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From our Commander

- *Commander Kenneth Persson, Sr*

As we approach our 99th Birthday, it is important to remember the pillars under which we were founded. In 1919 our founders knew that we had a moral obligation to take care of our Comrades touched by war. It was up to us to ensure they received all of the benefits and care they had earned by virtue of their service to our country. We, individually and as an organization, must continue to fight for those rights and benefits. It is up to us to demand that our government, locally and nationally, provides everything possible for those who placed themselves in harms way for our country and our way of life. We must encourage the Congress and Legislature to continue to provide health and educational benefits to veterans who so deserve them. Don't be shy about speaking up for our veterans. Make sure our government knows how strongly we feel about honoring and respecting veterans and their families. Take every opportunity to recognize their service and sacrifice and continue to provide Military Funeral Honors when Taps is sounded for them.

We must continue to insist on a strong National defense. We can not allow our military to fall behind in technology and development. We can not let our soldiers go on to the battlefield with less than the best equipment. Our soldiers must be the best trained, the best equipped and best led in order to accomplish their mission.

The youth of our nation have always been a primary focus of The American Legion. From our first concerns for the children and orphans of service

members killed or injured in combat, our youth programs have expanded to cover all of our nation's youth. We must continue to support programs like Boys State, Oratory, local, Department and National Scholarships, American Legion High School Rodeo, and the Child Welfare Fund. Our youth are our future. It is up to us to encourage them, mentor them, support them and recognize them.

When we proudly display our National flag, when we recite the pledge of Allegiance, when we organize and participate in patriotic celebrations, when we stand for the National Anthem, we tell everyone we believe in Americanism. Let us continue to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism in our communities. Show others we care and are proud of our flag and our Nation.

The American Legion has come a long ways from its beginning nearly 100 years ago. We are no longer a group of 'good old boys', swapping war stories in that smoky bar of our Posts. We are the largest Veterans service organization in the world. We need to be dynamic, outspoken on Veteran's rights, diverse, and all inclusive. Our National by-laws say we are an organization made up of those who served our country in times of great national stress and that a veteran is a veteran, regardless of race, religion, gender, creed, race or war era. As we celebrate our Birthday, whether a special event or dinner or just our regular monthly meeting, let us remember the pillar under which we were founded and continue to make this the largest, most respected and strongest Veterans Service Organization in the world.

National Coin Passed



Above: From National headquarters in the NEC room, Denise Rohan, first female National Commander of the American Legion. Announcing live via the Internet that Congress only passes two coins a year to be minted. The American Legion 100 year coin was one of the two that passed.

Below: Also a legion member is the leading Senator from Indiana Todd Young who sponsored the bill to pass the coin. Commenting how proud he is to be a Legion member and donned his legion cap, followed by a standing ovation.



NEC, Wyoming desk at National Headquarters



NEC Terry Miller and Department Commander Ken Persson Sr. were present for the announcement of the Legion coin bill passing in Congress.

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**The American Legion
Department of Wyoming**

Vice Commander

- Richard Dansereau

Greetings Comrades,
I hope all is well with you and yours. As Vice Commander my duties are to support our programs and encourage and focus membership. For the programs, as all should know, the **Boys State** registration is going. Please get out there and meet up with the schools in your area and promote this program. It is such an important aspect of our service to our communities. Taking

Take a Second for National Security

Happy 2018 Legion Family! I hope the New Year is exciting and prosperous for all of you and you Posts! Today I have decided to discuss The National Security Pillar, hopefully my research for this article will better enlighten myself and you as well. Legionnaires all around the word know the importance of maintaining a strong National Security posture to ensure the safety of the United States

these young men and giving them the knowledge of how our country works and how to use it is what our forefathers envisioned. There are so many people in the United States today that have no idea how our government works. We need to support this program not just with our financial support, we need to support with bodies. If your post has a suitable candidate and cannot afford to send him. Or, if he can not afford

and its allies. The concept of National Security is straight forward yet very complicated at a global level, becoming very confusing at a Legionnaire or even Post level. Frequently many members will ask, "What can my Post and members do to bolster National Security" or "How can one person, or this small Post Help". The short answer is yes, YOU can make a Difference/ Help in affecting a strong National

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Department Service Officer

- This is who we are and what we do

This is who we are and what we do. I received a call from Commander Persson about a request he received for assistance from a veteran's widow. Her husband had passed away in November of 2017 and she was not able to have him cremated due to lack of funds. You can imagine the burden this placed on her shoulders. She is very proud of her husband's military service and could not ensure his final needs and Military Honors would be taken care of.

Thanks to a records search, we were able to find all of his DD 214s and NGB 22s to establish his service. He served 4 years in the Navy and was a Vietnam

Veteran. His tour of duty was aboard the USS Topeka, the ship served as the flagship for the commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, 7th fleet. In that capacity, the ship operated in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Tonkin providing naval gunfire for the troops ashore and supporting Carrier Air Operations by conducting search and rescue missions for downed air crews. He also served 17 years in the Army Guard and was awarded the Southwest Asia Medal with 2 bronze stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Trish Peoples, Quartermaster VFW, agreed to partner in this endeavor and the

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it. Please let the department know! I guarantee that there are posts in our state that can support him. Not having the money is no reason to deprive a young man of a once in a lifetime experience.

When it comes to membership, we all know it takes money to keep this ship afloat. It also takes bodies, numbers, to take to Washington D.C. and get them to listen to us. I am proud that there are problems that the National American Legion has been on the forefront of and has gotten progress done. This is how and why we need to brag up what we do. In the post, in the community, in the state and in our nation. Our members do a lot for

our communities. More than what the community knows. There are many things that would not happen without our members getting out there and doing it. Get others involved. Make sure that new member is invited to help with things. Currently there are many veterans organizations that someone can join. You are in competition with them. Go out in your community and show them why we have been around for 100 years. We are all brothers and sisters, show them why they should care.

Richard Dansereau
Vice Commander, Department of Wyoming
The American Legion

The American Legion Department of Wyoming 2018 Membership Report

Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
24	Rock Springs	420	361	85.95%	17
28	Green River	205	182	88.78%	3
36	Ft. Bridger	130	114	87.69%	3
40	Cokeville	20	14	70.00%	4
41	Evanston	54	25	46.30%	24
43	Jackson	115	77	66.96%	27
46	Alpine	33	25	75.76%	5
47	Pinedale	45	50	111.11%	0
49	Afton	18	9	50.00%	7
55	Kemmerer	34	25	73.53%	6
78	Big Piney	21	20	95.24%	0
88	La Barge	19	17	89.47%	1
D-1		1114	919	82.50%	84
90% - 02/28/18					
Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
2	Casper	280	234	83.57%	18
16	Powder River	10	3	30.00%	6
19	Riverton	85	62	72.94%	15
31	Dubois	20	11	55.00%	7
33	Lander	170	149	87.65%	4
61	Pavillion	21	12	57.14%	7
81	Ft. Washakie	40	23	57.50%	13
D-3		626	494	78.91%	69
90% - 02/28/18					
Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
3	Newcastle	40	47	117.50%	0
7	Sheridan	250	202	80.80%	23
13	Buffalo	150	129	86.00%	6
25	Moorcroft	35	34	97.14%	0
42	Gillette	350	286	81.71%	29
45	Sundance	20	28	140.00%	0
80	Hulett	40	41	102.50%	0
90	Kaycee	10	7	70.00%	2
D-5		895	774	86.48%	32
90% - 02/28/18					
Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
1	Van Tassell	32	28	87.50%	1
4	Lusk	42	30	71.43%	8
5	Torrington	173	151	87.28%	5
8	Douglas	180	151	83.89%	11
9	Glenrock	56	50	89.29%	1
10	Wheatland	91	83	91.21%	0
15	Glendo	29	27	93.10%	0
56	Veteran	12	6	50.00%	5
63	Lingle	30	30	100.00%	0
70	La Grange	12	10	83.33%	1
75	Chugwater	10	10	100.00%	0
95	Guernsey	45	30	66.67%	11
D-2		712	606	85.11%	35
90% - 02/28/18					
Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
11	Lovell	20	26	130.00%	0
18	Thermopolis	22	17	77.27%	3
20	Cody	67	55	82.09%	5
26	Powell	158	129	81.65%	13
29	Basin	55	51	92.73%	0
32	Greybull	40	33	82.50%	3
44	Worland	225	177	78.67%	26
85	Meeteetse	26	21	80.77%	2
91	Heart Mountain	12	10	83.33%	1
D-4		625	519	83.04%	44
90% - 02/28/18					
Post		2018 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
6	Cheyenne	1400	1070	76.43%	190
14	Laramie	415	325	78.31%	49
21	Burns	10	5	50.00%	4
54	Saratoga	115	86	74.78%	18
60	Pine Bluffs	45	51	113.33%	0
64	Medicine Bow	52	45	86.54%	2
77	Albin	11	11	100.00%	0
93	Cheyenne	10	7	70.00%	2
122	Rawlins	60	62	103.33%	0
D-6		2118	1662	78.47%	244
DISTRICT TOTALS		6090	4974	81.67%	507
17 HQ.		200	188		
DEPARTMENT GOAL		6290	5162	82.07%	499
NATIONAL GOAL		6000	5162	86.03%	238
90% - 02/28/18					

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Taps...

Post Everlasting 2018



District 1

Post 24 Rock Springs

Kettle, John (33)
O'Neal, William (10)
Uhrig, Elton (6)
Merlone, Charles (70)

Post 28 Green River

Prime, Jim (4)

District 2

Post 5 Torrington

McElhaney, Elmer (46)
Gering, Charles (49)
Gardner, Marvin (66)
Capps, Edward (9)

Post 8 Douglas

Gubbels, Larry (43)

Post 10 Wheatland

Smith, Danny J (19)
Platt, Bill (20)

Post 63 Lingle

Buckley, Marvin (9)
Cowan, Bill (45)

District 3

Post 61 Pavillion

Blankenship, Keith (41)

District 4

Post 26 Powell

Solberg, Laverne (69)

District 5

Post 7 Sheridan

Page, Jerry (16)

District 6

Post 6 Cheyenne

Martinez, Venture (4)
McChesney, Gary (8)

Squadron 6 Cheyenne

Miller, Roger (2)

Post 54 Saratoga

Kirk, Neal (26)
Innis, Gary (39)

Post 122 Rawlins

Kelly, Sam (20)

Post 17 Department Headquarters

Dewey, John (6)

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

Chaplains Report

- Chaplain Vandivort

In the American Legion, Chaplains Hand Book, at the top of page 1 it reads;
"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY ..."

Like our nation's founding fathers, the veterans who founded the American Legion acknowledge God as the source of all our rights and freedoms.

Apart from God, our history as a people has no meaning. In this faith our institutions were created, our laws enacted, and our liberties secured. To safeguard our sovereignty and our prosperity, that same belief must direct our political, social and economic paths today.

Conceding the erosion of moral and spiritual values in recent years, and recognizing our dependence upon God, the American Legion reaffirms its commitment to bring all Americans closer to their Creator and remind them of His proper place at the center of the nation's life.

(Chaplains Handbook page 1)

"Service to God and Country" – it's an American Legion program, yes, but the saying describes just as well our members' attitude and way of life. Nondenominational and nonsectarian, the Legion's support for religion in the public square is basic Americanism. Rather than acting independently of religious groups, the Legion desires to cooperate with and join them in reminding the American people with one voice that God is the author and architect of our beloved "land of the free." Without God, there is no Americanism.

(Chaplains Handbook page 1)

These are very powerful statements from the American Legion Chaplains Hand Book. Without God there is NO Americanism, think about that.

Without GOD there is NO Hope for the future. We must get back to the basics that the Founding Fathers knew. God must be in the center of our business as the American Legion.

1Peter 1:3, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Chaplain Vandivort

Department Chaplain, Wyoming

Jim.vandivort@tctwest.net

Oratorical Contest Winners



Post 11 – Lovell 1st Place Oratorical Winner Alexander Christensen with Post Commander Rich Fink. Alec was also chosen as District 4 Oratorical Winner



Post 26 – Powell 1st Place Oratorical Winner Treven Keeler with District 4 Commander Jerry Clark

2018 DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

SITES AND DATES

April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

District	Date, Site & Time
District No. 1	Date: April 21, 2018
Site: Post 47 Pinedale	Time: 10:00 am
Sublette County School District Bldg	Lunch: Yes
District No. 2	Date: April 8, 2018
Site: Post 10 Wheatland	Time: 1:00 pm
	Lunch:
District No. 3	Date: April 15, 2018
Site: Post 19 Riverton	Time: 10:00 am
	Lunch:
District No. 4	Date: April 14, 2018
Site: Thermopolis	Time: 10:00 am
VFW	Lunch: Yes
District No. 5	Date: April 7, 2018
Site: Post 3 Newcastle	Time: 10:00 am
Armory	Lunch: TBA
District No. 6	Date: April 22, 2018
Site: Post 64 Medicine Bow	Time: 1:00 pm
	Lunch: No

The American Legion and Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING

100th and 98th ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 21st to JUNE 23, 2018

Hosted by Frances E. Self - Post 6 and Unit 6

Cheyenne, Wyoming

PRE-REGISTER by **May 21st** to receive a **\$2 DISCOUNT** on meals
Pre-registration guarantees meal

REGISTRATION and MEALS	PRE	DOOR	TOTAL
PRE-REGISTRATION (includes CONVENTION PIN) Deadline MAY 21, 2018	\$10.00		
REGISTRATION @ Door - June 20 -23, 2018	\$10.00	\$12.00	
Convention PIN @ Door	\$5.00	\$5.00	
THURSDAY - JUNE 21, 2018			
GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH LUNCH @ Warren AFB	\$50.00	\$50.00	
REGISTRATION & WELCOME MEAL AND ICE BREAKER 6 PM @ Post 6	FREE		
FRIDAY - JUNE 22, 2018			
PAST COMMANDER & ADJUTANT BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00	
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00	
VA & R LUNCHEON noon @ Post 6 - Open to TAL Family	\$6.00	\$8.00	
COMMANDER & PRESIDENT HAPPY HOUR & DINNER 6 PM & 7 PM @ Radisson	\$26.00	\$28.00	
SATURDAY - JUNE 23, 2018			
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00	
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00	
AMERICANISM LUNCHEON noon @ Post 6 - Open to TAL Family	\$6.00	\$8.00	
2018-2019 COMMANDER & PRESIDENT Picnic in the Park	FREE		
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:			

Make check payable to Dept of WY - Convention	TOTAL ENCLOSED		
NAME _____	Post/Unit _____	Position _____	
NAME _____	Post/Unit _____	Position _____	

MAIL Registration & check to: Department of Wyoming Convention
1320 Hugur Ave
Cheyenne WY 82001

HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION			
Radisson Hotel	204 West Fox Farm Rd	2 Doubles or single \$83.00	307-638-4466
Fairfield Hotel	1415 Stillwater Ave	2 doubles \$119.00	307-637-4070
Springhill Suites	416 West Fox Farm Rd	2 doubles \$105.00	307-635-0006
Reserve before May 21, 2018 for above rate. Tell them you are with The American Legion Convention			



Mark Your Calendar

SPRING CONFERENCES
April 7 -8, April 14-15, April 21 - 22

GIRLS STATE
June 10-16, 2018
LCCC - Cheyenne

POST, UNIT, SQUADRON & RIDER DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION
June 21-23, 2018
Cheyenne

NATIONAL CONVENTION
August 24-30, 2018
Minneapolis Minnesota



United we stand behind our veterans
and those currently serving our country.

We thank the brave men and women of our Armed Forces for their dedication and sacrifice. As we mark Memorial Day, we also honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. God Bless America.

The American Legion
Department of Wyoming

DEPARTMENT OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS

ARCHIE HAY POST 24
ROCK SPRINGS
PROUDLY SUPPORTS
AND ENDORSES



RICHARD DANSEREAU
FOR
**DEPARTMENT
COMMANDER
2018 -2019**

THE AMERICAN
LEGION FAMILY OF
ARCHIE HAY POST 24
ROCK SPRINGS
PROUDLY SUPPORTS
AND ENDORSES



MIKE COOKE
FOR
**DEPARTMENT 1ST VICE
COMMANDER
2018 -2019**



Deanna Hurless

for Department Finance Officer

Husted-Pendleton Post 14

**Endorses Deanna Hurless for Department of Wyoming Finance Officer and
would like your full support**

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 Real Estate Lending Manager, she has worked there for 22 years. She served as Post 14 2nd Vice-Commander (appointed) Dec 2010-2011 and (elected) 2011- 2012, Post 14 Commander 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, Post 14 Finance Officer 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, District 6 Vice-Commander 2015-2016 and Department Finance Officer 2016-2017, 2017-2018. She is currently Post 14's adjutant 2017-2018. She also is a member of the Laramie Veterans Honor Guard.

Deanna has attended 5 National Conventions as a delegate for the Department of Wyoming. While attending the National Conventions she has served as a National Assistant Sergeant-of-Arms 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2017 representing the Department of Wyoming. She was appointed to the National Media & Communications Council 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

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contact information and forms and publications.

DISTRICT NEWS

District 5 News

Don Sullivan, District Commander

DISTRICT 5 SPRING CONFERENCE WILL BE IN NEWCASTLE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 10 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ARMORY.

Newcastle: Post 3 has surpassed their 2018 Membership Goal (115%). I can't thank Post 3 for the

job they are doing with not only membership but our Legion Programs. They are responsible for Chartering the Auxiliary and the Legion Riders. Now that's a Legion Family.

Sheridan: Post 7 is sitting at 80% of membership goal. They are working on membership and being seen in the community for the programs they are doing in the Sheridan Community. Other Posts don't realize all the work that some Post 7 members do at the Sheridan VA. Thank you! The Color Guard is always available for Veterans funerals. I wish all the members would step up to the plate and help with membership. Sheridan

is a community of veterans. REMEMBER, it is your POST!

Buffalo: Post 13 is calling on all members who have not renewed to please do so. The Post is short twenty-two (22) members to reach 100%. Let's make Goal which we haven't done for some time. If every member would sign up one member, we will celebrate for our 100th Anniversary. Attendance at our 2nd and 4th Sunday Breakfast continues to grow. We really NEED additional members to step up and help. If you can, please call Jason at 461-0324; Cecil at 217-2124 or Jim at 620-2971. Any help would be appreciated. The Post is celebrating the Legion Birthday with a dinner for all Legion family members. Watch the mail for your letter. Please RSVP to Don at 620-5698.

Moorcroft: Post 25 is working the Legion Programs and being seen in the community. KUDOS to Post 25.

Gillette: Post 42's membership is sitting at 80%. All members need to step up and help Commander Jerry Walters pick up renewals and bring in new members. Campbell County has the potential to be one of the best Posts in Wyoming so I challenge every member to work together and have a Post to be proud of.

Sundance: Post 45 has surpassed their 2018 Membership Goal (140%). Keep up the good work and once again I thank all who stepped up in leadership and all members for working the Legion programs and helping veterans in the community. Great Job!

Hulett: Post 80 is a GOAL Post with 102.5%. Way to go! Keep up the good job working the programs and helping in your community.

Kaycee: Post 90 calling all members to send in your dues as soon as possible. Your Post currently has seven (7) paid members falling BELOW the 10 necessary for a Post. I

realize you are a small community but there must be veterans who have moved in. Ask maybe they will join. Once again, I am asking all members who haven't paid their dues to DO SO NOW!

Remember to bring your nominees for Adjutant, Policeman, Teacher, Legionnaire, Lawman, etc. to Spring Conference. They will be judged with the winner going on to Department. Thank you to the Posts who had participants in the Oratorical Contest and Boys State.

At Spring Conference, we will be electing a new District 5 Commander and Vice Commander. Step up and take one of these positions. It is a chance to meet members all over the District hearing what they are doing for Veterans. I will be stepping down as District Commander and wish the next District 5 Commander success! It's been a great four (4) years.

Don Sullivan

Legionnaire Submission: Communication

By Toni Elliott – District 6 Vice Commander

This article is the second in a series of articles about the American Legion's Strategic Plan.

The second strategy outlined in The American Legion's Five-Year Membership Plan is regarding communication. Your post should have some form of a media relations team. It might be as small as one person who has the responsibility to contact your local newspaper or a full committee with many responsibilities. In any case, this person or group of people have a major responsibility. They tell our story to the public. What they communicate to the public can have a great effect on turnouts for your events.

One way to keep people informed of the activities in your post is by newsletter. Many posts have some type of newsletter. It's a very effective way to keep your membership informed of your activities. It will reach those members who don't hang out at the club or come to meetings. They can pick and choose the events they would like to be a part of. Not every member has to be involved in every project. Encourage inactive members to choose one or two activities a year that they are interested in and ask them to help.

The American Legion has many resources for your media relations committee to use for holidays and programs such as Veterans Day, Memorial

Day, and Boys State. There are radio, newspaper, and video Public Service Announcements (PSAs) available online as well as an extensive Public Relations Toolkit that is available for download or printout. If getting information off the internet isn't your style, call The American Legion office in Indianapolis and they can help you find these resources in print.

Develop a relationship with your local media outlets. Many radio stations run PSAs for free or reduced price. Some newspapers have a "What's happening around town" type of section where they advertise local events for free. If your post puts out a newsletter you can ask local cafes and restaurants to make it available as reading material.

Another way to reach people is through social media; such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Find a tech-savvy member to make a Facebook page or website for your post. Be sure to keep the information up-to-date. Using social media can attract a younger crowd and keep them informed of your activities.

Communication is a very important part of your post. It has the power to keep members informed and continuing to renew their dues. It can also inform the community of your presence and encourage new people eligible for membership to check out your post.

Take a Second for National Security

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Security policy locally.

Programs such as working with your local Law enforcement agency to establish a Youth cadet Law Enforcement program, to providing first aide / CPR classes at your posts. Those are just a few examples. But for this article, I will focus on The American Legion Blood Donor Program, since January is National Blood Drive Month, and this can be as simple as arranging for Post members to participate in a local blood drive, or even hosting one at your Posts.

People have held blood drives and given blood since community service became an American value. It's only natural that The American Legion - with community service as one of its pillars - be heavily involved in blood donation efforts.

The American Legion Blood Donor Program has existed officially since 1942 to help that cause. Each year - especially since 9/11 - Legionnaires have donated in spades, and departments have coordinated efforts at the post level. The Blood Donor Program honors those departments that best participate in blood-donation efforts, recognizing departments in two

areas: for post participation and individual Legionnaire participation. Post participation awards are given to departments with the highest number of participating posts. Individual participation awards are given to departments with the highest percentage of individuals giving blood to the program.

Legionnaires participate by giving blood and reporting it to their posts, which mark the donation on their annual **Consolidated Posts Reports**. Similarly, posts that host blood drives mark their participation on their **Consolidated Post Reports**, listing number of drives held and total pints donated (for Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires).

The departments that have the highest turnout for Legionnaires and post participation are honored at the Legion's national convention. The national security chairman announces the winners in front of the convention floor. Certificates are then signed by the national commander and national adjutant and mailed to the winning departments.

For God and Country:

*Mike Cooke
Department 2nd
Vice Commander*

MID WINTER 2018 – GREEN RIVER, WY



Don York accepting the 100% Squadron Award from Squadron Commander Charlie Keith for Squadron 8

Department Commander Ken Persson Sr and National Auxiliary President Diane Duscheck



Past Department Commander Bill Frye, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting Commander Persson with National's Revitalization thank you for all the help he provided.



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting District 4 Commander Jerry Clark with Division 4 winner – Cody - for reaching 75% goal first in Division



District 1 Vice Commander/Post 47 Adjutant Sue Shriver presenting Commander Persson with a check for the EABlackmore Scholarship fund

Squadron Commander Charlie Keith presenting Past Department Commander Tom Dean with the 100% award for Squadron 36



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting District 6 Commander Stephen Miller with Division 1 winner – Albin - for reaching 75% goal first in Division



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr and Vice Commander Rick Dansereau presenting District 5 Commander Don Sullivan with National's Revitalization thank you for all the help he provided.

MID WINTER 2018 – GREEN RIVER, WY



Squadron Commander Charlie Keith presenting District 1 Vice Commander Sue Shriver with the 100% award for Squadron 47



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Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting Post 28 Commander Tom Niemiec with the prestigious All Time High Award for the 2nd year in a row. Green River was the only Post that qualified for this award this year!



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting Post 28 Commander Tom Niemiec with a thank you award for hosting the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference. They did an outstanding job!



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting District 5 Vice Commander Tim Wattenberg with National's Revitalization thank you for all the help he provided.



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting Department Service Officer Dwight Null with National's Revitalization thank you for all the help he provided.



Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting District 2 Vice Commander Don York with Division 2 winner – Lingle - for reaching 75% goal first in Division

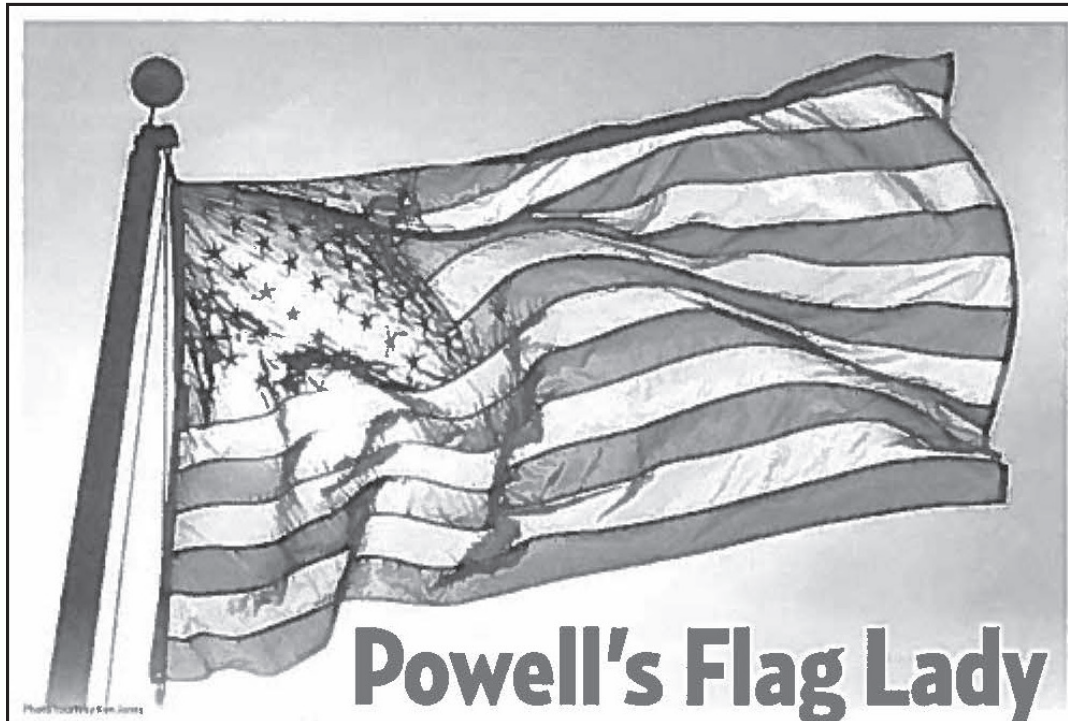


Department Commander Ken Persson, Sr, Vice Commander Rick Dansereau and 2nd Vice Commander Mike Cooke presenting NEC Terry Miller with National's Revitalization thank you for all the help he and his wife Peggy Miller, provided.

Post News

Post 26 Powell's Flag Lady

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AMERICAN LEGION HONORS WOMAN'S EFFORTS TO DISPLAY OLD GLORY

BY ILENE OLSON
Tribune Staff Writer

Midge Johnson loves the American flag. It's not the flag she grew up under, but it's the one that, for decades, has stirred her patriotism and often moved her to tears.

Johnson and her late husband, Lee Critchfield, immigrated to the United States from Canada in the 1950s. Critchfield became an American citizen in the 1960s; Johnson waited 20 years longer.

"It just took me longer," she said. "I still wanted to be a Canadian, but I also wanted to be an American."

Against her family's wishes, Johnson became a citizen of the United States on April 6, 1982.

Becoming a U.S. citizen is an arduous process, she said.

"We had to register at the post office every year, giving our name, address, where we worked, our children, and the fact that we were going to school, or where we were working," she said. "We had to do that for five years."

They also had to pass a rigorous citizenship test.

During a ceremony, the judge who conferred her citizenship told Johnson and the other new citizens to look at the American flag.

"As we looked at the beautiful American flag flying, he said, 'You now need to remember that you are an American and you have no allegiance to the country you came from,'" she recalled.

She took that to heart, and has remembered it every day since.

"Every time the Midge of Allegiance is said, I get teary-eyed. I can't sing the Star Spangled Banner without getting teary-eyed," she said.

It pains Johnson to see a flag that's torn, tattered or dirty. Some time ago, she decided to do something about it. She began politely asking the owners of torn flags if they would take them down and consider replacing them.

After doing that for a while, Johnson thought she should make sure she was doing the right thing, and doing it properly. So she paid a visit to Jerry Clark, commander of the American Legion Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 in Powell, and asked him if what she was doing was OK.

"I said, 'You bet,'" Clark recalled. "That's called Americanism, and we support that 100 percent. Flag education ... is part



Jerry Clark (left), commander of the American Legion Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 in Powell, congratulates Flag Lady Midge Johnson for a job well done while presenting her with an award during a post meeting in November. Tribune photo by Ilene Olson

DO YOU WANT TO FLY A FLAG?

Anyone wanting to purchase a U.S. flag, a flagpole and/or a bracket is welcome to contact American Legion Flag Lady Midge Johnson. She can be reached at 754-2645 or 254-3992.

of it. Americanism is one of the pillars that we live by."

He gave Johnson his blessing.

Clark also invited her to tell people that they could buy flags through the American Legion. Because of the volume of flags the American Legion obtains, the local post is able to obtain them at a lower cost, he said.

Later, Clark decided to make Johnson's avocation official. With the approval of post members, he gave her the title of Flag Lady for the American Legion Hughes-Pittinger post.

Since then, Johnson has redoubled her efforts. She met

with owners or managers of businesses in Powell, Raiston and Garland (and between) that did not have an American flag on display, asking them if they would be interested in flying a flag. The vast majority quickly agreed, she said.

Some no longer had flags, because they had been taken by previous owners or managers. So Johnson helped them obtain flags, poles and brackets when needed. She's also provided flags to individuals who expressed an interest in buying them.

"I'll bet it's been more than 50 flags she's sold," Clark said.

Other business owners or managers thought they were only supposed to fly flags on patriotic holidays. Johnson said she informed them it's always appropriate to show their patriotism by flying a flag.

Johnson has been so successful in encouraging people to fly their flags and increasing flag awareness that Clark presented her with an award during a post meeting late last year.

"[Johnson] doesn't want the recognition for it ... but she definitely deserved it," he said. "I wanted to give her an award, because she's done more than anyone in our post has done, including the commander. Everyone in that meeting said that was a great thing."

Clark added that, "She came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen, and she's dang proud of it."

DON STOUGH POST #33 NEWS

The Post has stayed busy with its ongoing activities. The annual Christmas dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. A special visit from Santa was a hit with the children. The increased participation may cause us to find a larger venue for the next event. Post 33 continues to support all of our Youth Activities such as Boys State, American Legion High School Rodeo, scholarship programs and Oratory. The Post hosted the oratory competition on January 28 and had three outstanding participants. Jalynn Brough placed 1st and will receive a \$250 Scholarship and will move on to compete at the next level. Ashley Haratyk placed second and will receive a \$150 scholarship and Zoe Miller placed third and will receive a \$100 scholarship.

Participation at Post meeting has continued to increase. The Post celebrated the Four Chaplains ceremony at our February meeting. Plans are underway for the annual American Legion Birthday Dinner in March to celebrate our 99th Anniversary.



Pictured above are the 2018 American Legion High School Oratory Scholarship winners for Don Stough Post #33 of Lander. From left to right are 2nd place- Ashley Haratyk, , 3rd place -Zoe Miller, and winner Jalynn Brough. All are students at Lander Valley High School. Jalynn was selected to represent District 3 and will compete at the Department contest in Douglas.

This is who we are and what we do

From page 2

word went out to both service organization asking for their help with this task. I am very happy to report, I have delivered our donations to Schrader's Funeral home in Cheyenne and the account is settled. This veteran will have all of his final needs taken care of and thanks to our record search he will have full military honors.

I am so very proud to say, "This is who we are and what we do!" and a heartfelt thanks to the VFW for their participation. Special thanks to: The

American Legion-Department of Wyoming, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Wyoming, The American Legion, Post 5 Torrington, Post 54 Saratoga, Post 24 Rock Springs, Post 9 Glenrock, Post 29 Basin, Terry Wilkinson and Gina Mayhan. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4343 Cheyenne, Post 9439 Casper and Greg Gauntlett, Wyoming Veterans Commission, for the records search.

Dwight Null
Department Service Officer

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DISTRICT ASSESSMENT and POPPY PAYMENT are DUE



UNIT RESPONSIBILITY - DUES

If your Unit has voted or will be voting on a "dues increase" notify the Department with the change. The National increase of \$3.00 will be an automatic. Any Unit changing the dues have to notify the Department Office no later than May 1st. Any changes after May 1st will result in a \$30.00 assessment from National.

REMINDERS

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Due April 15th UNIT NARRATIVE REPORTS to DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

All written reports need the National Cover Page

Check out "How to Write a Narrative" on the Department website include pictures

You didn't participate in the program this year – email Chairman one sentence – our Unit didn't participate.

You don't want to write a narrative – email the Chairman and briefly tell her what the Unit did in her program.

Mail or email – find addresses on Department Webpage www.wyamericanlegionauxiliary.org

Follow the Road for Veterans

Hello to everyone in the Legion family.

The next time I get to see everyone will be at Spring Conferences. Our first one will be in Newcastle (District 5) on April 7th followed by Wheatland (District 2) on April 8th. Then on to Thermopolis (District 4) on April 14th and Riverton (District 3) on April 15th. Last but not least on April 21st we will be in Pinedale (District 1) and Medicine Bow (District 6) on April 22nd. This is the time for our Units in each District to show how they have "Followed the Road for Our

Veterans". Don't let all your work for the Veterans go unreported.

Mid-Winter has come and gone.



Vicki Paddock

The weather kept a lot of members from attending but we still had a great turnout. The meetings were full of knowledge and lots of comradery. A shout out to Green River for all they did to make the weekend a huge success. I felt like I was in the "Emerald City" while conducting our meetings.

Our National President Diane Duscheck made her visitation during our meetings on Saturday. She spoke

to the Legion before lunch and the Auxiliary in the afternoon about her goals and the ALA Foundation. Our meeting was adjourned early with the snow piling up. We still had a few members who stayed to make poppies and "plarn" balls for the mats.

I hope all of you are working hard on gathering your information for your year-end reports. Units also need to be working on membership. We not only need to gain new members but work on keeping the members we do have.

Remember our primary purpose is "Service to Veterans not Self". See you all in April.

God Bless



Points from your Department Secretary-Treasurer

I want to say thank you to the membership member from your Unit. All Units, whether new or seasoned membership member, are doing very well this year, and I so appreciate it. Keep up the good work! Also, thanks to the Unit email contact – President or member.

ALAMIS use for Units is on the rise. Any Unit may request ALA MIS rights and sending \$10.00 per year to the Department Office. Thanks to our current users, you have made a difference. You are doing an awesome job! **Current users**, have you sent in your \$10.00 for January 1 – December 2018? If not, please do so. User designee can enter new members, update addresses, check reports and make sure Department (me) hasn't mismarked a member's dues. **CONSIDER IT!**

The end of January I attended the Department Secretary Orga-

nizational Effectiveness Training in Indianapolis. Your National Leaders started this training four years ago and they pay all my expenses. Topics discussed in depth included fiduciary responsibility – bonding, liability, fraud and corporation. Your National Executive Secretary recommends that Departments who use the title of Department Secretary Treasurer consider changing it to Executive Secretary. The reasoning: Secretaries are a Corporate Officer and not the Department Presidents Secretary. We sign our corporation and 990 filings as an executive.

In the evenings, we have time to discuss our individual Departments. The biggest discussions include Unit cattiness, talking behind a members back, respect; units not open to new ideas but continue on the same road; how Department does not have a place in Unit disagreements; and how a title goes to many Department Presidents head when they say, "This is MY year and you will do as I say" (NOT Wyoming) and the make up of our Department Executive Committee and what the role of Past Department Presidents. WOW!

Please consider turning in your year end program reports to our Chairmen by April 15th. Program

questions may be found on the website. Examples of reports may include: a sentence saying: we didn't participate in this program or we held our Poppy Day and collected \$---- for our Veterans or our Unit sent \$---- / cookies to the VA's or you can write up a narrative (INCLUDE the Cover Sheet). You will be surprised at WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Toot your HORN!!!!

DUES: starting July 1st Units will need to submit \$23.00 Senior members and \$2.50 for Junior members. National increase is an automatic and the Unit will be responsible unless you have increased your Unit dues at least \$3.00. Units who have voted to raise their dues need to let the Department know by May 1st.

The Finance Committee / Department Executive Committee have made minor changes making the Department fiscally sound. We have saved money by emailing Units and posting forms, information on our website. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember, this is your Department and I am here to answer questions. Thank you for Serving our Veterans.



IN MEMORIAM

Martha Lenz Unit #10
Virginia Moore Unit #26

SYMPATHY

Dora Jones Unit #06-loss of 2 brothers
Margaret Memmer Unit #10-loss of husband
Robert Simmons Unit #13-loss of wife
her Unit #13-loss of brother and sister-in-law
Nicole Novotny-Wonka Unit #13-loss of father
Dianne Sacket Unit #19-loss of mother
Rhona Olsen Unit #24-loss of mother
Lisa Good Unit #25-loss of mother
Monte Goodclard Unit #63-loss of wife
Tracie Patrick Unit #63-loss of sister
Pat Mosick Unit #63-loss of granddaughter
Patricia Burnett Unit #64-loss of husband
Jennifer Coulter Unit #64-loss of stepfather
Pam Beckman Unit #80-loss of son

THINKING OF YOU

Shirley Atkinson and Chris Lewis/Judith Newton Unit #06

GET WELL

Martie Harbick Unit #06-on going issues
 Cheryl Stroman Unit #06-fall
 Cheryl Hudson-Jolley Unit #06-migraines
 Paula Hall Unit #06-cancer
 Judith Newton Unit #06-knee & hip surgery
 Elva Garcia Unit #06-dementia
 Pepper Williams Unit #13-cancer
 Corrine Smith Unit #24-surgery
 Carol Speidel Unit #25-illness
 Trudy Anderson Unit #26-shoulder surgery
 Mary Bluemel Unit #47
 Diana Stelling Unit #47
 Alise Schwab Unit #95-surgery
 Jeanne Zuick Unit #95-cancer

Karen Young Unit #06-cancer
Betty Varga Unit #06-knee replacement and virus
Dora Jones Unit #06-diabetes issues
Shirley Atkinson Unit #06-stroke
Gloria Dinkel Unit #06-shoulder
Joan Branscom Unit #10-cancer
Annie Mayo Unit #19-arthritis
Heidi Yaklich Unit #24-neck surgery
Lisa Good Unit #25-hip replacement
Carol Binkard Unit #36-Chemo
Michele Hinderliter Unit #47
Merne Gibson Unit #63-surgery
Sharon Anderson Unit #95-illness

**Units please make sure you send your Chaplain form to Gina Dusel;
218 R Street; Rock Springs 82901 or email: dusel75@gmail.com**

March, 2018

2018-2019						
District 1				District 4		
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current
Rock Springs	280	157		Powell	121	86
Green River	99	98		Basin	77	52
Ft. Bridger	103	77		Greybull	19	15
Cokeville	36	39		Worland	85	85
Alpine	41	29		TOTAL		238
Big Piney	40	37				
Pinedale	45	39				
LaBarge	26	13				
TOTAL		489				
District 2				District 5		
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current
VanTassel	17	12		Newcastle	16	19
Torrington	182	131		Sheridan	114	97
Douglas	79	75		Buffalo	160	133
Glenrock	46	49		Moorcroft	77	81
Wheatland	42	37		Gillette	185	160
Glendo	92	53		Hulett	82	70
Lingle	34	30		Kaycee	38	39
Chugwater	20	16		TOTAL		599
LaGrange	63	30				
Guernsey	46	40				
TOTAL		473				
District 3				District 6		
Unit	Goal	Current		Unit	Goal	Current
Casper	76	57		Albin	31	28
Powder River	10	9		Cheyenne 6	312	274
Riverton	47	44		Laramie	125	122
Lander	95	72		Saratoga	64	39
Ft. Washakie	26	21		Pine Bluffs	22	24
TOTAL		203		Medicine Bow	61	50
				Cheyenne 83	14	3
TOTAL		2556		TOTAL		540
				Unit 17	15	14
						2/2/18

Good day to all,

I hope this article, and indeed this edition of the *Auxiliare* finds you, the reader in good spirits.

As I was thinking of what to put in this article, I was again thinking of the title of my last article, “What is Your Why?”

Why do you belong to this organization? A while back I was visiting with a fellow ALA member who was frustrated at the involvement, or lack thereof, of some of our members. While this member takes any membership in a group as an "all in" type of attitude, (always a plus in a volunteer organization), I reminded her that some members maintain their membership to honor a veteran. Is it great if you embrace the ALA in every way possible? Do numerous veterans and family members benefit from these actions? Absolutely, there is no question that you are making a difference. But what about the member who pays the same dues as you, reads the Auxiliary publications, and contributes in other ways? Are they any less a member? No, they may not choose to be as active in this organization, but the fact that they are still paying their dues (a portion of which goes to fund projects

at both the Department and National level), and not expecting anything in return should indicate the interest they have in our veterans.

Membership in the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, the strength and influence of the American Legion Auxiliary is derived from its members. Current members renew their memberships when they believe the ALA continues to offer them something of value. New members join this organization when they see the value of their membership. The more we grow the more veterans we can serve.

Ladies, please remember this as you go about your day. Promote the organization on a positive level. Practice brand awareness, and “toot your horn”. We are part of an amazing organization. Whether you volunteer many hours, or few, you are a part of this. Thank you for bringing honor to your veteran, or veterans. Thank you for your membership. And please remember to promote this organization to other eligible women, so that they too can reap the benefits, thus allowing us, in turn, to help more veterans.

Thank you, Susan
"Service not self"

ATTENTION
HOTEL/MOTELS IN PINEDALE for District 1
For Friday, April 20

Sundance Motel – 148 E. Pine Street, 307-367-4789

\$58 for one queen

\$60 for two queens or one king

\$70 for a suite

(Mention American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary and they will reduce the price by 15%)

Sue Shriver recommends this comfy motel; he is a great guy that puts his neck out to work with special needs students. He also respects and supports veterans.

Baymont Inn – 1624 W. Pine Street, 307-367-8300

\$70

Lodge at Pinedale – 1054 W. Pine Street, 307-367-8800

\$69 for two queens

Best Western Pinedale Inn – 864 W. Pine Street, 307-367-6869

\$79

Hampton Inn – 55 Bloomfield Avenue, 307-367-6700

\$109

Note: If you have your Federal ID number for your unit, you should not be charged taxes

The American Legion and Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING

100th and 98th ANNUAL CONVENTION

JUNE 21st to JUNE 23, 2018

Hosted by Frances E. Self - Post 6 and Unit 6

Cheyenne, Wyoming

PRE-REGISTER by May 21st to receive a **\$2 DISCOUNT** on meals

Pre-registration guarantees meal

REGISTRATION and MEALS	PRE	DOOR	TOTAL												
PRE-REGISTRATION (includes CONVENTION PIN) <i>Deadline MAY 21, 2018</i>	\$10.00														
REGISTRATION @ Door - <i>June 20 -23, 2018</i>	\$10.00	\$12.00													
Convention PIN @ Door	\$5.00	\$5.00													
THURSDAY - JUNE 21, 2018															
GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH LUNCH @ Warren AFB	\$50.00	\$50.00													
REGISTRATION & WELCOME MEAL AND ICE BREAKER 6 PM @ Post 6	FREE														
FRIDAY - JUNE 22, 2018															
PAST COMMANDER & ADJUTANT BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00													
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00													
VA & R LUNCHEON noon @ Post 6 – Open to TAL Family	\$6.00	\$8.00													
COMMANDER & PRESIDENT HAPPY HOUR & DINNER 6 PM & 7 PM @ Radisson	\$26.00	\$28.00													
SATURDAY - JUNE 23, 2018															
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00													
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BREAKFAST 7 AM @ Post 6	\$6.00	\$8.00													
AMERICANISM LUNCHEON noon @ Post 6 - Open to TAL Family	\$6.00	\$8.00													
2018-2019 COMMANDER & PRESIDENT Picnic in the Park	FREE														
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:															
Make check payable to Dept of WY - Convention	TOTAL ENCLOSED														
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<u>Reserve before May 21, 2018 for above rate.</u> Tell them you are with <u>The American Legion Convention</u>															

2018 DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

SITES AND DATES

April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

District	Date, Site & Time
District No. 1 Site: Post 47 Pinedale Legion and Auxiliary meet at the Post	Date: April 21, 2018 Time: 10 am Lunch: Yes
District No. 2 Site: Post 10 Wheatland	Date: April 8, 2018 Time: 1 pm Lunch: Yes
District No. 3 Site: Post 19 Riverton	Date: April 15, 2018 Time: TBA Lunch:
District No. 4 Site: Thermopolis	Date: April 14, 2018 Time: 10 am Lunch:
District No. 5 Site: Post 3 Newcastle Armory	Date: April 7, 2018 Time: 10 am Lunch: TBA
District No. 6 Site: Post 64 Medicine Bow	Date: April 22, 2018 Time: TBA Lunch: No

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS FOR

DEPARTMENT OFFICES FROM THEIR UNITS

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN

Moorcroft Unit 25 is proud to endorse Vicki Paddock for the office of National Executive Committeewoman for the years 2018-2020.

Vicki is currently serving as our 2017-2018 Department President. At the Department level, she has served as 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 14 years and District 5 President for 4 years.

She has been a member for 15 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, is also a member of the SAL in Moorcroft.

Vicki is devoted to the purpose and aims that make the American Legion Auxiliary and would love to have your support for this position.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Archie Hay Unit #24 of Rock Springs would like to endorse Susan Dansereau for the office of Department President for the 2018-2019 year.

In addition to serving as the Unit President for seven years, Susan served as District #1 President from 2012-2015. Susan has worked hard to revitalize an aging unit and is pleased with the new vitality they now exude. She has held several Department level chairmanships and currently serves as the Department Vice-President. She has also served as a staff member at Girls State for the last 3 years.

Susan has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 12 years and is eligible for membership under her husband Richard Dansereau Jr. who retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2007 after serving 20+ years. Her family has a long history of military service, as she proudly states she is the great-granddaughter, granddaughter, daughter, niece, sister, wife, mother, and aunt of U.S. Veterans. Susan has 1 daughter, 1 daughter-in-law, and 2 grand daughters who are also members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Both sons, and all 3 grandsons are members of the Sons of the American Legion, and both her husband, and oldest son are Legionnaires.

Susan has worked for State Bank in Green River since arriving in Wyoming in 2007. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, and tries to squeeze in knitting, sewing and sports broadcasts of almost any kind (with the exception of the NFL!).

Your support for Susan Dansereau as the 2018-2019 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wyoming President would be greatly appreciated.

VICE PRESIDENT

Archie Hay Unit #24 Rock Springs endorse Gina Dusel for the office of Department Vice President 2018-2019.

Gina is currently serving as Department Chaplain, Unit 24 President and District 1 Vice President. She has held the District Vice President for three years and the Unit President for four. In addition, she has held other offices in the Unit as well as several Department chairmanships. Gina is also active with the American Legion Riders.

Gina has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 9 years and is eligible for membership under both of her grandfathers who served in World War II. She currently has cousins serving. Gina’s husband, Mike, and their three sons are members of the Sons of the American Legion.

She has worked for McFadden Wholesale since 2008. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, riding her motorcycle and enjoying the outdoors.

Your support for Gina Dusel as the 2018-2019 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wyoming Vice President would be greatly appreciated.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-TREASURER

The members of Powder River Unit 13 are once again proud to endorse Peggy Sullivan for the Office of Secretary-Treasurer for the Department of WY American Legion Auxiliary. She joined under her dad, Duke Hagadone, a WWII Bombardier. She is also eligible under her husband, Don, and brothers Bob and Tom, who all served in Vietnam and daughter Kim who served in Kuwait.

Peggy’s five-year record speaks for itself and is evident to members around the Department.

She is dedicated to this organization and its mission – Serving Veterans. We would like to have your support for Peggy in her run for Department Secretary-Treasurer for 2018-2019.



The District News



District 2 President Kathy Troupe

VanTassel, Unit 1 - At the Annual Veterans Day Dinner, President Phyllis Hahn was recognized for her many years of service (total of 120) to the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW Auxiliary. She received a twin frame holding her Certificates signed by AL Commander Miller and VFW Ed Tirado.

Torrington, Unit 5 - will meet on Monday, March 12th at 6:30 at the Post Home,

Douglas, Unit 8 - Secretary Jessica York attended Mid Winter. The Unit held a fundraiser in February to raise money to send a delegate to Girls State.

Glenrock, Unit 9 - donated monies to the Sheridan VA and the Cheyenne VA as well as renewed the large print Reader's Digest for Buffalo veterans. Plans are being made to sell cutlery at Deer Creek Days.

Wheatland, Unit 10 - donated to Hunting for Heroes and Healing Waters, the fishing organization that helps veterans. They sponsored the February Party at the local Nursing Home. Spring Conference will be in Wheatland on April 8th.

Glendo, Unit 15 - is preparing their Girl State Delegate. The Unit is helping to build a walking/bicycle path with the Town of Glendo and Platte County Parks and Recreation.

Lingle, Unit 63 - membership is coming in and the Unit voted to not raise dues at this time. They will be making wreaths for Memorial Day.

LaGrange, Unit 70 - advertises Unit events and meetings in the LaGrange Newsletter, send get well cards to members, helps with community funerals and is pursuing membership and new members. They send Christmas cards to the veterans and shut-ins and took magazines and greetings to the Cheyenne VA. Promoted Girls State in the LaGrange and Southeast Schools. Poppy Posters for Grades 2-12 were held in Friday after school during February. They are advertising for their scholarship to a graduating senior.

Chugwater, Unit 75 - will hold their March meeting to plan the Annual Memorial Day Dinner scheduled for Monday, May 28th following Memorial Day Services at the Iowa Center Church and Cemetery.

Guernsey, Unit 95 - held a successful soup and pie supper fundraiser in January. Members delivered clothes, coats and blankets to the Cheyenne VA in January and February. They sponsored the Blood Drive on February 5th. The Unit's Poppy Posters were help February 20th and they will meet with Girl State Candidates on February 26th at the G-S School.

District 3 President Jessie Poire

District 3 Spring Conference will be held in Riverton on Sunday, April 14th. The place and time are yet to be announced.

Don Stough Unit #33 - Members were thanked for their donations to the bake sale. Bake sale raised over \$350 while the grocery card drawing raised over \$200 and distribution of the 2017 poppies raise over \$100; all funds raised will be used to

support our local veterans. This year's Auxiliary Emergency Fund fundraising project, which will be a free 2019 membership drawing, was explained and forms handed out. Unit members reminded that Lander's Cookie Month is April. Copies of the Sheridan VA needs list will be distributed at the next meeting. Unit donated \$25 to the Department President's fundraising project.

District #3 President Jessie Poire of Fort Washakie made her official visitation. Prior to opening the business portion of the meeting, Jessie spoke to the members concerning the topics she felt were important to stress including membership and "What is my Why?" as well as explaining the meaning behind the American Legion Auxiliary's Preamble. She was presented with a small gift and thanked for visiting. Unit members discussed what to do with the proceeds from the bake sale/grocery card drawing in November. \$700 will be donated to the Quilts of Valor. Discussed National increasing dues in 2019 and making a decision on the Unit dues was tabled until the February meeting as the Mid-Winter Conference is this weekend and additional information may be shared. Legion members are discussing the possibility of changing the location of the meetings and they will keep us posted.

Members were reminded that April is cookie month with monetary donations from Unit members. The Legion Family Newsletter will be used to reach out to those members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues as well as promote "April cookie month."

Casper Unit #2 - Elections were held with new leadership at the helm. Tara Deiter is the new President. The Unit is working with the Legion to gain membership.

Riverton Unit #19 - is currently at 93.62% of Goal. The Unit made another donation to the Buffalo Home, Sheridan VA and the Cheyenne VA.

Fort Washakie Unit #81 - donated money to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and to the Sheridan VA for cookies.

District 4 President Trudy Zaffarano-Anderson

District 4 Spring Conference is set for April 14th, in Thermopolis at 10:00 a.m. at the VFW. The address is 302 Broadway St.; Thermopolis. A spaghetti luncheon is planned with District 4 Units supplying desserts.

Unit 26 Powell

December 19th we met at the Hall to bag candy and fruit to give to the kids during commodities distribution. Toys were donated from Dollar Tree (Operation Homefront) toys were separated into girl and boy gifts for Santa to give out.

Mid-year reports were finalized and sent to the Department chairmen by the deadline.

Salute Week - ALA decorated 56 Valentine's for Veterans and were delivered to the nursing homes in Cody and Powell and the Senior Centers.

Cherry Pie Luncheon was held on February 16th to raise money for the Girls State Program. Arlene Goodchild and Susan Sironen are busy working on gathering girls from the high schools.

The yearly Birthday dinner is scheduled for March 17th a 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation about Reboot Recovery who helps veterans with PTSD. They have been hosting an event in our community each month to encourage veterans to do an activity with their families. So far, they have had a free bowling day, an archery shoot at the Powell Armory, a dinner at Monster Lake Ranch, whitewater rafting last summer and fly fishing event. They will present a slide show of these events. There will also be a drawing for a quilt the night of the Birthday dinner.

Unit 44 Worland

Worland Unit 44 made 100% goal for membership - Way to go! The Birthday dinner is scheduled for March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Post 44. Dianne's quilting club donated a quilt for a drawing. Cynthia Pfeiffer and Becky Fowler met at the Worland High School on Feb. 12th at 9:45 a.m. to meet with interested girls for Girls State.

Unit 32 Greybull

Greybull Unit #32 made treats for Veterans in town and the nursing home residents during Dec. and Feb. Easter treats will be put together in March for Easter Sunday for the same folks. Community service hours have been reported for folks who have been shut in during the wintery days and who can't get out and helping supply meals for funerals. Marie Gemmel reported that they had 2 girls from Greybull and 2 girls from Burlington, WY going to the Girls State program in Cheyenne in June.

Unit 29 Basin

Marion Tanner, Unit 29, Basin, has voted to raise dues, starting the 2019 year to Sr. \$40 and Jr \$7.50. We have two girls signed up for Girls State; our March Birthday Dinner will host the Americanism Essay winners and their families and winners read their essays; the Girls State delegates and their parents are also invited to attended. A turkey dinner is served with patriotic music provided by one of our members and other community members. The flu has been a big factor in our lack of activities, plus the cold and SNOW.

District 5 President Linda Johnson

District 5 Spring Conference will be held at the Old Armory in Newcastle on April 7th at 10 A.M. An invitation to the conference will be sent in March to each unit in District 5 with additional information. Refreshments and snacks will be provided by Newcastle Unit 3. Hope to see you there!

District 5 Spring Conference Address: 431 Delaware Ave., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

Thank you for all that you do for your community and veterans!

Melba Bennett, District 5 Vice President Linda Johnson District 5 President

Reports from units in District 5:

Powder River Unit 13 (President Peg Sullivan)

Gave the Flag Etiquette to the Boys and Girls Club

"Rang the Bell" for Salvation Army

Donated 2 toys to Toys for Tots

Catered the Hospital Auxiliary luncheon

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The District News



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Helped our Post with the Community Christmas Dinner

Delivered Meals on Wheels

Explained the Poppy Poster to the Boys and Girls Club

Serve cookies, ice cream or root beer floats every Wednesday at the Wyoming Veterans Home provided by WY UNITS -thank you

Kaycee Unit 90 (President Joan Buckingham)

Delivered Christmas baskets of fruit, candies, and miscellaneous items to Buffalo Veterans Home

Held our annual Christmas Bake Sale

Donated monies to the Kaycee community scholarship fund in memory of recently deceased local veterans

Held a breakfast on February 17th for veterans and their families

Moorcroft Unit 25 (President Vicki Paddock)

Collected gift cards and gifts for the Sheridan VA Poppy posters have been judged

Girls State information has been distributed and hoping we get someone interested.

Americanism Essay's have been started.

Stocking Hats were made, socks bought, and toiletries collected for Veterans.

We are still making "plarn" mats.

Newcastle Unit 3 (President Tonya Dafoe)

Meetings first Monday of the month Breakfast for veterans in Upton and Newcastle

Reading to preschool children 2X's a month Help in Food Drive and Blood Drive in Upton

Have 14 Child Welfare Banks at different locations in the community

Gave cookies and valentines to local veterans

Governor Mead will be visiting Newcastle in March

District 5 Spring Conference will be held at the Old Armory in Newcastle

Hulett Unit 80 (President Linda Ellefson)

166 dozen cookies were gathered for Veteran Home, Sheridan and FT. Meade

Girls State Luncheon is schedule for March 7th (4 Girls State girls this year) Governor Mead will be here March 30th

Sympathy card sent to Pam Beckman

Sheridan Unit 7 (President Carol Ratcliff)

The Unit held a no-host dinner for our December meeting with a "dirty" gift exchange.

A flower arrangement was raffled off to help cover expenses of purchasing *Our Country's Flag* comic books. The comic books were then distributed to 5 area schools.

The Unit adopted a family for Christmas providing gift certificates for gifts and food. Girl State information is out and in the Sheridan County High Schools with a large article printed in the Sheridan newspaper requesting participants.

Unit members assisted at the VA with Christmas parties, Salute the Veterans Week activities in February and will assist at the Creative Arts Festival judging the first week of March.

Members will be participating in Naturalization Ceremonies.

Gillette Unit 42 (President Robin Evenson)

Visited with veterans and widow of veteran

Cookies to VA Clinic in Gillette

VA&R Quilt Raffle Fundraiser at the Camplex and Post 42 Mid Winter Event

Selling pillows for the veteran's funds

Naturalization at the Campbell County Courthouse with flags given to new citizens. Flags donated by Terry Case.

Four \$500 Scholarships will be given away in May

Girls State Applications were given to all high schools in the School District. So far, two young ladies have applied.

This month Child Welfare Pigs were placed on all tables at the Post 42 Lounge

Unit members are helping Post 42 Veterans with their Annual Mid Winter Fundraiser

District 6 President Joyce Menke

Visitations are just about complete. Seeing all the great members and the ways they service our veterans, military and their families reminded how wonderful these ladies are. Combining my last article since it didn't get published to give credit to our units. Great job, ladies.

Unit #64 Medicine Bow

Started here and had a nice time during their meeting.

Celebrated Veteran's Day by baking cookies for veterans in two towns and joined in the parade and presentations in another.

Served 25 veterans/families with our annual holiday bags with Thrivent.

Welcomed the new officers of Post # 64.

Hosted our Girls/Boys State delegates with a dinner and their reports.

Hosted Department President Vicki.

Delivered over 70 dozen of cookies to the Cheyenne VA.

Planning our annual Angel gifts for military and other kids.

Provided local schools with Americanism Essay Contest rules.

Interviewed for Girls State Delegates and working with other units to help send more.

Unit #77 Albin

Next to Albin to enjoy seeing known and meeting new members.

Got to help with assembling hygiene kits and then delivered them and the outwear for the Cheyenne Staddown.

Adopted a lady veteran at the VA and deliver gifts every month.

Collect calendars and donate to the Year Around Christmas for the Cheyenne VA and sent cookies.

Still sell great broom as a money raiser.

Donated to the Albin Community Center children's and Thanksgiving programs.

Put flags up at the Albin Cemetery and attended the elementary program for Veteran's Day.

Working on Girls State.

Unit #6 Cheyenne

The evening was spent attending the Girls/Boys State dinner and their meeting.

Put flags up at cemeteries.

Provided flag code books for 11 new American Citizens.

Veteran's Day dinner and program for about 150 people.

Participating in the Laramie County Christmas

See 'District News' page 16



This last Christmas the Newcastle Legion Post 3 and ALA Unit 3 had the honor of being Santa Clause and Ms. Clause. Santa in picture is John Rose and Ms. Clause is Tonya Dafoe. Have been told that children going down the hall were impressed that Santa's beard was real. Other children talked about how great it was that they received the candy cane from Ms. Clause instead of an Elf. They have been asked to return next year.



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Program and Parade.

Thanksgiving dinner served about 180 people.
Hosted a sox hop which was enjoyed by all.
Serve lunch for veterans and their families.
Provide several items for local nursing homes.
Visited homebound Auxiliary members.
Collected food for the homeless and money for Child Welfare.

Took Americanism Essay Contest rules to local schools.

Working on Girls State.

Hosted a Fish Fry fundraiser.

Helped with the VA luncheon.

Unit #54 Saratoga

Diana and I both attended and enjoyed the visit.
Hosted Department President Vicki.
Sent cookies to Cheyenne VA Hospital.
Served Veteran's Day dinner and helped with Thanksgiving dinner.

Planning and doing the fund raisers for the Skijoring and fishing derby.

In February, sent lap robes and cookies to the Cheyenne VA.

Working on Girls State, care packages and silent auction.

Discussed the dues increases.

Unit #14 Laramie

Next stop for Diana and I was here with good food and members.

Had basket fundraisers along with a 50/50 drawing.

Veteran's Day events included a breakfast, walk to the summit and ceremony at Post Home.

Purchased gift cards and Trac Phone cards for Cheyenne VA veterans.

Gathered hygiene items for the homeless veterans.

Plans for a member Christmas Party and to adopt a local family for Christmas.

Working on Girls State and fund raiser at the Post birthday party.

Discussed dues increase.

Discussed replacing a flag and visiting schools on flag etiquette.

Unit #60 Pine Bluffs

Visit is in the works for December meeting.

Served drinks and cookies monthly at the rest area

Observed Veteran's Day with flags at the cemetery, ceremony and chili feed.

Sold and laid bricks for the local Veterans Park honoring veterans.

Collected and helped for the Cheyenne Stand Down.

Serve cookies and juice at the flu clinic.

Co-hosted a fall festival with the Post.

Sent cookies to the Cheyenne VA.

Donated money to the Cheyenne VA care givers luncheon.

Adopted a VA family for Christmas.

Co-hosted with Unit #6 to host President Vicki.

Helping with the Christmas Social on December 10.

Helping Medicine Bow by paying for a Girls State delegate.

Salute to veterans and donated to the Chaplain for the couple's workshop at the Cheyenne VA.

Valentine treats to 70 local veterans.

Pancake fundraiser.

Honor Guard for funerals.

Some members attended Mid Winter.

Looking forward to visiting Unit #83 so if members read this, please call and set up a time. Medicine Bow is hosting Spring Conference and we are looking forward to seeing you.

Wyoming Girls State

The 2018 Wyoming Girls State Session will be held on the Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, starting on Sunday, June 10th, and ending on Saturday, June 16th. As participation in the Girls State program has dwindled in the past couple of years, it is our goal this year to share information about the Girls State program with every resource, reach out to all qualified female Junior students who might wish to participate, and consequently increase the level of participation.

It would be helpful if all Auxiliary members would help get the word out to eligible candidates that now is the time to apply for Girls State. If you personally know of a student you feel would make a good Girls State Delegate, either provide the student with information concerning the program or contact your Unit Girls State chairman and provide

her with that student's name and phone number. The first deadline isn't until April 1st, so there is still plenty of time to increase the number of Delegates and provide our young people with this wonderful educational experience.

If anyone is interested in serving on Girls State Staff, please contact me, as we have several positions open and are always looking to recruit new staff who are interested in helping with the program. It does require a commitment to stay the entire week, but the rewards are worth it!

Looking forward to a very successful 2018 Girls State Session!

Respectfully submitted,
Shareen Johnson, Director
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Education Report

Just a reminder, Year-End reports are to be submitted to me by May 1, 2018. The narratives should contain the following:

Did members/unit participate in Teacher Appreciation Week? How?

How was Give 10 participation recognized in your unit?

Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented?

Did your unit actively support veterans associations on campus, describe their activities?

What type of help did your unit give a needy student?

How did your unit recognize scholarship winners?

How many scholarship applications were received for national scholarships?

I can't wait to read all the exciting activities our units have been doing this year.

All scholarship applications have to be to me by March 8, 2018, as I have to have them to National by March 15, 2018. I hope to see some come my way.

Respectfully submitted,
Belle Temple
Education Chair

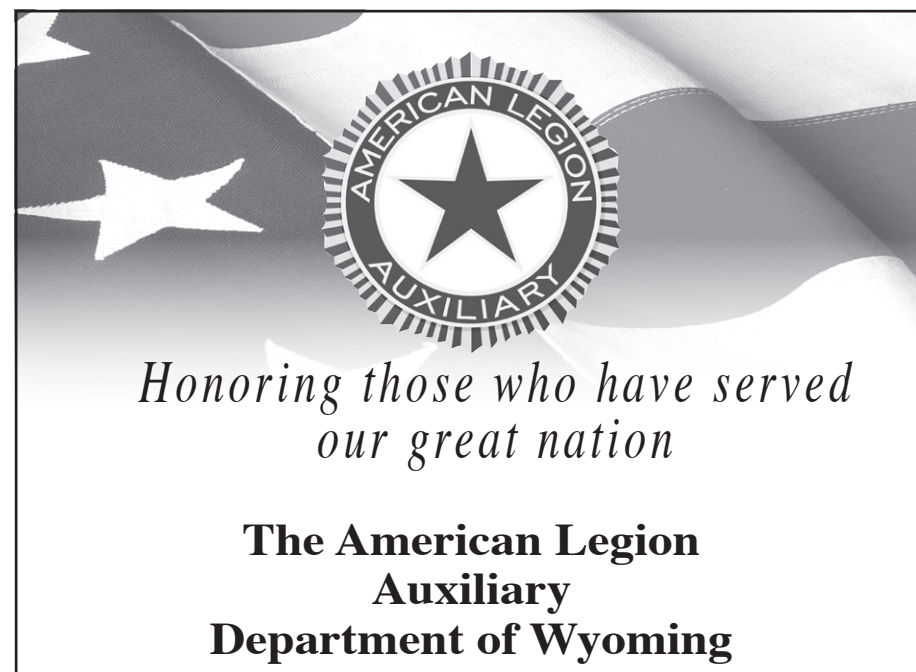
Americanism Essays

Due to me no later than April 1st.

Make sure you include a filled-out Americanism Essay Cover Page.

Good luck to all and I hope to see a lot of essays.

Gina Dusel
Americanism Chairman



VA & R Updates

Cheyenne VA - February is always a busy month:

- Provided free valentines and postage to the Cheyenne Living Center (Nursing Home) residents. Quite a few took advantage of the offer

Held the regular Birthday Party with cake and ice cream for three (3) veterans

- Served root beer floats one Wednesday a month – another favorite

- Served 100 Subway sandwiches, relish and chips in honor of “National Salute to Veterans” on February 13th

- “Year Round Christmas” found the residents requesting McDonald’s. They asked for double burgers, fries and individual strawberry pies. Veterans still like hamburgers and fries.

Our appreciation goes out to the Units specifying what your donation is to go for. Hearts go out to all our veterans and the VAMC staff.

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Bobbie Gertsch, representative

■ **Wyoming Veterans Home Buffalo**

We continue to give Birthday

cards to the Veterans at the Veteran’s Home of Wyoming with a \$5.00 bill in them. They are very appreciative of the money. Valentine’s Day we were scheduled to serve ice cream and cookies, BUT INSTEAD, Unit 13 members gathered at the Post Home and made soft pies: chocolate, banana cream, coconut cream, cheery cheese cake and lemon. Some of the residents came back for another piece. We said thank you to the help with a piece of pie. It was a wonderful day with a volunteer that always shows up to play music on the piano! Our plan is to do banana splits close to Father’s Day. The Home has a couple of new residents, but the census remains around 80.

Edie Taffner, Dept. Rep. at the Wyoming Veterans Home

■ **Sheridan VA Healthcare**

Again, thank you for your generosity. With this long, cold winter anything that we do to make the veterans stay better is wonderful. Since our last update, we have again purchased 100 pounds of popcorn for the Auditorium. We participated in *Salute Week* by providing boxed candy for

the individual units and movie theatre candy for their **Special Movie Showings**. w Craft workings and model kits were also again purchased.

By the time you read this, the 2018 Creative Arts Festival will have been completed. Auxiliary members will be participating as judges on the

board. The Department has also purchased 1st place ribbons to augment the supply. The VA advertised the program by newspaper and radio spots for veterans to participate, so hopefully we had a great turnout.

Linda Orr and Romona Jacobs, Sheridan Reps

VA DESIRED DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

SHERIDAN VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Clothing Items

- Knitted Beanie Caps
- Knitted/Patchwork Lap robes
- New Unopened Underwear - Men’s New Unopened Underwear - Women’s New Unopened Dress Socks
- New Unopened Tube Socks - Men’s New Unopened Tube Socks - Women’s T-shirts - Men’s
- T-Shirts - Women’s Windbreakers/Winter Coats/Fall Jackets Bathrobes
- Leather Belts
- Neck Ties/Bow Ties Slippers/House shoes Suits - Men’s
- Suits - Women’s
- Sport Coats/Sport Jackets Sweaters
- Dress Shirts Dress Blouses
- Dress Pants - Men’s Dress Pants - Women’s Blue Jeans - Men’s Blue Jeans - Women’s Dresses
- Tennis Shoes/Dress Shoes Casual Boots/Work Boots Pajamas - Men’s
- Pajamas - Women’s Long Johns
- Shorts - Men’s Shorts - Women’s Sweat Shirts Sweat Pants Winter Gloves Work Gloves

MISC. Items

- New Combs/Hair Brushes
- Toiletry Items {Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo} Toiletry Items {Toothbrushes, Hand Creams} Magazines
- Playing Card s/Board Games Books (Hardback & Paperback) DVD’s / Blu-Rays Movies
- Craft Kits (Models, Leather, Wood Kits) DVD/Blu-Ray Players
- Video Games (Wii & Xbox One) Pens/Pencils/Colored Markers
- New Electric Razors - Male & Female Wallets/Purses
- Gas Cards (\$20-\$30 max limit)
- VI SA Gift Cards (\$20-\$30 max limit) Phone Cards (\$25 max limit) Dishes/Glasses/Utensils/Pots & Pans

Homemade Baked Goods/Snacks/Beverages

- Pies Cookies
- Donuts/Bagels Cupcakes Cakes
- Fruit bread
- Movie Candy Bars/Popcorn Soda
- Healthy Alternative Snacks

Donation items not accepted

- Children’s Clothing/Toys
- VHA Videos/Cassette (music) Tapes Electric Appliances or Furniture Bowling Bails/Shoes Aftershave/Mouthwash with alcohol Fingernail Clippers/Scissors
- Spindle Notebooks

****Questions about donating an item(s), please contact the Volunteer Program**** Donation drop off location: Volunteer Program, Auditorium (Bldg. 61) Room: 101 / 112 Donation drop off times: Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm, except holidays.

SVA HCS Volunteer Program: (307) 675-3225 or (307) 675-3226

* Due to available storage space, please contact the Volunteer Program prior to bringing a large amount of clothing to the facility

National Security

It is hard to imagine this Auxiliary year is almost at an end. Where did the time go?

Our deadline for reports to be in to me is **April 15, 2018**. You can mail or email them.

Things I need to see are: gift boxes to our troops—how many hours it took to package and mail and cost of items in boxes and number of volunteers.

Did you aid any military families in your community? Again hours, volunteers and cost.

Parties for Military Children and their families? Again hours, volunteers and cost.

Did you sponsor a blood drive? Or did you donate?

Did you hand out any Blue Star

banners or Gold Star banners?

I would like to read about your units use of the Pow-MIA ceremony for any function you had.

Also did your unit wear red on Fridays? If so do you have any unique stories to tell?

Please remember that we are mandated by Congress and our volunteer hours are our only way that they know we are working hard for our Veterans. And yes, Congress gets a full report from The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters.

I hope you all have had an enjoyable year and I personally thank you for all that you have done.

Sonja Wright

Department National Security Chairman



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National Security Chairman & PDP Sonja explaining the POW table



Going along with Department President Vicki's theme, "Follow the Road for Veterans"
The Wizard, Queen Glinda, Dorothy, the Tin Man, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion



Leila Dean PDP crocheting poppies



PDP Sonja Wright and National President Diane rolling plarn




Linda Johnson, Dept Pres Vicki and Wanda Miller making poppies



The Good Queen, National President Diane Duscheck



National President Diane with Unit 24 Junior Lion cub let Daisy, Zaebyn Stuart, Hayden and William Justice Dansereau




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