

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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District 6 Meeting News

At the District 6 meeting it was approved to increase District dues to a flat rate of $20 per Unit. Dues can be mailed to Kate Aulner, 511 Oak St, Alexandria, SD 57311.

2026-27 Officers List

Thank you to those Units who have sent in your officers list: Alexandria, Arlington, Artesian, Emery, Iroquois, Lake Preston, Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, Oldham, Wessington, Wessington Springs, White Lake, Wolsey and Woonsocket. **If you are not on this list, please send me your 2026-27 officers list as soon as possible!** If your Unit President does not have email, please include the name of someone in your Unit who does have email and is willing to receive mailings and share the information with your unit.

Department Website Redesign

Kayla Kennedy has been working hard on the Department website redesign. Please check it out, it has great resources and a lot of information.

https://sdlegionaux.org

District Meetings Update

If you missed our District 6 meeting, you can still attend any other District meeting for updates from Department Officers and Chairs. Below are the next three District Meetings with information to attend online. This will count towards the Focus Award attendance at District Meetings.

District 7:
https://teams.live.com/meet/9380399361342?p=yOSIeumsfFNFMFcblQ

District 8:
https://teams.live.com/meet/9391224134299?p=1QAFZTvjAD2kN2hlHc

District 4:
https://teams.live.com/meet/937970066458?p=4k9yCeor4gtBRCSlfA

Saturday, October 10, District 7, Post 266, Tea, Social 1, 2 PM meeting
Sunday, October 11, District 8, Post 194, Parkston, Social 1, Meeting 2
Saturday, October 24, District 4, Post 78, Leola, Social 11:30, noon meeting, meal 2 PM

Mailings - the Department would like to save some money by emailing packets and information to one person per Unit, preferable the President. Your Unit President would then share with the Unit via email, or printed copy at a meeting.

A Visit from the District President: I would like to start attending your Unit meetings, please let me know when you will be meeting and I'll work out a schedule. It is always great to get out and meet new people, and see how other people do things. Thank you to the Mitchell Unit for inviting me to attend a meeting and a flag burning ceremony.

Membership Information
Letters were sent from National with information on renewing your 2026-27 memberships. Please get those turned in as soon as possible. With

Department dues increasing next year, this might be a good time to consider PUFL membership – included with your letter from National.

A note from Department Membership Chair, Kathleen Geiman, included in the Legionette recently emailed out.

Hello everyone. This year theme of our National President, Dr. Coral Ray Gout is: A Beacon For Veterans. She likes lighthouses. So I have decided to name all the Districts under a different lighthouse from different states. To have a little fun with the theme. Units need to be at 50% goal by Veterans Day which is November 11. There is some changes to the membership application. Some of you should have already started your Unit meetings. Let's start getting your membership sent in to the Department Office to reach the first goal. – Kathleen Geiman

Need to find new members? From Mary Jo Stier, District 3 President:
At the 2026 American Legion National Convention, delegates adopted new membership eligibility language for the American Legion Auxiliary — expanding eligibility and allowing more family members to join the ALA. The Legion has authority over the ALA's membership eligibility; this gender-neutral language change allows more people into our organization — strengthening our ability to better serve our veterans, military, and their families. The eligibility changes are effective immediately. Check out the ALA blog to learn more.

For the 20th anniversary of "Give 10 to Education" Dr. Gout has increased it to "Give 20" this year. Be sure to record what you are doing!

Check out the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Facebook page too. There is always a lot of great information shared electronically, pictures and fun things other Units are doing.

A reminder when you are shopping on Amazon to include the Auxiliary in your giving through Amazon Smile!

Dates to remember:
November 10 American Legion Auxiliary Birthday
November 11 Veterans Day