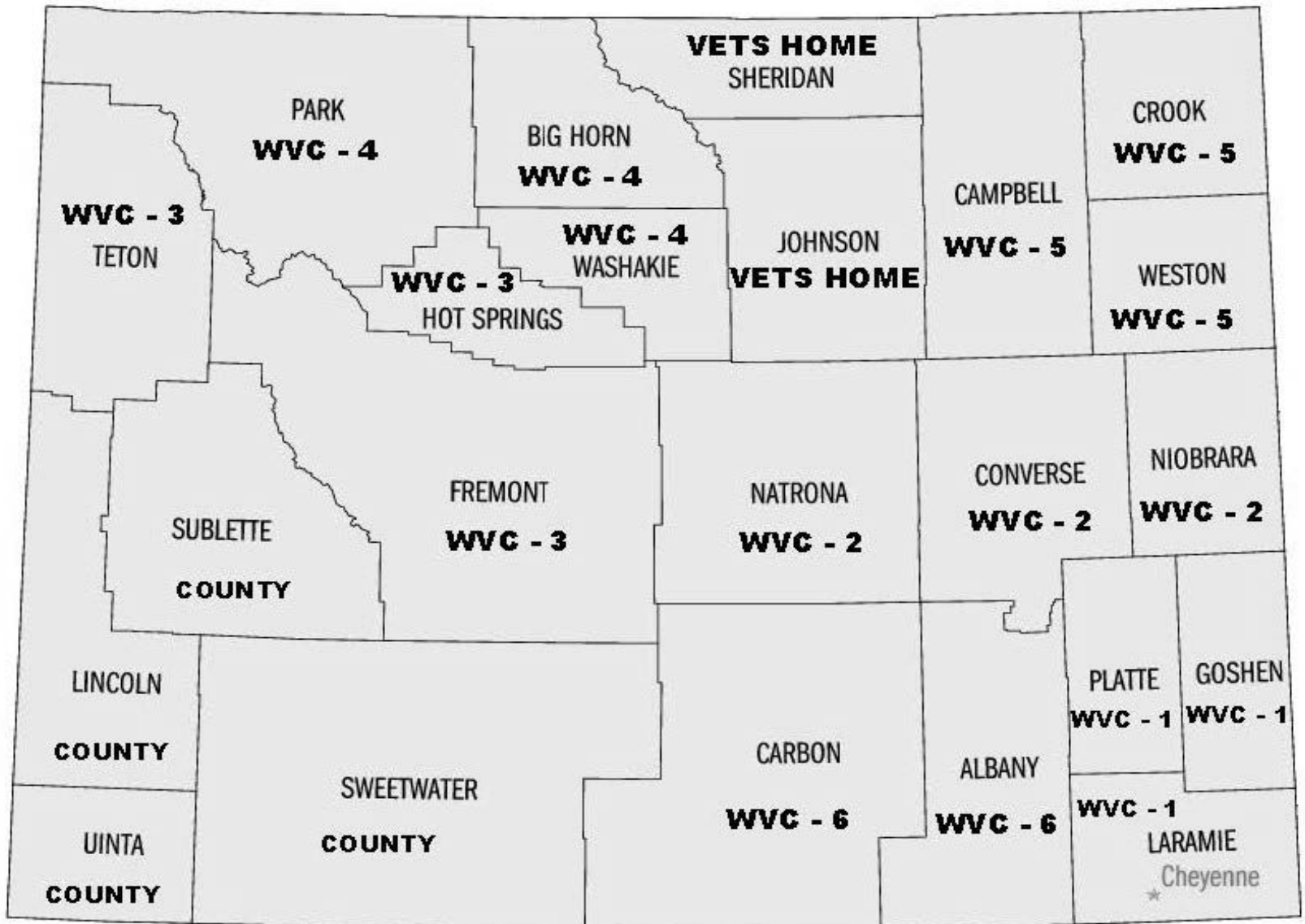
Respectfully submitted: Ken Persson Sr 307-349-2881

Ideas from Workshop break out sessions

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Boost Participation</u>	<u>Buddy Check/Revitalization</u>	<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Boost Participation</u>	<u>Buddy Check/Revitalization</u>
4	Use Spokie to update and verify members contact phone numbers.	Start activities, partnership with other VSO's to reach a larger audience and potential membership.	1	Coach, Recruit and Mentor new members who show interest in leadership and participating in events.	Make welcome packets for new members and old members who might have forgot post information.
4	Serve Breakfast or Dinner before meeting to encourage members to show up.	Use advertising to spread new information about eligibility. (Social Media, Chamber of Commerce, Radio, Newspaper)	1	Once you recruit a new member, make sure to bring them to the next meeting. This will help eliminate the "Fear Factor".	Send out community calendar with local events and post events so others know they can participate. Post in areas accessible all times of day/night.
4	Make phone calls to remind members about upcoming meetings. (Week of/Days before)	Some printing companies will provide free signage for large events and to post at intersections around post home.	1	Send out reminder text messages for meetings and post events.	Buddy check new members that have not shown up to the post or meeting after signing up. Make sure to get follow up if needed.
4	Email membership using Post/Officer email to remind group about meeting agenda, time and place. (Need updated Information for this to work.)	Make a public affairs position that includes a member who is well connected to media outlets and social media. This person will also need the time to engage the full range audience.	3	Remind everyone that they are all responsible for membership. Also, start different tournaments like Corn Hole and Horse Shoes.	Use County Clerks office to get Veteran benefit information to find veterans using their state benefits. All of the information is public record.
4	Find a way to get information that interests membership and make sure to follow up. (Pool League, Horse Shoes, Honor Guard, Color Guard)	You can post items in the newspaper labeled as a PSA and it will appear in all papers and is also free in most cases. You can use this option to highlight local veterans and bring awareness to our organization.	3	Follow up with members during the recruitment process to ensure that members don't get left behind/fall through the cracks.	Spend time with membership to find out what we can do for them. Make sure they are taken care of. Show them that we care.

WYOMING VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER COVERAGE

As of September 14, 2020



Organization	Code	VSO Name	Phone Number	VSO Email
Veterans Commission	WVC - 1	Ms. Stephanie Davis Ms. Crystal Emig	307-274-7747 307-256-1778	stephanie.davis@wyo.gov crystal.emig@wyo.gov
Veterans Commission	WVC - 2	Mr. Dave McDonell Mr. Marshall Griffin	307-258-1100 307-315-4187	david.mcdonell@wyo.gov marshall.griffin@wyo.gov
Veterans Commission	WVC - 3	Ms. Lori Crump	307-438-2101	lori.crump@wyo.gov
Veterans Commission	WVC - 4	Mr. Brad Cline	307-250-3890	brad.cline@wyo.gov
Veterans Commission	WVC - 5	Vacant	307-687-5396	@wyo.gov
Veterans Commission	WVC - 6	Ms. Emily Study	307-399-1821	emily.study@wyo.gov
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Lincoln County	County	Ms. Nancy Stafford	307-877-3110	staffordn@sweet.wy.us
Sublette County	County	Ms. Billie Hamby	307-367-4877	hambyb@sweet.wy.us
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DAV	Cheyenne	Mr. Leroy Kenner	307-433-2752	DAV.VBACHY@va.gov
VFW	Cheyenne	Ms. Melissa Gilliam	307-778-7340	melissa.gilliam@va.gov

DISTRICT & POST NEWS

District 5 News

With great sympathy Post 3 and Post 80 have been busy conducting funeral detail for several members. Our condolences go out to their families and post members.

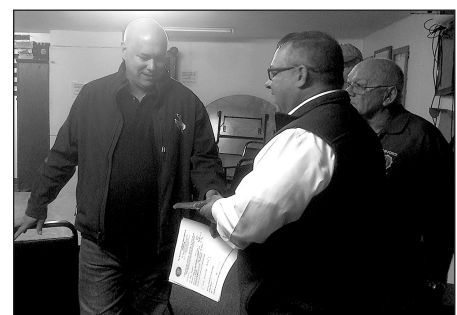
Roy Montgomery Post 80 experienced good turnout for their events during the Sturgis rally. They currently are raffling of a Ruger "Security 9" 9MM pistol with 3 magazines. Furnished by Western Gateway Outfitters & Post 80. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, contact Commander Keith Davidson or Adjutant Tina Fish if interested. Drawing will be held on December 7. Last month

they conducted their annual flag retirement ceremony, with several members in attendance.

Sundance Post 45 awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Justin Tenke to assist him with Vocational Schooling; he has received this scholarship the last two years. Starting October 1st they will be selling Raffle tickets for their Scholarship Fund. This year's quilt has been donated by Linda Fritz. They are selling 100 tickets. Tickets will be \$10 each and they will draw on December 15th. Need not be present to win. Tickets were graciously donated by Sun-

dance Times. A big Thank you to Jeff Moberg. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Commander Jim Bowman.

Gillette Post 42 held their elections last month, electing Commander Buddy Langone, First Vice Jerry Stouffer, and Second Vice Arden Jackson; Congratulations! They also had the opportunity to finally award their Law enforcement officer of the year award. Department Adjutant Jim Lish was on and to assist with the presentation, which included a meet and greet with cake for his family and friends.



Jim Lish Post 42 LEO award.

Kaycee Hole in The Wall Post 90 held a pot luck last month to bring members together to help find members who are willing to help run post business. Recently the commander and the adjutant retired and Commander Tim Brown is now wearing all hats where legion business is concerned.

Sheridan Post 7 was on hand recently to attend Fall Workshop in Casper cashing in on some awards. District 5 would like to congratulate everyone who attended and received awards and recognition.

In the meantime all post are busy preparing to meet up with the National Commander at the end of October.



Post 80 flag ceremony.



Sundance quilt.

Post 85 – Meeteetse District 4

Post #85, Meeteetse, has not been active during the quarantine period for the health and safety of our members. We have completed 4 activates with limited personnel.

We provided a Veteran's Day Ceremony with placing of flags at each Veteran graveside with the help of a small number of Meeteetse citizens helping with the placement. This is one of our annual activities and we decided to provide an open invitation to those who felt comfortable attending during this pandemic. This was followed by a short ceremony with most members participating in attendance. There was a welcome message from our Commander, James Yockey, opening and closing prayers led by our Vice Commander, Alex Offley. Mayor Yetter shared a few words of

encouragement and taps were played by Dan Peterson, a community member who volunteered to provide the music. After a closing prayer the event ended. Sadly, we lost member Lowell Keller on July 25th. Post #85 in cooperation with Cody VFW provided Military Honors at the family grave side ceremony. Volunteers from the post put up American Flags in the downtown area for the 4th of July and again for Labor Day. Member checks were done throughout the quarantine period by Jim Vandivort, Post Chaplain, James Yockey, Commander and Jan Harris, Adjutant. At this time, we will be working with members to get the Post up and active again while assuring safety for all members.

Thanks,
Jan Harris, Adjutant Post #85

*America's Freedom
Purchased by the Blood of Patriots*



November 11th is Veterans Day!



Throughout America's history, military veterans served their country with honor, commitment and courage.

As thousands of Americans in uniform wage war against terrorism around the globe, let us never waiver in our support for them and their families.

To all veterans, from all wars, we say,
"Thank you."

VETERANS DAY 2020

DISTRICT & POST NEWS

Post 26

Happy Fall to all of our fellow American Legion members,

Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 in Powell has been busy with many different things since our last update. On October 14, 2020 we unveil the Powell Wall of Honor. This has been an endeavor that was presented to us 3 years ago. Ernest "Bud" Schrickling has been instrumental in coordinating, researching, designing, and finally constructing this memorial. We also want to thank John Fraser, Fred McConahay, and numerous others in their contributions and assistance in making this come to fruition.

We also have sent out our 2nd annual 5th grade essay contest to all of our surrounding schools and homeschoolers. This was started last year and is used to foster pride for our veterans and to help instill a sense of understanding in our youth. We, at The American Legion, see it as providing an opportunity for youth to learn about the veterans and what it is that they did for our nation and our community. We ask the following things to be addressed in the essay: What job did the veteran do in the military? Where were some

of the places that the veteran went to while in the military? Were they in any conflicts/wars while they served? What were some of the things that the veteran took pride in while serving? What are the things that the veteran takes pride in now after serving? Prizes will be \$20-1st Place for each school and home-schooler, for \$15-2nd Place for each school and home-schooler, \$10-3rd Place for each school and home-schooler, and a pizza party for class or family for an overall grand prize winner. This was a great success last year and we award the prizes at our November 11 Veterans Day dinner.

This year we know how hard it is for the communities to practice Halloween, so we are providing a safe and fun event. On Halloween we will do a "trick or treat" parade through our hall. The kids will be provided candy, cotton candy, popcorn, and a hot dog. They will go through and pick up their goodies and show off their costumes and then they head out the back door to "trunk or treat" from some volunteer ghouls and their cars.

Some exciting things were pre-

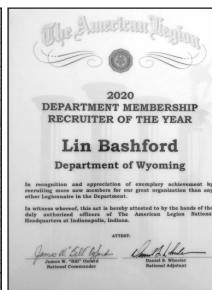
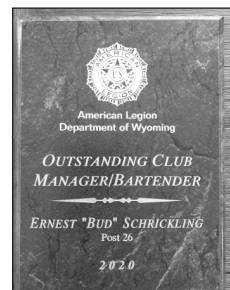
Francis E. Self, Post #6!

Post 6 has made it through and survived the crazy 2020 year (so far). The exterior of the building has been completely repainted as well as most of the interior. Working on some more upgrades and updates to the Post Home as time goes by. We have made it through the shut-down and are back in action with activities and functions happening at the Post. This year as always we put out the gravesite flags for Memorial Day. We have hooked up with the Cheyenne VA and hold a Whole-Health clinic at the Post every Wednesday starting at 0800 hours. Honor Guard has been busy with many funerals and events along with services for fallen veterans and members at the Post. Post 6 has hosted a couple Poker Runs (even an ALR group from Colorado) and the Stride Ride this year – working through all the restrictions. All in all, we are striving to keep active and always looking for activities to get involved in.

Events on Friday and Saturday evenings are happening again in the Lounge, dart and pool leagues

have started, and we are planning another great Halloween party this year. The National Commander will visit Post 6 on 1 November for meet and greet dinner starting at 1700 hours and we will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony this year to celebrate and thank all our wonderful Veterans. Post 6 Baseball will be holding an Lettering Ceremony at the Post on 20 November and this is always a great event for our local youth. Following Thanksgiving this year will begin the Laramie County Christmas food basket program – serving needing families for Christmas time. This is always an extensive project and volunteers are much appreciated. Not tooting our own horn, but: Post 6 is the 2020 winner of the Community Service Award this year! Thanks greatly to all our members supporting our community and Veterans. We have many opportunities available for members so come by and see what we're up to.

Check us out on Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/FrancisE.SelfAmerianLegionPost6>.



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sented to us at the Department Fall Workshop. Our own Ernest "Bud" Schrickling was awarded the Department of Wyoming Bar Manager of the year and Lin Bashford was awarded the Department Recruiter of the year award. Congratulations to these individuals and they are very much deserved.

Our gun raffle was successful with Susan Dansereau of Green River winning our .22 Kel Tec pistol and Shawn Moody of Powell winning our 6.5 Creedmore Rifle. Congratulations to our winners and thank you everyone who participated.

And finally we would like to welcome our new Veterans Service Officer for the Hughes-Pittinger Post 26, Katy Jones. She is also our newest member to the American Legion Honor Guard. She will be working with Department VSO's Dwight and Michelle by starting the initial paperwork and following it through the process. Please look for information coming out as to days that she



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will be at the post and contact her at any time at email: americanlegion-postg26@gmail.com

Be safe and well, and as always; SAPPERS LEAD THE WAY!!!



F R E E D O M
IS NEVER FREE

Fall Workshop 2020 - Casper



Commander Cooke and District Commanders



Commander Cooke and District 1 Commander Tony Niemiec



Commander Cooke and Post 14 Adjutant Deanna Hurless



Commander Cooke and District 2 Commander Doug Johnson



Senator Barrasso made an appearance at Fall Workshop



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ON THE MOVE FOR

VETERANS

From the Heart of the Hive

Hello Again,

As I write this, Fall Workshop is still fresh in my mind. Thank you so very much to all members who were able to attend. It was great to see our Legion Family members again. We tried something a little different this year and offered a training on Friday afternoon for anyone who wanted to attend. It was our goal to answer any question one may have regarding anything, and hopefully encourage future Department chairmen. Whether that was a success remains to be seen, but there were great questions asked, and some really good discussions. All six districts were represented, if you are at all curious, please ask your District leadership, they can share what they learned with you.

As we ramp up for the holiday season, please remember to reflect on the Mission Statement of the ALA. **In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.**

This is the reason we joined this organization and pay our dues

annually. We always are on the lookout for ways to make a difference in a veteran's life, or that of his/her family. Please remember to recognize these heroes Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

There is a lot on the plate ahead of us, and while some things remain the same, it seems everything is different, so this is the year to step outside of the box, and make the best of every opportunity we have to make things even a little bit better for someone else.

Looking forward to the future, this is the last paper to get to you before Mid-Winter. Please consider attending this meeting on January 16 in Gillette. I understand this may be quite a trek for some of you, but I plan on making it a trip well worth it.

I am also looking forward to visiting each Unit this year. If you have not set a time for my visit yet, count on a phone call soon.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your president,

Gina Dusel

Department President



Gina Dusel



News from the Hive

Tammy Harris Membership Chairman



Hello and happy fall to you all! This is truly my favorite time of year. I love the cooler days, the crispness that seems to hang in the air and watching the colors change. Fall in Wyoming is truly spectacular. It seems a little unreal to me that we are already looking towards the rapidly approaching holiday season. But then again, this year has been so different for all of us.

While we are all busy at home preparing for winter, our Units are also busy with membership. The first round of dues notices went out so you should be getting some renewals in. Remember to get them promptly processed and transmitted on to Peg. Even if you only have one to send, go ahead and send it in. If you have several to send in, it is much easier for Peg to process them if you send them in alphabetized. Transmittal sheets and remittance forms are available on the website.

Speaking of the website, there are presentations on each of the different programs of the ALA.

Look on the "Program" page. Please take some time to get on and check out the membership one. It talks about goals and awards for both the Unit and the Department.

The first goal for Units is Veteran's Day. If your Unit can have 100% of its goal transmitted to Department by then your Unit will be entered into a drawing for a money prize to be used to further the goals of the ALA. Who doesn't want more money right? Unit goals this year are just like last year. Your goal is to add just one more member to your rolls from where you ended the year last year. We were close last year with COVID and I have faith that you can all reach your goal this year.

There are still some Units that aren't on ALAMIS. The \$10 annual cost is minimal for rights to the program. With it you can add your members, change addresses, change a member's name in the event of marriage or divorce.

Also, remember that the membership forms have been updated for spouse and have removed great-granddaughter from the list. Be sure to print out updated forms. When completing your form, also remember to have the Post Adjutant or another Post officer verify the eligibility of the individual applying for membership.

Thank you for all you do for the ALA and our veterans. Keep up the great work!

Good Samaritan Recognition

- Unit 28 Green River: Making masks for the West Point Cadets
- Miss Daisy for her "sweets" with Chaplain Judith who needed a touch of extra care at Fall Workshop
- Granite Construction and Shane and Shawn Neher in Green River Wyoming for being the communities Helping Hand in cleaning up after the Snowacane in September.

Buzzin' Around

from the DEPARTMENT OFFICE

ALL UNIT should have their ears buzzin' from the emails I've sent out.

Here are a few more stingers:

- Only have a couple Units who haven't sent in membership
- Check the "updated" webpage – NICE!
- Make sure you read EVERY article in the Auxiliary Section

• Email pictures of projects your unit is doing, show the rest of the Department

The phone or computer is always on and ready to answer any questions you have.

Remember, you are VERY important to our veterans; this has been a difficult and worrisome time but we are making it thru and will be stronger in the end.



American Legion Auxiliary News



In the Clouds

IN MEMORIAM

Laura Snell - Unit 32

SYMPATHY

Michelle Hartley - Loss of Mother - Unit 36
 Benton Family - Loss of Family member - Unit 36
 Thresa Burt - Loss of family member - Unit 28
 Family of Harriet Clemdenin - Loss of Harriet - California Past President
 Freeda Warren - Loss of son - Unit 6
 Gina Dusel - Loss of Uncle - Unit 24
 Alice Clark - Loss of daughter - Unit 64
 Jaden Potter - Loss of Mother - Unit 64
 Kay Embree - Loss of Aunt - Unit 64
 Cheryl Quick - Loss of mother - Unit 95
 Denise Quick - Loss of Grandmother - Unit 95
 Lisa Hageman - Loss of Grandmother - Unit 95
 Arlene Goodchild - Loss of Brother in Law - Unit 26

GET WELL

Peggy Miller - Illness - Unit 42
 Cheryl Deblitz - Not feeling well - Unit 28
 Adriana Irving - Not feeling well - Unit 28
 Willene Nedens - Not feeling well - Unit 63
 La Rue Adams - Eye Surgery - Unit 64
 Connie Inman - Eye Surgery - Unit 15
 Chas Nemic - Migraines - Unit 28
 Michelle Gibbs - Surgery - Unit 6
 Mikey Rexus - Not feeling well - Unit 95
 Pat Busch - A Fall - Unit 19

THINKING OF YOU

Jerry and Dorothy Williams - Anniversary - Unit 15
 Jerry Williams - Birthday - Unit 15
 Sage Bridger - Birthday - Unit 15
 Kimberly Button - Birthday - Unit 15
 Sharon Engling - Birthday - Unit 15
 Kiera Pullen - Birthday - Unit 15
 Deloris Quaschirck - Birthday - Unit 15
 TyFayni Sager - Birthday - Unit 15
 Dana Sanborn - Birthday - Unit 15
 Inez Todd - Birthday - Unit 15
 Ashley Wheeler - Birthday - Unit 15
 Mike Petsch - Birthday - Unit 15
 Don and Margorie Sanborn - Anniversary - Unit 15

CONGRATULATIONS

Theresa Burt - New Bar Manager - Unit 28
 Sherry Bushman - Winning race - Unit 28
 Sherry Bushman - Winning Primary - Unit 28
 Tammy Harris - New District 1 President - Unit 28
 Cathy Raymer - New District 1 Vice President - Unit 36
 Gina and Sid Dusel - Anniversary - Unit 24
 Bertha Sandberg - Turned 100 - Unit 77
 Amber Elder - New Bar Manager - Unit 28

THANK YOU

Marie Gemmel - Thanks - Unit 77
 Theresa Burt - Bar Manager - Unit 28

Units please make sure you send your Chaplain form to Chaplain Judith Killion

PO Box 941; Green River WY 82935, email: judithkillion1949@icloud.com

From the Chaplains Desk: Finding Our Perspective

Our lives are full, sometimes too full, and our days are busy. Sometimes we drop at the end of the day exhausted and drained mentally, emotionally, and physically, wondering what we completed and where our time and energy went-what good did we accomplish? Sometimes our laundry list of to-do's is overwhelming and the demands of life seem to increase beyond our ability to meet the challenges. It is in times like these that we need to be reminded of Lamentations 3:22-23 where the writer says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). This reminds us that God always has time for us and we need to make sure that we are always making time for Him, somewhere in our lives. Making time for God helps us focus on our perspective in life, helps keep us grounded in our purpose and mission, keeps us centered on the peace and purpose of living life with an eternal perspective.

When we make time to be renewed by Gods word daily our perspective refocuses. We begin to look beyond the daily things that drain us and focus on the truth that this life is like a gust of wind, strong and tangible, but as fleeting as it is real. We begin to understand that all we do has an impact somewhere in life. We no longer have to ask what our purpose is because we begin to understand what the writer of Ephesians said when he wrote says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ

Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"(Ephesians 2:10). These good works are not to secure our salvation but are a reflection of our love of God and our love of each other thus fulfilling the command of "Love the lord with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself" (paraphrase of Matther22:34-40). It is in these works that we find service to God and country making an impact on our communities, on our nation, and in our world.

For each of us life is fleeting; however, God makes it abundantly clear that what we do with our lives here is of eternal significance. We have incredibly important things to do and little time to do them. We should live life to the fullest as God desires for us, to make the impact we alone can make in this life; therefore, we need a clear understanding of how fleeting and important our lives are. We need a renewal of perspective. Not one of us should view ourselves as just another average person, just another member who cannot really do anything because Psalms 139:14 reminds us that each of us are "fearfully and wonderfully made", created to be and instrument used by God for His glory. You are not an accident, you are a partner with God, created to do good works-that is an awesome perspective. This concept alone should make it easier for us to carve out a few minutes every day just to keep our perspectives focused and renew our hearts and minds with scripture and prayer.

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Auxiliary will follow the same due date set by the Legion



Department of Wyoming

Midwinter

Campbell County Unit 42 Gillette

January 16, 2021

- 0900 Call to Order
 Invocation by Dept. Chaplain Judy Killian
 Pledge of Allegiance led by Cathey Raymer
 Preamble to the ALA Constitution led by C&B Chairman Vicki Paddock
 Welcome by
 Response by
 Introduction of Officers: Department, District
 Introduction of Past Department Presidents
 Roll call of Units present with member introductions &
 Anything Goes Q&A for Dept and District Officers & Chairman
- 0915 Finance Committee Report by Sonja Wright
 DEC Report by Dept Sec Peg Sillivan
- 0930 C&B Report by Dept C&B Chair Vicki Paddock
- 1000 **Break**
- 1015 Activity
- 1045 Girls State by Chairman Shareen Johnson
- 1100 Americanism by Chair Cathey Raymer
- 1115 Chaplain by Dept Chaplain Judy Killian
- 1130 Poppy Chairman by Peg Sillivan
- 1145 Notes from Dept Sec Peg Sillivan
- 1200 Break for Lunch
- 1330 VA Report
- 1345 Membership by Chair Tammy Harris
- 1400 Education chairman
- 1415 Game
- 1430 **Break**
- 1500 Answer all Question that was given to us
- 1530 Department Tidbits by Dept Sec Peg Sillivan
- 1600 Close of Meeting



Department Executive Committee

Campbell County Unit 42, Gillette

January 15, 2021, 7 pm

TENTATIVE AGENDA

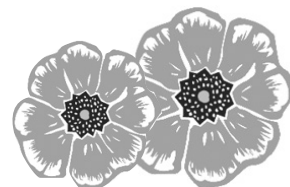
- Call to Order – Department President
- Prayer – Chaplain Judith Killion
- Pledge
- Rollcall
- Minutes
- Finance Committee Report
- Old Business:
1. Update Bobbie Gertsch
 2. Cavalcade
- New Business:
- 1.
 - 2.

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www.wylegionaux.org



Poppy Poster Update



Crystal Daulton, Program Manager has given updated rules for judging poppy posters at Northwest and National are as follows:

- There must be a red poppy somewhere on the poster, but there are no rules from National saying that there can NOT be other flowers of other colors on the poster;
- Poppies can have four petals or be like the “In Memoriam” poppy which the children usually blur the petals together;
- There are NO rules stating color of the center;
- Yes, they “are kids” and there are NO rules at the National level regarding spelling.

Membership by Unit

District 1				District 4			
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current	
24 Rock Springs	240	48		26 Powell	115	45	
28 Green River	115	27		29 Basin	51	41	
36 Ft. Bridger	101	38		32 Greybull	19	23	Goal
40 Cokeville	39	0		44 Worland	89	37	
46 Alpine	37	25		TOTAL	274	146	
47 Pinedale	42	25					
78 Big Piney	36	11					
88 LaBarge	19	17					
TOTAL	629	191					
District 2				District 5			
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current	
1 VanTassel	20	10		3 Newcastle	24	23	
5 Torrington	149	64		7 Sheridan	90	49	
8 Douglas	72	47		13 Buffalo	142	77	
9 Glenrock	56	37		25 Moorcroft	86	52	
10 Wheatland	39	23		42 Gillette	191	57	
15 Glendo	86	61		80 Hulett	71	10	
63 Lingle	26	7		90 Kaycee	39	28	
70 LaGrange	47	17		TOTAL	643	296	
75 Chugwater	17	3					
95 Guernsey	43	15					
TOTAL	555	284					
District 3				District 6			
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current	
2 Casper	56	3		6 Cheyenne 6	284	68	
16 Powder River	15	7		14 Laramie	116	10	
19 Riverton	39	24		54 Saratoga	59	9	
33 Lander	97	59		60 Pine Bluffs	30	23	
81 Ft. Washakie	25	16		64 Medicine Bow	54	13	
TOTAL	232	109		77 Albin	32	9	
				83 Cheyenne 83	11	0	
				TOTAL	586	132	
TOTAL	2919	1166					
				Unit 17	18	8	



American Legion Auxiliary News



Wyoming Veterans Home

Greetings from up North and the Veterans Home of Wyoming!

Aux. Members are still not allowed to visit our veterans there so it really hampers our volunteering. We do furnish funds to the Activity director to use for the veterans as needed. We are so lucky to have Mary Sue there as Activity Director; we have a very good working relationship. She keeps us informed about poppies, what they are trying to do for the veterans, lets us know if there is something they need.

Several of our Unit and Post members attended the groundbreaking for the new State of Wyoming Veterans Skilled Nursing Home. It was a grand

occasion attended by a lot of the residents, State officers and our local officials! We here in Buffalo are very excited about the new facility and another opportunity to serve our veterans.

Again, thank you for your monetary donations last year; I have enough money to cover my budget for the coming year. The balance as of June 1st was \$2,549. Last year I budgeted \$3,100.; but just spent \$2,325. If it weren't for all of you around the state my job would be harder than it is! Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely- Edie Taffner, Dept. Veterans Home of Wyoming Rep.

Constitution and By-Laws

Hello to all that did not attend Fall Workshop and even the ones that did. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot.

The main idea that I need to get to all the members in Wyoming is that **NOVEMBER 14, 2020** is ALA NATIONAL READ YOUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS DAY. So grab your governing documents (Unit, District, Department or National) and commit to reading them.

Take a picture reading the National C & B in front of a recognizable landmark and earn money to support the mission of the ALA. Two \$50 gift cards will be awarded at the 2021 Na-

tional Convention for Most Creative and Best recognizable location.

Members must be wearing the ALA emblem and have the blue National C & B in the picture. Full rules are on the department and/or National website.

Remember that we need all units to update their C & B's. Once this is done, please send me a copy for the files. Many units have done the updates but have failed to send me a copy. My address is: PO Box

334, Rozet, WY 82727 or email to vickip@vcn.com.

Thank you for all you do.
Vicki Paddock

Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.

-Kahlil Gibran

Left is right, up is down, and 2020 has been a year for the books. In a world that has literally, and figuratively, been on fire it can be hard to believe a single person can make a difference. But we have arrived at the season where magic reigns and belief is all but a requirement.

Many say that counting our blessing is the best way to end a year strong, but I think that this year we should strive to *be* a blessing. I challenge you to sit with someone new at your next function, whether that is a local bingo game, lunch at the senior center, or an Auxiliary meeting. Send a holiday card to a VA center addressed to Any Veteran. Call an Auxiliary member you have not talked to in a while just to make sure they're

okay – a Poppy Check if you will. Don't underestimate the power of a quick hello or an honest smile to a stranger or a friend.

As we look toward a new year, one hopefully filled with brighter days, don't forget to be a blessing to yourself as well. A new book and hot cup of coffee, a favorite movie and big bowl of popcorn, a long bath, another one of those Poppy Check phone calls – make time to do something that makes your heart lighter. You deserve it.

This season sprinkle kindness wherever you go and be the difference you want to see in your world.

Wishing you a holiday season full of love, laughter, and light.

Gina

Ground Breaking



August 26, 2020 Groundbreaking of Skilled Nursing Facility at the Wyoming Veterans Home in Buffalo. Legion Members from Post 13 – Richard Tass, Don Sullivan, Nels Lofgren, WY NEC Keith Davidson, Ken Persson, Post 33, TAL Commander Mike Cooke, VFW Commander Joe Talon and representative of DAV.

Bertha Sandberg Unit 77

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Above: Bertha Sandberg in the 1940s.

Longtime Albin resident Bertha Sandberg turns 100

Bertha Sandberg was born September 8, 1920, at the family farm in Banner County, Nebraska, to Floyd Leland Barrett and Minnie Mae Reed Barrett. She attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse in Banner County and attended junior high and high school in Kimball, Nebraska, graduated as valedictorian from Kimball County High in 1937. Bertha won

the Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska typing competition when she was a senior in high school to qualify her for the world competition that was held in Chicago. Her family drove to Chicago so she could compete. Since the car was full, they strapped Bertha's typewriter to the outside on one of the fenders.

Bertha received her Bachelor's degree from Chadron

State College Teachers College graduating cum laude in 1940 having majored in Business Education with minors in Latin and English. She served as president of Gamma Chi Omega, was homecoming queen, member of the College Chorus and member of Cardinal Key National Honor Society. She was secretary to the president of Chadron State College while attending college.

After college Bertha taught business and Latin at Chugwater, Wyoming for two years and one year at Holdrege High School, Holdrege, Nebraska. She then returned to Chadron State College as the secretary to the president for three years. She married Marvin Sandberg when he returned from World War II and they made their home on a wheat farm near Albin, Wyoming.

Bertha is a member and past secretary of American Legion Auxiliary Boyce Marlatt Unit 77. Over the years Bertha enjoyed traveling, community clubs, crocheting, knitting, Swedish weaving, reading, Bible study and quilting. Most of all she enjoyed family get-togethers on all the special occasions.

Bertha is the proud mother of two sons, Carl and Terry and one daughter, Connie. She has four grandchildren, Julie Read, Lori Sandberg, Carol Lindell, and Craig Gossett. She also has two great-grandchildren, two-year old Emmett Lindell and newborn Savannah Lindell.



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WYOMING Veteran Facilities



Barbara Sowin

Barbara Sowin Voluntary Services Specialist Cheyenne VAMC

I moved to Cheyenne 2 ½ years ago from Wisconsin where I owned a Restaurant for 12 years. I had been in the restaurant business my entire life even while married to my first husband and we dairy farmed for 23 years. After my divorce is when I opened my own restaurant. I remarried and my husband(Greg) and I purchased property in 2008 on Elk Mountain, WY and decided to sell the restaurant and move to Cheyenne to be closer to our land to build

our house on the mountain(my husband is a contractor). I started at the VA as a Canteen Chief for VCS in the fall of 2018 and 14 months later I took the position of Voluntary Services Specialist. I love working with Volunteers and Veterans. It is very rewarding and humbling to work with people so willing to donate so much of their time for our veterans. Volunteering is definitely a "work of heart". Unfortunately, due to the circumstances of this pandemic we are in a "new normal" temporarily and look forward to the day when our Volunteers can come back in full force.



Terry Parsley

Sheridan Terry Parsley Voluntary Services Program Manager

Current Duties: Voluntary Services Program Manager: I serve as the supervisor/program manager of Voluntary Service with full delegated authority and responsibility for designing

and maintaining Voluntary Service programs that meet the needs of patients, their families, VA staff and the healthcare system and which meets the prescribed legal and regulatory principles that govern Voluntary Service activities. Terry was recognized as Employee of the Month July 2016,



Mary Sue Williams

WY Veterans Home Activities Mary Sue Williams

Mary Sue has been working Activities at the Wyoming Veterans Home for the past 4-1/2 years. She started as an assistant working her way up to Director two years ago. Mary Sue is definitely an advocate for the 78 veterans and has the ability to work and encourage them to participate in activities.

Covid has changed the routine of the residents who were used to riding the Vet Home Bus to town and Sheridan. To help with the veteran's independence, Activities opened up a store. They sell snack food, gum, candy bars, etc. It is a real hit. Mary Sue and assistant Zack have taken up the slack doing the work

their volunteers did. BINGO, ice cream and root beer floats to name a few. The "Fishing Pond" sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion has been used on a regular basis.

After the initial lockdown the residents are able to order groceries, PIZZA, etc. that can be delivered. The resident meets the driver outside (wearing a mask). The past couple of weeks, Activities are taking the residents on scenic drives. The bus is full all the time.

Mary Sue is a graduate of U of W with a degree in elementary education and later certified as a LPN. She was an instructor for Adult Education and English as a second language on a Federal Grant for 20 years. Before coming to the Wyoming Veterans Home, she worked at AGAPE.

Cheyenne VA

Martie Harbick, Representative

The Cheyenne VA is somewhat back from Covid. We aren't able to go into the Nursing Home but are providing cookies for the staff to take around. Thank you for cookies or funds to purchase cookies, they are greatly appreciated by our veterans.

Vicki Paddock, Peg Sullivan and I met on September 22nd with the new Voluntary Services Specialist Barb Sowin. Please take time to read her story. Barb explained the process with money for the veterans and the areas of need: Homeless; Nursing

Home; Graduation and Coffee Cart. Vicki and Peg set up a budget for me to follow this year. Thank you, it will be a big help to me.

Barb was checking with VA Administration on where we could place the bench purchased in Bobbie Gertsch honor. She said it was decided to place the bench in front of the Voluntary Service Building. With the changes in offices to that building it is felt more veterans will see it. They will put flowers by it. Maybe the flowers can be an ALA volunteer job.

Sheridan VA Healthcare System

Opportunities at the Sheridan VA Healthcare System are starting to gear up as more clinics and activities are happening. They are seeing patients again and the census is starting to climb. They are still looking for volunteers to assist at the Clinics (Casper, Gillette, Evanston, Rock Springs, Riverton, Worland and Afton) as well as several opportunities at the Sheridan hospital. Contact Terry (307-675-3226) or Brad (307-675-3225) if you are interested.

The Sheridan VA is now requesting baby clothing, strollers, etc., for pregnant veterans. They also can always use craft kits, winter clothing, new underwear for both men and women, sweat suits/sleep pants, phone and gift cards, electric razors and backpacks/duffle bags.

Cookies and homemade goodies are again being accepted.

Due to the Covid issues, the Annual Monster Mash on the Nursing Home Unit will not be held on Halloween. Normally children from Sheridan come up in costume and the vets would give them candy. It is just another one of the normal activities that have been curtailed thru these crazy times. Next year.

Your continued support of the VA is greatly appreciated. With the shorter days and more inside time due to weather, everything you donate helps make their stay more pleasant. Keep up the good work.

Thank you again.

Linda Orr and Romona Jacobs, VA Reps



Mark Your Calendar

MID WINTER CONFERENCE

January 16, 2021
Gillette

MISSION TRAINING & JUNIOR DIVISION MEETING SPRING CONFERENCES

Locations to be determined by Legion District Membership T.B.A.

GIRLS STATE

June 6 - 12, 2021

POST, UNIT, SQUADRON & RIDER DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Cheyenne
June 17-19, 2021



American Legion Auxiliary News



Girls State

Preparation for the 2021 American Legion Auxiliary Wyoming Girls State session has begun. Your Girls State committee members are Kristen Gitchel, Susan Sironen, Cathey Raymer, Dawn Kenneda (Assistant Director), and Shareen Johnson (Director). Working with the Units, we look forward to a successful session. The session will once again be held at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne as they won the bid for three years at the 2018 Department Convention. The dates for the 2021 session are June 6th – 12th.

Quota sheets are due by November 15th. Several Units promptly submitted theirs at Fall Workshop. As we use the quota sheet information for session planning, it is very important that each Unit submit one, even if it is just to say that a Unit will not be participating in the Girls State program this year. Please mail or email them to me as soon as possible.

Information concerning the Girls State program will have been sent to all Wyoming High Schools by the time this article is published. Unit Girls State Chairmen are encour-

aged to reach out to the high schools in their area and start their Delegate and Alternate selection process.

Unit/Delegate packets will be available for pick up at Mid-Winter and mailed to those Units who are unable to attend. There are usually some changes to the paperwork each year, so please make sure you are using the forms given out this year. By the time this article is published, it is anticipated that the updated School, Unit, and Delegate forms will have been downloaded onto the Department website. It is very important that forms are legible and submitted on time to help ensure the success of the program.

The session will continue to be shortened by one day, with arrival on Sunday and departure on the following Saturday. Fees will include the \$30 Delegate processing fee which is due with the first set of paperwork on April 1st as well as the \$300 Delegate fee which is due on May 1st. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 session secondary to the pandemic, the Department Executive Committee voted to change the Standing Rules and **members of the Senior Class**

as well as the Junior Class will be allowed to participate in the 2021 Wyoming Girls State session, so encourage members of both Classes to apply.

As we hope to increase participation this year, Units should not allow a lack of funding to limit the number of Delegates they select. If local fundraising efforts are insufficient, funding may be available from another Unit or through the Department Girls State Committee as there are funds available in the Girls State savings account. The number of Delegates attending the program has declined in recent years, and we would like to see that downslide reversed for this session.

If you are interested in serving on

Girls State staff, please reach out to me as soon as possible as we are beginning to select our staff members. It takes a strong team to have a successful program and serving as a staff member is a very rewarding experience.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. I can be reached by email at shareen.lander@gmail.com or by telephone at 307-349-9749.

,"Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we count our blessings and give thanks for our family & friends!"

*For God and Country,
Respectfully submitted, Shareen Johnson, Wyoming Girls State Director*

Girls State		
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The District & Unit News



DISTRICT 1

Hi there everyone. Well, its officially fall—the time of cooler evenings, crisper air and the beautiful oranges, yellows, reds and browns on the leaves of trees. It is truly my favorite time of the year. While our corner of the world seems to be slowing down and preparing for winter, our Units are picking up. Many of our Units have just started returning to meetings after the forced hiatus of the COVID closures and then taking a break during the busy summer months. The Units of District One are certainly busy this

fall as the COVID restrictions begin to ease up some.

Unit 24 in Rock Springs participated in their annual Legion Family Picnic. Great fun was had by all. They have also provided assistance to a female veteran in need and have talked about resuming their Thursday evening dinners. The members of Unit 24 also put on an annual Halloween party and are looking forward to being able to host that again this year for the members and family of the Legion Family at Post 24.

Unit 28 in Green River continues to host sewing nights one or two evenings a month. The events are open to all and everyone is able to

participate, even if they don't sew through cutting, pressing and putting earpieces in the masks. They have even had members from other Units join in the fun and other ladies in the community who are not members, but who come down to participate. To date, Unit 28 has sent over 30 masks to WestPoint for the cadets and is working on masks for the local schools and senior housing. Unit 28 is also gearing up for its annual Veteran's Freedom Race, held on November 7, this year. The race is a timed 5k/10k with a 1mile walk that has been led in the past by local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. They use the proceeds from this race to help

provide for veterans in need during the holiday season.

Unit 36 has also started meeting again and recently installed new officers. The members of Unit 36 will once again be putting on its "Wreaths Across Bridger Valley" program and has begun making the tags for those wreaths. They also participated in the 9/11 remembrance ceremony in Lyman.

All three Units were represented at Fall Workshop in Casper. The Units in District One are still working to overcome the challenges that COVID has presented but are finding ways to come together to fulfill the mission of the ALA. Keep up



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the great work District One.
Tammy Harris, President

DISTRICT 2

Unit 1 Van Tassel has 2 new members! They are working with the Van Tassel & Lusk Posts to repair/replace the Veterans Memorial at the cemetery.

Unit 8 Douglas has helped the Post and Sons Squadron with 2 flag retirement ceremonies. Over 600 flags were placed on veteran's graves for Memorial Day, in addition to crosses, poppies, and flags decorating the cemetery.

Unit 9 Glenrock placed flags on the veteran's graves for Memorial Day and had a Memorial Day service.

Unit 95 Guernsey raised the Avenue of Flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day and Flag Day, with the help of veterans from Camp Guernsey and their families. They also had a highway cleanup.

Jessica York, President

DISTRICT 4

Unit 26 Powell

Hughes-Pittinger Unit 26 has been very busy. We have kept up with our community service of distributing monthly commodities. As the pandemic continues, families are in need of food. Our number of assisted families went from 140 to 210, with approximately 60 veterans. We have continued our meetings using social distancing and giving our members the option to call in for the meetings. In August we held the annual Legion picnic where we held the laying of the wreaths ceremony. There were quite a few Legion family members in attendance. This wasn't the same as doing it out at the cemetery on Memorial Day, but we did our best. The Legion provided the BBQ with the Auxiliary making the salads because we could not do a potluck. They came in shifts due to the limit rules of covid. We observed the remembrance of 9/11 this year with a ceremony during half time at the Lander vs Powell football game. The Powell High School band played God Bless America and at the end three High School band members played taps. There was no protesting. All community and Lander fans were on their

feet with hats off showing respect for our First Responders. As Unit President, I attended this ceremony and was very proud to be part of the community. Our Unit continues to pay it forward in the community with a donation by our President to Child Welfare Foundation in honor of a member who has "paid it forward". Each month we look forward to the uplifting stories. *God Bless our Troops, and God bless America. Sincerely, Patty Paulsen, Unit 26 President*

Unit 29 - Basin

Marion Tanner Unit #29 chose its 4 committees to emphasis for the year; voted to send last year's Girl's State delegate, plus one for this year to the activities next June. We have 43 renewals of our members as of this report. Our Post/Auxiliary has cancelled our activities for the Back to School Veteran's Day Program and dinner due to the covid virus issues. We are making plans for Education week and continue making sure we are checking on our members and veterans by keeping in contact. This lockdown has been very difficult for all of us. Creativity has been the answer that God gave us, plus prayers. We lost one member and a dear ex member, who dropped her membership when she moved to California to live with her daughter. We draped the Charter at our September meeting. We welcomed one transfer member - our members were delighted to gain this dear one. She is a lifting of spirits and influence for all of us. Another member moved to Powell from Montana and is now closer and able to attend our meetings and participate in our events and gatherings.

Sincerely, Becky Allred, Unit 29, President

Unit 32 - Greybull

We had our first meeting in August to talk about Poppy Day for September. The members did not want to be around people that were not 6 feet apart, so we sent letters to the businesses in town and hope to get donations back to help the Veterans in the V A hospital in Sheridan, Veterans home in Buffalo and Greybull. It won't be like last year in the amount we receive. We have received back about 13 donations so far. Our September meeting was about Girls State and a fundraiser for Girls state.

God Bless all and be safe. Marie Gemmel

Unit 44 - Worland

Our Unit held election of officers and installation of those officers at the last meeting. We also reviewed the various programs and decided to concentrate on Children & Youth/Child Welfare, Poppies, VA&R and Girls State for this program year. Our books have been audited and we are excited about getting started on the 2020-2021 program year. Our Unit is small, but we are hoping to attract new and previous members by trying new ideas on meeting dates and times, communication alternatives such as group texts, and overall flexibility. *Sincerely, Wendy Fredricks, Unit 44 President*

DISTRICT 5

Greetings to all from District 5

We've barely had time to get home from Workshop and it's time for the Auxiliary article.

The workshop was well done, and I appreciate the time that went into all the power point presentations. It will certainly make it easier for most of us to use all these presentations as a quick reference and not so much paper for me to misplace.

I will start making my unit visits within the next week so look for a phone call from me to set up a meeting.

On a much sadder note I hope all of you will join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Linda Ellefson on the passing of her husband. Linda is president of Unit 80 in Hulett and we are very sorry for her loss.

Most of my Units are just getting started for the year. This Covid has everyone wondering if they will be able to "usual projects".

Unit 3 Newcastle - Packing boxes for deployed veterans with the help of donations;

New socks and a candy for the veterans in Weston County;

Made and sold cotton candy at the two Car Shows

Unit 7 - First meeting held since March on Sept 15

Proceeds from the 7 of Hearts fund raiser will be given to the Post to help pay for new flooring

Membership is over 50%

Unit Audit was performed

Instead of Halloween Children's Party, Unit will have a booth on Main Street during the City's Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat

Copper PUFL card purchased by Unit for member paying PUFL dues

ALA face masks were ordered for another opportunity to BRAND during functions

An AEF raffle form and form for volunteer hours are being enclosed with membership cards

Unit 13 - Approved the 2020-2021 Budget;

Breakfast teams combined for extra help at the Legion Breakfast;

American Essay Winners are invited to the October meeting;

Discussion on Poppy Day November 6th and Veterans Day the 11th

Unit 25 - Finishing their money-making project the Community Calendar

Took poppy poster rules to schools

Will be discussing cancelling the Veterans Day Dinner due to Covid

Unit 42 - Auxiliary is responsible for the 2nd Friday Supper at the Post

Silent Auction to raise money for scholarships

Planning activities for the year

Unit 80 - Linda passed out Chairmen notices

Approved budget for 2020-2021

Ordered poppies

Disposal of damaged flags was on Sept 15

2 members plan on going to Fall Workshop in Casper

Unit 90 - Planning for their Annual Blood Drive

Discussing projects, they will be able to do this year;

Hoping to hold the Veterans Day Program

DISTRICT 6

District 6 Units - Albin, Cheyenne, Cheyenne 83, Laramie, Medicine Bow, Pine Bluffs and Saratoga

I visited with most of my Units to introduce myself and if they needed help. Albin member, Bertha Sanberg, celebrated her 100 birthday. See the article in this paper. Congratulations Bertha. Cheyenne is working membership and Linda is now using ALAMIS entering new members. Way to go Linda! Medicine Bow had questions on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). Pine Bluffs is always helping the Legion posting flags, etc. President Diane attended Fall Workshop. Saratoga's new President is Fran Payne Rogers. Welcome Fran.

Units please send in the highlights of what your unit is doing or plans on doing. The rest of the Department would like to hear about you!



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Happy 30th Birthday to my
wonderful daughter,
Lauren Wilcox!

Love you!

