District 4 October, 2026 Newsletter
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October Calendar

Native American / Columbus Day
October 13th

DISTRICT MEETING in Leola
October 24th at noon
Lunch following

Make a Difference Day
October 24th

Halloween
October 31st

October Reminders:

Ship Ft. Meade items for gift shop promptly. Mail cash donations for gift shop expenses before the end of the month.

Pay membership dues.

District 4 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 24th in Leola

The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the Legion Bar located on Main Street. Registration begins at 11:30 with the meeting from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch with Legion members will follow at the Legion Post, also on Main Street.

SO much important and valuable information is presented at this meeting including new membership eligibility. Changes and updates on both the state and national ALA levels will be discussed and we have the opportunity to hear how our units are serving our veterans. We will also discuss Department cost saving measures including the possibility of moving from paper mailings to electronic information sharing.

NEW this year: If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you can stream it at this link:
https://teams.live.com/meet/9379700664 58?p=4k9yCeor4gtBRCSlfA

- **Membership dues:** Renewal notices should be in the hands of members by now. Please encourage members to pay their dues promptly. Units should send collected dues monthly by the 15th of each month to be included on that month's progress reports. Let's work hard to renew all of our existing members and reach out to others to join with us in serving and honoring our veterans.

- **Obligations Form:** Mandatory obligations can be paid now based on prior year membership. Donations to Auxiliary programs can be made anytime and more than once throughout the year but donations to the current year's Christmas shop and party should be sent in October.

- **Legionette renewals:** It's time to renew or subscribe to the new year Legionette. The e-mail subscription is $4/year; the mailed subscription is $7/year. Due to increased costs for printing, the mailed version contains less pictures and articles than the on-line version. Subscription forms are available on the SD ALA website & should be mailed promptly to Department Headquarters. If you have pictures or an article for the Legionette, send it to the editor Katie Stier by the 20th of each month. katielynnstier@gmail.com or PO Box 224, Onida, SD 57564.

- **REMINDER! ALL FORMS AND MONEY should be mailed to Department Headquarters:**
  SD American Legion Auxiliary
  P.O. Box 983
  Mitchell, SD 57301
  605-461-3389
  southdakotaala@gmail.com

- **Website:** The SD ALA website has had a facelift! It is a great resource for forms and information. Also check out the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary page on Facebook. It's a great way to see what is happening in our Department and around the state.

- **District 4 dues:** District 4 dues of $15 per unit should be mailed to Jeannine Jilek, 15352 392nd Ave. Mellette, SD 57461 or brought to the district meeting. These dues help pay for awards for students along with costs of hosting the district meetings.

Caring for our Ft. Meade Veterans



November 15-17 are the dates for veterans to shop for gifts for their families from items donated to a temporary gift shop at Ft. Meade. Units of District 4 are asked to support vets at the Ft. Meade location with donations of gift items or funds for purchasing & shipping gifts. When considering gift ideas, think of things you would like to receive. They can be for a man, woman or child. Sometimes the vets do not always know ages of grandchildren, so retail gift cards come in handy. Please no sharp or food items. In lieu of items, funds can be sent for purchasing gifts, wrapping and shipping the gifts to the veteran's recipients.
If you want to get in on the best part of this project, volunteer to help at the gift shop and enjoy the Christmas spirit as you help veterans shop and assist with wrapping and shipping the gifts. You can help for any number of hours or days that work for you.

Send gift items to:
Joananne Georinger
21084 Hwy 385
Deadwood, SD 57732

Send monetary donations to State headquarters in Mitchell. Make sure to note that the funds are for the Ft. Meade gift shop.

Items for the veterans themselves can also be donated any time of year. Suggestions include: socks, T-shirts, zip up sweatshirts, sweat pants (prefer zip up legs) and personal care items. Clothing sizes from medium – XL are most common.

Send items for veterans to:
Patrice Sorensen
121 Morningside Dr.
Box Elder, SD 57719