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The Newsletter of The American Legion
Auxiliary Department of North Dakota

THE MESSAGE

“Reaching Out to Our Veterans”

From the Desk of Myrna Ronholm

Greetings to all Auxiliary members!
Thank you for electing me as your President for this year and thank you to all that were able to remain after the Convention for the Installation. I know the afternoon became long and I appreciate your staying around for the event.

After reading the list of activities and expectations of the President, it is clear the year will be exciting and with many challenges. Thankfully, we have a very active, involved membership. Our main focus, as given in our Preamble, is to work with the Legion and support our Veterans whose effort has been to help our country remain strong. In keeping our country strong and secure, our Veterans have given of themselves. For the year 2010-11, I have chosen the theme “Reaching out to our Veterans” with the symbol being an open hand reaching out to all.

Our programs are varied. Some directly involve helping those who served or are now serving in our military (transportation, hospital visits, personal care items, etc). There are programs to assist veterans indirectly through community involvement or specific needs of their families (Emergency Fund, . Our programs for all our children may be direct (scholarships, school supplies, books, flag etiquette lessons, etc) or indirect (Children’s Miracle Network, McDonald Houses, food drives, etc). An unstated purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary

is to support a n d encourage a P a t r i o t i c a t t i t u d e among our citizens. In following our programs, Reaching Out To Our Veterans, we will accomplish that goal.

We have a wonderful group of ladies as chairpersons and I ask all members and units to support them in their work. Choose the programs your unit will be able to apply in your area and send in your reports as asked. Watch in your communities and families for women who would be eligible to join us in our efforts. I will be encouraging and challenging everyone to help maintain a strong organization, one that will continue to support our veterans and keep our country strong. God Bless America and God Bless each of us.

Ginny Brazil,
ND Department President



WOW.....The summer is almost over. Where did it go? Being busy makes the days go to fast. I have had a different and busy summer this year, that is why I feel summer has passed me by.

I would like to thank Fargo Auxiliary Unit for all the work they did for the Department Convention. It went well and was appreciated.

Organizational Board meeting was held this past week-end in Jamestown with a good attendance and good meetings. National Convention in Milwaukee is right around the corner.

The new membership program is going okay although National does have a lot of programs to be worked out. It is a big step forward for everyone. I have lots to learn, but it all comes. I do think it will be a terrific program once it gets all worked out. Guess everyone needs patience. All I need from the Units now when they send membership is a list of members whose dues they are paying. No cards to send.

I do have thanks to give to many of

NOTICE:

All Past President's dues are to go to Department office.
DO NOT SEND TO TREASURER, PARLEY CHAIRMAN, OR PARLEY SECRETARY.

you Auxiliary ladies. First, thank-you all who remembered me on the death of my mother. Also, for the support given me at the Department Convention by voting for me. I do appreciate all of you.

Your State Office will have a new look this year. If ever in Jamestown, please stop in and see the improvement.

The vests are in the office, call if you would like one and I will mail it to you. We have many different sizes and the two colors are Navy and Oatmeal. Very nice Vests.

I want to encourage all of you to continue the work of the American Legion Auxiliary and support as many projects as possible for the new Auxiliary Year. Let’s make Ginny proud of North Dakota.

District meeting dates are printed elsewhere in the paper. Try to attend yours.

Myrna Ronholm,
Dept. Secretary

RECOGNITION BANQUET FOR ND Department Commander Larry Vetter & ND Department Auxiliary President Ginny Brazil

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010

Larimore Vets Club
114 East Main
Larimore, ND

5:30 pm Social,
6:00 pm Banquet,
9:00 pm Music

TICKETS

\$20 each
Contact Vets Club, PO Box 39, Larimore, ND 58521 or
Call 701-343-2391 after 4:00 PM or
email jmyahna@hotmail.com
Tickets will be held in your name at the door
Make checks payable to Ted Valerius Post #97

AREA MOTELS

Rooms held under Larry Vetter
Clarion - 1210 N 43rd St, Grand Forks 701-772-7131
Ramada - Jct I29 and US #2, Grand Forks 701-775-3951
First Come, First Served
Super 8 - 950 N 43rd St, Grand Forks 701-775-8138
Econo Lodge - 900 N 43rd St, Grand Forks 701-746-6666

Chaplain's Message

*Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders!
Proverbs 12:25*

It is easy to encourage others. We can telephone a friend, chat for awhile and wish them a pleasant day, perhaps a quick visit or just a smile and hello. Maybe a short note to a family member to give them encouragement. Sometimes I send flowers to a family member to give them a lift and let them know how much I love them. Do you find it hard to express yourself? Just let the words and love come from your heart and that friend or family member will know that you are there to encourage and help them restore their hurting hearts. Remember to infuse your words with the Love and Hope of God.

Let us bow our heads and hearts in prayer, each in our own Faith. Through Your words of encouragement, Dear God, we become ourselves. Thank You for looking far enough in us to see strengths and skills we don't know are there. You are able, Dear Lord, to do far more for us than we can do for ourselves. We trust in Your Power, seek Your Wisdom, and surrender to Your Leading. Bless our Troops and their Families, our Nation's leaders, The Legion Family, and this Great Nation of ours. All this we ask in His Name, Amen.

We are not put on earth to see through each other, but to see each other through.

Beverly J. Wolff
Chaplain



GIRLS STATE

Greetings from Flickertail Girls State! Our 2010 session was WONDERFUL! Although we were down 20 girls from 2009 with 162 girls attending, you wouldn't notice from the large amount of enthusiasm they portrayed. This was a group of girls that amazed all of the staff, there was something unique about them that was great to see. They got involved, by running for office, campaigning, and supporting their fellow citizens. Rallying around each other to step out of their comfort level, supporting each other, and truly getting the most out of the program. The Girls State Board will be meeting on August 6th to discuss the future needs of the program. We are aware that changes need to be made and increasing the awareness of the program will be the top discussion of the meeting. I have appreciated everyone's help and ideas to better the program. This won't happen overnight, but we have hope as an organization that it will happen. You will be given information to your Units soon as our hope is to start getting in touch with the schools in September/October. Any information that you would like to pass on, please contact me at girlsstatend@gondtc.com or call me during the evenings at (701)662-2106. The contact information of the board members can be found in the message or by going to the web site at www.ndgirlsstate.org

Dana Thoreson,
Girls State Director

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

We have in our Department Chairman's Constitution and Bylaws file, a copy of the National Constitution and a Copy of the North Dakota Department Constitution.

There are also 10, 3-ring notebooks, one for each District. Each Unit in that District, has their Constitution in it. There are 186 Units in N. Dak. I received 82 updates this year. A number of Units have updated their constitutions over the last several years, and several are trying to complete their's soon. There are still a few Units, that haven't, but need to, update their Constitutions, and plans are to work on those next year.

A big thanks to all the Units that updated their Constitutions this year, or contacted me that they had no changes to their Constitution on file. Thanks, also to those Units that are still working on their Constitution and are in the process of getting them on file.. To those Units that did not update or contact me, please try to get that done next year, thanking you in advance.

Shirley Vatne,
Chairman

2010 FALL DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

EAST			
Monday	September 13	1st District	Harwood
Tuesday	September 14	2nd District	Fordville
Wednesday	September 15	10th District	Oakes
Thursday	September 16	4th District	Carrington
Friday	September 17	3rd District	Rolla
WEST			
Monday	September 27	9th District	Watford City
Tuesday	September 28	6th District	Minot
Wednesday	September 29	8th District	Dickinson
Thursday	September 30	7th District	Flasher
Friday	October 1	5th District	Hazleton

Saturday, October 16
Department Commander and Auxiliary President
Banquet, American Legion Club, Larimore, ND

UPCOMING DATES

Friday - Sunday February 4-6, 2011 Winter Conference, Minot
Friday - Sunday June 24-26, 2011 Department/State Convention, Dickinson

LEGISLATION

Units in North Dakota were "Flying High For Veterans", our Department President's theme and hoping to "Reconnect and Energize", our National President's theme this year.

They did this by holding Unit Legislative meetings, Legislative rallies, town Hall meetings, and Meet the Candidates nights. They also sent 483 letters to US Senators, 376 letters to US Representatives, 117 letters to State Officials, and 146 letters to local officials. They also made personal visits or sent E-mails to US Senators (251), U.S. Representatives (200), State Officials (86), and to Local Officials (256).

These Units also promoted, "The Dispatch", the woman veteran, and military absentee voting. They did this by placing "The Dispatch" in local facilities and using it at their Unit meetings. They recognized the woman veteran by asking them to speak at various Auxiliary functions. They also helped to send out military absentee ballots.

The Units are also trying to use more technology by subscribing to the Auxiliary's Legislative E-News.

Shirley Vatne,
Legislative Chairman

My name is Jennifer Anderson and I am a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Fingal. I have been a member for 8 years. My Grandma Anderson signed me up under my Great Grandpa Anton Sorenson who served in World War I.

Poppies are hand made by some of the veterans at the Veterans home in Lisbon, ND. They make all of the poppies for the state of North Dakota.

Poppies are made in memory of the men & women who have served in the service.

Poppies are given to people and the money received in donations can only be used to do things for Veterans, like cards, and gifts on special days.

We have adopted a Veteran in Lisbon.

We have parties in Lisbon where we play bingo & serve lunch.

I have a special poppy for each of you.

Above: Jennifer Anderson sharing poppies with her class.



HISTORIAN

Thank you to the units who have already shared their 2009-2010 unit activity reports with me. We are currently at 40% with 80 of the 188 units sending in reports. This is a great showing and I appreciate the wonderful response. I enjoy reading the personal notes some of you have shared and I'll share those notes in my compilation of your materials that included pictures and articles. The completed book will be presented to Department President Gigi Moore at convention.

The activities shared by the units indicates that you as members of your units, communities and church and civic groups are doing a lot of work in support of our veterans, deployed troops and their families, children and youth programs, community projects and your fellow auxiliary members and their families. All of your hard work makes your communities better places to live and work. Thank you to each and every one of you and congratulations on a job well done.

I am very proud to serve as your department historian.

Marcy J. Schmidt,
Department Historian

TREASURER

NORTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2009-2010 JUNE 30, 2010

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Balance in General Account June 30, 2010	\$-77,318.66
Transfer from VAR	+8,870.00
Transfer from Children & Youth	+3,775.00
Transfer from Education	+275.00
Transfer to VAR from Poppy Fund	-6,100.00
Transfer to Children & Youth from Poppy Fund	-2,500.00
Balance in General Account	\$-72,998.66
SUMMARY OF VAR ACCOUNT	
Balance of VAR Account June 30, 2010	+\$83,419.40
Transfer to General for Salaries & Audit	-8,870.00
Transfer from General Account Poppy Fund	+6,100.00
Balance in VAR Account	\$ 80,649.40
SUMMARY OF CHILDREN & YOUTH ACCOUNT	
Balance in Children and Youth June 30, 2010	\$3,200.12
Transfer to General for Salaries and Audit	-3,775.00
Transfer from General from Poppy Fund	+2,500.00
Balance in Children & Youth Account	\$1,925.12
SUMMARY OF EDUCATION ACCOUNT	
Balance in Education Account June 30, 2010	\$5,540.45
Transfer to General for Salaries & Audit	275.00
Balance in Education Account	\$5,265.45
BALANCE IN GENERAL ACCOUNT	-\$72,998.66
BALANCE IN VAR ACCOUNT	80,649.40
BALANCE IN CHILDREN & YOUTH ACCOUNT	1,925.12
BALANCE IN EDUCATION ACCOUNT	5,265.45
CORRECT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 14,841.31
CD – Bank of Hazelton -----	\$ 30,462.38
New Equipment Savings-----	\$ 2,030.29
Stifel Nicolaus-----	\$ 35,114.48
Beverly Wolff's Education Fund-----	\$ 4,376.00

Arlene Davis,
Treasurer

EMERGENCY FUND

I want to thank you all for your generous contributions to the National Emergency Fund.

What a wonderful program this is. In a time of need it is there to help you.

Two North Dakota American Legion members did receive financial help this past year through the Emergency Fund.

I received reports from many Units whom had all given a generous amount to the program.

It is fun to see the programs working for the people who are in need of it.

A big thank-you to Units – Rolla, Wimbledon, Fargo, McVile, Belfield, New Leipsig, and Grafton and to Arla Roth for her contribution.

\$3,124.80 was sent to the National Emergency Fund in 2009-10.

Thank-You.

Myrna Ronholm,
Chairman

LEADERSHIP

Certificates given for leadership reports.

Judy Twete, McVile
Rosamond Pikarski, Mooreton
Darlene Elsner, Gackle
Inez pendergrast, New Rockford
Donna Woods, Forest River

Debbie Slais,
Chairman

NATIONAL SECURITY

1st Place Winner
Melvin E. Bender Unit 265, Streeter

2nd Place Winner
Ole Semling Unit #135, McVile

3rd Place Winner
Ernest D. Robertson Unit #14, Jamestown

4th Place Winner
Rundell-Holicky Unit #21, Lakota

Carrie Heinz,
Chairman

VA & R

1st Place - Field Service.
Melvin E. Bender, Unit 265, Streeter

1st Place - Home Service.
Melvin E. Bender, Unit 265, Streeter

VA & R
1st Place
Ole Semling Unit 135, McVile

2nd Place
Jefferson-Steinke, Unit 18, Hope

Linda Stone,
Chairman

District Reports

District #1

Hello Auxiliary Ladies of District 1,

I hope the summer has been enjoyable for you and that you did not suffer any bad storms in your areas.

This year, 2010-2011 can be a good year for increasing our memberships. We need to try to find those young people who would be an asset to our organization and ask them to join us in helping our veterans. We need to put together some plans to encourage these young women (and men) to join the American Legion family so that we have some fresh ideas on how we can serve the veterans better.

Those of you who did not send me the form listing your officers for the coming year, please send them to me at 3030 22nd st s Fargo, ND 58103.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the fall meeting. Please come and give your input as to what the year should be like for all of us.

As ever,

Mavis Goodroad
District #1 President

District #4

Hello from District 4.

My name is Marlene Boyer from Carrington. I have been an Auxiliary member for 38 years. I look forward to meeting and sharing what I learn with you.

We all know that membership is our greatest challenge, and perhaps we need to re-assess how we go about getting new members. Our veterans have built a magnificent nation, one community at a time. It is a great sadness to hear of our North Dakota units that have dissolved because of a lack of membership. We, in the Auxiliary, know how badly we need veteran services that enhance the lives of our

Veterans, our military, and their families, and somehow by our never-say-die attitude, we will continue to look for a way to engage potential members and bring them aboard our "warrior train."

I remember a quote by American anthropologist, Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Let's enter the fall with these encouraging words in mind.

God bless you all.....

Marlene Boyer
District #4 President

District #5

Greetings District 5 units; and, thank you for all of your efforts and accomplishments this past year. This year we will be "Reaching Out to Our Veterans" with our Department President Ginny. During this second year as your district president, I hope to "reach out" to units with visits and help in any way I can. I plan to make visits BEFORE the ice and snow! Let's make this year an exciting and fun one, meeting challenges head on.

Shirley Hoberg,
District #5 President

District #10

I would like to thank the Units of District ten for the support and cooperation given to me. When I was your District President. I really enjoyed working with you the last two years. Now that my term is over, I would like to see you extend your full support to your New District President, Joan Buske. Thanks again.

Linda Stone
District #10 President

District #2

Greetings to all District Units,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District President.

I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 51 years. I became a member of the American Legion Auxiliary through my father, a WW II Veteran. My late husband was a Viet Nam veteran.

I am looking forward to District 2 having a great year. We have a lot of work to do and that will start with membership. I encourage all of you to start working on membership right away. There will be a handmade prize for all Unit Membership Chairmen who are goal with membership received at Department Headquarters by Sept 12, 2010.

The American Legion Auxiliary is truly a great organization. I am here to help in anyway that I can. I look forward to visiting all units and attending any functions that you have. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall District meeting.

God bless all of you, all of our veterans, the American Legion Auxiliary and God Bless America.

Diane Kraemer
District #2 President

District #6

Hello! I would like to take this time to introduce myself to those of you that may not know me. My name is Dana Thoreson and I will be serving as your District 6 President. I am a 30 year member of the Joseph I. Weller Unit #39 in Velva, eligible under my father. I currently reside in Devils Lake and work as a Special Education Teacher. I have been involved in the Girls State Program for 11 years and I currently serve as the Director. I am honored to continue to be involved with the American Legion Auxiliary. The organizational meeting will be held August 6th and I will have more information to pass on to your units regarding upcoming events and activities. Please let me know how I can be of help in your units. You can contact me by e-mail at girlsstatend@gondtc.com or I can be reached in the evenings at (701)662-2106. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and this great organization.

Dana Thoreson,
District #6 President

District #7

August already? Where in the world has the summer gone! It has slipped through my fingers without my getting half of my planned projects done, like writing to the Units as soon as convention was over. Obviously, it didn't get done and I wasn't able to go to the Organizational meeting as I was recovering from a bit of surgery. Everything turned out good and the growth that was removed from my voice box was benign.

Our District meeting is going to be in Flasher on September 30, I hope all Units will be there, as I have several awards to give that I brought back from State convention. District meetings are so informative and you're really missing out if you don't attend. As of this moment, we still don't have a District Vice President so do some serious thinking about that. Remember--Flasher, Sept 30! See you all there!

Arla Roth,
District #7 President

District #3

Greetings District Units,

And welcome to the 2010 – 2011 American Legion and Auxiliary year!

2009-2010 has been a very interesting year for me. Serving as the President of District #3 proved to be a bit of a challenge, but it has been a very fun year.

We had two very good District meetings, one in Rolla, at which we elected a District Vice President, Holly Ivy of Cando. Our spring meeting was at Maddock and was well attended. Since that meeting the District #3 Vice President has resigned, so it leaves a position open that once again needs to be filled.

I have met many interesting people within our District, both in person and via phone conversations. Not once was a request that I had of members declined. And I thank you all for helping to make this a great year. I had hopes of meeting all units in person, but the time has gone racing past and I was not able to get that done.

And now at the Department Convention my Legion Auxiliary life has taken another exciting turn. I was asked to serve as the Department Vice President. I accepted that nomination and was elected to the position.

So now as I move on the Department level, your past District #3 President Sandy Smith has agreed to step up and complete the remaining year of my term. This put the District in a position where both President and Vice President roles will need to be filled. I know that there are some wonderful women out there that would do quite well in these positions. Do not be afraid to consider and step into these jobs. You have a wonderful mentor group that will offer support and guidance for you.

Linda J. Juntunen
District #3 President

District #9

Numbers are down! Numbers are down! We heard that several times at the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention held in Fargo June 25, 26 and 27. We ask ourselves, why? There are many reasons, I am sure, however, one of the main reasons, is that our very faithful leaders and followers of the American Legion Auxiliary are now deceased, and the younger women have not stepped up to carry on. It is our job as Auxiliary members, to encourage women to join our great group. Most units have several projects that support the troops, the veteran, and their families, and much help is needed to complete these projects. My local unit is slowly getting younger members to join—we welcome them with open arms.

I am looking forward to visiting your unit in District 9. I know that you all are busy, and I would like to hear about your projects. Ginny Brazil's theme this year is "Reaching Out to Our Veterans", and that is what we do when we make blankets, caps, lap robes, send cards, support the American Legion, etc.

Thank you, Gigi, for your fine leadership this past year. Job well done!

Congratulations, Ginny, on being installed as North Dakota Department President at the Department Convention in June. I look forward to working with you on the Executive Board and at the District 9 Meetings.

Marlys Aubol
District #9 President

2010-2011 Revised Hospital Assignments

\$15.00 FOR 1-39 MEMBERS

Erie, Hunter, Page, Sharon, Hoople, Pekin, Gardner, Oberon, Thompson, Bisbee, Brocket, Minnewaukan, Osnabrook, St. John, Bowdon, Woodworth, Ashley, Fredonia, Zeeland, Benedict, Mandaree, Cogswell, Flaxton, Plaza, Roseglen, Carson, Center, Regent, Abercrombie, Berlin, Edgeley, Fairmount, Forbes, Kulm, Milnor, Mooreton, Ross, Verona, Medina, Mountain, Hampden, Hannaford, Columbus, Kensal, Glen Ulin, Portal, Halliday, Rutland, Granville, and Wing

\$20.00 for 40-70 MEMBERS

Buffalo, Fingal, Harwood, Kindred, Aneta, Forest River, Neche, Pembina, Pisek, Dunseith, Knox, Leeds, Milton, York, Goodrich, Hurdsfield, McHenry, Hazelton, Drake, Lignite, Makoti, Sherwood, Willow City, Almont, Elgin, Hazen, Hebron, New Leipsig, New Salem, Noonan, Powers Lake, Dickinson, Rhame, Havana, Wilton, Alexander, Casselton, Ray, New England, Sheldon, Crystal, Maddock, Kenmare, New Town, Hettinger, Lisbon, Cooperstown, Butte, Galesburg, White Shield, Hillsboro, Portland, Parshall, Forman, Gwinner and Sanborn.

\$25.00 FOR 71-100 MEMBERS

Adams, Drayton, St. Thomas, Rolette, Gackle, Wishek, Bowbells, Upham, Tioga, Bowman, Killdeer, Mott, Scranton, LaMoure, Wyndmere, Donnybrook, Wildrose, McClusky, New Rockford, Streeter, Manvel, Tolna, Stanton, Reeder, Sanborn, Northwood, Bottineau, Hatton, Fordville, Wimbledon, Napoleon, Flasher, Grenora, Harvey, Watford City, Ellendale, and Valley City

\$30.00 FOR 101-130 MEMBER

Michigan, Fessenden, Finley, Langdon, Edinburg, Grand Forks, Minto, Sarles, Belfield, Little Shell, and Lidgerwood

\$35.00 FOR 131-160 MEMBERS

Hope, Cando, McVillie, Rolla, Washburn, Grafton, Park River, Linton, Rugby, Cavalier, Carrington, Garrison, Richardson, Oakes and Crosby

\$40.00 FOR 161-200 MEMBERS

Walhalla, Velva, Stanley, Lankin, Turtle Lake, Larimore, Oakes, Wahpeton, Lakota and Mandan

\$50.00 FOR 201-250 MEMBERS

Mohall and Williston

\$60.00 FOR 251-350 MEMBERS

Minot, Bismarck Beach, and Fargo

\$70.00 FOR 351-450 MEMBERS

Jamestown

2010 Spirit of Youth Scholarship Thank You

Dear Ms. Brazil,

My name is Lexi Hanson and I am honored to be chosen as the recipients of North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship. My Grandma, Judy Twete told me that this was announced at the Annual Legion and Auxiliary Convention held earlier this summer.

The generous donation of money towards my education will help immensely in funding my many years of schooling ahead of me. I will be starting my school year at the University of North Dakota very soon and am extremely excited to begin my college education. I plan on majoring in Forensic Science with a pre-med emphasis as well as minoring in both Art and Biology. I have also been accepted into the Honors Program at the University and will be taking part in that as well.

My plans after college would ideally be to be accepted into medical school to further my education to become a doctor. I am currently thinking about the field of neurosurgery but have been told that I will undoubtedly change my mind many times throughout medical school. That being said, I obviously have many more years of paying for education ahead of me and cannot thank you enough for helping me in this endeavor.

I became a Junior Member of the American Legion Auxiliary when I was only 30 minutes old. My Grandma, Judy

Twete was attending convention on the day I was born and signed me up as a member as soon as she found out about my birth. Over the years, I have been honored to be a part of this organization that supports veterans. I have been involved in several projects with veterans, both with the Auxiliary and with my school. I will continue to do work on their behalf as time allows during my college years.

Again, thank you so much for selecting me for this scholarship. The generosity is truly appreciated!

Thank you again,

Lexi Hanson

2010 ND ALA

Spirit of Youth Scholarship Recipient

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

Lacey Keith – Sherwood
Hillary Schreiner – Forman
Shannon Smith – Williston

WOMEN OF THE YEAR

FERNE M. BERG – GRAND FORKS, ND

SANDY ERDMAN – PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY (2009-2010)

District #8

I reflect back as my 2 year term as 8th District President comes to a close. When I was elected I said I had a lot to learn. I have learned so much. I learned about dedication. I saw many Units struggling with maintaining their membership but a few dedicated ladies in each of those Units work very hard to keep everything going

As I have traveled and attended the different meetings, from the local auxiliaries in my district to the department conferences, I have learned and felt a collective pride and patriotism in our organization. I have learned about and better understand how the programs and projects of the American Legion and Auxiliary support our veterans and communities. Mostly I have learned the rewards of new and continuing friendships. I have said thank you many times to many people these last two years and because of all of you I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being your district President.

Cheryl Crook

Past District #8 President

Greetings to members of District Eight Units,

I am looking forward to the next two years as your District President. This will be both a learning and rewarding experience for me. I have had the enjoyment of following Cheryl Crook, Past District President around the past two years, and Cheryl has made it look so easy. Thank you Cheryl for allowing me to be your Vice-President. I am looking forward to meeting as many members as possible during my visits to your units and at District meetings.

I am eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary through my husband, George, who is a Vietnam Era Veteran and served four years in both the Navy and Coast Guard. I have been involved with our local unit the past several years, where I have served as Chaplain, Girls State Chairman, Treasurer, Unit President and most recently Membership Chairman.

Membership is something that is very important to me. I have always believed that it is not up to just the Membership Chairman to bring in new members. We all need to hold onto the members that we have, while at the same time trying to get new members to join our great organization is not always an easy task. I need the help of each and every member, so that we can make our goal of 100% membership.

We are still in need of a Vice-President for District 8. I ask that all members consider this opportunity to serve, as a way of supporting our American Legion Auxiliary. Each and every one of you members are very important to our American Legion Auxiliary, as well as you are part of the American Legion Family. I would like to thank you, the members of the Eighth District, for putting your trust in me, as your next District President. With your continual support and guidance, we will succeed together. Thank you and God Bless.

Sandra Petermann

District #8 President

SCHOLARSHIPS

National President Scholarship - Tessa Zahradka, Lankin

ND Dept. Scholarship - Rhea Christine James, Turtle Lake, Hallie Nadine Weber, Grand Forks, Ross Daniel Dunnigan, Minto.

Spirit of Youth - Alexis Hanson, Grand Forks

ESSAY WINNERS

1ST PLACE - MELVIN E. BENDER #265, STREETER
2nd PLACE - FRED C. WAGNER #235, ROLLA
3RD PLACE - JOHN RAYMOND O'HARA #25, CARRINGTON

North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary
State-District Member/Goal Report
Close of Books June 30, 2010

Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage	Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage
DISTRICT 1	1,316	58	3	1,377	1572	87.6%	DISTRICT 3	1100	48	1	1149	1232	93.3%
BUFFALO	51	0	0	51	56	91.1%	BISBEE	26	0	0	26	27	96.3%
CASSELTON	49	6	0	55	57	96.5%	BROCKET	38	1	0	39	39	100.0%
COOPERSTOWN	45	0	0	45	56	80.4%	CANDO	151	4	0	155	155	100.0%
ERIE	27	0	0	27	28	96.4%	DUNSEITH	48	3	0	51	54	94.4%
FARGO	255	20	2	277	360	76.9%	HAMPDEN	0	9	0	9	10	90.0%
FINGAL	40	7	0	47	52	90.4%	KNOX	41	0	0	41	45	91.1%
FINLEY	93	4	0	97	116	83.6%	LANGDON	86	6	1	93	114	81.6%
GALESBURG	31	0	0	31	44	70.5%	LEEDS	41	1	0	42	47	89.4%
GARDNER	26	4	1	31	38	81.6%	MADDOCK	45	2	0	47	63	74.6%
HANNAFORD	39	0	0	39	43	90.7%	MILTON	43	1	0	44	46	95.7%
HARWOOD	54	4	0	58	51	113.7%	MINNEWAUKAN	9	0	0	9	10	90.0%
HATTON	101	0	0	101	101	100.0%	OBERON	29	0	0	29	37	78.4%
HILLSBORO	60	3	0	63	75	84.0%	OSNABROCK	18	0	0	18	19	94.7%
HOPE	131	4	0	135	142	95.1%	ROLETTE	84	1	0	85	95	89.5%
HUNTER	32	0	0	32	32	100.0%	ROLLA	139	4	0	143	142	100.7%
KINDRED	41	1	0	42	44	95.5%	RUGBY	146	0	0	146	157	93.0%
PAGE	34	0	0	34	34	100.0%	SARLES	86	16	0	102	102	100.0%
PORTLAND	66	0	0	66	70	94.3%	ST JOHN	15	0	0	15	16	93.8%
SANBORN	63	1	0	64	69	92.8%	YORK	55	0	0	55	54	101.9%
SHARON	19	0	0	19	20	95.0%							
VALLEY CITY	59	4	0	63	84	75.0%							
Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage	Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage
DISTRICT 2	2,592	107	12	2,711	2839	95.5%	DISTRICT 4	1341	56	2	1399	1476	94.8%
ADAMS	88	20	0	108	98	110.2%	BOWDON	25	0	0	25	26	96.2%
ANETA	52	0	1	53	58	91.4%	CARRINGTON	124	9	0	133	160	83.1%
CAVALIER	112	5	1	118	131	90.1%	FESSENDEN	122	1	0	123	122	100.8%
CRYSTAL	38	0	0	38	42	90.5%	GACKLE	72	5	1	78	79	98.7%
DRAYTON	73	6	0	79	90	87.8%	GOODRICH	39	5	0	44	52	84.6%
EDINBURG	102	1	0	103	102	101.0%	HARVEY	88	0	0	88	94	93.6%
FORDVILLE	70	0	0	70	72	97.2%	HURDSFIELD	41	0	0	41	46	89.1%
FOREST RIVER	41	0	1	42	42	100.0%	JAMESTOWN	346	14	1	361	365	98.9%
GRAFTON	133	2	0	135	144	93.8%	KENSAL	32	1	0	33	36	91.7%
GRAND FORKS	114	7	0	121	140	86.4%	MCCLUSKY	101	0	0	101	100	101.0%
HOOPLE	32	0	0	32	30	106.7%	MCHENRY	57	2	0	59	59	100.0%
LAKOTA	188	1	8	197	204	96.6%	MEDINA	38	0	0	38	36	105.6%
LANKIN	194	2	0	196	194	101.0%	NEW ROCKFORD	83	7	0	90	90	100.0%
LARIMORE	173	13	0	186	182	102.2%	STREETER	71	11	0	82	85	96.5%
MANVEL	69	3	0	72	82	87.8%	WIMBLEDON	83	0	0	83	104	79.8%
MCVILLE	138	13	0	151	142	106.3%	WOODWORTH	19	1	0	20	22	90.9%
MICHIGAN	91	1	0	92	104	88.5%							
MINTO	129	2	0	131	132	99.2%							
MOUNTAIN	33	5	0	38	40	95.0%	DISTRICT 5	1142	69	3	1214	1308	92.8%
NECHE	42	2	0	44	48	91.7%	ASHLEY	31	0	0	31	34	91.2%
NORTHWOOD	77	0	0	77	83	92.8%	BISMARCK	242	19	0	261	288	90.6%
PARK RIVER	135	7	0	142	156	91.0%	FREDONIA	32	0	1	33	33	100.0%
PEKIN	26	0	0	26	32	81.3%	GARRISON	116	2	0	118	150	78.7%
PEMBINA	51	2	0	53	56	94.6%	HAZELTON	50	7	0	57	60	95.0%
PISEK	53	9	0	62	62	100.0%	LINTON	118	13	0	131	138	94.9%
ST. THOMAS	72	0	0	72	84	85.7%	NAPOLEON	88	9	0	97	108	89.8%
THOMPSON	23	1	1	25	30	83.3%	TURTLE LAKE	169	8	1	178	176	101.1%
TOLNA	76	0	0	76	73	104.1%	WASHBURN	137	4	0	141	141	100.0%
WALHALLA	167	5	0	172	186	92.5%	WILTON	42	1	1	44	51	86.3%
							WING	38	0	0	38	41	92.7%
							WISHEK	68	6	0	74	76	97.4%
							ZEELAND	11	0	0	11	12	91.7%

Tiny Tots

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DISTRICT 7
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DISTRICT 8
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DISTRICT 6
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Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage
DISTRICT 6	1442	98	6	1546	1717	90.0%
BENEDICT	25	0	0	25	31	80.6%
BOTTINEAU	84	0	0	84	91	92.3%
BOWBELLS	69	5	0	74	87	85.1%
BUTTE	53	10	0	63	71	88.7%
COLUMBUS	31	0	0	31	34	91.2%
DONNYBROOK	78	3	0	81	84	96.4%
DRAKE	42	0	0	42	50	84.0%
FLAXTON	27	2	0	29	35	82.9%
GRANVILLE	19	2	0	21	33	63.6%
KENMARE	32	6	4	42	61	68.9%
LIGNITE	52	0	0	52	57	91.2%
MAKOTI	44	10	0	54	62	87.1%
MINOT228	228	22	1	251	266	94.4%
MOHALL	196	1	0	197	218	90.4%
PLAZA	24	1	0	25	29	86.2%
PORTAL	31	0	1	32	36	88.9%
ROSEGLLEN	37	0	0	37	38	97.4%
SHERWOOD	61	3	0	64	67	95.5%
UPHAM	66	19	0	85	92	92.4%
VELVA	151	12	0	163	167	97.6%
WHITE SHIELD	34	0	0	34	42	81.0%
WILLOW CITY	58	2	0	60	66	90.9%

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DISTRICT 7	743	30	4	777	801	97.0%
ALMONT	60	3	0	63	60	105.0%
CARSON	39	0	3	42	39	107.7%
CENTER	24	2	0	26	30	86.7%
ELGIN	51	3	0	54	52	103.8%
FLASHER	90	8	0	98	102	96.1%
GLEN ULLIN	30	0	0	30	35	85.7%
HAZEN	56	1	0	57	62	91.9%
HEBRON	60	4	1	65	65	100.0%
MANDAN	176	7	0	183	193	94.8%
NEW LEIPZIG	44	0	0	44	44	100.0%
NEW SALEM	38	1	0	39	45	86.7%
STANTON	75	1	0	76	74	102.7%

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DISTRICT 8	1141	38	9	1188	1221	97.3%
BEACH	247	7	0	254	252	100.8%
BELFIELD	101	9	0	110	103	106.8%
BOWMAN	74	6	5	85	87	97.7%
DICKINSON	63	1	0	64	62	103.2%
HALLIDAY	26	0	0	26	28	92.9%
HETTINGER	54	0	0	54	58	93.1%
KILLDEER	72	0	0	72	78	92.3%
MOTT	71	6	0	77	88	87.5%
NEW ENGLAND	60	0	0	60	65	92.3%
REEDER	75	4	1	80	80	100.0%
REGENT	18	1	0	19	21	90.5%
RHAME	54	1	2	57	66	86.4%
RICHARDTON	131	3	1	135	139	97.1%
SCRANTON	95	0	0	95	94	101.1%

Unit	Members	Royals	VIMs	Total	Goal	Percentage
DISTRICT 9	1344	62	3	1409	1579	89.2%
ALEXANDER	47	0	0	47	54	87.0%
CROSBY	138	2	1	141	159	88.7%
GRENORA	69	2	1	72	74	97.3%
LITTLE SHELL	96	13	0	109	87	125.3%
MANDAREE	5	1	0	6	14	42.9%
NEW TOWN	49	1	0	50	54	92.6%
NOONAN	44	1	0	45	48	93.8%
PARSHALL	58	5	0	63	93	67.7%
POWERS LAKE	48	2	0	50	56	89.3%
RAY	51	1	0	52	70	74.3%
ROSS	30	5	0	35	38	92.1%
STANLEY	178	6	0	184	191	96.3%
TIOGA	73	5	0	78	85	91.8%
WATFORD CITY	90	0	0	90	120	75.0%
WILDROSE	69	3	0	72	75	96.0%
WILLISTON	299	15	1	315	361	87.3%

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DISTRICT 10	1253	60	15	1328	1465	90.6%
ABERCROMBIE	14	1	0	15	18	83.3%
BERLIN	16	6	0	22	26	84.6%
COGSWELL	29	3	0	32	36	88.9%
EDGELEY	16	0	0	16	18	88.9%
ELLENDALE	94	0	0	94	116	81.0%
FAIRMOUNT	16	1	0	17	20	85.0%
FORBE S	28	0	0	28	28	100.0%
FORMAN	68	1	0	69	74	93.2%
GWINNER	59	2	0	61	80	76.3%
HANKINSON	58	1	0	59	68	86.8%
HAVANA	47	0	2	49	50	98.0%
KULM	14	0	0	14	15	93.3%
LAMOURE	76	1	0	77	80	96.3%
LIDGERWOOD	90	11	0	101	105	96.2%
LISBON	53	2	0	55	65	84.6%
MILNOR	25	9	1	35	37	94.6%
MOORETON	26	0	0	26	30	86.7%
OAKES	124	14	5	143	158	90.5%
RUTLAND	31	1	0	32	34	94.1%
SHELDON	60	1	0	61	61	100.0%
VERONA	29	0	0	29	31	93.5%
WAHPETON	164	4	7	175	186	94.1%
WALCOTT	45	1	0	46	50	92.0%
WYNDMERE	71	1	0	72	79	91.1%

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District #500	50	11	0	61	57	107.0%
DEPT HQS #500	50	11	0	61	57	107.0%

STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	TOTAL	GOAL	PERCENTAGE
STATE TOTALS	14,159	15,267	92.743%
DISTRICT 1	1,377	1,572	87.595%
DISTRICT 2	2,711	2,839	95.491%
DISTRICT 3	1,149	1,232	93.263%
DISTRICT 4	1,399	1,476	94.783%
DISTRICT 5	1,214	1,308	92.813%
DISTRICT 6	1,546	1,717	90.041%
DISTRICT 7	777	801	97.004%
DISTRICT 8	1,188	1,221	97.297%
DISTRICT 9	1,409	1,579	89.234%
DISTRICT 10	1,328	1,465	90.648%
DISTRICT 500	61	57	107.018%

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you units for helping North Dakota reach over 91% of its goal nationwide. We are in ninth place in the Nation and second in the Northwest division. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to have met and worked with so many of the women in the Units across the State. We kept "FLYING HIGH FOR VETERANS" by working hard on the membership. We will continue to reach goal as the days toward State Convention grow nearer. We do have until June 18 to get our 2009-2010 membership into the State Department. Thank you again Units for all your dedication to our Veterans. Thank you Gigi for asking me to serve as the Membership Chairman for 2009-2010. God Bless all of you and God Bless America.

Betty Malkowski,
Chairman

POPPY PROGRAM

I would like to thank all of the Units who ordered Poppies and those who sent in their reports.

We do have a little problem, too many late orders, making it difficult to get current labels at times, so please try to get your orders in early.

Also, please fill in the three (3) short lines in the upper right hand corner of your order sheet. We need to know what district you belong to – there are only 10 Districts and you do belong to one of them.

We had lots of nice Poppy Posters and thank you to all who participated.

Have a great summer and remember “EVERY DAY IS POPPY DAY”

Thank you Gigi for asking me to be your Poppy Chairman.

POPPY POSTER WINNERS

Class I - Mariah Brakke - Ruso, ND, 1st Place
Gabrielle Knopik - Dickinson, 2nd Place
Sidney Blum - Linton, ND, 3rd Place

Class II - Kaitlyn Holmes, Garrison - 1st Place
Ashley Samek - Wimbledon - 2nd Place
Maryssal Boles - Jamestown - 3rd Place

Class III- Josie Lesley - Wimbledon - 1st Place
Sierra Heitkamp - Barney - 2nd Place
Gabe Lassila - Garrison - 3rd Place

Class IV- Sarah Weiler - Dickinson - 1st Place
Abbey Braaten - Barney - 2nd Place
Desira Eull- Hope - 3rd Place

Class V - Kelsi Lynn Monson, Mantador, ND - 1st Place
Sammy Gordon, Dickinson, ND - 2nd Place
Mary Rose Golik, Dickinson, ND - 3rd Place

Class VI - Megan Gordon, Dickinson, 1st Place

Mary Ellen Schlagel,
Poppy Chairman

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thanks to Streeter, Rolla, McVillie, Hazelton, and New Rockford for their good reports. Certificates were given.

Debbie Slais,
Chairman

I would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and the phone calls during my recuperating from surgery. I need more surgery, but am feeling fine at this time. A big Thank-You to everyone for remembering me.

~LuAlice Stockert - Mandan, Stanton Unit

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Hello Auxiliary family.
I am looking forward to a great 2010 Children and Youth program this year with many units participating.

Children and Youth are everywhere School, Church, home etc. Children may be in need just to talk to someone getting guidance and no better person to talk to then a Auxiliary member, grandmother, aunt or mother.

The needs for Children and Youth are sometimes more than just help financially; sponsoring activities like volunteering is great.

2009-10 ended up as a fantastic year with many units reporting, thanks to all.

Looking forward to another great year!

Hetty Walker,
Chairman