



## *American Legion Auxiliary*

Department of Minnesota  
State Veterans Service Building  
20 W 12<sup>th</sup> St. #314 St Paul MN 55155  
Telephone 651-224-7634 Fax 651-224-5243  
Toll Free 1-888-217-9598  
Email – [deptoffice@mnala.org](mailto:deptoffice@mnala.org)

**Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! (Nov-Dec)**

**HAPPY 98th BIRTHDAY AUXILIARY** – The American Legion Auxiliary celebrates its birthday during the month of November. The Auxiliary was established on November 10, 1919, right here in Minneapolis when the National Legion adopted a resolution establishing the American Legion Auxiliary. We do hope you are planning to celebrate in your Unit!! Thank you for the leadership you have given - and continue to give your Unit as President. The success of our programs depends on having each member in your Unit participate in the area(s) where she can, giving of her time and talents to enhance and enrich the programs. By getting your members involved, you will not only lighten the load for the rest of you but you will also attract new members. Remember to let all of your members know that they can download any or all of the Unit Mailing sheets from our Department website: [www.mnala.org](http://www.mnala.org).

**ALL POPPY ORDERS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017** into Department Office. All payments must accompany your orders. Let's make 100% Unit ordering! If you don't put a shipping date on your order, we will get the poppies out as soon as we can. We have 43 Unit orders so far. The Poppies that have been made so far this year are all from our own Veterans in Minnesota. We have a large supply on hand so if you would like them now, they are available.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK:** Don't forget November 13-17 is American Education Week. If you have not made your plans to honor your teachers and staff, it's time to work on your plans. Make it a joint effort with your Post. Do something special for these wonderful educators.

**ORATORICAL CONTEST:** Is sponsored by The American Legion. Units are encouraged to assist their Posts with this special contest. A brochure and an information sheet with the Department and National rules, as well as the Legion contact person in each District will be mailed to all Units by The American Legion next month. Help your Post with this most important program. Get your schools to have the students participate. After listening to a couple of last year's winners it is simply amazing what these young people can do. As I have been a 3<sup>rd</sup> District judge the past couple of years I have found out what an amazing program this is. Our youth are so talented but we need more entries in this contest.

**DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF** - Just a reminder that the Department of Minnesota office staff is here Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. to help you any way we can. The Department telephone number is 651-224-7634. If we aren't available just leave a message and we will get right back to you. The current staff consists of: Sandie Deutsch, Department Secretary, Jan Lauby, Department Treasurer and Administrative Assistant, Julie Deneffe.

**GIFT SHOP:** Dates set for Gift Shops at all Homes and Hospitals! Volunteers are welcome at all sites.

Hastings: December 7th  
Minneapolis VAMC: December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th  
Silver Bay: December 14th  
St. Cloud VAMC: November 27<sup>th</sup>-29th  
Luverne: December 7th  
Fargo VA: December 5th  
Fergus Falls VA: December 11th  
Minneapolis VA Home: December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7th  
Sioux Falls: December 12<sup>th</sup>

Please remember to "Honor Our Veterans" this month. Do something special for them. Without them who knows where we would be today. From Shorty and my house to each of you, have a Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all. You will receive the next Unit Mailing right after Christmas.

Until next time - - Sandie Deutsch, Department Secretary

