



American Legion Auxiliary of South Dakota District 1

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Department News

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National News

So many updates coming out of Nationals over the summer months. The National website and ALA MIS underwent upgrades. The 2 weeks for the migration actually took closer to a month to complete, but if you haven't had a chance to check out the new look of them please do so. The National website is now more intuitive. To access many of the resources available to members, it is no longer required to log into your account. You will still need to log into your account to access the ALA Academy however.

With the close of National Convention on September 3rd, we have new National officers. Our own Jane Benzel of Hot Springs Unit #71 was elected by the Northwest Division to National Northwest Division Vice President. Dr. Coral May Grout of the Department of Massachusetts was elected as National President. I will have a more detailed National Convention report with next month's newsletter.





District News

I hope everyone had a great summer. I spent much of my summer moving, spending time with my children, and camping. The summer months flew by way too fast. Though fall is one of my favorite seasons with the changing colors, perfect for photographing. Many of our family pictures were taken in the fall.

The biggest news so far is the 2026 Fall District Meeting will be hosted by Piedmont Unit #311 at the Post home on Sunday, September 27th. There will be a joint meeting at 11:00am with a meal, our meeting will start at 12:00pm.

With the start of the new fiscal year, District Dues are due for the new year. These dues help cover the cost of the cash prizes for the Poem & Essay contest as well as the District Member of the Year pin. There will be invoices sent out to the Units as to how much is owed and where to send the dues. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself.

I would like to visit Units later this fall. If you have not gotten a visit from me last year, please reach out to me to schedule a visit this year. I love to visit each of the Units of our District.

The Fort Meade Christmas Gift Shop is scheduled for November 15th to 17th. If you would like to help out, please contact Joanann Georinger 605-920-9999.

The Fort Meade Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14th at 1:00pm. Please contact Piedmont Unit #311 if you would like to volunteer.

Unit	District Dues	Paid?
Bell Fourche	\$2.10	
Bison	\$10.85	
Box Elder	\$14.70	
Buffalo	\$14.70	
Bullhead	\$0.70	
Dupree	\$9.10	
Eagle Butte	\$25.20	
Faith	\$7.00	
Isabel	\$24.85	
Lead	\$8.75	
Lemmon	\$20.30	
Little Eagle		
McIntosh	\$15.05	
McLaughlin	\$1.40	
Piedmont	\$43.40	
Rock Creek	\$4.55	
Spearfish	\$26.95	
Sturgis	\$19.25	
Timber Lake	\$15.75	

