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Commander's Corner



Russell Stafford
Commander
Dept. of Wyoming

The American Legion Department of Wyoming has had a very tumultuous year. In December we lost a great Legionnaire, Bill Barnes. Let us all remember "Commander, Commander" Bill. Moving into the Commanders' position by death is not something anyone should have to do, but it did happen. I have continued with the projects that were in place and have moved forward on actions that the commander was hoping to do.

When I took on the position of 1st Vice Commander, I knew that membership was to be my primary focus. One of the things that I was tackling was the Belfry Montana post working and interacting with Clark, Wyoming. Clark has two posts nearby, with one post that is assigned to Clark. As I investigated this further it dawned on me that the veterans of Clark were seeking to actively participate in community engagement and since they felt that they couldn't get that in either of the two local posts they went somewhere that could. I don't bring this up to call out anyone or show anyone to be bad, but to show that there are veterans out there who want to participate, and it takes the post to listen to them and be involved. The veterans in Clark have used buddy checks to succeed without realizing they are doing them.

On to other items. Midwinter was held in Rock Springs, and I wanted to send out a thank you to them for putting this event on successfully. The post was paramount in making this event happen, even with the weather impact. So, thank you Rock Springs Post 24 for putting on a fantastic Midwinter.

Midwinter is where the District Spring Conference dates are selected. This year we will be having them in Green River, Wheatland, Lander, Powell, Sundance, and Cheyenne Post 6. The times and dates are included in this newspaper. Remember that it is at these Spring Conferences where the most work, information, and connections are done. It will be an opportunity to interact with other posts in your district to find out what is working and not working. This is also where you can get resolutions done that can be presented to Department and National. Resolutions are the driving force for change. The American Legion has been at the forefront of change for military and veterans and all those changes came from resolutions.

If you would like to see the actions National has us working on with our representatives, go to: Washington Conference | The American Legion. This is the main actions being addressed at Washington D.C. between The American Legion and Washington.

Thank you all for your continued support and we shall continue to move forward and upwards.

Department Commander,
Russell Stafford

Adjutant's Corner



Vanessa Stuart
Department Adjutant

I am honored to serve as the interim Department Adjutant. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy assisting in this transition and getting the headquarters building cleaned and reorganized. Special Thanks to DAR Elizabeth Ramsey chapter for their donation of a new toilet for the headquarters building. I am working from the Headquarters building in Cheyenne and the office hours are 9am to 4pm. All emails should go to adjutant@wyolegion.org. Please start sending mail to 1320 Hugur Ave Cheyenne, Wy 82001. We will still receive mail through the PO Box but please start sending mail to Hugur as there is someone here to collect it now. I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we move forward.

Vanessa Stuart
Department Adjutant.

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1st Vice Commander's Corner



Benjamin Glenn
1st Vice Commander
Dept. of Wyoming

Words from the 1st Vice Commander

The New Year has arrived, and we bid farewell to our beloved Department Commander William "Bill" Barnes at the celebration of life service held at Post# 6 on the 11th of January. His impact on his family, friends, and fellow legionnaires will remain enduring at the Department of Wyoming American Legion forever. He was more than just a mentor; He was my Friend!

The Mid-Winter Conference in Rock Springs took place on 17-18 January 2025. Post #24 did an excellent job of hosting the event. Despite the weather stopping many from crossing the mountains, several still arrived from other areas. We were able to lock down dates for our District meetings for April and our Oratorical contest dates in March. Comrade Ray Simms stepped up to run the next Wyoming American Legion Leadership Training Course (WALLT) scheduled for this September. I encourage all posts to support sending future leaders too this course. It is a good course that will prepare you for (NALC) I was fortunate to be selected to represent Wyoming at the National American Legion College course this past November. Outstanding Experience and I learned a bunch. As legionnaires, it is critical that we continue to "Train our Replacements."

The Ways and Means Committee raised money with the Silent Auction and the 50/50 drawing to support ongoing veterans' initiatives. We look forward to your support at the upcoming District meetings and this summer at the State Convention in Newcastle.

Oratorical Contests are underway, with the final District Contest in early March 2025. The Department Oratorical Contest will be in Lovell on 22 March 2025. This is based off the National Oratorical Contest Scheduled for 16-18 May 2024 at Hillsdale College in Michigan. Make sure all applicants have their District Commander or Vice Commanders'

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1st Vice Commander's Corner

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endorsement on their application before they arrive at the Department contest. Please get out and support High School Rodeo, Baseball, Shooting Sports, Boys State, Girls State and Oratorical when you are able. It is such a wonderful experience to see these kids compete!

The search for a Department Service Officer is over. We are incredibly happy to have a new Department Service Officer, and his name is Edward Mcauslan. He hit the ground running and is working hard to get the Wyoming American Legion Office up and going again. I visited his office at Cheyenne VA a couple of weeks ago and he had a line outside the door. We have a competent Department Service Officer achieving results. Welcome Aboard Sir!

Membership is the backbone of the American Legion. If we do not have a strong membership base, we cannot support the four pillars of the American Legion. As your department membership chairperson, I am counting on everyone to support the Department of Wyoming in strengthening our backbone by encouraging our members to renew and recruit. I want to thank each and everyone of my comrades for everything that you do. I look forward to visiting with everyone on my travels across Wyoming.

"Service Before Self
Not Self Service"

2nd Vice Commander's Corner

News from the 2nd Vice Commander

Legionaries of Wyoming, my name is Chuck Guilford. I was appointed to 2nd Vice Commander after the death of Commander Bill Barnes. I have been a Post Commander and District Commander. I am familiar with our structure and some of the business every one of us conducts within our state. So far, it has been a good learning experience for me. I was recently in Jackson, Wyoming and visited Post 43. It was great to hear all of the good things they are doing to help Veterans, families and their community. I hope to visit more Posts in the future. We are a Veteran family within our state and community. All of us should strive to make better the Veterans we come in contact with. A friendly hello or a hey how are you doing will go along way at times. Finally, I'll close with this. We are Veterans helping Veterans, Veterans helping families and Veterans helping in your community. As always, stay safe.

Chuck Guilford



Courtesy Photos
NEC Keith Davidson shakes 2nd Vice Commander Chuck Guilford's hand after swearing him in as 2nd Vice for the Department of Wyoming American Legion.

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Chaplain's Corner
Service to God and Country



Vanessa Stuart Past Chaplain Dept. of Wyoming

Greetings!
It has been an honor to serve as the Chaplain for the Department of Wyoming. As I move on to another chapter, I remembered a scripture that I have used often during changes in my life; Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Change can be difficult but if we remain faithful to ourselves and whatever power we believe in, we can get through anything. I feel very blessed to continue to serve the Department of Wyoming as the interim Adjutant. Thank you all for your support and please continue to "Be The One" for each other, our legion family, and our veterans.

For God and Country,
Respectfully,
Vanessa Stuart
Past Chaplain, Dept. Of WY, TAL

DISTRICT AND POST NEWS
District 2

District 2 has been busy with providing military honors for funeral services for our veterans. We have provided some wheel chair ramps and installed them for some of our disabled veterans. Past Commander Doug Johnson and Governor Gordon will be in Wheatland for a veterans appreciation and welcome home for our veterans to be held on March 29th at the First State Bank conference center at 2:15 p.m.



Thanking Our Veterans
during National Women's History Month

Thank you!

"Post Commander Ted Young would like to thank the following supporters for their donation to Post 24's Columbarium Project during the Wyoming Department's Mid-Winter Conference - Post 24 Stephen Allen, Ray Simms, Jim James, Mike Cooke, Doug Uhrig, Post 36 Tom Dean, Jon Conrad, Leila Dean, Post 43 Michele Voorhees, Post 8 Donald York, Linda York, Jessica York, Post 10 Stephen Anderson, Post 75 Benjamin Glenn, Post 33 Shareon Johnson, Post 26 Russell Stafford, Steven Olsen, Ed Murrow, Carol Dean, Danielle Rempfer, Post 32 Bobby Werner, Ron Wood, Post 307 Brian Yeager, Post 6 Dwight Null, Post 14 Derek Mancinko, Deanna Harless, Post 21 Doug Johnson, Walt Schaefer. Post 24 was able to raise $600"

Legionnaire - Auxiliare Newspaper Schedule for 2025

March has passed with some confusion Here is the rest of the year's time table. Deadline for articles and pictures:

Deadline	Month
May 10th	June
August 10th	September
November 10th	December

This allots time for page lay-out, proofing and mailed out in time for events, etc.

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DISTRICT AND POST NEWS

District 3

District 3 has seen many activities the last three months. Here are two highlights:

Arapaho Warriors Legion Post 97, CPL Billy Farris was chosen as one of seven groups to present the colors at the December 2 Denver Broncos game. The guard got to represent Veterans and the Arapaho/Eastern Shoshone Tribes, on Wind River Reservation, Fremont County and Wyoming. Color Guard members representing us were: honoring and carrying the American Flag was JD Schamp, the POW/MIA Flag is Felicia J. Antelope, carrying the Colorado State Flag is Hugo Sanchezolmos, and carrying the Northern Arapaho Flag is Martin Blackburn. Full article can be found https://county10.com/arapaho-warriors-color-guard-took-to-empower-field-at-mile-high-for-dec-2-broncos-game/

Riverton Post 19 will be conducting a memorial dedication at the Veterans' Park in Riverton Wyoming the 5th of April. The memorial is in honor of the Wyoming Japanese Americans who served in the 442nd regimented combat team that served in the European theatre of WWII.

Thank you,
Respectfully,
Nancy Eustice
District 3 Commander
Post 19 Commander/Adjutant



Courtesy of Felicia Antelope
US Navy Retired Hugo Sanchezolmos, US Army Veteran Felicia Antelope, US Marine Veteran Martin Blackburn, US Marine Veteran JD Schamp



DISTRICT AND POST NEWS

News from Lovell American Legion Post 11

The winter months have been a little slower for Post 11. We want to say thank you to Rich Fink. Rich has been our commander since 2017. He has decided that he needs to 'retire' from command this year. We appreciate everything that he has done for Post 11. We have made all preparations for the Department Oratorical which will be held in Lovell, March22nd. We have put together a proposal to start two Junior Shooting Sports Clubs and, together with Post 26, we have started looking for sponsors. We have launched our flag etiquette program and placed a new flag retirement box at the police department for our community.

Post 11 Nicolle Laffin



Courtesy Photo
Above: Chaplin Jim Thomas with Flag Retirement Box.

District 4



Courtesy Photo
Left: Joseph Lepper WWII Vet and Ed Morrow Post 26 Adjutant





Courtesy Photo
Saturday, March 1st, District 4 united to pay our respects to World War II Navy Veteran Joesph Lepper. Representatives from Post 11, 26, and 32 attended the ceremony held in Emblem, WY. Thank you to Post 26 funeral detail squad for providing the honors.

News from Greybull American Legion Post 32

It has been a busy time for Post 32 Greybull, a veteran that had recently relocated to Greybull area received notification from the Veterans Administration that his monthly payment had been reduced substantially. We referred the veteran to the local State Veteran Service Officer (Brad Cline) to seek assistance in rectifying the pay issue. Additionally, Post 32 Greybull provided financial assistance.

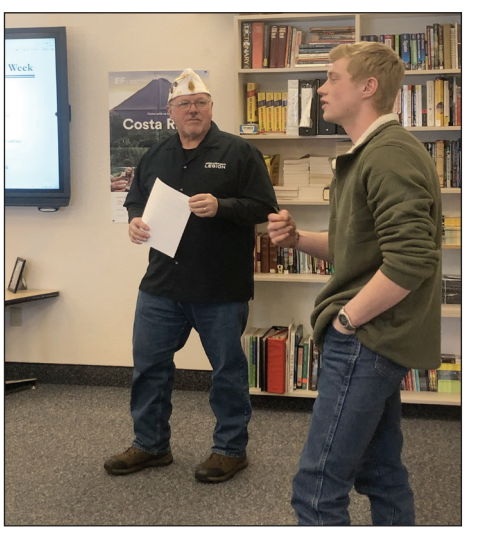
Later in the month we received notification from the Soldier & Family Support Center, Wyoming Military Department that a local Army Guard member that had recently enlisted and completed Basic training and AIT was experiencing financial difficulties. After hearing the individual explain the situation, we were able to provide the Soldier financial assistance.

During the past quarter Post 32 Greybull has provided a total of $2800.00 to veterans in need of financial assistance.

A raffle for a rifle was recently completed, Post member Mike Laird spearheaded the effort to organize the raffle board and sell the squares, Post member Barry Bryant donated the prize and a total of $2000.00 was raised, half of the proceeds will be earmarked for the upcoming Easter festivities co-sponsored by the Greybull Elks BPOE 1431, the other half will be used for the Post Flag programs. A special thanks to Mike and Barry for making this happen.

Met with Greybull High School counselor and arranged a meeting with students that would be eligible to the upcoming Boy's State camp. With assistance from last year's participant Steele Davis, we provided an overview of the activities the program promotes. Additionally, a member of the teaching staff also shared his experience of attending Boy's State twenty years ago. At his time, we have one student who is interested in attending, we will continue to work with school staff to encourage more students to apply.

Respectfully
Bobby Werner
District 4 Commander



Courtesy Photo
Above: District 4 Commander Bobby Werner and Boys State Steele Davis.

DISTRICT AND POST NEWS District 5

News from Buffalo American Legion Post 13

Greetings from Post 13.

We provided a color guard for the Christmas parade. We cooked and served Christmas dinner for anyone interested. We helped provide Meals On Wheels for whoever wanted it. We continue to serve breakfast to the public twice a month. It's well attended. Thank goodness we haven't had many Veteran funerals this winter. We've been providing honor guard services when asked.

Post Commander
Cecil Benner
District 5





Courtesy of Post 13 Buffalo

Above: Post 13 Buffalo - members Clarence Bishop and Chuck Guilford prepare the mashed potatoes and turkey for the Christmas dinner.

DISTRICT AND POST NEWS District 6

News from District 6 Commander Penny Merryfield

Now that we are passed the holidays, Mid-Winter and are coming into our busy times, many of the Posts in District 6 are gearing up for lots of events and activities.



Post 6 Cheyenne, hosted the Celebration of Life for Past Commander William "Bill" Barnes, participated in the Christmas Parade, and won the Bar Bucks Overall trophy in Bar Bucks for Laramie County, which is a fundraiser to assist the community in times of need.

"What a great event last night at the American Legion Post 6, raising money for our local up and coming Post 6 Baseball players, a special THANK to the volunteers of Thankful Thursday for offering up their time and talents, it was especially sweet that we raised over $23,000.00 for the cause. (28Feb)" Post Adjutant Bill Frye.



Upcoming events for them are: Election of Officers at the Annual Meeting on March 12th at 7:00 p.m. They hold Karaoke ever Friday night, and have an up-coming Cribbage Tournament.

Post 6 will also be hosting the District meeting on April 13th for both Legion and Auxiliary. Auxiliary meets in the morning, and Legion meets at 1:00 p.m.

Post 14 in Laramie will be hosting a dinner in honor of the American Legion's 106th Birthday on March 15 at 5:30 p.m. and is free to members and a $10 charge to guests.

Albin Post 77, and Burns Post 21 have already reached their 100% on membership. Overall the district is looking good.

Post 60 in Pine Bluffs is busy as usual, with lots of activites since November. In December they hosted their Christmas Social, and it was a great event! The food and silent auction were great, as well as the camaraderie. It was great to see everyone. They also held a New's Year's Eve prime rib dinner, that was a huge success as well as a Valentine's Day dinner that served over 39 people.

Post 21 - Burns is growing and they have found a building. They are working to get some grants and such to obtain the building. They are excited about their growth and plan on being more active in the community.

They met for a Christmas dinner at Curries Dining in Pine Bluffs, have helped with raising funds at Mid-Winter through Comannder Walt Schaefer and Past Department Commander Doug Johnson.

Post 6 held a Revitalization training, which District Vice Commander Walt Schaeffer and myself attended. The training was put on by Post 6 - Jim Lish, with the help of Chip Kossow of Colorado. This was very informative and was a learning experience. Kuddos to Post 6 for this enlightning training event.

Saratoga Post 54 have been a bit slow during the last couple of months due to holidays and weather. They have held a few dinners and are gearing up for many upcoming events. The are in the process of trying to get bingo, cornhole and darts in the Post. On June 7th and 8th they are hosting a Motorcycle and Bikini Wash. They are inviting the Legion Riders and the Combat Vets for this event as well. They will be serving up "Wings" for the event.

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Endorsements

For Commander



Russell Stafford
Dept. Commander

With the nomination and endorsement of Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 in Powell, it is my pleasure to announce that I am running for the Department of Wyoming Commander for the 2025-2026 year. Being part of The American Legion has allowed me to continue to serve this great nation and assist not only my fellow veterans, but the community as well.

I served with the United States Army from October 1990 to December 1999. I served as a Combat Engineer, Transportation Specialist, and Human Resources Supervisor. My duty stations were Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Fort Lewis Washington, Camp Castle Korea, Fort Stewart Georgia, Fort Drum New York, and Fort Gordon Georgia.

I started my American Legion journey at Post 26 in Powell. I began as Post 2nd Vice moving to Post Commander. I was District Commander and then on to the Department Command structure. (2nd Vice, 1st Vice, etc.) I attended the National American Legion College in 2022 and was appointed to the Media and Communications Committee, which I have held for the past 3 years.

I would be honored to have your support and vote for continued service to The American Legion Department of Wyoming as the Department Commander.

Thank you and God bless.

For First Vice Commander



Benjamin Glenn
1st Vice Commander
Dept. of Wyoming

With the endorsement of McDonald and Voight Post #75 in Chugwater, I am announcing my candidacy for the Department of Wyoming 1st Vice Commander for the 2025-2026 year. The American Legion has offered me the opportunity to continue to serve Wyoming Veterans as well as being a voice for our people on active duty.

I served in the United States Navy from December 1988 to February 2015. I served as a US Navy SWCC, stationed at Naval Base Coronado California, Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base Virginia, and retiring after 27 years as a Chief Warrant Officer from Naval Base Guam.

My American Legion journey began while on R&R at "Allen Pop Reeves" Post # 123 in Angeles City Philippines. After I retired from the Navy my wife, and I moved back to Chugwater to help my uncle with his place. I attended a Veterans Day Observance at the Chugwater Veterans Park and subsequently became a member of Post #75. One year later, following an absence from a meeting, I was appointed as the Adjutant of Post#75. The district #2 Commander asked me to become the district #2 Chaplain the following year. I was subsequently appointed to the Internal Affairs Committee by the Department Commander to represent Wyoming at the National Convention, a role I have held for the past two years. I am currently serving my second year as Department of Wyoming Chairperson of the High School Oratorical Contest. While serving as Post #75 Commander, I was elected Wyoming's 2nd Vice Commander for the 2024-2025 term. I graduated from the National American Legion College in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 22, 2024.

I would be honored to have your support and vote for continued service to The American Legion Department of Wyoming as the Department 1st Vice Commander.

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For Second Vice Commander



Chuck Guilford
2nd Vice Commander
Depart. of Wyoming

Powder River Post 13 would like endorse Chuck Guilford for The Department of Wyoming 2nd Vice Commander for 2025-2026. Chuck has been a member of the American Legion for the past ten years. Chuck is a member of Powder River Post 13, Buffalo, Wyoming. Chuck was elected to Post Commander in 2019 and served as Commander till

2024. During that time, Chuck was also elected to Commander of District 5 and also one term as Vice Commander District 5.

Chuck served in the U.S. Army from June of 1975 thru January of 1981. Chuck's first assignment was to an MP Company in Meisau, Germany. Chuck was a wheeled vehicle mechanic. Later Chuck transferred to Pirmasens Germany to anothe MP Company as a mechanic. This was also where Chuck met his wife, Suzan. In April of 1978 Chuck re-enlisted and changed duties and became an MP. In July of 1980 Chuck was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. January of 1981 was Chuck's ETS month. Chuck later worked for the Veteran's Hospital in Sheridan, WY and also spent time in the Washington, D.C. office. Chuck retired from the VA in 2016. Chuck is currently employed with the Johnson County School District as an Activity Bus Driver.

Chuck enjoys his membership in what he consider to be one of the greatest organizations that he belong to. The American Legion was established by Veterans for Veterans. Veterans helping Veterans, Veterans helping families, Veterans helping in their communities.

Chuck would be honored to have your vote at the State Convention in June 2025, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Sincerely yours,
Cecil Benner Post Commander

For Department Finance Officer



Deanna Hurless
Department Finance Officer

Husted-Pendleton Post 14 Endorses Deanna Hurless for Department of Wyoming Finance Officer

Deanna joined the American Legion in 2009. She served in the U.S. Air Force as a Ground Radio Communications Specialist and was stationed at F.E. Warren AFB. She currently works for a credit union as the Loan Processing Manager, she has worked there for 29 years. She served as Post 14 2nd Vice-Commander (appointed) Dec 2010-2011 and (elected) 2011- 2012, Post 14 Commander 2012-2013 & 2013-2014, Post 14 Finance Officer 2014-2015 & 2015-2016, District 6 Vice-Commander 2015-2016, and Department Finance Officer since 2016. She has been Post 14's Adjutant since 2017. Deanna was appointed to the Wyoming Veterans Commission as the Albany & Carbon County Commissioner in 2020.

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Fundraiser idea!

Squadron 24 has begun a great fundraiser and way of getting their name in front of the public. They have taken over the Community Holiday Flag program from the Rock Springs Rotary which involves placing the American Flag in front of businesses in town on 7 different holidays during the year. All flags are put on display by 8am and taken down and stored by 6 pm each holiday. We supply all mounting hardware, poles, and flags along with any necessary maintenance. We are charging $60.00 per year for this service and currently have 150 businesses involved, which is a gross profit of $9,000.00 a year. For more information, please contact the Squadron Adjutant for more information.

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship

"A Constitutional Speech Contest" March 2025

American Legion High School Oratorical Speech Contest is in its 88th year. It is open to students under 20 enrolled as a bonafide high school student, grades 9-12.

The Department of Wyoming contest will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 in Lovell, Wyoming at the Church of Latter Day Saints; 50 West Main Street; Lovell, Wyoming. The contest starts at 10:00 am.

The National Contest will be held May 16-18, 2025 in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Scholarship awards:

Department level contest:

1st place : $500.00 (winner advances to the National Contest)

2nd place: $400.00

3rd place: $200.00

National contest: Travel for the contestant and one chaperone are gratis of The American Legion.

Scholarship awards:

1st place: $25,000.00

2nd place: $22,500.00

3rd place: $20,000.00

First round participants receive $2000.00 scholarship.

The Schaolarships may be used for any post secondary education and had a window of eight (8) years in which it may be used. The eight year clock stops during time spent serving in the armed forces of the United States.

For tips, updates and other info, follow the facebook page: High School Oratorical Scholarship, TAL, Dept of Wy



Courtesy Photo

Left: 1st Vice Commander Ben Glenn with Daisy Hobbs, who is out raising money for the Auxiliary at Mid-Winter. "Daisy is a pro at getting people to open their wallets and purse for charity." Said Glenn.



Courtesy Photo

Above: Department Commander Russell Stafford, Dept. Commander Russell Stafford presents Commander Bobby Werner with a membership award for Powell Post 11. Below: Dept. Commander Russell Stafford presents Commander Walt Schaeffer of Post 21 Burns for membership.

Mid-Winter Pics



Courtesy Photo

Above: 1st Vice Commander Ben Glenn , Department Commander Russell Stafford, and Sons of the American Legion Commander Mike Hobbs giving out awards at Mid-Winter.



"DISTRICT MEETINGS"

5 Apr District 5 in Sundance
6 Apr District 2 in Wheatland
12 Apr District 1 in Green River
13 Apr District 6 in Cheyenne at Post 6
26 Apr District 4 in Powell
27 Apr District 3 in Arapaho

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American Legion Auxiliary News

"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year" *Leila Dean, Department President*



Leila Dean
President

Greetings Auxiliary Members

Can you believe 4 months and we will be meeting in Newcastle for Department Convention? This year has gone by very quickly. Update on my surgery. It went very well and my Physical Therapy has gotten me a long way to being back to normal. I hope everyone had a nice Valentines Day. I pray everyone in and around Rock Springs and Green River are doing well after the disaster in the tunnels.

District Conferences are just around the corner where we will be learning about what each district has accomplished this year. I want to remind you to please get those final memberships in before March. The Department has to be at 85% by then or we won't get the special Medallion from National. We also all need to get our impact reports in to also qualify for the reward. I will be honored to be able to walk across the stage at National and represent each and everyone of you who have worked so hard all year so the Department could get this reward.

The Department is getting closer to having two more Units. Jackson is in the process of getting their Charter and Cody is also working on being able to charter a Unit there. It is good to see our Department grow since we have lost several Units in the past several years.

Hope to see you all soon
Department President
2024- 2025
Leila Dean



Peg Sillivan
Department Secretary

Notes from your Secretary Treasurer

The Office has been relatively slow this past month. Units are doing a great job turning in membership in a timely manner. Thank you!

Thank you Cheyenne, Unit 06, Buffalo, Unit 13, Glendo, Unit 15, Rock Springs, Unit 24, Basin, Unit 29, Worland, Unit 44, Chugwater, Unit 75, Hulett, Unit 80 and Kaycee, Unit 90 for your monetary donation to the Cheyenne, Sheridan Veterans Facilities and the WY Veterans Home. A shout out and thank you to the Units sending cookies to the Cheyenne and Sheridan VA's.

The Unit Invoice for assessment, poppies and 2025 Bond will be emailed to all Units on March 1st and due by April 1st. This lets the District President know what funds they have to work with.

News from your Secretary

Historian Report

Just a quick note:

Members, please make sure you report your hours/impact numbers to your Unit. Units, please make sure you report your hours/impact numbers to your District President. District Presidents, please make sure you turn in your hours/impact numbers to me. Please make sure to include how many members you are reporting for on your impact forms.

Unit Chairman, please CC me when you submit your reports to the other Department Chairman. I will only be judging the History reports that I receive, but having a copy of every report will help me present the Department's History to National.

Unit Historians, please remember that your History Report is what your unit has done this year, not what the history of your Unit is. Think of your History Report as a written snapshot of this year. When your granddaughter is running your Unit, what do you want her to know about what your Unit did this year?



Jessica York
Historian

YEAR END REPORTS

Please send your Year End Report to the Chairman. You should have a Report for every Program the ALA Offers. Don't worry if you didn't do the Program, report "No Report". Reports are due to the Chairman by May 1, 2025.
The Chairmen are listed on the webpage: www.wylegionaux.org under Programs.

MARK THE FOLLOWING DATES

SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE
April 5 - District 5 - Newcastle 10 a.m.
April 6 - District 2 - Wheatland 10 a.m.
April 12 - District -Green River 10 a.m.
April 13 - District 6 Cheyenne 10 a.m.
April 26 - District 4 Powell 10 a.m.
April 27 - District 3 Arapahoe TBA

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
June 20-21, 2025 Newcastle

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Margaret Haukus
Unit 81
Mary Jane Prahl
Unit 70
Marion Pierce-Unit 26
80 year member
Barbara Armour
Unit 81
Myrtle Howery-Unit 70
Peggy Theil-Unit 19
Gwen Brown-Unit 70
Ethel Heimer-Unit 26
Mary Knigge-Unit 25

Sympathy

Family of Bill Barnes-Past Department Commander
Linda Weaver-Loss of Mother
Ginger Fross-Loss of Mother
Earli Haukas-Loss of Mother
Kami Scott-Loss of Mother
Delores Langerman-Loss of Brother
Brentina C'Hair-Loss of Grandmother
Kat Clark-Loss of Mother
Family of Mary Knigge
Vicki Paddock-Loss of friend

Americanism



Cathey Raymer
Americanism Chairman

It's that beautiful winter/spring time of year in Wyoming.

It is also Americanism Essay Contest time. The theme this year is, "What does America the Beautiful mean to me (regarding veterans and our military)? Remember word count for the essays, and the cover sheet being eligible and clear is very important. A crucial detail to remember is the requirement for a personal email address for the students as their school email addresses may not work during the summer months, making it a challenge for National to contact the winners in June. If the student doesn't have a personal email address, they can use a parent's address. On the bottom of the cover sheet, you will notice the area in the box. The Unit chairman or President needs to fill out their portion of the information in that box. Remember, Auxiliary Jrs, and young Sons of the American Legion are eligible to enter the contest. Home schooled students, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4-H members are eligible to submit entries into the essay contest. The deadline to have the top 2 essays in each class is March 31st. Entries can be submitted by either email or standard mail with their completed cover sheet but remember that USPS takes 1 to 2 weeks to get across our state.

Does your Unit do something special for all the students that submit essays? Does your Unit give the winners a certificate or prize? Do you put the winners' pictures in the local paper? Do you put their pictures on the Department Facebook page?

Remember we need to celebrate all these students.

Can you believe that it's already time to talk about the Year End Reports. Reports are due to me by May 1st. Again, you can email them to me or send them by standard mail. I can't say it enough, pictures, pictures, pictures, they help tell your Units story.

The Grand Old Flag photo contest offers a creative outlet for showcasing patriotism. All Auxiliary members, Jrs, and young Sons are invited to capture striking images of flags within their communities, whether at a historic courthouse, schools, neighbor's yards or their own homes. Participants are allowed to submit up to two photos. Make sure to include photographer's name, Unit, and the location where the photo was taken. The deadline for photo submissions is May 15th, and the entries will be judged at the Department Convention in June. The prize is a 2026 membership renewal.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact me. I'm so excited about this year's essays, reports and photo entries.

Cathey Raymer
Americanism Chair
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From the Chaplain's Desk



Susan Dansereau
Chaplain

Chaplain Report for 2024 - 2025

Please have your reports to me by May 1, 2025.

Included in the report please list:

Any deceased members of your Unit since June 2024

Any specific activities the Unit did that involved the Chaplain (Four Chaplain Sunday,

POW ceremony, etc…)

Any prayers you would like to have included in a prayerbook being prepared for President Leila

Please remember to let me know if you have any prayer needs within your Unit.

Annual reports and requests for cards to be sent to Unit members can be sent to me at:

Susan Dansereau
2110 Wyoming Drive
Green River, WY 82935
Or sent to: chaplainwylegionaux@gmail.com

Cheyenne VA Living Center



Peg Sillivan, Vicki Paddock - Reps for Cheyenne Living Center

Peg completed the "Annual Joint Review" with Amber, CDCE Specialist earlier in February. ALA National VA & R expect this report to be completed once a year. The report asks how many volunteers we provide, $ and hours. Sorry to say, National hasn't shown a report since 2017, the Bobbie Gertsch era. I'm hopeful we will meet this requirement annually going forward. Thank you to Linda Orr, Sheridan VA Representative for sending me the report to file.

The "monthly birthday party" is gradually having better participation. The Department purchases cupcakes. Thank you to Unit 14, Laramie, Unit 6 Cheyenne, Unit 70 LaGrange and Unit 60 Pine Bluffs for volunteering to take cupcakes and visit the Veterans on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Laramie had a couple Veterans tag along and the Veterans really enjoyed them.

Department will once again snacks and water for Memorial Services.

Would you like to volunteer a Birthday Sunday or a Memorial Service. Let the Office know.

District 1 Report



Cathey Raymer
District 1 President

Green River Unit 28 – Members came together with the Wyoming Hawk Campaign to assemble winter care packages for homeless veterans. The volunteers assembled approximately 165 packages. The Unit's Paint and Sip night was held on February 7 at the Post home, which was attended by about 20 ladies that came out for a fun night. A pasta bar with dessert was also provided.

The Unit is in the planning stages for their annual Mother's Day Raffle. The members decided to create a Unit Chat Group to help keep all the members in contact with each other and inform them about upcoming events. All members will be invited to join the chat group. A large shipping box of cookies was taken to the Rock Springs Veterans Clinic to be delivered to the Sheridan VA. The Post and Unit will be hosting the Spring Conference for District 1 in April, and the members are starting to work on preparations for this event. The Unit also decided to purchase new tables for the meeting room at the Post home.

Pinedale Unit 47 – Even though winter is a slow time for the Auxiliary, the members continue to volunteer at the Wyoming Food Bank. The President has provided information about the Poppy Poster Contest to the art teacher at the elementary school and encouraged her to share the information with the art teachers in the middle school and high school. They are hoping to get some entries for the contest this year. On February 7th, the Hoops 4 Troops basketball game was held at the local high school. The event is held to honor the veterans in their community. The veterans were treated to a free dinner and T-shirt. A program was conducted prior to the basketball game to recognize their service.

No report from: Rock Springs Unit 24, Ft. Bridger Unit 36, Cokeville Unit 40,

Alpine Unit 46, Big Piney Unit 78 and LaBarge Unit 88.

District 2 Report



Jessica York
District 2 President

Where has the time gone that it is already time to start thinking about Spring Conference? Our Unit's have been busy since I last reported. We all honored our veterans in November, from community meals to programs at the local schools. La Grange Unit 70 even combined the two by having students from the local elementary school sing patriotic songs at their community lunch. Unit 9 in Glenrock sent their yearly care packages to the deployed troops for Christmas. There were 74 care packages shipped this year! They also remembered their local homebound veterans with 20 goodie baskets. Units participated in Wreaths Across America. While Glendo Unit 15 and Glenrock Unit 9 sponsor their cemeteries, Douglas Unit 8 has members who simply show up on Wreath Day to help the local sponsorship group, Clelland Commandery #12 of the Knights Templar. Unit 8 spent the end of 2024 helping the local Post and Sons retire 236 flags, to include American flags, Wyoming flag, military branch flags, POW-MIA flag, Israeli flags, Blue-Star banners, and even a banner from the Wyoming Pioneer Museum. Our Units have been working hard to get membership goals met, and as of the writing of this even has a Unit over 100% of goal. Way to go Wheatland! Our Units are busy looking for Girls' State girls to sponsor and raising money. Guernsey Unit 95 is having a traveling bake sale to raise their funds. Vice President B-Jo and myself look forward to seeing everyone at Spring Conference in Wheatland on April 6th.

District 3 Report



Jessie Poire
District 3 President

Greetings from the ladies of District #3, Lander, Riverton, Fort Washakie and Powder River. I've had the opportunity to visit two (2) of the Units, Lander and Riverton. I plan to visit Fort Washakie in the next couple of months.

Lander Unit #33

December Activities:

Our Christmas party was held with Don Stough Post #33, the event was very well attended. Earlier that day, members of the public , along with the Legion and Auxiliary members, placed wreaths at Mt. Hope cemetery as part of Wreaths across America. The unit canceled their January meeting because of frigid temperatures.

Fort Washakie Unit #81Activities:

December Activities:

The unit did not meet in December as we held our annual Christmas Dinner and gift exchange at Svilars in Hudson. The event was attended by 4 members and 3 guests. No one attended Mid-Winter in Rock Springs due to the member having had an emergency vet situation with a pet, which resulted in her not being able to attend due the expense of that visit. The weather was also inclement, as travel over South Pass is always worrisome this time of year.

January Activities:

The unit met in January and made Valentines for Veterans. Three members of the unit attended this meeting and made the Valentines. These were sent to the Veterans Home in Buffalo, WY.

February Activities:

The unit met in February and made Valentines for the residents of Morning Star Manor in Fort Washakie. Three members of the unit were present to make the homemade Valentines for the residents. The manor has 26 residents; one resident is a Veteran. We also provided cupcakes and sugar cookies for their Valentines Day Party. Two members of the unit delivered the items to the manor on Valentine's Day.

Riverton Unit #19

September Activities:

The unit did not do much this winter. Two senior memberships were received, which need to be deposited and then sent in to the Department. We had our Christmas party at the Trailhead Restaurant in Riverton. Pat and I (Ginger) were there. We are getting ready to have a meeting this month. We stopped the Riverton Post Office box and I get the mail at my house.

District 4 Report



Susan Sironen
District 4 President

District 4 Spring Conference is scheduled for April 26 at 10:00 am in Powell. Members and officers, we hope you can attend. Here is what is happening in District 4:

Worland: At our January meeting Unit 44 reviewed our standing rules and made revisions. One of our long-standing Poppy chairs, Wanda Johnson, known as the poppy lady, passed away. We will be draping the charter for her. In March, we will be busy planning and preparing the annual Legion birthday dinner. The unit will be looking forward to the spring meeting in Powell and hope to have a good attendance. We currently have 4 girls from Thermopolis interested in attending Girls State.

Basin: We continue with our suicide awareness rally on the 22nd of each month on the main street in Basin. Community members are getting used to us being there and several have stopped to see what we are all about. In January, we moved our meeting to the Wyoming Retirement Home in Basin. We needed a new place to meet when one of our members moved to the retirement home, so we moved with her. There are currently 22 veterans living there so we invited whoever was interested to attend our meeting. How sad that most of them didn't know about the American Legion so we told them about the Legion and Auxiliary and they told us about their branch of service and where they were stationed. It was a great experience for all and we plan to make this a permanent meeting location. We're taking root beer floats to our February meeting to share with the veterans and hope to get some of our Legion members involved as well. We are gearing up for Girls State and have several applications from the schools we cover. Selections and training will start soon.

Powell: no report available.

District 5 Report



Gloria Taylor
District 5 President

Hello from District 5

Unit 07 (Sheridan) Helped a veteran's family at Christmas with a basket, as well as a basket for the first baby born on Veterans Day. We sent Valentine's Day cards to the veterans at the Sheridan VA. Also have a basket going for St. Patrick's Day to go to VA & R. Only three members made it to Mid-Winter Conference from Sheridan. We are so glad everyone was safe during the treacherous drive through our lovely Wyoming winter roads.

Unit 13 (Buffalo) the Unit continues to fix a light supper before the Legion and Auxiliary meetings and serve for the Legion's 2nd and 4th Sunday Breakfasts. Members are volunteering at the WY Veterans Home and the Skilled Nursing Facility. Teams of 2 go every Wednesday to serve ice cream and cookies to the residents and 3 teams go to the Skilled Nursing Facility to play games. For Christmas, the veterans received $10 plus a party. They really smiled when they opened their cards. The Americanism Essay cover sheet was handed out to elementary and high school students. Girl State Chairman Joyce has taken information to the school and interviews will be February 23rd. The Unit has planned a "Bunco" afternoon in March.

Unit 25 (Moorcroft) has made a map of their local cemetery to find all the veterans and auxiliary members as well as put flags on the graves. Wreathes were also made.

Vicki Paddock did the POW and Military Child Tables at the Moorcroft Chamber Festival.

Christmas for the Sheridan veterans was a huge success. They put up a tree at Donna's Diner for gifts and asked for donations for the wreaths for graves.

Unit 80 (Hulett) are redoing the Veterans Display at the GHCC (Greater Hulett Community Center). They purchased poinsettias for the churches in Hulett. They purchased apples for Education Week. Socks with a poppy was sent to the Sturgis VA. Cookie dough was purchased for Sheridan VA.

Gloria Taylor, President

District 6 Report



Cynthia Ivaniszek
District 6 President

DONALD EISENHAUER Unit # 60 Pine Bluffs:

New Year's Eve was a successful Prime Rib dinner for our post. We made home baked cookies delivered to the local VA as well as Veterans Rock in Cheyenne.

The month of February, although cold, has been busy for us. We continue to have our Saturday morning breakfast, Took cupcakes to the VA CLC for the monthly birthdays in February. In our Monday meeting we put together treat bags for the local veterans to be delivered. On Valentine's Day we will be having a Prime Rib dinner for locals around our small area. The 23rd of February we will also be doing a Movie Day starting at 2:00 PM.

WILLIAM HORN Unit # 64 Medicine Bow

Hello from Wm. Horne Unit #64 Medicine Bow. We have had several events here.

On September 11 our Post Members and Elk Mountain Members put on a program for our school children They demonstrated how to properly burn our tattered and torn flags; they also learned how to properly fold our flag and other flag etiquette. They talked about 9/11 and other events in our history and the importance of our flag and the respect of it.

Our ladies baked and took cookies to our local veterans on Veterans Day.

Our Legion Post is working hard to get together with our Veterans from Elk Mountain, they are going every other month to Elk Mountain so neither group has to travel every month. So far it seems to be working out well.

We have been trying to get new members in both the Legion and Auxiliary. Very slow process.

In December we had a Wreaths Across America program that was a great success. We had four generations of one of our families participate in our Ceremony; our Bugler was a young lady who is in the 67th band division and a student at UW.

We are in the Process of moving into a new Legion home. We will have more room and most importantly we will have water and restrooms.

BOYCE MARLATT Unit # 77 Albin

Albin's Auxiliary had their quarterly meeting in February at the Community Center. February is the month for cookie delivery to VA!

FRANCIS E. SELF Unit # 6 Cheyenne:

Will be hosting the Spring District Meeting on April 13, 2025. Cheyenne also hosted CLC monthly birthday party at the VA.

ANGUS ENGLAND Unit # 54 Saratoga:

Hosted a fabulous Veterans Day Celebration with dinner at the Post, delivering dinners to those unable to attend. Last year's Girls State representative attended with her parents and spoke about her experiences at Girl's State.

HUSTED-PENDLETON UNIT # 14 Laramie:

We celebrated the holidays with an International Thanksgiving Feast (potluck), Tom & Jerry night on Christmas Eve and a New Year celebration.

The membership drive has been successful. We're delighted to enjoy friendship with new members and welcome back former members. We hit the membership goal for 2025! That's a point to celebrate as membership took quite a dip following Covid.

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitaion Report



Susan Sironen
VA & R Chairman

Hi All – thank you for all you do for our veterans! Here are some items for your year-end reports. The reports should be from March 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Due date to Chairman – May 1, 2025 (or sooner)

Address where to send (email or mail): Email: Sironen2014@outlook.com

Mail: Susan Sironen, 996 Road 9, Powell, Wy 82435 Phone: 307-250-6060

Items to address in year-end reports

1. Volunteer hours – need them by individual name (with membership number if possible). Also please indicate if anyone doesn't want the hour bars when eligible.
2. Please email photos (not off facebook) of veteran events to me with an explanation of the activity and names of those in the photo.
3. Did your unit participate in Wreaths Across America.
   a. As sponsorship unit or
   b. Just with donations and/or laying wreaths
   c. Approximate number of wreaths laid and at what cemetery
   d. Just a reminder that WAA wreaths cannot be purchased with poppy funds.
4. Did your unit participate in a suicide awareness program for veterans (rally, race, etc) Please explain.
5. Did your unit support:
   a. VA Hospital – which one and details
   b. Local veterans program – please explain
   c. Buffalo Veterans Home
   d. Christmas in July
   e. Stand Down – how did your unit participate
6. Did your unit participate in school programs honoring veterans – please explain.
7. Any other new activities that your unit started this year with/for veterans
8. Just a reminder that filling military boxes for soldiers is reported under National Security and not VA&R.

Sheridan VA Healthcare Network



Linda Orr, Rep



Melba Bennet, Rep

First is addressing the government downsizing and how it will affect the Sheridan VA. All medical "type" employees are exempt from the downsizing and so you should see no change in your caregivers. It was unknown at time of print, how many employees who are under probation or who accepted the buyout and are not exempted will be actually leaving.

On a brighter note, there is a new CDCE (Voluntary Service) Manager. His name is Bill Szatmary and he replaced Eric who moved into another position. Bill's phone number is 307-675-3226 and his e-mail is: William.Szatmary@va.gov. The CDCE's office is in Building 4, Room 8. He would love to hear from you if you have any questions or donations for the facility. Bill is also the "My Healthy Vet" coordinator.

Wish list items are tennis shoes sizes 9-13, gym shorts, white crew t's, men's sports boxer shorts, socks of all kinds, travel toiletries with no alcohol, disposable razors, men's coats, blue jeans in all sizes, men's large clothing 3X-7X and sports equipment especially softballs, mitts, bats, etc. Clothing room is open Wednesday afternoons for all veterans. Remember that donations and cookies can be taken to your closest VA Clinic and it can be sent up to the hospital using their currier service.

Thank you for all you do. You are greatly appreciated. Spring is coming!

Linda Orr and Melba Bennett, Reps

Endorsements

For Department President



Robyn Ruff
Vice President/Leadership

John Donald Unit 007 of Sheridan is endorsing Robin Ruff for Department President 2025-2026.

Robin is eligible through the service of her father, John Milnichak. She grew up in a Legion Family in Buffalo at Post 13 with her father serving as Commander and her mother as Unit President. She has since transferred to Sheridan.

Robin has served as Unit President, District 5 President and Department of Wyoming's Vice President as well as having held several Chairmanships.

She and her husband Roger have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. She is employed by the Hub in Sheridan (Sheridan's Senior Center) as the Tongue River Valley Coordinator.

We ask that you join us and support Robin Ruff for Department President.

For Department Secretary-Treasurer



Peg Sillivan
Department Secretary

Powder River Unit #13 is proud to endorse our member Peggy Sillivan, for Department Secretary Treasurer for the coming 2025-2026 year! Peggy is a lifetime member of our Unit and joined under her father, Duke Hagadone, and is from a long line of veterans in her family.

Peggy has proven her ability to lead and keep the Department finances in order for the last 12 years.

Peggy has dedicated a lot of her life working the American Legion Auxiliary programs and has chaired several of the Department chairmanships along the way. She always has a smile on her face and is easy to work with! We ask for your vote for Peggy for Department Executive Secretary Treasurer for the coming year.

For NEC



Vicki Paddock
NEC

Unit 25 of Moorcroft proudly endorses Vicki Paddock for the office of National Executive Committeewoman for the 2025-2026 and 2026-202 year.

Vicki Paddock is currently serving as the National Executive Committeewoman for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wyoming. She was born in Gillette, Wyoming and has lived her all her life in or near Moorcroft.

At the Department level, she has served as President, Vice President, Chaplain and Historian. She also served Chairman for the following: Community, Junior Activities, Constitution and By-Laws, Public Relations and Membership. Vicki has been her Unit President for 18 years and was District 5 President for 4 years.

She has been a member for20 years and is eligible under her father Melburn (Bill) Moser who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Other family members who belong to Unit 25 are her daughter Jessi Polk and her granddaughters, Taya Davis, Brook Paddock, Ruby and Gracie Polk. Her son, Cody Davis, was a member of the SAL in Moorcroft. Her father and mother were both members of the Legion and the Auxiliary until their passing.

For Department Vice President

Unit 28 Green River is proud to endorse

CATHEY RAYMER

for the office of Department Vice President for the 2026 Auxiliary year.

Cathey's extensive experience, proven leadership, and unwavering commitment to the values of the American Legion Auxiliary make her an ideal candidate for the office of Department Vice President. Her eligibility in the American Legion Auxiliary comes through her husband, Joe Don Raymer, a proud Vietnam Veteran. For 13 years, Cathey has been a devoted Auxiliary member and is a PUFL (Paid Up For Life). Her extensive service includes:



Unit Level
Unit Secretary (3 years)
Unit Vice President (1 year)
Unit President (1.5 years)
District Level
District 1 President (3 years)
Department Level
Department Americanism Chairman (4 years)
Department Membership Chairman (2 years)

Cathey's dedication to fostering Americanism and leadership is also reflected in her commitment to Girls State, where she has served on staff for 6 years and on the Girls State Board for 3 years. She is currently serving as the Americanism Coordinator for Girls State.

She looks forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to the continued success and growth of the organization.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Girls STATE



Alyssa Hinckley
Wyoming Girls State Director

Deadline Approaching: Wyoming Girls State Registration Due March 15th

The deadline for Wyoming Girls State registration forms is fast approaching. All completed forms must be submitted to wygsdirector@gmail.com by March 15th to ensure participation in this life-changing leadership experience.

Wyoming Girls State provides young women with the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning about government, civic responsibility, and leadership. Participants will run for office, draft legislation, and work together to build a model government—an experience that fosters confidence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for democracy.

This program would not be possible without the dedication of our incredible Girls State Chairmen, who are working tirelessly to ensure our delegates are well-prepared for this year's session. Their commitment to guiding and mentoring these young leaders is truly invaluable, and we extend our deepest appreciation for their efforts.

If you know a high school junior who would benefit from this program, encourage them to apply today! Late submissions may not be accepted, so please ensure all materials are sent in before the deadline.

For any questions or assistance with the application process, feel free to reach out. Thank you for your continued support in making Wyoming Girls State a success!

Submit registration forms to: wygsdirector@gmail.com or mail to Alyssa Hinckley, 6512 Kicking Horse Court, Cheyenne, WY, 82001

Deadline: March 15th

Together, let's empower the next generation of leaders!