

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL DISTRICT 5 UNITS

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Today is the day after Thanksgiving. We didn't get to spend time with all our family because of work commitments on their end, but we did get to spend time with a niece and her new husband of 8 months. They are from Phoenix, Arizona born and bred. The reason they were up here in N.D. is because he has just finished basic training and his tech schools and his first military base is Minot. They drove up here in two cars filled with the basics, 2 dogs and a cat in a kennel. The weather here is 180 degrees different from Arizona and of course they were bundled up like Eskimos and telling of their first time driving on ice and snow. They had an event free trip, no mishaps along the way.

I am telling you all this because I couldn't have been prouder of this young man who is so very excited to serve his country. This is the first time they are away from home, family and friends for the holidays, and you can bet this won't be the last. I asked him why he joined and he said he always wanted to be part of the military and he chose a career field that he will be able to fall back on in the civilian community if and when he leaves the service.

He was equally impressed when I told him about the American Legion and the Auxiliary, of what we are doing and why we are doing it. I hope we will be able to continue helping our Veterans the way we have in the past and (here it comes) **the only way to do this is to keep our membership growing.** We cannot do the programs we have already in place or new ones without the dues from our rejoining members and all the new members we really need. Please put this on your shopping list, at least one new member from each unit this holiday season.

The Winter Conference is coming up Jan 31-Feb.2 so I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and everyone will get there safely. More info will be coming your way and always read the Messenger, there will be more about the Conference in there.

Mid-year reports are due so please take a few minutes to get these out to me and I will get them to the right chairmen.

I will be calling your membership chairman to get the numbers that I will pass along to Judy Tweete, our Dept. Membership Chairman in the next week or so. They can also e-mail me if they wish. wiltonaux@yahoo.com

I want to wish you all a Blessed holiday season, Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

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