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District 5 September Newsletter

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QUICK REFERENCE

August

28 – Sept 3 – National Convention

September

2 – 7 SD State Fair

7 – Labor Day, VJ Day

11 – Patriot Day – REMEMBER!

18 – POW/MIA Recognition Day

19 – District 5 Fall Meeting

26 – Legion Golf Tournament Rapid City

27 – Gold Star Mother/Family Day

October

10 – Commander Bill's homecoming

12 – Native American Day

24 – Make a Difference Day

Timm's Treasurer Tidbits

*District Dues are **\$20 per year**. They are used for District Meeting Host Unit expenses, Poem and Essay awards, Gifts for the District President, District Postage costs, and any other District expenses encountered. The District Dues are NOT part of your Department obligations.

*District Dues should be **Payable to:**

District 5 American Legion Auxiliary.

*Mail to Marsha Timm, District 5 ALA Treasurer, 21645-485th Ave, Elkton SD 57026.

*Please write District Dues and your unit's **City and Unit number on the memo line.**

*Our Dues year runs from Department Convention to Department Convention. It would be best if all units pay by/at the Spring District Meeting. *Units that have paid for 2026-2027: Milbank, Veblen, and White.

Hey Everyone! Summer activities are finally winding down! For me, state fair is the last hurrah. This weekend will be spent planning meals and getting things in the freezer, making sure I have everything for the booth, making sure things at home will be taken care of while we're gone, packing things for the camper, which we took out and set up on the 23rd (ask me about that experience sometime), and finishing up this newsletter. When we get back, it'll be time for fall activities, which thankfully for me are fewer. Just the Fall Dist Mtg to plan for – my last one! Really no point to make this time, just that in the midst of all of your busy-ness, find the joy, because there always is some or we wouldn't do what we do, and remember your why because even in the less joyful activities, that makes it doable. Have a great month!

A quick note about state fair in Huron. Fair dates are Sept 2nd – 7th. By the time you get this letter, State Fair will be in full swing. Thursday, September 3rd, is Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair. All veterans and military personnel will receive free gate admission on that day. In support of our veterans, military personnel, and their families, the South Dakota State Fair will host a "Salute to Veterans" program at 10:30 am on Thursday. The program will be held on the Northwestern Energy Freedom Stage.

Thanks to a few Units and individual donations, I have spent about \$600 on swag for kids to win after answering a patriotic question! Thanks to those that donated – in our district alone either individuals from or Units that donated include: Britton, Castlewood, Milbank, and Raymond. Other Units from around the state that donated include, Sioux Falls and Alexandria along with donations from D4 and D7.

*I'm still looking for people to work the booth. Wed-Th 430-630, Friday 12-3, and Sat 9-12 are taken. If you can come help – that would be AWESOME! Just let me know if possible – it helps me plan my wknd. We probably shouldn't have more than 2 Aux members at a time - it gets crowded and then you just trip over each other. **Remember – this is a reportable activity!!**

District V Fall Meeting – Our District fall meeting will be held at the Watertown Police Dept Community room at 128 N Maple St. on Saturday, September 19th at 3:00. The men will meet at 3:00 at Post 17.

- Department President Patrice will talk about her plans for the year.
- Dept Chairs will have an opportunity to hit program high points.
- I will have Poppy posters to hand back.
- The 2025 Convention Proceedings books from Susie's year, for those that paid for one, will be available– please help save some postage by picking these up.
- I will also be asking for 1 more Unit, (hoping for one in our northern-ish area as a south-western-ish one has already volunteered) to host our Girls State Tea next spring – it's never too early to start planning! We are still having great success hosting in 2 locations – maybe it's the swag bags that some Units hand out to the girls! If you're interested, let's chat!



The Raymond Unit will be hosting a meet and greet for Quynn Nielson of Volga, SD, Girls State Governor. It will take place on Sunday, September 20th, 2 pm, at the Raymond Community Center/Post Home. Quynn's grandparents were from Garden City, who no longer has a Unit or a Post, and they would like to honor her achievement. Please spread the word and let's honor Quynn and show her how much District 5 appreciates her representing our District on the highest level!

Membership: We have 10 2026 Membership year goal Units – Yay to you! They include: Grenville, Volga, Veblen, Britton, Wilmot, Aurora, Waubay, Revillo, Estelline, and new to the list is White. Congratulations! How awesome is that to have that many goal Units?! There are 9 more that only need 1-3 more to hit goal. September, however, starts the new membership year so dues collected now will be applied towards 2027 but you can remind them that they don't have to lose their continuous years if they pay for both years. And of course, years can always be bought back in the future if they desire to get caught up for any years that they may have missed. **And as a reminder, dues will stay the same for the 2026-2027 year but will go up \$5 for the 2027-2028 year.**

Did you know that District 5 is the largest District by way of membership numbers?? It's true! Our goal is 1,658 with the next closest District having a goal of 1,336 – 322 members less than us! (and they have the biggest city in SD). We are sitting at 91.5% of our goal and we always tend to run in the middle of the pack. Can we do better? Reality - yep but so can everyone else. I will always say it - I'm proud of my Units!

Membership truly is our voice. Simply by sheer numbers, you give us the power to lobby for Veteran causes - that alone is a HUGE reason to become and stay a member, even if you don't want to be busy on a local level. Dues also help pay for miscellaneous items at our Veteran Facilities and they keep our office running with THE best employees.

The website has been re-designed – thank you Kayla Kennedy! Go here and take a look: <https://sdlegionaux.org/> . The website is an excellent resource for information on programs, events, contact information, and FORMS! If you misplace something, check out the website – everything should be there. But, if you have trouble finding something, please let me know, I'll be happy to help!

There is a section under Publications where you can find the HQ mailings and Nat'l newsletters as well - please check these out as there are updates from our Nat'l program Chairs.

Thank you to those Units that have sent in your officers! Astoria, Big Stone, Britton, Clark, Elkton, Estelline, Grenville, Langford, Milbank, New Effington, Raymond, Rosholt, Sisseton, Veblen, Volga, Watertown, and White. **If you are not on this list, PLEASE send me your officers!** And don't forget to update your meeting times. At least one good email contact from your Unit would be helpful too! There are always forwards from chairmen and extra attachments in an email vs the snail mail version.

*We've got a new fundraising opportunity; **Amazon Smile Associates.** Go here:

[American Legion Auxiliary | Shop to Support Veterans - Get Started Today - Smile Associate](#)

Just click through the ALA's link and shop as usual on Amazon. There will be options as to where to direct your donation - every eligible purchase generates a 1.5% donation. This isn't just for us – it's for our family and friends too – just pass along the info. There will be more info coming out on this too!

America 250 – have you been doing anything? Just because July 4th has come and gone, doesn't mean it's over – you still have time to celebrate our country! We've been hearing a variety of activities being hosted so far – remember to report them!

Quick Hits:

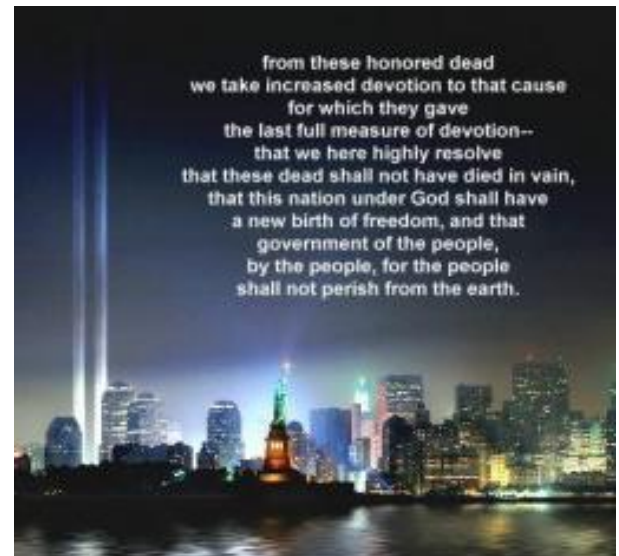
- *Fall Dist Mtg – Sept 19, Watertown
- *Meet & Greet Girls State Governor, Quynn Nielson – Sept 20, Raymond
- *Membership – keep working!
- *Get your officers in!
- *Shop Amazon and make money for your Unit
- *REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

With this Newsletter, you will find:

- *Legion Commander Bill Peter's Hoco Info
- *State Legion Golf Outing Info
- *Membership info

I need to do an email check again so please if you are a Unit President and receive this, could you please reply with a quick "got it"? Several were returned as undeliverable or not allowed. – not sure what's going on.

If you have any questions or have an event coming up, please let me know! I'd be happy to check it out or even put it in the next newsletter. Enjoy what's left of summer!



Do you remember?

			MEMBERSHIP				
District	Unit #	Unit NAME	MEMBERSH IP CREDIT	MEMBERSH IP GOAL	Current Membership	Needed	
5	0009	Milbank	\$ 42.00	127	115		90.55%
5	0017	Watertown	\$ 10.00	78	63		80.77%
5	0037	Bryant		48	47	1	97.92%
5	0040	Webster	\$ 85.00	111	93		83.78%
5	0048	Rosholt	\$ 1.00	47	42		89.36%
5	0049	Clear Lake	\$ (10.00)	42	40	2	95.24%
5	0050	Sisseton	\$ 12.00	143	125		87.41%
5	0060	Clark	\$ 15.00	49	46	3	93.88%
5	0064	Wilmot	\$ 4.00	36	36		100.00%
5	0074	Brookings	\$ -	58	49		84.48%
5	0076	Veblen		43	43		100.00%
5	0080	Britton	\$ 5.00	71	71		100.00%
5	0088	White	\$ (4.00)	94	96		102.13%
5	0099	Pierpont		29	20		68.97%
5	0103	Astoria	\$ -	16	14	2	87.50%
5	0104	Reville		9	9		100.00%
5	0108	Bradley		18	12		66.67%
5	0109	Gary	\$ 14.00	64	59		92.19%
5	0113	Willow Lake	\$ 5.00	45	43	2	95.56%
5	0114	Volga	\$ -	31	33		106.45%
5	0129	Waubay		59	62		105.08%
5	0141	Langford	\$ 5.00	11	9	2	81.82%
5	0153	Carpenter	\$ 4.00	10	2		20.00%
5	0171	Strandburg		20	18	2	90.00%
5	0180	New Effington	\$ 12.00	41	39	2	95.12%
5	0184	Estelline	\$ 19.00	25	28		112.00%
5	0198	Elkton	\$ 8.00	53	44		83.02%
5	0209	Raymond	\$ 20.00	51	48	3	94.12%
5	0229	Big Stone City	\$ 5.00	108	102		94.44%
5	0230	Aurora	\$ 2.00	10	10		100.00%
5	0250	Castlewood	\$ 7.00	96	84		87.50%
5	0267	Grenville	\$ 4.00	15	15		100.00%
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7.24.26 White sent in 2 SR dues, stating to "use credit", credit was only \$56.00, will owe dept \$4.00 difference. 8.6.26 Grenville also donated \$150 to poppy fund

Please join us for the

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STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

HONORING OUR LEADER. CELEBRATING OUR LEGION.

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TOGETHER 
EVERYONE 
ACCOMPLISHES 
MORE 

Honoring
BILL PETERS
— STATE COMMANDER —
— 2026-2027 —

Join us for

★ 4:30PM SOCIAL / DINNER & PROGRAM TO FOLLOW ★



OCTOBER 10



THE ALLIANCE

1600 WEST RUSSELL STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD



RSVP BY 9-25 USE QR CODE



LET'S WELCOME HOME OUR COMMANDER
AND SUPPORT HIS YEAR OF SERVICE!

HONOR ★ SERVICE ★ COMMITMENT

**\$10K
Hole-In-One Prize**

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION

Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

**12:00 PM CHECK-IN, 1:00 PM SHOTGUN START
AWARDS BANQUET @ POST 22 TO FOLLOW**

**MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE
RAPID CITY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place
Hole Prizes
Raffle

\$10,000 Hole-In-One Prize

**JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ON AND OFF THE GREEN!**

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**4-MAN Scramble
\$500 per team**





DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
AMERICAN LEGION
Golf Tournament
TEAM REGISTRATION



Team of 4: \$500

Cost of Registration includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, and dinner reception.

One member of the team must be an American Legion Family (TAL, SAL, Auxilliary) Member

Player #1

Name: _____ Email: _____

Post: _____ Phone: _____

Player #2

Name: _____ Email: _____

Post: _____ Phone: _____

Player #3

Name: _____ Email: _____

Post: _____ Phone: _____

Player #4

Name: _____ Email: _____

Post: _____ Phone: _____

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Mail to: P. O. Box 895, Rapid City, SD 57709
Write GOLF TOURNAMENT in the memo line.
Questions: Contact post22adjutant@gmail.com