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American Legion Auxiliary

October Edition

"Focus"

Family Oranization for

Community Unity and Service



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Dates To Remember

October 10th: District 7 meeting. Tea Social 1pm, Meeting 2pm.

October 10th -Commander Bill's Homecoming

October 13th: Navy Birthday

October 24th: Make a Difference Day October 27th: Navy Day

October 26: National Day of the Deployed

October 31st: Halloween



District dues are due $20.00 per year. You can mail them to Roxanne Whalen, District 7 Treasurer
500 S Tessa Ave
Hartford SD 57033.
You can also bring them to the District meeting on October 10th
District dues are not part of your obligations, please do not send them to the Department office.

Hello all,

This year is starting with a bang. Lots of new things are coming out. The ALA Mission and Views statement has been updated; We have a new membership eligibility change. This is exciting for our units and can help strengthen our organization.

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to:

(1) grandparents, parents, siblings, spouses, and direct or adopted descendants within two degrees of consanguinity of members of The American Legion; and
(2) grandparents, parents, siblings, spouses, and direct or adopted descendants within two degrees of consanguinity of all service members who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
(3) grandparents, parents, siblings, spouses, and direct or adopted descendants within two degrees of consanguinity of all service members who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941, who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility period and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
(4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

The District 7 meeting will be held in Tea; SD. Social is at 1pm with the meeting to follow at 2pm. We will be meeting at a separate place. As soon as I have the confirmed details, I will send an email and post on Facebook. Let's fill the place with a representative from each unit.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to lead the meeting. Our daughter is getting married that day and will be celebrating the occasion. 1st Vice Lisa Lee will be stepping in to run the meeting. I can't wait to hear how everyone is doing. I will miss seeing all of you. I would, however, like to attend a meeting or event of yours. Please feel free to reach out so we can set something up.

Have you checked out the Department Website? It has been re-vamped and hopefully things are easier to find. Most of the forms are there for you to print out and use. South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary (www.sdlegionaux.org)

Make a Difference day is coming up October 24th. Have you planned something? Do something and report it! Something small can make a big impact!

Christmas is coming, That means the Sioux Falls VA Christmas Gift Shop will be happening. The dates are Monday November 30 and Tuesday Dec 1st,2026. Monday, we set up at 730am, Veterans shop at 9am until 4pm. Tuesday Veterans Shop 9am until 4 pm. Then we have to clean up what was left over. Veterans will shop for themselves and family. I always need volunteers to wrap gifts or to help the Veteran's shop, come help for an hour or stay as long as you want. Ideas for gifts are warm clothing men and women, slippers, gloves, hats, watches, bath and kitchen towels, throws, insulated mugs, card games, board games, kid's games and throws, anything patriotic, these are just suggestions there are many other gifts to buy. Do Not send any liquids or glass items. If you are making a money donation, please send to State Headquarters and put SF VA Gift Shop in memo line. If you have gifts to donate, please contact me, I am ready to store gifts anytime. The VA does not want the gifts dropped off at the VA. Thank you for all the support for the Sioux Falls VA Christmas Gift Shop. Julie Weinmann cell 605-941-7587

I am proud of the dedication and service shown by our American Legion Auxiliary members, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together. Here's to a fantastic year of supporting our veterans, strengthening our communities, and growing our Auxiliary family!

Jill Laemer District 7 President

WREATHS across AMERICA



Looking for a program to support. Check out Wreaths Across America
[Wreaths Across America — Midwest Honor Flight]



Get all the information about Amazon Smile at the District meeting!!
I will send out more information at a later date

The new ALA Mission Statement and Vision Statement adopted by the NEC on Thursday, September 3.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

ALA Mission

Mission Statement

The American Legion Auxiliary honors the sacrifice of those who serve by uniting members to make a meaningful impact for veterans, military and their families, and communities.

Vision Statement

To be a connected, compassionate force — a community where veterans, servicemembers, and their families belong and thrive through service that supports veterans, military and their families, and the next generation.