



# THE MESSAGE

North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary  
 1801 23rd Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102  
 www.ndala.org • facebook.com/NorthDakotaALA

## Arla Roth, Past President gives money to ND Veteran's Home



Arla Roth, Past President of ALA Dept. of ND presented Mark Johnson, Administrator of the North Dakota Veteran's Home at Lisbon, ND with a check for \$5000 to be used for a table saw and other tools for the new work shop. The money was raised through the sales of her pins, a quilt raffle and crocheted poppy pins.

## Washington DC Conference



Marlene Boyer, Department President and Marlys Aubol, Alternate NEC were in Washington, DC from Friday, February 19 until Wednesday, February 24. The items that were completed were National Executive Board Meeting, Strengthening our Departments through Veterans Grants, Reaching and Serving our Military with a Base Access on Sunday. On Monday there was a general session with the parade of checks for Auxiliary Emergency Fund,

where on Tuesday they had a Commander's Call & Know Before You Go Workshop. On Wednesday, the last day they were there they sat in on National Commander Testimony on Capitol Hill. These were many jammed packed days of talking to the other departments and learning that we are all in this together and that together we will make the difference for our Veterans, their families, and the communities that we live in.

## Winter Conference 2016

Winter Conference took place on January 29 – January 31, 2016 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, ND. The Bismarck unit was the host city and was at the registration desk. On Friday, Jan. 29 we began the conference with a DEC meeting that went over all of the items that a normal meeting consists of. The Disbandment of Stanley was voted on and accepted. The finance board brought the budget to the meeting and this was accepted.

Holly Eslinger brought up some good questions on communication and this is something that we are continually working on. It was brought up of those that have not paid there mandatory payments. Alexander, Leeds, Kindred,

Rhame, Gwinner, Rolette, Knox, Hoople, Mandaree, and Benedict have not payments to the mandatory payment list. Discussion was made about the district meetings, Gladys Ray Shelter, Gift Shops in Fargo and Lisbon.

Joint meetings we were introduced to the Service Dogs of America. This was a very interesting presentation and a very worthwhile program that the veterans are taking advantage of. Presentations were made by the Lisbon Veterans Home, the music camp, and many more interesting presentations.

In the afternoon on Saturday we were entertained by the Oratorical Contest. The evening of Saturday we had

our meal and the American Legion Band played for our entertainment. On Saturday we had a presentation by Judy Twete, NW Division National VP. She had a presentation on the strategic plan, with Cat Olson getting input from the others for the direction of North Dakota.

On Sunday we had a short meeting with a memorial service for the departed Past Department President Marilyn Hanson. At 10 am there was a joint memorial service that finished out the conference for 2016.

Shirley Montgomery  
 Department Secretary



## Department President

The 2016 Winter Conference has come and gone. I hope that all of you enjoyed the excellent speeches by leading candidate for National Commander Charles Schmidt from Oregon and our own NW Division National Vice President Judy Twete from McVille, ND.

At the joint meeting on Saturday morning, Annie Strickland from Jud, ND, gave a presentation on Service Dogs for America. She stressed the need to place these trained dogs with veterans without causing a financial burden. We can all help change the lives of our veterans with donations to this worthy project.

Later in the afternoon, District 4 hosted a reception for Judy and myself. We thank Elsie Goldsmith for organizing this for us. Thank you, also, to Mary Ann Gefroh for making the cake. It was delicious. Saturday evening, the ND American Legion Dance Band entertained us. It was a whirlwind weekend, but much was accomplished.

If you were not able to attend the meetings, here is a short recap:

-The 990-N tax-exempt form must be filled out by every unit, every year, and on time. Remember to make copies and pass the information on to the next treasurer.

-A BIG thank you for all your donations for the Gladys Ray Shelter (more coffee!), YWCA, Veterans' Hospital, and gift shops. Please continue collecting items for all of the above and bring to the spring District meeting or the Department Convention in June. There is again a need for buddy baskets. Send monetary donations to the Department office and VA & R Chairman Mavis Goodroad will gladly shop for you.

-Spring District meetings will be held March 28-April 1 and April 11-15.

-Thank you to all who helped work on the Strategic Planning Committee. We finally accomplished a few of our goals.

-We are in need of nominations for Department Vice President and Historian by convention time. Please consider these leadership roles. Vice President Mavis Goodroad was endorsed for President Elect. Current Department Secretary Shirley Montgomery, Treasurer LaVonne Matthews, and Chaplain Beverly Wolff were endorsed for another term. Elections will be held at the June Convention. Diane Kraemer will be installed as Department President.

-Keep collecting memberships and get them to Shirley in the office in a timely manner. As of 2-17-16, North Dakota is 25th in the nation for target dates with 70.38% membership reported. Keep up the good work and thank you for your efforts.

-Report your ALA service hours. By reporting all the work we do for veterans and their families, the Auxiliary is better able to promote brand awareness and attract new members.

-All Department Chairmen are required to submit a year-end report by May 15, 2016, to their respective division chairmen and/or the national chairmen. This will be discussed at spring meetings. You can use either narrative or impact reporting to accomplish this.

-Girls State will be held June 5-10, 2016. If you need brochures or more information, please contact Dana Thoreson at ndgirlsstate@gmail.com or 701-776-6824. You can also get more information from the Department office.

I am sure I forgot something important, but will try to address more at spring District meetings. Hope you are able to fill District President and Vice-President positions. I certainly appreciate your hard work in keeping your units informed of upcoming events.

I am looking forward to the Washington, D.C., conference. I remember Senator Hoeven telling us at one of the conventions that Congress listens to the Legion-particularly the organization's legislative arm, which works with elected officials every day to introduce and pass bills that protect or improve veterans' benefits. We depend on our Legionnaires to stay on top of important Washington issues and let the Legion voice be heard loud and clear.

Thank you to all of our Legionnaires and to our men and women in uniform who have given so much to keep us safe and free.

Blessings,

**Marlene Boyer**  
Department President



Marlene Boyer

## Department Secretary

It is becoming longer days and more work to be done with the upcoming Department Convention in Fargo, ND. Being this is my first year of working with everything in the Department it has been a high learning curve. With the winter conference under my belt and learning what is expected of me I really appreciate that everyone knows that I am trying the hardest that I can. If there is anything that I can do to help your unit please contact me because right at this time I have a little more time to help because I have a helper and this frees me up a little to get the things that I absolutely need to get done.

I would like to reach out to the units that are having a hard time with all of the work that is required of them so that I can make sure that your unit and community will feel the generous giving that we as Auxiliary members do. Take time to yourself and find that balance between what you do and what you would like to do.

Right now I have a saying that I shared at the winter conference and I would like all of you to think about this "If you don't ask... the answer is always no. If you don't go after what you want... you'll never have it. If you don't step forward... you're always in the same spot. I think that we need to ask those young people for a small item and then praise them for what they have done. Next thing you know they will want to take over and do one or more tasks for your unit.

Hoping everything is great with your unit and that if you need help that you will contact me and see what I can do to help you. After all we are all in this together and we need to lean on those that are willing to step forward

**Shirley Montgomery**  
Department Secretary



Shirley Montgomery



## Valentines for Veterans



The public joined the Auxiliary to make Valentines for Veterans at the Legion Club on January 20, 2016. We were advertised in the Minot Daily newspaper. Minot area schools were contacted in December to participate in making valentines. Also, an apartment unit contributed 184 hand-made valentines. Our goal was a deadline of January 29. A total of 1,460 valentines were collected and distributed to veterans

in four nursing homes, five assisted-living homes, and several Alzheimer's units. Valentines were also sent to the Lisbon Veterans Home, Minot Air Force Base, Army National Guard, and veterans at Minot State College.

**Carol Crabbe-VA&R Chairman**  
Unit 26, Minot ND  
February 2016 Program

## District 4 News for You

Thank you to those who attended the reception for President Marlene Boyer and Northwest Division Vice President Judy Twete at Winter Conference. Members from District 4 were hostesses, with all District Presidents donating to expenses. Sixty-seven people enjoy cake, peanuts, coffee, punch, greeting Marlene, Judy and visiting with friends.



It was a very good conference with lots of new and up-dated information. President Marlene presided over the ALA meetings. Greetings were presented by Judy. President Elect Diane is working on information for all District President and District Vice President/Secretary note books. Information will be up-to-date and are to be passed on as new officers are elected.

A big thank you to all units bringing and continuing to support the VAMC, Gladys Ray Shelter and the YWCA. Car loads of items were collected at all fall district meetings. Continue to collect and bring to the spring district meeting or June convention. Once again, there is a need for Buddy Baskets in Fargo. Monetary donations can be sent to the office any time. Be sure and designated the recipient/s. Vacation time is just around the corner. Save the motel personal items for the VAMC as they use travel size shampoos, soaps, etc.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Judith Williams, who passed away Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Her funeral was Tues, 16<sup>th</sup>, in Streeter. At the time of her death, Judith was District 4 Vice President/secretary and a RoYal ALA member belonging to the Streeter Unit. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Our spring meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, in Jamestown at the All Vets Club. We must elect a new president and vice president/secretary. Please contact me with your questions about these offices.

2016 National Convention will be Aug. 26 – Sept 1 in Cincinnati, OH.

"Their Sacrifice – Our Freedom."

**Elsie J. Goldsmith**  
District 4 President.  
PO Box 248  
Streeter, ND 58483

## The spring district meetings are coming up

- 1 – Fargo..... Friday, April 15, 2016
- 2 – Larimore..... Monday, April 11, 2016
- 3 – Devils Lake ..... Tuesday, April 12, 2016
- 4 – Jamestown ..... Wednesday, April 13, 2016
- 5 – Bismarck ..... Thursday, March 31, 2016
- 6 – Minot ..... Monday, March 28, 2016
- 7 – Cannon Ball ..... Friday, April 1, 2016
- 8 – Belfield ..... Wednesday, March 30, 2016
- 9 – Tioga ..... Tuesday, March 29, 2016
- 10 – Rutland..... Thursday, April 14, 2016

## Membership Chairman

### MEMBERSHIP QUESTION FOR YOU?

We have a member, Mrs. Geraldine Holien from Cando, who has herself, 1 daughter, 10 granddaughters and 8 great granddaughters as members. I really think it is outstanding. Do we have any other Auxiliary members who have that many or more as members of the Auxiliary. Please let the Department Secretary or me know.



**Diane Kraemer**  
President-Elect/Membership Chairman

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Hello Everyone!

It was great to see all of you at Winter Conference. It is always fun to catch up on what is happening in your lives. Thanks to all of you for the car full of items you sent back with me for the Gladys Ray Shelter. They so appreciated everything! Of course, the coffee was more than welcome since it turned very cold again.



Keep up with all the good work you do for the the veterans and their families. I hope you are writing down all the hours and number of veterans that you serve for your April reports.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Sincerely,

**Mavis Goodroad**

Department VA&R Chairman

## REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

### Americanism Essay Contest

Eileen Vondra asked me to have a notice put in the Message that unit winners for the Americanism essay contest need to be sent to her by April 1st. So this gives her time from April 1 to April 15 to judge for the Department winner. Thank you for your help.

**Shirley Montgomery**

### In A Few Short Statements How Can We Create a Culture of Good Will and Deliver the ALA Mission?

Good Will... Mission Focused... Fair election processes... Train members how to work together... Create guidelines... Embrace all members... Reflect and take advantage of diversity... Work on membership retention... Create a on-line membership program... Simplify... Create more awareness of Jr., Girls State and Girls Nation Members... Review due structure... Move to get 2 year plus terms for leadership office consistency... Grow new leaders through mentorship... Don't use the term "My Year"... Review training possibilities in department, district and units... Focus on relevancy and impact of the ALA... Simplify implementation of Strategic Plan at the unit level... Be bold... Embrace change... Be relevant in a short, concise manner... Fulfill the mission of the ALA by supporting the serving military and veterans... BE KIND!

**Remember if not now, when? If not you, who?**

## Communication Letter

Hello Auxiliary Members!

Hope you are having a great February so far. I can't believe we just finished the Winter Conference and our spring District meetings are already right around the corner.

I am writing to make you aware of a newer committee that has recently been made official at the Department (state) level. The Communications Committee has been around for the past three years as an "idea in progress". At the 2015 Convention in June, it was voted on and instituted as a permanent committee listed in the Department Constitution and Bylaws. The Committee consists of three people, one of whom is the Chairman.

This is distinctly different from Public Relations, which is charged with **external** interactions with the public who are not part of our organization. The Communications Committee is charged with enhancing and improving communication with our members **internally**. This is achieved through existing print and digital methods such as *The Message*, unit mailings, our website, and Facebook. However, we will be working closely with Public Relations to help disburse information.

The following are some of the things the Communications Committee is working on:

#### Department website: [ndala.org](http://ndala.org)

Our team is working to update and enhance the state website. We can use any input you might have on improving our current product. We especially need you to send us news and information to put on the website. If you haven't visited our site lately, check it out!

#### Department Facebook page:

[facebook.com/NorthDakotaALA](https://www.facebook.com/NorthDakotaALA)

Take a few minutes to visit the site and like us or post comments. We can also use pictures and information to make this site more dynamic.

#### Department email distribution list or "listserv"

We have been collecting email addresses over the last year and hope to have an initial message out soon. If you would like to subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [communications@ndala.org](mailto:communications@ndala.org) with "subscribe" in the subject line. We envision this as a place to inform people of Unit, District, and Department news and upcoming events.

If you would like your content to also be included in the print version of *The Message*, please email it to [secretary@ndala.org](mailto:secretary@ndala.org) or mail it to the Department office.

Even though the items above are all digital, we are not trying to exclude our members that may not have computers or email. Please utilize your digital resources as an opportunity to help other members. If you have a computer, bring it to a meeting and show the Facebook page and website to members. Maybe print a few copies of the listserv message and bring or mail to members who may prefer a paper copy. These extra tools can help our organization grow and change in a positive way for the future.

In closing, I encourage you to start reporting on what your units are doing for internal communication. Also, send us your information and showcase how your members are helping veterans! Below, I have listed the contact information for me/committee and the state office.

Thank you,

#### Communications Committee

Shauna Dubuque (Chairman)

Holly Eslinger

Catherine Olson

Telephone: 701-793-5786

Email: [communications@ndala.org](mailto:communications@ndala.org)

**ALA Department of North Dakota**

1801 23rd Ave N

Fargo, ND 58102

Fargo, ND 58108

## Top 5 Strategies

Thank you for your patience; I am finally getting back to the strategic plan. I have all the posters hung up around my family room right now, similar to how they were posted at Winter Conference.

I thought you'd be curious as to how members ranked the various strategies. Here are the top five **strategies**, with the points listed first:

1. 218 Invest in opportunities to attract, engage and retain members. *(There is a very good likelihood that by the end of today the initiatives under this one will get rearranged, moved, etc. There are more here than any other strategy; this one need the most "clean up" work)*

2. 170 Develop an orientation and mentorship program

3. 123 Define, cultivate and preserve a culture that fully reflects ALA core values

4. 96 Excel at Communication

5. 88 Develop pride and passion in eligibility of membership.

For fun, I added up the total points under each **goal**. This wasn't how we asked members to rank things, but I was curious how it would turn out.

• 250 Goal 3: Develop leadership at all levels

• 249 Goal 4: Strengthen Department and Units

• 218 Goal 1: Encourage Units to retain and grow membership in order to assist in attaining in the National goal of one million members by 2019.

• 159 Goal 2: Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill and Civility.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

• 81 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

## Children & Youth

April is designated Children and Youth month, however, it's obvious from your mid-year reports that you work for our youth all year long! You may not think you do very much because your unit has only a few members who attend meetings and it's the same ladies who show up to work all of the time; ladies don't give in to feeling so "small", you are doing "Big" things for the well-being of our youth!

Because you keep doing the things you do, you are building our children's self-esteem each time you support Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Legion Baseball and the many other organizations our children belong to. When you adopt veterans and their family and provide them with clothing, basic needs and school supplies you give them a feeling of self-worth. You show how much you care about the well-being of children when you donate warm hats and gloves to school children and recognize teachers for their dedication.

When you give your flag presentations, or talk to the girls about Girls State, and inform the seniors about the scholarships offered you are mentoring our youth.

Because you care, is reason enough to feel good about what your unit is doing. I would really like to add all of these wonderful things in my report this May. Realizing how hard it is to track how much time we give, how much money we spend and nearly impossible how many people we touch, I beg you, even if you think it wasn't much, write it down and give me your best estimated guess. By mid-year we have donated 108 hours and \$3404.67 and helped 425 children, of which 9 were military children. These numbers are from only 8 units reporting. Imagine if 100 units reported.

Thank you for what you do to keep the promise to our veterans and their families!

**C&Y and Jr Activities Chairman**

**Georgette Dorval**

## Devotion Mirror

Let us bow our heads and hearts in prayer, each in our own faith.

Dear Lord, we pray for peace among all people on earth. Help us to understand our neighbors and to be thoughtful of all beings. Give us strength to be compassionate and caring for those people that need our care and understanding. Guide our service to God and Country, as an organization of individuals, that we may make a difference in the lives of our children and youth, our veterans, especially the homeless veterans and our members. We pray for Your understanding and guidance in all we do.

In Your Name, Amen.

**Bev Wolff**

Department Chaplain



## Christmas for Veterans

By Melissa Krause mkrause@willistonherald.com  
Dec 11, 2015

WILLISTON, N.D - Sandy Hampton greeted and ushered people about Bethel Lutheran Home like a fine-tuned orchestra-not a note had been missed. Going on the 15th year since she's put on the Christmas for Veterans, she has ensured they haven't been forgotten during the holiday season.

The Christmas tree sparkled with ornate decoration and the stage was full of wrapped gifts. Veterans culminated from area nursing homes and took a seat around tables with handcrafted centerpieces from St. Joseph's 6th graders, so they could all celebrate as a unit bonded by their service.

Everyone had their place as Williams County Veterans Service Officer, Grant Carns took the stage to begin the afternoon of performances, speeches, and members of honor.

"It's very humbling to speak and serve to members of

our armed forces," Carns said.

After the customary songs were sung and hands fell from salute after the pledge of allegiance, St. Joseph's 6th grade class took the stage. Half of the class began reading from the story of America's White Table while the others set up the table in the room with items of significance.

"That was amazing it's one of my favorite things to watch especially when the youth of our nation does that presentation," Carns said. "I've seen color guard and honor guard do that presentation but watching the youth do it, touches a special place as it should in all of us."

The servicemen from the Army National Guard ascended on the plates of food that Blondies Catering was working diligently on preparing and began handing them out to the seated veterans.

Awaiting his plate, WWII Supply Sergeant, Coleman Barry, was quick to tell stories for anyone that would turn an ear to listen and sometimes insert a joke.

"We have a tradition in my family," said the 92-year-old Barry. "When we see someone being too uptight we come up with ridiculous reasons to make them smile."

"I knew many of these veterans when I worked as a V.O. for 30 years," said Bob Evans. "It's always nice to come up here and shake hands. It's a very pleasant thing to do to be able to come up here and say 'hi.'"

City officials and familiar faces in the Williston community came to be apart of honoring the former servicemen.

After the meals had been finished and plates were being cleared, Hampton took to the stage to hand out presents for every veteran in attendance much of which was sponsored but the American Legion Post #37.

"It takes her 3 months to do it," said Carns. "It's amazing that she's been able to do this for so many years."

"We're proud that you're all veterans and that we could all do this for you," said Hampton.



Current National Guardsmen take part in Veterans Christmas festivities Thursday at Bethel Lutheran.



Coleman Berry, a WWII veteran was part of Veterans Christmas festivities at the Bethel Lutheran Nursing home on Thursday.



Active and former members of the military enjoy a Christmas meal.

## ALAMIS

Are you ready to make member address and name changes, run Unit reports and enter new member information any time you wish? If yes, then ALAMIS access is for you!

The cost is \$10 per account per year. If interested, send the Department office your name, email address and \$10.



## Community Service

Hello my name is Joan Lasher and I am the 2015-2016 Department Community Service Chairman. I am a member of the James Roberts Auxiliary Unit #124, District 4, McClusky ND.

I wish to thank all of you that sent in your mid-year reports in December! It is not too late for all units to report their community service activities for the whole year, by including all activities in the end of year reports by the **April 15, 2016** deadline. Narrative and Impact Reports may be submitted on the *Narrative Report Form and North Dakota Impact Report* or any format desired by the person submitting reports. Community Service reports are to be sent to me and to their NW Division Chairman.

Please call me if you have any questions. Remember that anything you do in your community to help our veterans, their families and children are a worthwhile ALA activity and should be reported in your mid-year or year-end reports.

**Joan Lasher**  
Community Service Chairman  
PO Box 406  
McClusky ND 58463  
701-363-2770 (H)  
701-400-1137 (C)  
[communityservice@ndala.org](mailto:communityservice@ndala.org)

## In Memoriam

### District 1

Annie Gast, Fargo  
Marion Devlin, Hope  
Bonita Didier, Hope  
Marlys Miller, Buffalo  
Bonnie Lorz, Fargo  
Coral Trochmann, Fargo  
Elaine Rygg, Portland  
Ardis Ihry, Hope

### District 2

Bonnie Farrell, Larimore  
Stephanie Gestson, Edinburg  
Margaret Campbell, Grafton  
Donna Hein, Grafton  
Eileen Anderson, Grand Forks  
Evelyn Haas, Grand Forks  
Joy Gilleshammer, Grafton  
Evalyne Puchalski, Saint Thomas  
Jacqueline Farrell, Larimore  
Hilda Andrews, Mountain

### District 3

Olyndia Pigeon, Dunseith  
Phyllis Campbell, Dunseith  
Thelma Pownell, York  
Gertrude Whalen, York

### District 4

Alvina Severson, Fessenden  
Mary Grauman, Fessenden  
Mary Young, Jamestown  
Gloria Peterson, Carrington  
Anetta Burkle, Gackle  
Wilma Hobson, Carrington

### District 5

Lorrene Schiermeister, Linton

Esther Pfeifle, Napoleon  
Irene Jahner, Linton  
Ruth Ryckman, Linton  
Marion Olson, Turtle Lake

### District 6

Jane Rostad, Donnybrook

### District 7

Gladys Wutzke, Elgin  
Doris Templeton, Almont  
Harriet Meyhoff, Center

### District 8

Rose Margaret Redmond, Belfield  
Regina Roth, Mott  
Helen Lindbo, Belfield  
Emmie Lutz, Mott

### District 9

Helen Stringer, Parshall  
Carah Quamme, Stanley  
Donna Crowley, Crosby  
S Clarice Sevalson, New Town  
Hazel Spitzer, Parshall  
Lucille Anderson, Stanley  
Elvira Lokken, Wildrose

### District 10

Darleen Doberstein, Wahpeton  
Jean Zetocha, Gwinne  
Jane Zimbelman, Oakes  
Connie Mueller, Ellendale  
Helen Tangen, Lisbon

We regret any errors or omissions. Please notify the Department office of any errors so they may be corrected.

## 2015-2016 Department Contact Information

1801 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave N  
Fargo, ND 58102  
701-253-5992  
[secretary@ndala.org](mailto:secretary@ndala.org)  
<http://ndala.org>  
Follow on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/NorthDakotaALA](http://www.facebook.com/NorthDakotaALA)

## 2015-2016 Department Office Hours

Monday 10am-6pm  
Tuesday 10am-6pm  
Wednesdays 2pm-10pm  
Thursdays 9am-1pm  
Fridays 9am-1pm