



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

We had a very good Midwinter Conference in Bismarck. We had 88 ladies registered for the conference. Virginia Nelsen, our Northwest Division Vice President, from Valentine, Nebraska, attended. She presented a workshop for Unit Presidents. She said North Dakota was one of only two states that had each unit turn in some memberships. We all need to work hard on our members who have not yet paid their dues.

The Auxiliary received two surprise gifts from the North Dakota American Legion at the conference banquet: A check for \$2,500 for the American Legion Auxiliary and a check for \$1,000 for our Girls State Program.

February is here and that means we need to work on our programs. Please keep track of your hours, dollars spent, number of veterans served. We will need to send in our year- end reports in April. The units will send them to the Department Secretary, she then will send them to the Department Chairman, who will do their reports and forward to me and the Northwest Division.

I really encourage you to go to your schools or talk to juniors about Girls State. I would like to see our attendance increase this year. It is truly an outstanding program. I did not attend Girls State as a junior, but I have been there for a week the last five years and I truly enjoy it. The girls learn about our Government on the city, county, and state levels. The week is full of activities from early morning until 11 PM.

Our Veterans are so very important to all of us. There are so many things we have done and can do for them. I did not get to the VA Hospital Gift Shop due to another storm. I had a super time at the Lisbon Veterans Home Gift Shop. They are so excited and are outside the door waiting to come in. They enjoy the visiting, looking for gifts for family and themselves. The gifts are wrapped and if they want them mailed we prepare them for mailing and they are mailed that day. If you have never been to the Gift Shop at Fargo VA Hospital, first Wednesday in December or the Lisbon Veterans Home, the first Thursday in December, please try and come some time.

Important dates that are coming up are: February: Valentine's Day, give your local veterans a valentine. March: March is the Legion's birthday, we need to honor them. April: Spring District meetings are April 3-7 and 17-21, I have not received the list of where yet. Our year end reports are due.

If there is anything I can do to help your unit please feel free to contact me. If I cannot help I will find the answers. Take care and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Spring District meetings.

Diane Kraemer  
President