

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members! I am honored to serve as your District 7 President. I am a proud member of the Schafer-Boye-Lange Unit 69 in Flasher, starting as a Junior member -- many years ago! I am eligible for membership through my father, John A. Schafer (Korean War), my brother, Brady J. Schafer (Career U.S. Army, Retired), and my grandfather, Michael J. Schafer (WWI). I am proud to be carrying on a family tradition of active involvement in the North Dakota American Legion and Auxiliary!

I hope you are planning to attend the Fall District Meeting. This is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, share ideas, and make plans for the coming year. I will be sending details of the Fall Meeting to each unit as soon as plans are finalized.

The office of District 7 Vice President has not been filled. I would encourage each of you to consider volunteering to serve in that capacity. I can assure you it is a very rewarding experience and a great way to continue to serve veterans in your community and in North Dakota. If you would like more information, please contact me at district7@ndala.org or 701.391.9617.

It's membership renewal time! Don't miss your chance to renew your membership in the world's largest patriotic women's organization. Membership dues can be paid to your local membership chairman or online at ALAforVeterans.org.

Please take a moment to share what is happening in your units by sending an email to communications@ndala.org. The Communications Committee will facilitate posting the information on the Department's website at ndala.org. There are so many great programs and activities happening all across the state. Share the good news!

If you have not sent in your list of officers for the 2017-18 membership year, please do so as soon as possible. I intend to personally communicate with each of the units in District 7 and I need your contact information to do that. I hope to visit each unit at some time during my term as President and look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

Remember to keep your unit's tax-exempt status current by filing the 990-N form each year. If your unit's status has been revoked or you are not sure of your status, please contact me. We can work together to ensure that your tax-exempt status is up-to-date.

Thank you to each of you for what you do for veterans. In the Spirit of Service, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, our military and their families. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. Keep up the important work you are doing in your communities!

Candy Schafer

District 7 President