

## Sparrow Wins 2024 Unit Member of the Year

James Roberts Unit #124 of McClusky proudly and enthusiastically nominated Deb Sparrow for the 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year. At Department Convention, Past Presidents Parley Chairman Sharon White Bear presented a gift card and certificate to Unit 124 President Lynn Helm on behalf of Deb, who was unable to attend. Deb's dedication to our veterans and her service were celebrated by the McClusky unit.

In their nomination, unit members described Deb as one who exemplifies the values and ideals of the Auxiliary to the utmost degree. Her impact on the program of work in the McClusky unit is without measure.

Deb further shows dedication to her community by playing organ and supporting other church projects. Deb has served on election boards and, of course, votes as is her duty as a citizen. Veterans are always on Deb's mind when doing activities with the Auxiliary. Honesty, dependability, and responsibility are all character traits of Deb. She is respectful to all she encounters. Along with all these characteristics, Deb is a retired school speech therapist, who served children in three schools for several decades. Finally, Deb is a dedicated wife of a rancher/farmer and is an enthusiastic supporter of her children and grandchildren as well.

Deb Sparrow has held several local unit offices including secretary, historian, public relations chair, and most importantly, junior leader. With the support of our unit, she was the member responsible for the revitalization of our Junior Auxiliary. While we have always had Junior members, the group had not been active for many years. Several years ago, Deb restarted the program and gave it new energy. The Junior members have been a vital part of our program activities since then because of Deb's leadership and encouragement. She has taught our young members patriotism by example and the Junior members have responded to this with enthusiasm. Members of the McClusky unit are proud of and grateful for Deb's contributions to her family, community, veterans, and our unit.

Information submitted by McClusky unit members