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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED FALL CONFERENCE: If you didn't attend you missed a great learning conference and also a few days to spend time with our American Legion Family members. Thank you President Jean for leading us through a wonderful learning experience. Also, thank you American Legion Family for your generous support of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Silent Auction. Chairman Teri Richardson reported taking in over \$6,100.00. Also, a handmade quilt made and donated by Marilyn Prechal, Mary Jane Grundhoffer and Cathy Herrmann was auctioned off at The American Legion session and brought us \$270.00 more. I can't thank you all enough.

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 97 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 12 - 16 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 3rd 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.

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

Fargo VAMC	December 3 and 6
Minneapolis VAMC	December 4 & 5
Sioux Falls VAMC	December 10
St. Cloud VAMC	November 26-28
Fergus Falls VA Home	December 10
Hastings VA Home	December 6
Luverne VA Home	December 13
Minneapolis VA Home	December 5-6
Silver Bay VA Home	December 13

Please remember to "Honor Our Veterans" this month. Do something special for them. Without them who knows where we would be today. As we go through the next couple of months, remember those who aren't quite as fortunate as we are. Look for all the different ways there are to help them out. From our house to yours – Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Until next time - - Sandie Deutsch, Department Secretary

