

## Commander's Corner



**Douglas W. Johnson**  
Commander

*I bring greetings from Douglas to all the legionnaires in Wyoming.*

First off, I would like to thank all the legionnaires that showed up to Lusk for the Department Convention and a **BIG THANK YOU** for your support in electing me as your Legion Commander. You don't know how elated I was because this is a challenge I cherish. Let me introduce you to my staff, first off, I have known this man for 11 years now and has been a very good friend. His name is Darrel Curry and Darrel is my Commanders Aide. I first met Darrel at the District 2 convention in Douglas at Post 8. He was the Vice Commander and we hit it off right away. Darrel is currently the commander at ORA CALL Post 10 in Wheatland. My Department Sergeant of Arms is Bobby Werner of Greybull

Post 32. These are two great men and I am very fortunate in having these two men join the team.

My theme for my year comes under the National Security Pillar and its blood drives. I do not know if the Posts when they are making out their CPR's and they forget to put down that their Post have done a blood drive or not, but Wyoming ranks close to the bottom. So, my goal is to have each Post hold at least one blood drive this year. I have contacted the people at Vitalant Blood services in Cheyenne and if they cannot set up someone for the drive, they will put us in contact with someone that will. Their number is 877-258-4825 so give them a call. Secondly my Commanders project is Children and Youth program. I would like to raise \$3,000.00 for the children of disabled veterans who gave it their all and are not with us anymore. If you or your post can donate to this great cause, please do so.

I would like to give my Vice Commander William Barnes a **BIG THANK YOU** for the job he did at National membership workshop, as the incoming National Commander accepted our goal of 5,404 members for the 2023-2024 year. I myself along with Bill and our 2nd Vice Commander Russell Stafford will be working very hard in meeting and exceeding this goal. I would love to see membership grow to 6,000 members this year. We can make it happen if we all work as a team. Always carry some

applications with you and wear your Legion cap every once in a while, in and around your town or city. Let's display our colors and maybe we can get some new members.

This past summer when we hosted National Commander Troiola in and around District 4 and I met with quite a few Post Commanders along the way, I had mentioned to them that I was going to try and make as many Post visits this year as I could. Well, my year has started out with a bang with me visiting Post 14 in Laramie on July 8th for the Jubilee Days Parade. I had a great time there and we passed out a lot of flags to the people of Laramie. The next day the Post had a meet and greet dinner with Vanessa Stuart doing the cooking. It was a great meal with all. Then on the 14th & 15th of July, I headed to Buffalo for the Sons of the American Legion Christmas in July. We had a project all set but had to cancel because we could not get the materials for it, so we did a general clean-up of the fishing pond and held a fishing derby for the residents and had a barrel of fun. Next year's project will be a flag poll that is paid in full and we will be putting up a gazebo around the cooking station. I know the Sons Commander Donovan Dusel and his family are very excited about next year's project. I also met the Western National Vice Commander Jack Youngs from Meridian, Idaho; a very nice gentleman with lots of ideas for Donovan to

increase membership in the Sons. The Dusel family are great Sons family with Donovan's father Sid his second son and senior Vice Commander Levi, and their younger brother Brandon also there is Sid's wife Gina who is the passed Auxiliary President.

Now I must turn my attention to our Department Adjutant Gina Mayhan, what a life saver she has been for me in the past month and a half. She has tirelessly been helping me with my daily tasks with her expert knowledge of the legion. Just this past week she single-handedly helped Post 307 immensely by averting the loss of that Post. She received a call from Brian Yeager who is District 5 Commander and Post 307 also and said he needed some help with a software company that said they have not received payment for the software that Brian uses for submitting student veterans' benefits. Well Gina went to work and insured Brian that payment was made, and she was right. She found the receipt and called the company and got it straightened out so now Brian's license was not only paid on time, but overpaid and his software license is paid up for two and a half years. That demonstrates to our students at Gillette College that we have a **GREAT ADJUTANT** at work every day.

Thank you, Commander Doug  
Department of Wyoming

## 1st Vice Commander's Corner



**Bill Barnes**  
1st Vice Commander

Greetings, fellow Legionnaires! The 104th Department Convention in Lusk, WY was outstanding. Hats off

to all involved in putting this together. Some people may not realize the huge undertaking that goes into such a project as this. Well done. Congratulations to all our newly elected officers for the upcoming year.

As the newly elected Department 1st Vice, my main focus will be on membership. Will be getting in touch with several people around the state, to see what we can do to bring our numbers up. Any constructive input would be greatly appreciated. Would like to see Wyoming get back into the top 10 at National. Two names come to mind, Doug Uhrig and Mike Cooke. Why these two? When I went to the 60th Annual National Membership Workshop in Indianapolis, IN, I met with Leading Candidate Daniel J. Seehafer. While discussing different strategies on membership, HE

brought their names up! Caught me off guard, lol. At any rate he thinks we can do it. Talk about incentive!

Congratulations to Jerry Bowen from Cheyenne Post 6 in winning the \$3000.00 gift card/check. The raffle ticket was drawn by visiting South Dakota American Legion member Cortney Steffen. His wife Ronnie (Veronica) bought two raffles from me. Both are retired military, she Air Force and he Army. They're both members of the post and serve on the Honor Guard. She's been a member for 33 years and he's been a member

for 46 years. Jerry also served as Post 6 Commander. Jerry served two tours in Viet Nam and one tour in the Gulf War as a helicopter pilot. He has been awarded a Bronze Star. Coincidentally, Frank Bowen (Jerry's Dad) was a WWI vet and was at the caucus in Paris, France when the American Legion was born. His father was a 65-year member. WOW! The things you learn when you LISTEN to people.

**For God and Country,**  
Bill Barnes  
1st Vice Commander  
Dept of Wyoming



Department Adjutant - Gina Mayhan, Jerry Bowen, Ronnie Bowen and Department 1st Vice Bill Barnes





# Post Everlasting 2023

**District 3**  
**Post 2 Casper**  
**Donald Plessman (7)**

**District 4**  
**Post 11 Lovell**  
**Robert Doer (19)**  
**Post 29 Basin**  
**Kenneth Fink (16)**  
**Sherman Allred(23)**  
**Post 44 Worland**  
**Robert Fritzler (2)**



**District 5**  
**Post 13 Buffalo**  
**Donald Kraen (70)**  
**James Hepp (18)**

**District 6**  
**Post 6 Cheyenne**  
**Bobby Gissendanner (17)**  
**Charles Majors (26)**  
**Post 60 Pine Bluffs**  
**Denton Dudrey (25)**



**“taps”**  
“the numbers in parenthesis designate years as a Legion Member.”

## Adjutant's Corner An Update from Your Adjutant



**Gina Mayhan**  
**Department Adjutant**

time with the people that I work with every day.

I cannot stress enough how important Buddy Checks are. Times are difficult right now for everyone, there is no doubt about that. After dealing with a very difficult situation last month, I have learned that our Veterans need to be checked on. They can't fall through the cracks, because if they do, inevitably they become one of the 22 a day. Be the One to check on members in your Post that you haven't seen around. Be the One to reach out to the guy down the street that doesn't seem to be doing too good. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call to get the wheels in action, so that they don't become a statistic.

I have already had a very full summer, attending parades and dinners and brick laying ceremonies at different Posts around Cheyenne. It is always an honor to attend these events.

Fall Workshop is coming up in October. I would recommend attending. Breakout sessions will be held where information that can be taken back to your Posts will be taught. The registration form can be found in this paper, or online at [www.wyolegion.org](http://www.wyolegion.org).

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to work for the American Legion, Department of Wyoming. I strive everyday to do my best, so that our Veterans are taken care of. If there is anything I can do to help, or if you have questions, please reach out to me.

Also, we have changed our address. Please do not address mail to 1320 Hugur anymore. Our address is: **American Legion Department Headquarters, PO Box 20172, Cheyenne, WY 82003**

Membership year 2024 is underway and we are hitting the renewals hard. Our first goal of 50% is 09/11/2023, and I have no doubt we will reach that goal. Remember, there are two ways to do your Posts' transmittals. You can do them online, under myLegion, or you can send them in to me. If you are close to reaching a goal, keep in mind that if you do them online, it takes 7-10 business days for National to process, but if you send it in to me, it processes immediately. Just food for thought when those goal dates come up.

National Convention is just around the corner. It will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and to say I am excited would be an understatement. I get to attend meetings that can only teach me new things. I get to watch as the new National Commander is sworn in. I get to attend dinners that require a different dress code other than sweat pants and a t-shirt. I get to meet people that I have only spoken with on the phone. And I get to spend

## Chaplain's Corner Service to God and Country



**Vanessa Stuart Chaplain**  
**Dept. of Wyoming**

Here's a great little tool I've used in previous jobs and helping fellow veterans- [www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

You just type in the zip code and it tells you how many programs are in the area and drop down tabs for all kinds of things like food, housing, Healthcare, transportation, legal, and many more.

Some people don't want to admit they need assistance and that's okay. If you are wanting a tool to help, this can give you things to talk about without being overly obvious. For instance, "I just found out that in Laramie, the Feeding Laramie Valley program gives fresh produce every week regardless of income and its local? With the way prices keep going up, this is a nice little way to save on your grocery bill. I got some amazing cucumbers and fresh dill that I made into Tzatziki Sauce for the Post last week".

Not overly obvious and you can put a little tidbit like that out to someone that might not ask for help otherwise. This is just a suggestion for those who have asked about ways to help but aren't sure where to go.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all as we go into the fall season. Thank you for your service, support, and dedication to The American Legion and Family and our nation's veterans.

For God and Country,  
Vanessa Stuart  
Commander, District 6 Dept. WY  
Chaplain  
Dept. of Wyoming American Legion  
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Mark 12:30-31  
'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

Last time, I talked about what to do in a crisis and the number to call. Well, what about the before and after? Generally speaking, most people don't wake up one day in crisis. It's been a lot of "stuff" just piling up until it becomes unbearable. Our buddy checks are a tool to use to help the before period so it doesn't get to that. But what do you do if the veteran has a need and you're not familiar with community resources? Maybe your not doing an "official" buddy check, just talking to someone you haven't seen in a while.



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## 2nd Vice Commander's Corner



**Russell Stafford**  
2nd Vice Commander  
Dept. of Wyoming

member is that Buddy Checks save lives. I have no doubt that this happens. Buddy Checks aren't just for the post officers to do, but for everyone to use. If you know of someone, veteran or civilian, and haven't contacted them in a while, reach out to them. In today's world we have so many options available to do this. Email, phone, text, Facebook, other social media platforms, and of course the actual face to face contact. Buddy Checks don't only ensure that contact is made, but it allows each of us to "Be the One" by reaching out. You never know if that check, or contact will be the one thing that changes one person's life. Being in Wyoming, we know that we are in a rural/frontier setting, meaning that sometimes we are very far away from our neighbors. We value our privacy, but at the same time, humans require contact with other humans. It may only be for a quick hello or check in, but it does make a difference. So please, reach out to each other and to those in your community.

Posts need to remember that the month of September has 3 proclamations that need to be presented and signed by the town's Mayor or Councils. Patriots Day on 9/11, POW/MIA Day on 9/15, and The American Legion Day on 9/16. All these proclamations can be found at [legion.org/publications](http://legion.org/publications) once they are published by National, usually late in August. Ensure that you get the proclamations done and published in your local media for all to see.

Once again, thank you for the support and trust in my abilities to represent the Department of Wyoming of The American Legion.

Russell Stafford  
2nd Vice Commander

### FALL WORKSHOP

October 7, 2023

Ramkota Hotel – Casper WY 9 am

REGISTRATION \$10.00

NO Lunch Meal

Auxiliary DEC – October 6th @ 7 pm

Legion FC – October 6th @ 6:30 pm

Legion DEC – October 6th @ 7 pm

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## DISTRICT AND POST NEWS

### District 1

## Jackson Hole American Legion Post #43

It has been a busy summer so far for our Jackson Hole American Legion Post 43. Our monthly meetings have continued in-person and on Zoom, and our Post has continued to participate in our support of the veterans and members in Jackson and our surrounding communities. Our membership has grown to 138 members, and we also have 21 members of our SAL Squadron 43.

Oldest Living Member of American Legion, Post 43 member Fred Miles: After checking with several different sources, including the National Legion staff, we now believe that our Post member, Fred Miles, is the oldest living member of the American Legion in Wyoming and in the United States as a whole. Fred is 105 years old, he and will turn 106 in October. He retired from the Air Force in 1968 after nearly 28 years of service, including being a pilot in WWII with the Army Air Corps. One of his assignments was as an instructor for the famous Tuskegee Airmen. His many awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters.

"Best of the West" and Memorial Day Activities: In May, our Post served as the lead unit in the Jackson Hole "Best of the West" Town Parade. Over Memorial Day weekend, Post members placed American Flags on the graves of veterans at the local cemeteries. On Memorial Day, we held the Jackson Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on the Town Square. After the ceremony, our team performed similar ceremonies at three local cemeteries, and at the Wilson Bridge, where two wreaths were dropped into the Snake River to honor those veterans lost at sea.

Presentation by Dick Scarlett: At our May monthly Post meeting, our longtime member, Dick Scarlett, gave us a great presentation on his background and experiences in the Army and as a banker in Denver and Jackson. He explained some of the important opportunities that lead him to eventually purchase the Jackson Bank when it was in serious financial trouble, and how he oversaw the growth and success of the bank until it was ultimately sold to Wells Fargo.

Presentation by Rick Black: During our June meeting, Post member Rick Black, gave us a wonderful talk on his background and experiences in the Air Force, and as a leader in several companies after his military service. Rick served in Korea in 1954-55, and he also spent 6 years in the Air Force Reserve

after his active duty ended. Rick then described his very successful career as a top leader and manager of several successful businesses.

Report on the Wyoming State American Legion Convention: Also at our June meeting, Post Adjutant, Dave Hill, reviewed some of the highlights of his trip to the State Convention in Lusk, Wyoming. Dave offered for our Post 43 to consider hosting the 2026 Convention, assuming we can establish a Post Auxiliary Unit and our Post approves. Our Post received several awards at the convention, including the Heavy Mallet for having the highest percentage of renewed and new members in our Division (104.65%) by May 17.

Presentation by Dave Larson: At our July Post meeting, Dave Larson, who has been a Post member for 26 years, gave us a great presentation on his background and experiences as an Army Officer in Vietnam, and as a lawyer, including over 20 years as the Jackson Town Attorney. Following Dave's presentation, he received a surprise gift of a Quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation and a Certificate honoring his military service.



Courtesy Photo

Above: Dave Larson wrapped in his quilt with a kiss from his wife, Judy!

Honor and Color Guard Activities: Our Post provided an Honor Guard for funerals at the Aspen Hill Cemetery on May 22 and August 5. On June 9, our Post presented each of the 190 graduating seniors at the Jackson Hole High School with an American Flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution. The Wyoming State Legion Baseball Tournament took place in Jackson from July 24-28. Our Post supported the Jackson Post 43 Giants team with color guards for games, provided a monetary donation to assist with the tournament, and a Post member donated use of her home to house umpires for the Tournament. We also provided a Color Guard for the Naturalization Ceremony on August 4 at the Grand Teton Visitors Center, where 31 immigrants were granted U.S. Citizenship.



Above: Post 43 Color Guard at Jackson Town Parade on July 4.

Courtesy Photo



# District 2 District News and Activities



**Donald L. York  
Commander**

Part of a soldiers' conversation, while convalescing at Base Hospital No. 2 in Paris, in 1918....

"...what will we do when the Germans really are licked?" asked LT. Col Theodore Roosevelt, Jr

"Go home and start a veterans' association for the good of the country, sir." answered Sgt. William Patterson.

I would like to think that goal has not changed. Resources used in that goal are found in the twenty plus different pro-

grams of The American Legion, all built "for the good of the county" and embedded in the four pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and, Children and Youth.

Shooting Sports: Youth as young as eight start learning gun safety and compete through various programs. [legion.org/shooting](http://legion.org/shooting)

High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest: The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program gives thousands of young people the opportunity to hone their speaking skills and learn about the U.S. Constitution. [legion.org/oratorical](http://legion.org/oratorical)

Boys State/Boys Nation: Young men throughout the country learn firsthand how government works. [legion.org/BoysNation](http://legion.org/BoysNation)

Voter Participation: American Legion is a nonpartisan organization but takes an active role in the political process and encourages Americans to register and vote in all elections. [legion.org/vote](http://legion.org/vote)

Education Assistance: At the national, state and local levels, The American Legion provides access to dozens of scholarships and education programs. [legion.org/scholarships](http://legion.org/scholarships)



**Courtesy Photo**  
Past District 2 Commander, Darrel Curry giving rides at the Wheatland Car Show. For many a Wyoming boy, a John Deere was their first car. Tractor and buggy courtesy of Charles "Chuck" Brown. He is a Korean War veteran and longtime member of Ora Call Post 10. Chapman.

Boy Scouts of America: American Legion posts sponsor more than 2,300

Scouting units (Nationally) [legion.org/scouting](http://legion.org/scouting)

American Legion Baseball: More than 54,000 young athletes compete for over 3,400 American Legion Baseball teams each year [legion.org/baseball](http://legion.org/baseball)

Flag Protection and Education: The American Legion is the nation's foremost authority on the U.S. Flag Code and proper dignified disposal of unserviceable U.S. flags. [legion.org/flag](http://legion.org/flag)

Disaster Preparedness: Dozens of American Legion posts and more than 3,400 Ham Radio Club volunteers set the tone for preparing for natural disasters. [legion.org/hamradio](http://legion.org/hamradio)

The Legionnaires of District 2 represent over 12,700 years of "continuous membership" for God and Country and I look forward to what that looks like in the communities of Converse, Goshen, Niobrara and Platte Counties in this next twelve months. If you would like to have your faith in the country's future renewed, get involved with the youth through the American Legion.

For God and Country,  
Donald L. York, Commander

# District 4 District News and Activities



**Courtesy Photo**

The Robert Boyd Stewart Post 11 has had a very active summer this year. We started the summer with a Meet and Greet for all local Veterans at Western Park in Lovell. We followed that with the raising of the flag for the American Legion Little League on opening day.



**Courtesy Photo**  
We were honored to participate in a flag retirement ceremony at the North Big Horn Hospital Senior Care Center as well as our own flag retirement ceremony on June 14th at Lovell Veterans Park.



**Courtesy Photo**

Above left: Post 11's Willys Jeep has been a big hit at all three parades (Lovell, Bryon, and Cowley) this summer. Above right: Special guest 'run' by July 14, Noah Coughlan is running from Seattle to Miami (3500 miles) documenting veterans and their stories. Below: Noah Coughlan with Post 11. ([www.run-4revival.org](http://www.run-4revival.org))



**Courtesy Photo**

Thank you to our Memorial Day speaker, Lovell Chief of Police, Daniel Laffin (U.S. Army, retired), and to all of those who helped make Memorial Day a day of reverence and reflection.



From now until December, we are selling raffle tickets in order to purchase a funeral ceremonial bugle. We are raffling a Radical AR-15, a Canick MC 9mm, and a Heritage Single Action 22 Pistol. Post 11 is also restarting a community service project in offering classes/training in Flag Etiquette for the local area. We will finish our summer with our Post 11 Family and Friends potluck in October. Finally, thank you Post 11 members for achieving 100% of our 2023 membership goal.



## District 4 District News and Activities Continued



### Hughes-Pittinger Post 26 - Powell



Courtesy Photo

**Post 78 Commander Mack Rauhauser, VC Steven K. Greenwell, Post 88 Commander Ray Fritz served as Honor Guard for Chapman.**  
Post 26 - Powell

Greetings from the Hughes-Pittinger American Legion Post 26 in lovely Powell. We have had a very exciting and busy past few months here in our part of the Big Horn Basin, and are looking forward to keeping the momentum going into the rest of the year. We were fortunate to host a dinner and meet and greet with American Legion National Commander Vincent "Jim" Troiola in our newly remodeled Legion

Hall, and what a great time it was. One of the other events we hosted was a benefit "All you can eat" pancake breakfast and silent auction for one of our local families who were hit by some unexpected medical costs for their child. The pancakes were flying off the griddle like crazy.

The Post also sponsored a young man at Boy's State this year, and would like to send him, and the other participants, a round of applause and congratulations for their success and dedication. As a post we were represented in the Cody Independence Day parade, as well as the Park County Fair parade, thank you to the volunteers that helped out in those events. Speaking of the Park County Fair, both the Post 26 Legion and Sons of the American Legion cooked and served hotdogs and hamburgers during the fair, volunteering their time to fill the stomachs of the fair patrons. We also held our annual "Golf for a Vet" golf tournament at the Powell Country club, playing host to 80 golfers making up 20 four-person teams. Simply amazing. The Hughes-Pittinger Post would also like to send a loud and thunderous congratulations to the Powell Pioneers American Legion Baseball team! They won the Wyoming State American Legion Baseball Tournament and are headed to Montana to continue competing! GO PIONEERS!

We will be hosting some great events over the next few months; our Legion Family Picnic will take place at Homesteader Park here in Powell on the 12th of August, and we will have country musician Chris Gunther in the Hall on the 28th of August, looking forward to cutting loose. Corn-Hole has also started back up in the Hall, bags fly weekly on Wednesdays. As always, if you happen to find yourself in our corner of the state, swing on by and strike up a conversation, we would be glad to have ya. Let 'er buck! Tim Heine Commander Post 26.



#### Post 13 - Buffalo District 5

Post 13 is having another busy year. Our bi-monthly breakfast is going very well. Lately we have been serving over one hundred people. It is always a de-light to see and visit with our return diners. Without them we couldn't do the things we do in our community. We were able to send three Buffalo High School Boys to Boys State. From all reports they had a great time.

By the time this goes to print the Johnson County Fair and Rodeo will be in the past. We will have marched the Colors in the Longmire Parade and also the Johnson

County Parade. Soon enough it will be time to begin planning for Veterans Day and Christmas dinner. For those of you who live in Johnson County and want to help, any assistance is always appreciated.

This past Memorial Day the Post along with our neighbor across the street VFW Post 2469 participated in the ceremony at the Courthouse and the cemetery. We also purchased and placed Veteran markers at the head stones of Veterans that have been without a marker. This is an on-going effort that will continue for quite some time to come.

A few months ago, Post 13 was honored to have, Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, our American Legion National Commander come to Buffalo. He visited the skilled nursing facility while in Buffalo and stopped at the Post for dinner. He was accompanied by Wyoming State Commander Mike Hobbs, First Vice Commander Doug Johnson. National Commander Troiola spent time at the Post visiting with members and answering question they had. It was a very good evening.



## District 6 District News and Activities

Congratulations to Post 6 Legion Baseball for making to the world series!

Hey, 2nd Vice Commander Stafford, that's Cheyenne, District 6 just so you know. But seriously, we are all so proud of this team! Way to go!

Post 14 hosted a meet and greet surf and turf dinner with Department officers on July 7th and then on July 8th Department Commander Johnson participated with Post 14 in the annual Jubilee Days parade and then a few weeks later rode the float with Post 6 in the CFD last Saturday parade.

Saturday, 12 August, we said goodbye with a Celebration of Life ceremony and Memorial Karaoke to pay District 6 Commander, Toni Elliott-Steinke. Toni had moved to Washington and transferred her Legion membership but kept her Auxiliare membership in Unit 14. If you visit the Post 14 social club, ask to see her memorial picture that hangs above the bar entrance.

Frank Tafoya, service office for Post 14 was honored for his volunteer work as a DAV volunteer van driver with the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award. He received a certificate and pin for doing over 3750 hours of volunteer service. Frank not only drives the DAV van taking veterans from Laramie to Cheyenne, he also

volunteers countless hours taking local Laramie veterans and spouses to doctor appointments and various other errands such as shopping and appointments. Frank was legionnaire of the year in 2018 and continues to serve his fellow veterans daily.

Post 60 serves breakfast on Saturdays and is a free will donation for all. They also host a movie once a month on a Sunday. The movies are generally military of topic, but occasionally it will be a John Wayne, or comedy in nature. Their most recent movie was Down Periscope.

During the Pine Bluffs Trail Days, Post 60 Color Guard led the parade, and on Sunday, they held their Annual Brick laying ceremony for Veterans and their families. This year, they added a new brick stand over by the National Cemetery Wall for P.O.W.s. There were two P.O.W. bricks, two Purple Heart bricks and 19 regular bricks laid. The speaker of the ceremony was Patrick Sheehan, Military Advisor for Senator John Barrasso. It was well attended by Veterans, family members, Mayor Justin Fornstrom and his wife Kara, along with Town Council member Allie Leitz; Martha Wilson from Senator Cynthia Lummis's office, and Timothy Sheppard - Veterans Commission Di-

rector. The Department of Wyoming American Legion Commander Doug Johnson, First Vice Commander Bill Barnes and Department Adjutant Gina Mayhan also were present.

Post 60 presented Commander Doug Johnson with his "Cowboy" hat from Post 60.

*District 6, District Commander Vanessa Stuart*



Penny Merryfield

Above: 1st Vice Bill Barnes, Lewis Laboray - Post 60 Chaplain, 1st Vice Commander Post 60 Michael Votruba, Department Commander Doug Johnson receiving his "Cowboy" hat from Post 60 Commander John Wise.



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF WYOMING NEWS LETTER, AUGUST 2023

**Past Detachment Commander and Squadron 44 Commander, Jim Andersen  
HOWDY LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS!!!!**



**Jim Andersen  
SAL Adjutant**

Detachment News: Membership:  
Every year the Detachment along with the squadrons start the year with a lot of energy and enthusiasm regarding membership goals. However, as in the past few years, we seem to run out of steam once we have achieved the 90%. Well, this year has again been the same story, we failed to meet the 100% membership goal. Overall, the Detachment averaged 93% for the year as of this article.

The following five squadrons have made the 105% as of July. They are as follows: Sq. 43, Jackson, 131%  
Sq. 54, Saratoga, 127%  
Sq. 26, Powell, 120%  
Sq. 80, Hulett, 118% Sq. 44, Worland, 105%

Sq's 6, Cheyenne, Sq 8, Douglas, and Sq 13, Buffalo all had 104%. Torrington was short 2 members from achieving 100%. District 4 was the only one with two squadrons that had reached 105% or more membership!! YAHOO!!

Congratulations to the above squadrons and officers that worked their roster and exceeded their goals. Many thanks!! Remember, without membership we cannot exist as an organization! We all need to continue to work membership and make it a team effort, its not just a few but rather it is the responsibility of all of our membership to assist in the renewal of members.

Great news, Post 60 and Adjutant Penny Merryfield have been working to re-establish the squadron that has fallen on some tough times for a number of years. Penny has been in contact with a perspective Sons member and hopefully they can sign enough members to be-

come a functioning squadron again. As a Detachment, we will be working with the Post to support their efforts.

### **Christmas in July, Veterans Home, Buffalo:**

Our annual Christmas in July with the veterans at the Buffalo home was held on July 14 and 15 in Buffalo, WY. This year we had a special guest, Jack Youngs, National Vice Commander Western Region of the Sons of The American Legion from Idaho. Jack (retired US Navy) is a triple member, and has been a Legionnaire for 15 years and a Sons member for 8 years of the Sons. He was very interested in our annual fishing derby and projects we have accomplished over many years. In particular, he was interested in spending time visiting with each of our fishing contestants and helped record fishing statistics to determine the winners of the fishing derby. As customary, each veteran contestant when they catch a fish, we carefully record the length of the fish, species and how many they catch to determine the eventual winner/winners. The Veterans look forward to the annual event and are very competitive through out their 2 hour intense fishing contest. Lunch is served at noon, at the gazebo, with the cash awards being handed out to each fishing contestant. Detachment Commander, Donavon Dusel and Jack Youngs gladly called out the names of the winners that were happy to receive their "big money" payouts!! The Detachment officers along with Jack Youngs gave thanks to all of the residents for their service and attending the annual fishing derby for "2023"!!!. There were

a total of 8 contestants, many who had their special fishing gear that may bring them the fishing Championship!!

The winners were as follows:

Grand prize, first place, Sam Ross, Navy, who caught the most fish and the largest fish which was a trout along with a variety of other fish species. Total of seven fish.

Second Place was Edward Rickett, Army, This was a very close race in which Sam Ross caught one more fish than Edward did. He too caught a variety of fish species.

Third place was Bill Wintermute, Marines, past winner of this annual contest. Bill caught two fish, trout and the largest perch of the contest.

Patrick McGowan, placed fourth, Navy, with one fish, the dreaded sucker fish, 5 inches.

Consolation winners: Vernon Page, Marines, retired previous Champion, but came out to cheer on the contestants! He has vowed to make a comeback next year and show he still has the will to take home the trophy once again. Ed Majors, Army, Kelly Doyle, Navy and Alan Love, Navy, were persistent and gave their all to catch the leaders.

We also had a Military Service Branch contest to determine which branch would win the Team Title. Again, this was extremely close between Navy and Army, with Navy edging out Army by a couple of fish. Marines were a distant third place. Overall, all participants enjoyed the fishing derby as well as the Sons members, especially Jack Youngs and being able to spend time with the veterans.

### **Convention, Lusk, WY:**

Our Summer Convention in Lusk was a success, covering many issues that we needed to vote on. The Sons were represented by 8 squadrons, with 13 members. We also held our annual Detachment elections, with our current Detachment Commander and First Vice Commander electing to serve another term. Greg Bushman was re-elected as Junior Vice. Jim Andersen was also elected as Adjutant for another term since he filled in for Jerry Clark.

We have completed our first year with District Coordinators which has been a success to our organization, but we need to continue to improve our communications and support each of our squadrons to ensure success with membership and to reach our goals. We all agreed that we need to continue to improve and advance new members that want to serve at the Detachment level, thus bringing forth new ideas to our organization. As of our Convention date, we have District 1, Levi Dusel, District 2, Doug Johnson, District 3, Charlie Keith, District 4, Jim Andersen, District 5, Don Sullivan and District 6, Derek Mancinho.

**For God and Country,  
Jim Andersen, Adjutant, Detachment of WY**



**Squadron 42 4th of July event. Instead of the scorching heat, we had rain.**



Squadron 42 had a very busy July. We started on July 4th helping the post with our Independence Day celebration. Post 42 as a family hosts a 4th of July BBQ for the public to watch the parade. Our squadron oversees setting up tents and tables outside so our older vets have comfortable spot to watch the parade. We continue through the day

helping wherever needed. We met July 9th for our monthly meeting and drew the winners of our fund-raising raffle we had been running since Memorial Day. We were excited that we raised over \$4000. July 15th brought Christmas in July at the Veteran's home in Buffalo. We had 7 total from the SAL and our auxiliary unit that participated in the

days event. We finished off the month hosting a large tailgate event to kick off the N W Regional American Legion baseball tournament on July 31. With the help from three of the auxiliary ladies, we fed over 100 people. We had an old fashion BBQ along with corn hole for people to play. It was great to have the tournament director Gene Kachena

from North Dakota and assistant director Jeff Nakaishi from Utah along with all the parents, players, and fans join us for an enjoyable evening.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Kern  
Adjutant, Squadron 42  
Gillette, Wyoming  
Cell: 307.299.4029





# High School Oratorical



## The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship

knowledge of the United States Constitution and the responsibilities of citizenship that it contains as they reach for a share of the over \$203,500 in scholarship awards.

Each contest consists of a prepared oration, on any part of the United States Constitution, 8 to 10 minutes in length, and the Assigned Topic portion, three to five minutes in length.

The Assigned Topics for the 2024 Oratorical Contest:

Amendment II – A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment XXIII – The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole num-

ber of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the State, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

Amendment XXV, Section 3 – Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Amendment V – No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, not be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Follow us on facebook at: High School Oratorical Scholarship, TAL, Dept of Wy

[www.wyolegion.org/oratorical](http://www.wyolegion.org/oratorical)

For God and Country,  
Donald L. York, Chairman



**Donald L. York**  
Chairman

### “A Constitutional Speech Contest”

The Oratorical Program is a multi level progressive contest whereby high school students learn and demonstrate

# AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL POST 6 “6ERS”



Courtesy Photo

Above left to right: Coach Ty Lain; Caden Westby; Coach David Lazarus; Nolan Horton; Andrew Thompson; Kaed Coates; Landon McAnelly; Julian Romero; Braden Pearson; Mason Tafoya; Marcus George; Peyton Seelye; Nat. Vice Commander Douglas Uhrig; Kaden Anderson; Cayden Guerra; Hayden Swaen; Colter McAnelly; Jaden Moore; Bradley Feezer; Corey Williams; Ethan Reisdorfer; Coach Ethan Casey; Coach Gary Harley

## Wyoming’s first team to go to the American Legion Baseball World Series ever!!! CHEYENNE POST 6

By Saturday they were part of setting 3 national records, including:

- 1) the first team to lose by a no-hitter since the series moved to Shelby, NC, (Texas beat us 4-0 in game 1).
  - 2) Game 3; Most consecutive strikeouts, Alabama had 9 consecutive strikeouts against Wyoming.
  - 3) Game 3; Most strikeouts in a ALBWS game, Alabama’s pitcher struck out 14 Wyoming at bats. (Did I mention Alabama was last year’s World Series champion.)
- If you’re not from Wyoming, you might think this

is a bad thing, but.

Game 2; Wyoming beat Massachusetts by a walk off run bottom of the 7th, (2-1)

Game 3; 1st inning Alabama scores 2 runs, (by walks). Top of 7th, down 2-0, Wyoming rallies to score 3 runs, winning the game 3-2, eliminating Alabama!

Wyoming will advance to the semifinals. That’s what we call “Cowboying Up”!!!

Well, Wyoming set another American Legion Baseball World Series record Monday: 1st team to pitch a 1 hit game... and lose in the

semifinals to Nebraska, 2-1... Wyoming’s ALBWS championship quest is over ...

I am so proud of how Cheyenne American Legion Post 6 represented Wyoming, the Northwest Region, AND, the American Legion baseball code. To make it to the ALBWS means that you are one of the top 8 in the nation, then to make it to the semifinals, (top 4), just incredible baseball. What a team!!! Check it out at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

By Douglas Uhrig,  
National Vice Commander  
American Legion

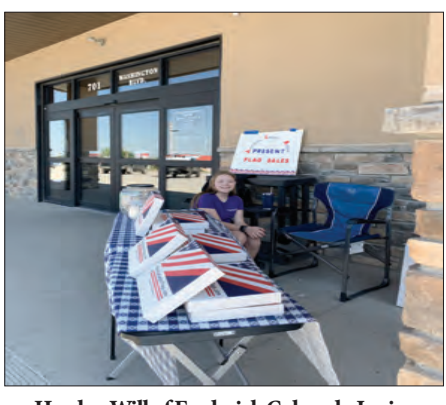


# Weston County American Legion Riders District 5




**Flag Sales**  
 100% Made in the USA  
 \$25.00 per 3' x 5' Flag  
 Help Support Our Local Veterans & Families  
 Sponsored By The  
 WC American Legion Riders  
 307-941-0611 or 602-373-3234  
 Surrender Your Old Tattered Flags  
 Purchase a New Flag

Flag Sales Poster



Hayden Will of Frederick Colorado Junior Auxiliary President – helping WC ALR set up the tables - photo by Ann Will



Kirk Will and John Sandoval promoting flag sales! Photo by Ann Will



Kirk Will, Director of WC ALR presenting Collin Dudzinski with his Dedication & Military Commitment Certificate and Riders Coin. Photo by Ann Will



John Sandoval, WC ALR presenting Audra & Eric Dudzinski the Blue Star Banner. Photo by Ann Will



Back row – John Sandoval, Cindy Sandoval, Tony Sandoval, Craig Reed, Rhonda Reed and Front row – Kirk Will, Wyatt Dudzinski, Collin Dudzinski and Ann Will. Photo by Audra Dudzinski



John Sandoval, Deb French, Kirk Will, Tony Sandoval, and Danny Bau Photo by Ann Will



Don Dafeo and John Sandoval Photo by Ann Will



Soldier's Cross, Space Force and Coast Guard unfinished metal artwork photo by Kirk Will



U.S. Marine Corps unfinished metal artwork photo by Kirk Will



WC ALR, Patriot Guard Riders, Family of Dick Brown and friends photo by Colleen Brown Nielsen



Flag Line photo by Colleen Brown Nielsen

## AMERICAN LEGION Membership TAL Membership Report

Post	2024 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
24 Rock Springs	350	201	57.43%	0
28 Green River	190	77	40.53%	18
36 Ft. Bridger	101	72	71.29%	0
40 Cokeville	10	1	10.00%	4
41 Evanston	35	12	34.29%	8
43 Jackson	130	72	55.38%	0
46 Alpine	36	13	36.11%	5
47 Pinedale	34	18	52.94%	8
49 Alton	15	4	26.67%	4
55 Kemmerer	30	14	46.67%	1
78 Big Piney	20	12	60.00%	0
88 La Barge	15	0	0.00%	8
D-1	967	496	51.29%	0
50% - 09/14/2023				
Post	2024 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
2 Casper	230	127	55.22%	0
16 Powder River	10	0	0.00%	5
19 Riverton	68	31	45.59%	3
31 Dubois	15	2	13.33%	6
33 Lander	230	114	49.57%	1
61 Pavilion	10	2	20.00%	3
81 Ft. Washakie	22	12	54.55%	0
96 Arapaho	15	0	0.00%	8
D-3	601	288	47.92%	13
50% - 09/14/2023				
Post	2024 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
3 Newcastle	74	27	36.49%	10
7 Sheridan	185	89	48.11%	4
13 Buffalo	155	95	61.29%	0
25 Moorcroft	25	16	64.00%	0
42 Gillette	325	162	49.85%	1
45 Sundance	19	4	21.05%	6
80 Hulett	36	16	44.44%	2
90 Kaycee	13	6	46.15%	1
307 Gillette College	28	4	14.29%	10
D-5	860	419	48.72%	11
50% - 09/14/2023				
Post	2024 Goal	Actual	%	To meet Target
6 Cheyenne	1131	578	51.11%	0
14 Laramie	310	167	53.87%	0
21 Burns	10	3	30.00%	2
54 Saratoga	80	8	10.00%	32
60 Pine Bluffs	50	29	58.00%	0
64 Medicine Bow	33	8	24.24%	0
77 Albin	10	0	0.00%	5
93 Cheyenne	10	2	20.00%	3
122 Rawlins	44	8	18.18%	34
D-6	1678	803	47.85%	36
50% - 09/14/2023				
DISTRICT TOTALS	5229	2488	47.58%	127
17 HQ	175	30	17.14%	58
DEPARTMENT GOAL	5404	2518	46.60%	184
NATIONAL GOAL	5404	2518	46.60%	184
50% - 09/14/2023				

Current as of: 18-Aug-2023

July 2nd, 2023  
On July 2nd, in recognition of Independence Day, the WC ALR sponsored our annual Flag Sales to help "Support Our Local Veterans & Families" at Deckers Food Center.

July 4th, 2023  
The Weston County American Legion Riders presented Legion Riders coins on July 4th to recognize two young men for their dedication and military commitment to serving the country - Collin for his current service and his brother, Wyatt, for his enlistment to serve – both in the U.S. Marine Corps. Their parents, Audra and Eric Dudzinski, were also presented a blue star banner on behalf of the Legion and a small folded American flag to their mother on behalf of the Auxiliary.

July 14th, 2023  
On July 14th the WC ALR gathered for a barbeque and work session to grind and polish the metal artwork for their upcoming "Military Gala" and Silent Auction which is to be held October 14th, 2023. The artwork will represent all branches of the military, as well as include the soldier's cross. All metal artwork was designed and cut out by Don Stevenson, a local firefighter.

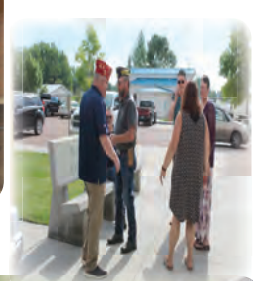
July 17th, 2023  
WC ALR provided an escort mission and color guard detail with the aid of the South Dakota Patriot Guard Riders at the request of the family of U.S. Navy Veteran, Richard (Dick) Brown to the National Cemetery in Sturgis, SD. The Riders also helped to stand a flag line for his inurnment services.

Respectfully, Kirk Will, Director  
WC ALR





**THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING  
JUNE 15-18, 2023 LUSK, WYOMING**





# Veterans Home of Wyoming



Courtesy of Edie Taffner  
Above: Unit 13 members Tammy and Ramona and grandkids served at the Veteran Home watermelon party.

As we launch into the new Auxiliary Year, we pray for renewed energy to come up with new ideas to serve our Veterans!

Want you all to know we did not take summer off; but kept up with Wednesday ice cream and cookies! Third Wednesday Birthday Parties; June we took Father's Day pies and July had a wonderful melon party at the Gazebo! We were happy to have the Veterans waiting for us for the melon party with smiles and helping hands to carry everything to the tables. We have four teams of two that go each Wednesday, so hopefully no one gets tired of going up to the home. I hear them say so many times, "I really enjoy going!"

I see that they are advertising for help at the new Skilled Nursing Facility to be open soon! Also, there are plans for a lot of remodeling in the Veterans Home. The Veterans Home is considered "assisted living".

With your financial help and our willing Unit 13 Buffalo members we are looking forward to a glowing year! I

plan to have additional teams to serve the Skilled Nursing Facility when it is up and going.

Thank you to all members around the state that donate funds to the homes and hospitals in our great state of Wyoming!

Dept. Representative to Veterans Home of Wyoming

Edie Taffner, Unit #13, Buffalo

Gail Keeler and I personally want to thank the units that have made our Veterans feel good. Wyoming units make cookies, dog chow, cupcakes, provides snacks for the CLC and RTTP living centers for the Veteran. The veterans are thrilled to receive cards, post cards, birthday, holiday and items given to them. Please continue, our units put a big broad smile on their face. They are most appreciative. Although I will have to admit trying to find size 14 slippers is a challenge.

We are going full fledge with monthly bingo. What a fun time, it's a hoot. Some of the veterans take over singing when I start to sing. I think it's because I cannot carry a tune. Some of the prizes for bingo are fugit items, word search, coloring books, microwave popcorn, drinking glasses, items to decorate their room and coupons for the store.

Veterans Rock, oh my, were they happy to see me coming after the convention. Happy for pads and pillows to put under their sleeping bags, clothes, toiletries, cups and egg cartons. Presently they are asking for med to 2x colored t-shirts with pocket in front, med to 2x colored briefs, cans of coffee, toasters, coffee makers, etc.

The VA has started back up this August 25, for memorials. The memorials will be monthly to catch up from Co-vid 2019. We are looking at around 150 per

memorial until we catch up and then will resume normal schedule as memorial every other month. Punch, coffee, water



Courtesy of Martie Harbick  
Above: Terry Harbick and Anthony Sanchez calling bingo at the VA.

and cookies are offered to the families.

Our units make the veterans feel good and special. That is good as our veterans gave and continue to us freedom. Proud to be an American.

The Cheyenne VA will once again be holding a "Baby Shower" for our pregnant veterans. Donations will be a help.

I am personally going to retire from VA & R June 2024 due to health reasons. I pray someone will step up to the plate and say I can and will do VA & responsibilities.

Cheyenne VA  
Martie Harbick, Representative

It was so good to see all of our volunteers at the Volunteer's Appreciation Luncheon held at the Ramada Inn in Sheridan. Several members received awards - Edie Taffner, Vicki StClair, Carolyn Eddy, Sandy Herman and Linda Orr. Many other ALA volunteers were also present. They appreciate you more than you can even imagine.

Different programs are again up and running for volunteer opportunities both in groups or individually. Monthly Unit 13 of Buffalo comes over and makes root beer floats and Unit 7 of Sheridan makes milkshakes and has a bingo party. We also have volunteers at the Hostess

Desk and as Red Coat Escorts.

Eagle Ridge has reopened following COVID and 86CD (up most floor above canteen) has opened after being remodeled to where the census is now at 80 patients. All clinics are back to regular operations.

September 1, 2023 is the closing date for entries into the Creative Arts Festival (CAF). Flyers have been distributed to the Units to share within your communities. Please look in your latest National Magazine for the article on the CAF and look at the pictures of the winning entries and our winner Deb Zelnek's 3D Fiber Art entry is pictured.

# Fall Workshop



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Wyoming  
Fall Workshop  
October 6 and 7, 2023

Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center-Casper, Wyoming  
Finance Committee - By Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Program PEP Talks  
Date and Time TBD

Friday, October 6, 2023  
6:00 p.m. Girls State Training  
7:00 p.m. Department Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday October 7, 2023  
9:00 a.m. Opening Invocation - Judith Killion  
Pledge of Allegiance - Vicki Paddock

Preamble to the Constitution - Susan Dansereau

POW MIA Table  
Welcome - Trudy Zafarrano

Response - Robin Ruff  
Introductions of ALA District, Department, & National Officers

Introduction of Past Department Presidents

Roll Call - Units and Officers  
Audit Committee Report

Finance Committee Report  
Department Executive Committee Report

Report  
NEC Report

9:40 a.m. What is your Why?  
9:40 a.m. Be The One

Americanism  
Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
Children and Youth  
Community Service  
Juniors  
Education  
Legislative  
National Security  
Leadership

10:30 a.m. Break and Greetings to the Legion

10:45 a.m. Program PEP Talks Continued

Public Relations  
Poppy  
VA & R  
Membership

11:20 am Service Project

12:00 p.m. Lunch—On your own

1:30 Reconvene for the afternoon  
Getting volunteers

2:00 p.m. Program Building Activity

2:45p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Peg's Tidbits/Challenges

3:30 p.m. Benediction

3:50 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

## FALL WORKSHOP

October 6, 2023

Ramkota Hotel - Casper WY 9 a.m.

Auxiliary DEC - October 6th @ 7 p.m.

Legion FC - October 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

Legion DEC - October 7th @ 7 p.m.

October 7, 2023

Ramkota Hotel - Casper WY 9 a.m.

REGISTRATION \$10.00

Due at the door to cover rent

NO Lunch Meal

Does the Department of WY have a Facebook Page?

YES!!!

Check it out!

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wyoming

On September 16, 2023 in conjunction with the Cheyenne VA there will be a Women's Conference now named POWW (Promoting Our Women Warriors)(remember POW WOW) in Casper at the Hilton Garden Inn. For more information see the VA's web site.

Items needed are toiletries (alcohol free), both regular razors and electric razors, new/slightly used blue jeans, winter outerwear, long johns and men's long line shorts. Your cookies are always enjoyed. Christmas presents will be given to all the patients and if you are interested in helping provide gifts/items, please call Eric at 307-675-3226 or Brad at 307-675-3225.

Thanks again for everything you do. Linda Orr and Melba Bennett, Chair Sheridan VA Healthcare Network

**NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION**

Are you a Veteran who has a creative streak or do you know one? The American Legion Auxiliary & Sheridan VA Health Care System teams invite you to choose from more than 100 categories to enter your creative art for a national festival.

The Sheridan VA Health Care System provides care to Veterans across Wyoming. All enrolled Veterans are eligible to compete in the local competition. First place winners will be submitted for national festival consideration.

**Competition deadline: Sept. 1**

Additional details, including the categories available and how to enter, are available at [www.va.gov/sheridan-health-care/stories/wyoming-veterans-needed-for-national-festival/](http://www.va.gov/sheridan-health-care/stories/wyoming-veterans-needed-for-national-festival/) or by using the QR code to the right. Questions? Email [Sheridan\\_Creative\\_Arts@va.gov](mailto:Sheridan_Creative_Arts@va.gov)





# American Legion Auxiliary News

## “Be the One for Our Veterans”

*Tammy Harris, Department President*



**Tammy Harris**  
*President*

Wow, its August already. It seems like Department Convention was just last week. I want to thank each and every one of you who made it to Lusk for the Department Convention and for the sup-

port you have shown for the upcoming year. It was exciting to see so many new faces this year and I hope that each of you took something away from Convention. One of the features of this year’s meeting was highlighting the reason why our program chairs joined the Auxiliary and the reasons they have remained members. I won’t lie, some of the reasons our chairs gave for joining and for renewing brought tears to my eyes.

While we all have our own reasons for joining this organization, we all have one thing in common—a veteran who has made us eligible for membership in the ALA. We all come from different backgrounds, have varying

beliefs, and different viewpoints. Even with our diverse backgrounds we are all able to come together to fulfil the mission of enriching the lives of our veterans, active duty military, their families and our communities. In this day and age where everything is polarized and made political, it is easy to forget what brings us together—our passion for service and the relationships we build along the way.

In the coming year, our incoming National President is asking us to continue to build those relationships and to “Be the One.” We can all be that ONE person to make a difference in another person’s life. This life-changing campaign of The

American Legion is asking us to help end the stigma that is so often associated with getting help when someone is struggling with mental health issues. What does it take to “Be the One?” It takes a willingness to be a person who will listen, who will reach out to someone who we think might be struggling, to offer support and encourage someone who is struggling to get help.

We will learn more about “Be The One” and how we can incorporate it into every program of the American Legion Auxiliary at Fall Workshop, which is scheduled for October 6 and 7 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Casper. Although the main meeting is Satur-

day, there will be a Girls State training on the 6th from 6 to 7 pm and everyone is encouraged to attend both the training on Friday and the workshop on Saturday. Registration for the Workshop is just \$10.00 per person and that cost helps us cover the cost of the meeting rooms.

Finally, for those of you who weren’t able to make Convention this year, I will be giving away 6 custom made charcuterie boards at the 2024 Department Convention. One board will be given to a lucky winner from each District. All you have to do to be entered to win is to attend Department and District Functions throughout the year.

*See you in Casper!*



## Children & Youth Committee

Between “Recycle the Brand” & the Child Welfare Foundation Drawing, a total of \$1103 was raised with \$570 being sent into the Child Welfare Foundation during the 2023-2024 year. The CWF Drawing was held at the Department Convention dinner on Saturday and the following winners were awarded their prizes:

- Quilt – Dora Jones
- Blanket – Kathy Barden
- Patriotic Chair – Pat Persson
- Warmer - Cheryl Languemi

Thanks to all who donated to this wonderful program. Exciting things planned for the upcoming



**Shareen Johnson**  
*Children & Youth Chairman*

year! Watch for additional information.

Shareen Johnson, Department Children & Youth Chairman

## 2023 Department Poppy Report



Being the Poppy chair for 2023-2024 is something I am honored to do. This will be short and sweet for now and I’ll say more in the next issue.

I just want to remind everyone to get their poppy orders in if you haven’t already. Veterans Day is coming and you will want to distribute poppies on their behalf.

I also want you to remember that poppies aren’t just for Veterans Day or Memorial Day, but for everyday, to help remember our veterans, here

and gone, and what they’ve done for us.

As we are coming up on our Fall workshop, watch Facebook page for details on a poppy display contest. A fun way to engage others with poppies and show what they mean to us. Thank you for all you do for veterans, their families, and your communities.

**B-Jo Laing**  
*Department Poppy Chairman*

## News from your Secretary

*From the Office.....*

Thank you for your continued support of me for Department Secretary Treasurer. I’m starting my 10th year and I continue to learn or re-learn what I forgot.

Unit Packets including membership cards were delivered at Convention or mailed to your Unit the week of June 19th. Please notify me if you have not received it. The packet also included a Poppy Order Form, blank Remittance/

Transmittal Forms, Chaplain Form and Quarterly Report Form to send to your District President.

We have eighteen (18) Units who are using the American Legion Auxiliary Member Information System (ALA MIS). These units are entering new members, updating addresses, running reports and paying dues on-line. The unit membership chairmen have done a good job learning thru the orientation course pro-

vided by National.

Newspaper: one copy of the Legionnaire/Auxiliare is sent per address. If you would prefer not receiving the newspaper, contact me and I will mark it. Our newspaper is on our website: [www.wylegionaux.org](http://www.wylegionaux.org) usually a week before it comes in the mail. This month it will be on the website by the 20th of August.

Serving Veterans and members.



**Peg Sullivan**  
*Department Secretary*





# "In the Clouds"

**• In Memoriam •**

Glenna Madden 93 years old Unit 1  
June Walker 51 year Charter Member  
Unit 95  
Eileen Oldenburg Unit 6

Ruth Ross Illness Unit 26  
Kim Harrison Surgery Unit 6  
Lou Krivy Surgery Unit 6  
Denise Johnson Surgery Unit 6  
Loretta Pino Illness Unit 6  
Dora Jones Unit 6  
Robert Sisler Unit 6  
Patricia Strange Surgery Unit 8

2 Residents at Cheyenne VA Birthday  
Unit 15

**• Congratulations •**

Anita Shoemaker Gun Raffle Winner  
Unit 28

**• Sympathy •**

Betty Cundy Death of her Husband Unit 47  
Family of Regia Engstrom Unit 9  
Ann Lee Death of her Mother Unit 95  
Family of Eileen Oldenburg Unit 6  
Ruth Schoepflin Death of her Daughter  
Unit 6  
Ila Fox Family Loss of Loved One Unit 6  
Lois Henry Unit 19

**• Thinking of You •**

Gail Robinson Unit 28  
Anita/Jim Shoemaker Unit 28  
Leila Dean Unit 36  
Chasity Niemic Unit 28  
Bob Eller Unit 15  
Sandra Engling Birthday Unit 15  
Charly Mantle Birthday Unit 15  
Sara Hall Birthday Unit 15  
Janelle Sanborn Birthday Unit 15  
Katie Sheperd Birthday Unit 15  
Tess Palen Birthday Unit 15  
Connie Inman Birthday Unit 15

**• Thank You •**

Tammy Harris Unit 28  
Sunny and Daisy Hobbs Unit 28  
Eva Wagner Unit 28  
Lynda Lenz Donation Unit 15  
Kelly Atterbury Donation Unit 15  
Denise Delgado  
Donation of Stamps/Cards

**• Get Well •**

Martie Harbick Stroke Unit 6  
Chris Arana Heart Issues Unit 47  
Tony Niemic Motorcycle Accident Unit 28  
Becky Lowe Surgery Unit 64  
Colleen Bixby Surgery Unit 6

**• Sympathy •**

The funeral of Sherman Allred, husband of  
Past Department President Becky was held  
on August 19th. Cards to Becky at 3417  
Concho Ct; Casper WY 82604 or email:  
sbrgallred@gmail.com



## From the Chaplain's Desk

### The Cowboy Code....

*Thank you all!*

#### The Beatitudes and the Cowboy Code

This year we will focus on the Cowboy Code and the theme "Be the One". As I sit to write this it seems to me that these two thoughts go hand in hand.

Consider the first point in the Code of the West: Live each day with courage- and the first beatitude: "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). It takes courage to know ourselves and our own personal needs, to live in this world and serve others, and to recognize that we cannot always be all things to ourselves. It takes courage to help others as well as to help ourselves. When we recognize that we cannot do

all things by ourselves but need the help of God to fill the voids around us we become part of the "poor in spirit" Jesus is addressing in this passage. To live each day with courage sometimes calls on a power greater than ourselves- to be poor in spirit recognizes this fact and calls on the power and amazing grace of God to fill the needs within ourselves so we can effectively minister to those around us. The great 19th-century preacher Charles Spurgeon said, "The first link between my soul and Christ is ... not my riches but my need." Only God can satisfy our soul's emptiness—its deepest longings, desires, and appetites. We must prepare ourselves to "Be the one" by making sure we have attended to those needs of

our soul, because our soul needs as much attention as our bodies, so we have something to give to others.

In essence this beatitude and the first premise of the Cowboy Code both encourage us to take care of ourselves as individuals so we can effectively serve others. We must be good stewards of our body, soul, and spirits. This certainly takes living each day with courage because we must first understand our own needs and weaknesses before we can effectively help others in need. I encourage you to take time to live each day with courage so you can share that courage with others.

*Chaplain Judith*



**Judith Killion  
Chaplain**

*First let me express my heartfelt love and gratitude for all the people who have checked on me, sent cards, and called or messaged while I have been down and out. My recovery is going better, and I think I will soon be 100% back in the saddle of life.*

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**Cathey Raymer**  
Membership Chair

*How we give ourselves an opportunity to start a conversation about American Legion Auxiliary membership using the calendar:*

1. January - ask if you can set out applications at the local gym. New Year's resolutions get people in the gym, so why not start a new volunteer opportunity?
2. February - stick a Dove chocolate heart in a Ziploc with an AT A Glance brochure and pass them out in the parking lot of the grocery store.
3. March - Hand out chocolate gold coins to random people at church. When they ask what it's for, give them an American Legion Family membership brochure and tell them how lucky you feel to be part of the organization.
4. April - set up a membership table at the community Easter Egg hunt that your unit is already helping with.
5. May - hand out poppies while you wear a pin/t-shirt/have a sign that says,

As we begin a new year, we need to step back and ask ourselves about how we can grow our Units and retain the members that we have.

How can we find an opportunity to start a conversation about the American Legion Auxiliary and the Family? This past year, we have talked about always leaving home "Dressed" (having an application on you) because you need to be prepared to invite someone to join our Family. This calendar was posted on Facebook by the ALA National Membership Group and I wanted to share it with you.

"Ask me how you can honor your loved one's service every day!"

6. June - be branded while posting flags for Flag Day.
7. July - cook hot dogs and hamburgers for your community fireworks. Have people available to talk about our programs while they wait.
8. August - help your juniors do a lemonade stand and everyone wears the "Be the One" logo to spark a conversation.
9. September - do a school supply drive for the teachers at your local schools and add snack size Doritos with stickers that say "Nacho Average Teacher" and membership apps attached for them.
10. October - do a Trunk or Treat at the Post and hand out candy to the kids and have an information table in the parking lot.
11. November - prepare a Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate that al-

lows community members that are not part of our ALF a chance to serve and be part of what we are doing.

12. December - host a "Breakfast with Santa" for the community to come in and enjoy the amenities of the Post. Have games for all ages of children.

*Advertise your events and make sure your community know what the programs of The American Legion Family are about.*

How do we retain our members? Our Unit meetings should be warm and welcoming to everyone. Communication with ALL our members (not just a select few) is very important so that they feel like they are a part of the Auxiliary. If you have an event or project coming up, call a member that doesn't attend meetings or a new member to ask for help. Our members are our Units greatest assets.



## Finance Department

### Audit Committee Report

7/28/2023

The Audit Committee met at Department Headquarters in Buffalo on Saturday, July 25. We reviewed the Financial Records of the Department of Wyoming and found everything in order.

**Linda Orr**  
Finance Chairmand



**Linda Orr**  
Finance Chairmand

## Public Relations

Greetings to you all, I hope your summer has been amazing! I have a few things that I would like each unit to achieve this year. First, I would like each unit to set up a social media page for their unit. This will help promote your events in your unit as well as your community! Next, after National Convention this year, each department will be expected

to promote "Be The One." I will be speaking about this more at Fall Workshop in October. Have a great rest of your summer and I hope to see you all in Casper for Fall Workshop!

**Chantelle Dunlap**  
Public Relations Chairmand  
2023-2024



## Veteran's Affair and Rehabilitation Report



**Susan Sironen**  
Veteran's Affair and Rehabilitation Chairmand

if it is an estimate. On the Impact Reports, hours can be split between events such as part for work with youth for an education program and if veterans are present, part may be counted for veteran hours.

Why are veteran hours important to report? Each Unit compiles the individual hours and submits an Impact Report at the end of the reporting period. That information is compiled into a District Report and then a Department Report. The Department Report is then sent to National and National submits the information to Congress. This information allows the ALA to obtain grants and recognition to help broaden our resources to assist veterans, military and their families.

According to the National ALA website, for 2021-2022 ALA members volunteer 3,265,977 hours serving veterans and military, and 359,273 assisting veteran and military families. Resources raised for veterans and military was \$11,007,709 and \$1,350,722 for veteran and military families. This is only part of the picture. If you don't report your hours, your numbers won't be counted. Just think of the impact ALA members actually make supporting veterans, military and their families.

Do you need a pin for your hour bars. You can order one from American Legion Flag and Emblem. The item number is 315.909. The pin runs about \$15 plus shipping and handling. Hour bars are given out during Department Convention each year (at no charge).

If you want to send me your information monthly, quarterly or annually, that is great. It needs to be by individual name, not just a total for the Unit. My email is sironen2014@gmail.com and mailing address is 996 Road 9, Powell, WY 82435.

### TRACKING VETERAN/MILITARY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Welcome to the new year for reporting our volunteer hours. The reporting term is 4/1/2023 through 3/31/2024, which is different from our fiscal year. As the VA&R Chairmand this year, one of my goals is to receive veteran hour reports from each of our Units. We all work with veterans, military and their families on various things such as organizing a stand down, assembling care packages, goodie trays, greeting cards, assisting with a veteran's burial/funeral dinner or gravesite upkeep, sewing, cooking, shopping etc. Also included would be volunteering at the local hospital/nursing home helping veterans. Many Units have events such as marathons, parades, poker runs, display tents at events, etc. Just a reminder, if you help with an event and even just one veteran is present, your hours can be counted as veteran hours. PLEASE keep track of the hours you volunteer, dollars you spend individually (and as a Unit) and the number of veterans present, even



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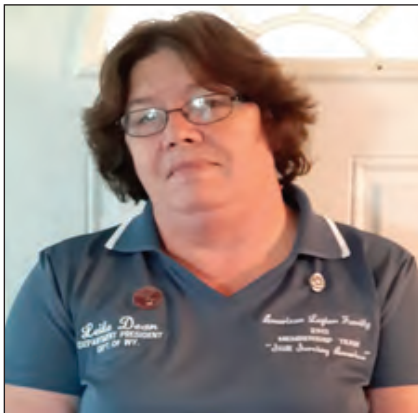
# Leadership

Greetings to all hope your summer is going well. It has been hard to adjust to the hotter weather than we are used to here in Southwest Wyoming. My chairmanship as Leadership chairman has 3 main things that all Auxiliary members should try to achieve. First one is ALA academy it is found at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) I would like to see many of you complete this course this year. Your Unit Leadership chairman can have you do this at your meetings. Once it is completed your chairman will forward to me the names of those completing the class. So I can send it in so each one gets a certificate for completing this course. Second is Unit mem-

ber of the year. Please consider nominating someone from your Unit. We all have someone in our Unit that deserves to be recognized. Third after National convention all chairmanships will be expected to incorporate the "Be the One" campaign so I will let everyone know more on this at fall workshop.

Hope to see many of you in casper in October

**Leila Dean**  
**Leadership Chairman**  
 2023-2024



**Leila Dean**  
**Vice President**  
**Leadership Chairman**

## "Constitution & Bylaws



### Executive Committee

1. It shall be the duty of the Alternate National Executive Committeeperson when called upon to assist the National Executive Committeeperson and, in their absence, perform their duties.

2. The current Department President will serve as the alternate National Executive Committeeperson. (Effective July 1, 2023)

3. Alternate National Executive Committeeperson shall succeed the National Executive Committeeperson in case of death, resignation or removal.

### Standing Rules Article IV, C. District Funds

1. The District receives a per capita assessment from each Unit based on the previous year's senior membership. Units will be billed by the Department Office.

Any balance left after the District Conference expenses have been paid may be used at the discretion of the District. If there is still a balance at the conclusion of the District Conference, those

funds will become part of the Department General Fund. If significant, the District should consider voting to lower the Unit Assessment to lessen the burden on the Units.

2. No District funds may be used to purchase personal gifts.

3. District membership challenges cannot be taken from the District assessment money.

4. No travel expense shall be allowed for any Department Officer or Chairman attending a Spring Conference other than the Department President.

5. The assessment funds are meant to defray the District Conference expenses, including pay for District awards, pay for the Department President's lunch, pay for the District President's pin, and cover the District Conference postage expense.

Also, \$25 will be sent to the Department President to help defray lodging costs for the District Conference.

6. The District President is responsible for two financial statements; one for ex-

pense reimbursement up to \$250 and one recording income and expenses for the District Conference from the Unit assessments. Both must be submitted to the Department Executive Secretary-Treasurer by June 1st along with a copy of the District Conference minutes. A copy of the District Conference minutes should also be placed in the District notebook.

There were no changes made to the Constitution. The most current version of all of these documents are available for download on the Department Website. Should you need to have a copy provided to you, please contact me and I will see to it that one is available for you at the Fall Conference.

**Susan Dansereau**  
**Constitution & By-Laws Chair**



**Susan Dansereau**  
**Constitution & Bylaws**  
**Chairman**

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members!

There were two changes made to the American Legion Auxiliary Departments of Wyoming governing documents at the Department convention in June. One of these changes was made to the Standing Rules, and one to the By-Laws.

### The changes are as follows:

By-Laws Article III, Duties of Officers

### Section 7. Alternate National Execu-

## Girls State Report



75 lives were fundamentally changed in their understanding of how our state government works. 75 young ladies made lifelong friends. Here is just one response from a delegate at the end of the week. "This experience was the best I've ever had, I will definitely remember all of the people and memories that this has given me. Thank you for a great week and I hope to return next year 2024 and become apart of the ALA!" Senator John Barrasso has again showed unwavering support of our program and spoke at the Banquet. Wyoming Supreme Court Justice swore in our delegates for Inauguration. Highlights: Our incoming Girls State Governor is Willow Lindholm from Buffalo. Our two Girls Nation Senators are: Emma Johnson from Powell and Emma Pehringer from Buffalo. Our outstanding city is Paintbrush. Our Top American citizen Olivia Maertens of Buffalo. Nine Scholar-

ships were handed out and our Samsung scholarship recipient is Emma Pehringer from Buffalo. Our Wyoming Girls State Memorial Scholarship recipient is Amiya DeFoe-Love from Powell. Go to our Facebook page to see videos/pictures! (You can find the link on our website).

Things you need to know: Keep up the recruiting, get the word out about our program. While our numbers are up. There are 133 High schools in our state. There are many high schools who haven't had a delegate at Girls State in years. Let them know what we have to offer for one week of a junior girls summer! They have the opportunity to earn 3 college credits (most college credits cost between \$750-\$1000), several scholarships and great leadership opportunities. Let them know we are a free program to the students and that they have a chance to be selected to Girls Nation, a free trip to our Nation's capital.

Application process will open up February 1st. Start recruiting and advocating now. I would love to see a delegate from every high school in our great state!

Changing of Dates: We are changing the registration due date to March 15th with your registration fee. Final fees will be due April 15th.

Calling all Unit Chairman!! It is absolutely essential you have an email. Keep your eyes open for more specific instructions in the next paper. Training is being offered at the Fall Workshop! We will be going over the new registration process, how to recruit, and how to fund raise. Please send me an email to sign up. If you can't attend, email me and I will make sure you get the information. [wygsgdirector@gmail.com](mailto:wygsgdirector@gmail.com)

In Your service I remain,

**Dawn Kennedy**  
**Wyoming Girls State Director**



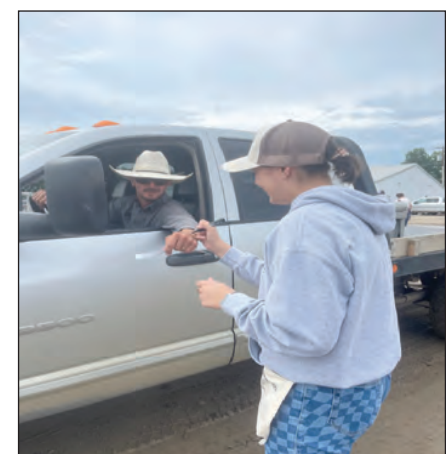
**Dawn Kennedy**  
**Unit 7 Sheridan**  
**Wyoming Girls State Director**

Greetings from Sheridan,

For the last couple of weeks, I have been reflecting on our 80th session of Girls State. It was very successful. Last year we had 56 delegates. This year we had 75. Thank you to everyone who got out to the schools, the churches, the afterschool clubs to get the word out.



*Courtesy Photo*  
**Five of the six Girl State Delegates from Powder River Unit 13 Buffalo, help the Unit at the Johnson County Rodeo taking tickets. Some of the Delegates Olivia, Peyton, Liberty and Sara advertised the program wearing Girl State shirts. Not pictured is Emma Peringer our Girls Nation Senate Secretary.**





DISTRICT 1 NEWS ...Cathey Raymer, District President

It is my honor to serve as the District 1 President this year.

Unit 24 Rock Springs - The Unit with the help of some of the Jr. members handed out poppies on National Poppy Day. Auxiliary members participated in the Liberty Parade. Two unit members helped with the Honor Guard. Unit members helped with the Legion Family membership booth at International Days. For the County Fair and Rodeo, the Unit sponsored a poppy cow.



Courtesy Photo Above: Donna Williams and Tammy Christensen

Unit 28 Green River - sponsored 4 delegates to attend Girls State in Cheyenne. The members donated items for goody bags for the girls to receive everyday at mail call. Three of the Unit members volunteered as staff for the Girls State session this year.

Unit 46 Alpine - The Unit members, in recognition of Armed Forces Day, provided a pizza lunch for the Afton Army Guard unit. The Unit sponsored one delegate for Girls State. The 2nd Annual Star Valley Patriotic Camp, that the Unit sponsors and helps with, was held in Etna in June. Over 95 children enjoyed 5 days of revolutionary encampments and historical lessons. (I attended the last day of the camp when all the volunteers were dressed in period costumes in the learning stations. It is an amazing learning program for the kids and me). The Unit donated gift cards from restaurants, box

stores and visa cards to support the veterans and families at the Fisher House. The Auxiliary comes together monthly and supports and takes care of the Alpine Veterans Memorial Garden. For the Independence Day Parade some of the members drove vehicles and others rode on the float handing out flags, copies of the Declaration of Independence and tossing candy. Gail Harbek, a member of the Auxiliary, has supported the Veterans Night at the Thayne Food Bank with baked goods during the spring and summer. The Unit came together with the Post and VFW and their Auxiliary to discuss and plan events in which all the organizations could come together to support the military and veterans. They all have limited membership and by coming together they can pool resources to better support their programs.



Courtesy Photo Above: Tracey Martini and Heather Dunningan, Mgr. Fisher House. Below: Star Valley Star Valley Patriotic Camp - George Washington's learning station.



DISTRICT 2 NEWS ...Jessica York, District President

It's hard to believe that it's time to get ready for the fall start up already. It was great to see so many of District 2's Units present at the Department Convention. I hope to see just as many Units present at Fall Workshop

Unit 1 Van Tassel helped put on a very nice Department Convention this year. They joined the Post in a joint picnic between the Legion & VFW.

Unit 8 Douglas helped the local Post with the annual Memorial Day weekend activities, from handing out poppies on Poppy Day, decorating the cemetery, placing flags on every veteran's grave, the morning service, and breakfast. There was a flag retirement ceremony in May, with help from the local Boy Scouts. The next one will be in August. They are getting ready to have a float in the State Fair parade, with the local Post & Squadron. Join them for their 1st Annual Putt for Patriots golf tournament

on September 10th, at the Douglas Golf Course.

Unit 9 Glenrock participated in Poppy Day both in Casper & Glenrock, and then placed flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Weekend. They held their annual 50/50 raffle during Glenrock Days. They worked with the local library & the Post to be able to have 2 showings of "Dear Sirs". They were able to send 2 girls to Girls' State this year, and then held a potluck for the girls in July. They are already planning for Veteran's Day!

Unit 75 Chugwater hosted a Memorial Day dinner, where they served about 80 people. They presented 1 scholarship this year.

Unit 95 Guernsey participated in Poppy Day and then raised the Avenue of Flags. They raised the Avenue of Flags for Flag Day & the 4th of July, as well. They also cleaned up their WWII Memorial.

DISTRICT 4 NEWS ...Trudy Zaffarano, District President

Marion Tanner Unit 29 Basin does not hold general meetings over the summer months. In July, during the last music-in-the-park event in Basin, the Auxiliary provided root beer floats for the public as a community service project. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. In September, we will be providing goodie trays to the Basin school teachers and staff welcoming them back for the school year and starting to work with them on the Americanism essay contest. November will be our Veterans Day program at the school and dinner for the veterans. We will begin planning some goodies to give to the veterans at the local retirement center and November is also our Poppy Day and our members will be busy collecting donations.

Floyd Minch Unit 44 Worland does not hold general meetings through the summer months. They served loaded baked potatoes at their county fair and helped the Legion with their beer tent. They plan to assist the Legion with the beer truck at the "No Woodstock Con-

cert" at the park in TenSleep next weekend and will assist at the yearly Pepsi BBQ cook-off later this month.

Hughes Pittinger Unit 26 Powell continues to be busy throughout the summer including general meetings. Backpacks with school supplies were handed out during July's commodities distribution. They had a bake sale during Park County fair week when the Legion was selling their brats, burgers and hot dogs. A rummage sale was held to help a local dance group raise money for a trip for a dance competition after performing at the Legion honoring their veteran in a patriotic dance performance. Our Girls State candidates have been invited to speak at our annual Legion Picnic to be held at Homesteader Park on August 12th. The Boys State candidates spoke at the last Legion meeting about their experience. We are planning a patriotic theme sip & paint event on September 9th at 4:00 at the Legion. It will be a family event so if interested please attend.

DISTRICT 5 NEWS ...Robin Ruff, District President



Courtesy Photo Above left: Robin Ruff, Pres. Gloria Taylor Vice, Rochelle Pratte Chaplain. Helen Wilson Sgt Arms, Rhonda Gould Historian, Linda Orr Sec/Treas. Tabitha Schultz, Vice. Below left: Unit 25 Moorcroft ice cream social. Below right: Unit 25 Moorcroft Safety Day.



DISTRICT 6 NEWS ...Joyce Menke, District President




Courtesy Photo Above left: Unit 6 dishing out breakfast at Cheyenne Frontier Days. Above right: Josie Sanchez assists with bingo at the VA



Courtesy Photo Above: The Wise family after the presentation of a memorial brick to their mom, Diane Wise for all she does for them and all the Veterans she helps assist with through her role as wife, mom, grandma and she is the President of Unit 60 Auxiliary. We thank her for her service to Veterans.



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