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AMERICAN LEGION PIERRE POST 8

HOME OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH.



A call to salute one of the Navy's best.

Color guard units from the V.F.W. Post 2038, Legion Post 8 and D.A.V Chapter 18 were on hand to celebrate the 100th birthday of Gerry Sylvia of Fort Pierre. Gerry is a long time resident of area and is well known and loved. He retired from the Navy at the full rank of Commander and was involved three world conflicts; WW II, Korea and Vietnam.

The award for a lifetime of caring.

Mansour Karim was selected by the Department of South Dakota, American Legion for this years' Good Samaritan award. In the photo presenting the award to Mansour Karim was District 3 Commander LeRoy Madsen, and Post 8 Adjutant Ted Spencer who nominated Mansour Karim for the award.



New year and new administrations for both Post 8 and Unit 8.

Randy Dickerson, Ted Spencer, Mike Mehlhaff, John Fette, Hal Rumpca, Ralph Bush, Mike Wells, Ollie Redden, Gary Derzab, Dave Bechard. Missing were Bob McDonald and Elton Blemaster. Performing the ceremony was District 3 Commander LeRoy Madsen.



This years' Auxiliary leadership is headed up by

Patsy Madsen, Jalaine Fette, Dorothy Collett, Diane Sullivan, Norma Unruh and Anita Cass. Administering the oath of office is Helen Zander. This year will be a fun challenge for these ladies as they try to come up with new ideas for unit.



Girls, girls and girls all ready for Girls State.

The cabin played host to the Auxiliary District 3 girls who qualified to attend this years' Girls State on the campus of University of South Dakota. The Pierre Auxiliary Unit 8 had nine (9) girls attending this year.



The support is very much appreciated

Always there to lend a helping hand the ladies of the Pierre Legion Auxiliary presented a donation to the Pierre Junior Shooters as the Shooters prepare for a trip to Rogers, Arkansas to participate in the National Daisy BB gun tournament. Auxiliary President Patsy Madsen is shown here presenting the donation to Head Coach Jonathan Hays as a few of the members of the Shooters look on.



The first of its' kind for the cabin events a "Tea party"

The Auxiliary Unit 8 hosted a Tea party event in May for all the ladies in the community. There was food, games, prizes and entertainment and of course Tea. The event was planned and organized just for fun and enjoyment to those who attended.

From Chaplain John Fettes' desk to you.

- Edgewood visit to Bill Zimmerman gift card and birthday card.
- Parkwood visit to Lee Vaughn and Jake Weischedel gift card and birthday card.
- Veteran gravesite flags set up at Riverside and Calvary cemeteries for the Memorial Day observance.



The Benediction



Guest speaker



Master of ceremonies



Placing the wreaths of remembrances



Always there to help ladies of the Pierre Auxiliary served up the luncheon.



As in times long ago after visiting the final resting place of loved ones or attending a program a luncheon is served and the reminiscing begins.

Memorial Day 2017

A beautiful warm day here in Pierre with local families gathering to celebrate Memorial Day and the beginning of summer. American Legion Pierre Post 8 played host to the community with the Memorial Day program held at the T.F.Riggs High School theater and providing a light luncheon afterwards. The high school program was attended by no less then 150 people. Post 8 Assistance Chaplain Mark Erickson gave both the benediction and evocation. This year guest speaker was Post 8 Chaplain John Fette a combat wounded Marine from the Vietnam War. His topic was entitled "The Human Cost of Liberty and Freedom." With Ted Spencer, Post 8 Vice Commander, acting as Master of Ceremonies and the City band under the direction of Larry Johnson, the program ran smooth as a silk scarf in a breeze. The ladies of Unit 8 Legion Auxiliary were waiting to serve up lunch at the Legion cabin. the ladies reported that they ran out of Traven's (a fancy soppo joe) and only had a baker's dozen left of sugar cookies. As the last lunch guest exited the cabin the sights and sounds of summer arrived. A small group of boys were spotted walking and talking with their fishing poles towards the river and from over the Missouri River bridge you could heard in the distend as a group of motorcycles roaring to life. From the South Dakota capital city we hope you have a safe and memorable summer.



A big thank you for your help.

For the past three years the local Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron has provided help to the Post at various times and events. the extra manpower is greatly appreciated. Pictured is Post Commander Randy Dickerson presenting a donation to the local Squadron Commander Jon Decker.

"and the honored tradition continues."

From the very beginnings of the Pierre Legion Relays, the honor of posting the colors was always Pierre Post 8s'. This years' honor fall to Sargent at Arms Michael Wells and his team veterans. Pictures from left to right; 2nd rifle man Ralph Bush, US Air Force, 28 Bomb Wing, 1st flag bearer Richard Hines, US Army, 1st Amour Calvary, 2nd flag bearer David Bechard, US Navy, 6th Fleet and 1st rifle man Michael Wells, US Air Force, 44th Missile Security Squadron. As the color guard advanced on to the field all the high school athletes' stand up and remained silent and still until the color guard came to a halt at mid field. The national anthem started and all the students sang loud and clear so that you could hear them over the music. And then the whole field fall silent again until the color guard exited the field. Patriotism is still a live and well in Pierre.





We love you guys

The entire Pierre Junior Shooters (pictured above the kids standing in the orange shirts) were invited to dinner this last May meeting. This gave the members an opportunity to say thank you to the Post legionnaires who have supported them and introduce themselves and tell a little bit about themselves. This years' national competition for the Daisy BB gun championship will be held in Rogers, Arkansas. From all across the nation youth teams come to try and unseat the Pierre Junior Shooters as national champions. If Pierre wins again it will mark the nine time the Junior Shooters are the National champions.



VEVA meets the challenge

The Ardis Townsend challenge calls for local organizations and individuals to donation food items or cash to the Pierre Area Referral (PAR)-Food Pantry for the needy. This year VEVA gathered over 450 pounds of non-perishable food items for the cause. Delivering the goody's this year and pictured with Laura White Director of PAR was Ken Phillips, Wade Hubbard and Bill Welch.



And now for something totally Different

Ken Rausch is a grandpa for the first time. He don't know the name of his grandson yet cause his daughter has not selected a name for her newborn. But sources told us that the little guy is not a Kenneth. Any way who cares the kids' cute.



Memorial Day tradition

The cleaning of the monuments at Capital Lake has been a tradition for VEVA for years. This year the weather was good for short sleeve tee shirts. Cleaning at the flaming fountain was left to right; Jon Noyes, Ken Rausch and Jim Pollock. Below pictured is John Fette and Wade Hubbard both



That's all folks

At the May meeting for the Vietnam Era Veterans Association all the members voted to take the summer month off and not met until September. So from Reggie Wood, Jon Noyes, John Fette, Bill Welch, Jamie Damon, Wade Hubbard and Ken Rausch— see you.





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We are sponsoring another leather jacket raffle.

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All proceeds go to the Post Chaplain fund

And

The Post Program and Entertainment fund.