

EBITES & BITES
January 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

January 2025 has arrived and as such we are halfway through the 2024-2025 auxiliary year. Many of the auxiliaries did amazing things to assist veterans, families and communities in 2024. Thank you all for all the countless hours of volunteer service and the finances you use to support veterans.

So far this year as your Department President I have visited numerous auxiliaries and had great conversations on the service projects they had done and were continuing to do. I have visited the VA Centers in Hot Springs, Sturgis and Sioux Falls S.D. Due to these visits I am better able to see the needs of the facilities for their veteran clients and every time I put out a need or challenge you all responded in amazing ways to get the much-needed items for them.

The diaper challenge is still an ongoing project for the year until the Department conference in June. In March I will have a table at the 4th annual Women's Veterans Event in Sioux Falls. The diaper needs for the table are sizes 1, 2 and 3 as I have larger sizes. If able to provide some please bring to the Legislative Conference in Pierre, S.D. on January 12 and 13, 2025. Thank you for all the diapers that have been donated, collected and distributed. A big thank you to Patti Mitchell and her diaper drive at the Day County Coyote Hunt. A large donation from the hunting participants will help many veteran and active-duty families.

Legislative Conference 12 and 13, 2025 will be held in Pierre S.D. at AmericInn.

Sunday January 12, 2025: 10am Budget and Audit Meetings

11am Lunch on your own

1pm Council of Administration meeting

6pm Dinner at Moose Lodge for registered attendees.

Monday January 13, 2025: 9am Speakers at AmericInn for Post and Auxiliary members

9am VOD, PP, And Teachers of the Year to State Capital

12pm Luncheon for VOD, PP And Teachers of the Year and registered Attendees followed by Awards presentations.

530pm Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and 2 drink tickets for Registered attendees.

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