DISTRICT 2 – November 2026 NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello District 2 Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to all the units in District 2 for your dedication to supporting the Veterans, communities, and youth. So much gets done behind the scenes. Are you keeping track of what your unit is doing? I'm hearing about some the great projects that have happened or will be happening. Especially with Veterans Day coming up. So I really hope to see those reports come to me and to the various Department Chairmen that your project falls under. Let's Toot our Horns and let people know what you are doing. This inspires others to do the same.



REMINDERS:

DISTRICT DUES: Remain the same – 25 cents per unit member. Due to the district having no banking account – you need to make out your checks directly to: Karen Bower, District Treasurer – PO Box 84, Draper, SD 57531 All dues are kept by Karen and detailed audit/records are completed. Please remember that this dues money is spent toward poem / essay prizes, reimbursing for District 2 expenses; such as gifts, rent (if needed) for meeting places, etc.

MEMBERSHIP:

Please look the attached Unit Status sheet attached. I encourage units to send in their memberships as soon as possible. Please do not sit on memberships; while waiting for more to come in. Some of the units are off to a great start. Keep those memberships rolling in.

UNIT OFFICERS & CHAIRMAN FORMS: (2026-2027)

Thank you to the following units for getting their 2026-2027 Unit Officer/Chairman form filled out and submitted to headquarters and myself:
Custer 46 Hermosa 303 Hot Springs 71 Martin 240 Midland 143 New Underwood 256 Philip 173 Rapid City 22 Edgemont 172
Still needing this form from - Murdo 75, and White River 94.

Headquarters Address is: South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary , PO Box 983, Mitchell, SD 57301
You can find this form on the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary website under forms.

********Remember to get Poppy Orders in as soon as possible along with Mandatory Obligations**



NOVEMBER

Veterans Day – Nov. 11th
Hot Springs VA Gift Shop – Nov 18th thru 20th
National Education Week – Nov 17th – 21st
Thanksgiving – Nov 26th

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2027 Mid-Winter Conference

Dates: February 19th, 2027 - February 21, 2027
Arrowood Resort & Convention Center
Oacoma, SD
Hotel Reservations: (605) 234-6376
Make sure to mention that you are with the American Legion Auxiliary.



DEPARTMENT & NATIONAL

HOME TOWN HEROES AWARD

Rose Kraft, 1st Vice-President, sent this out to share with all units.

"We would like to have at least one nomination per unit. This is any fireman, police, 911 operator, EMT and/or representatives from your local hospitals. Thank you for all you do."

Rose

The flyer for Home Town Heroes Award is attached to this newsletter's email.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA MEMBERSHIP:

President Patrice Sorensen sent this message to share with all units

"Please share with your Units:
Thank you for the dedication and energy you've put into gathering and submitting memberships! And a huge thank you to our Secretary Amy, for all of her hard work entering them into ALA MIS!

With South Dakota at 50% of our goal by Veterans Day, we have a milestone worth celebrating—and momentum worth building on!
Every membership brings us closer to our goal. Let's keep that energy going, encourage one another, and set our sights on 75% before 2027 begins. Together, we can start the New Year strong! "

FOCUSing on Veterans, their Families, and our Communities,

Patrice Sorensen
President
Department of SD American Legion Auxiliary

There is an attachment of the Membership numbers from National to this newsletter's email.

SMILE ASSOCIATES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM:

Received from Amy Howard, Dept. of South Dakota Secretary

"Could you please include the information below in your newsletter?

It is important for units to know that they must use the first link provided in this email to set up their individual unit account if they choose to participate. Their EIN must be current and in good standing with both the State of South Dakota and National Headquarters before their account can be approved.

For units that prefer not to establish an individual account, Department General Fund and Girls State accounts have already been established and are available for use.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

Thank you for all that you do!"

Thanks,
Amy

From: **Smile Associate, Inc.** <tracy@smileassociate.ccsend.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 11:10 AM
Subject: Checking In - Plus Some Exciting News and a Helpful Guide Just for You
To: <southdakotaala@gmail.com

Dear friends,

I just wanted to reach out and check in with your unit, and share something we think you will find genuinely exciting.

We are thrilled by the incredible response we have already received from the ALA community - so many units have already signed up and are actively generating support for their missions. We would love nothing more than to see your unit join them.

Getting started takes less than five minutes. Simply complete the form at the link below and we will have your unit's dedicated portal live within 24 hours - just in time for the biggest shopping quarter of the year.

https://form.jotform.com/261516620848157

We are also proud to share that SmileAssociate has been elevated to a National Partner of Wounded Warrior Project - a milestone that means the world to us. We wanted to share this with you because the connection feels so natural. The ALA community and the Wounded Warriors community are bound by the same thread - a deep, unwavering commitment to those who have served, the families who stand beside them, and the values that make that service worth honoring. To be trusted by both communities is something we do not take lightly.

https://share.google/gTo6yVTFmRWdFld2A

We would love to welcome your unit into this community. All we need is five minutes of your time.
Warmly,
Tracy

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