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National Auxiliary President Kathy Dungan to visit Lisbon Veterans Home in September

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota is proud and honored to have Kathy Dungan, National President, visit our great state. President Dungan will be in Lisbon, North Dakota to participate in the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the North Dakota Veterans Home on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Everyone is invited to come to Lisbon, Saturday, September 8, 2018. Meet American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Dungan and join her in the big celebration of this unique North Dakota 'jewel'.

Kathy's eligibility for Auxiliary membership is through her father, Wittie Card, a WWII veteran. She has held most offices in this organization and served as chairman for most programs at the unit, district, and department levels as well as at the National level as NEC and chairman of: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Leadership, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, ALA Girls Nation, Legislative, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Junior Activities, and Poppy Programs. President Dungan is currently serving on the National Strategic Planning Committee and the Centennial Strategic Plan as a strategy captain.

Kathy is a 41-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She and her husband, William, have one son, Christopher, one daughter-in-law, Megan, and two grandchildren, Lauren, 6, and Lawson, 2, as well as all members of The American Legion Family.

Kathy served as a judicial assistant to a Mississippi Supreme Court Justice and recently retired from the Mississippi Supreme Court System after serving 22 years. Kathy is an active member of her church and continues to be active in her Department and the Drane-Prine Auxiliary Unit 79 of Mississippi.

National President Kathy Dungan's focus for 2018-2019 is 'Serving Our Heroes'. Veterans, servicemen and women, their families and our youth are her heroes. Her Special emphasis will be women veterans and the issues and challenges they face. Some of those issues include homelessness, suicide, finding affordable housing and child care, post-traumatic stress disorder, lack of employment opportunities, and military sexual trauma. What better way to focus on the American Legion Auxiliary's mission that to serve our heroes by helping women veterans?

The National American Legion Auxiliary will be using a Veterans Projects Fund, a special grant of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to raise money to help women veterans. Funds will also be solicited to provide monetary assistance to departments and units with project that serve veterans. If a Unit needs assistance to serve your heroes, apply for a Veterans Projects Fund grant. More information on this program can be found at: ALAFoundation.org

Article courtesy of the National Auxiliary office and Department Secretary Marcy Schmidt



Kathy Dungan
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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH
2018



10:30am "The Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band"
11:00am "Fly Over" and Ceremony
12:00pm Lunch
1:30pm-3:30pm Dancing with Music by
"The Honky Tonk Stardust Band"
1:00-3:30pm Games by "Games to Go"
2:30pm-3:30pm Tours available

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME
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2018 Fall District Meetings

The following ND communities have been selected by the American Legion to host the Fall District Meetings. Please note the date for your District Meeting and start making plans now to attend. Department President, Jeannie Román, is looking forward to meeting all of you and getting the opportunity to present her vision and discuss ideas for our 'mission' with you.

Watch for details from your District President regarding the time and facility for the event.

First Week – September 17 – September 21

- Monday, September 17, 2018 – District 2 – Park River
- Tuesday, September 18, 2019 – District 10 – Rutland
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – District 5 – Bismarck
- Thursday, September 20, 2018 – District 7 – Almont
- Friday, September 21, 2018 – District 8 – Dickinson

Second Week – September 24 – September 28

- Monday, September 24, 2018 – District 9 – Williston
- Tuesday, September 25, 2019 – District 6, Bottineau
- Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – District 3 – Rugby
- Thursday, September 27, 2018 – District 4 – Jamestown
- Friday, September 28, 2018 – District 1 – TBD

Mark your calendar!

October 6 – Glenn Wahus, American Legion Department Commander's Recognition Banquet – Watford City, ND

Department President

Ladies of the Auxiliary,

I would like to thank everyone for your support and assistance over the past few years as I've been busy observing and learning all I can. I appreciate the advice, leadership and knowledge that I've received from all of you.

Just to tell you a little bit about me and my family. My family has a long line of proud military service to our great country. I was born and raised in the US Navy. My father MCPO Robert Gorley served 32 years in the US Navy and my stepfather MM1 Wilbert Knutson served for 20 years. They were sailors who loved their country and that pride was passed down to me and my family.

My passion is to support our veterans, military, and their families. As many of you know, the rate of suicide has increased among our veterans. One of my projects is to support the **T.A.P.S.** program (Tragedy Assistance program for Survivors). Through our support of this Program, we can help these families understand the sacrifices our veterans have made for our country. Children who have lost a parent to suicide will have the opportunity to attend "Camp Grief" in Washington DC where an active duty service member will demonstrate and explain to the child how their parent is a 'Hero' who proudly served their country. This program is all volunteer without any government funding. The active duty service members must pay their own way to these camps in DC. The family members attend the camps for free. It's a great organization. For more information please visit www.taps.org

I know we all love our Veterans, so I decided to

be a bit unconventional. Instead of designing another pin to wear we will sell the beautiful new Poppy pin that was designed to celebrate the newly acclaimed "National Poppy Day". I love this pin and all proceeds from the sale of the 'Poppy Pin' will go to our VA&R Program. Also available are American Legion Auxiliary magnetic emblems which can be worn on any kind of shirt or blouse you wish to. It's an easy functional way to promote our brand whenever and wherever we want.

My theme this year is; 'We Love our Veterans' and I had navy blue T-shirts designed with this logo to sell as a method to raise funds for my President's Projects. The T-shirt design was approved by National Headquarters and orders will continue to be taken during the year. The T-shirts will be available for purchase at the September District Meetings. What a great way to proudly show that we love and support our veterans!

Coming up is the 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 25th-30th. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion which was founded in Minneapolis, MN. The Auxiliary will be celebrating the accomplishments of our 98th year. We are still looking good ladies!

I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the District meetings in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

For God and Country,
Jeannie Román

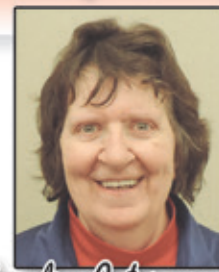


Jeannie Román

Department Chaplain

Greetings to our American Legion Family. I would like to thank each of you for your confidence in electing me as your new Department Chaplain. It is both exciting and a bit scary. As I keep each of you in my prayers, I also ask the same from you. In Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold with my righteous right hand." Thank you once again for your support and God Bless each of you as we continue to work together for our American Legion Family.

Sandra Petermann

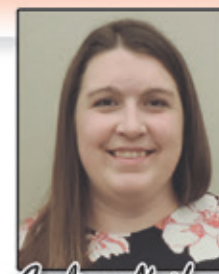


Sandra Petermann

Department Historian

Hello, my name is Andrea Neshem. I am this year's new Department historian and I am happy and excited for this new endeavor. A little about myself is that I live in Minot but am a member of Unit 2 in Fargo. I love learning new things and challenging new experiences, so this is going to be a great year. I love all animals and have a few of my own. So please send me all the info and news about our Department and President so I can make you all a fabulous book to read on each!

Andrea Neshem



Andrea Neshem

Department President-Elect

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Department Convention and Organization meetings are both behind us and National Convention will be a memory by the time you read this article. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces at the recent Organizational Meeting in Bismarck. I've missed everyone and it feels great to be part of that comradery again. I'm looking forward to serving as your President-Elect this year and as Department President in 2019-2020.

My family and I have been very busy but we've enjoyed our summer with lots of company and participating in community events and doing volunteer projects. I've also begun another stint as a tutor in the Jamestown Public Schools.

As we all prepare for the upcoming Auxiliary year, I want to remind all of you that the American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating our 100th anniversary coming up in 2019. I encourage all Units to find a fun way to celebrate this monumental event with your local Posts

and communities. Perhaps a community picnic or parade is in order!

I love working with membership and I'm working as the Unit 14 Jamestown Membership Chairmen this year. Our Unit's membership numbers are down this year because so many members have passed away. I know all North Dakota Units are experiencing the same effects but, I want to encourage each of you to work extra hard on membership for your Unit. It's important to keep this great organization relevant and growing.

Veterans Day is coming soon and I encourage members of all North Dakota Units to honor veterans in some way on November 11, 2018.

For God and Country,
Myrna Ronholm



Myrna Ronholm

Past Department President

Hello Ladies,

The 2018-2019 year has started and we need to plan out how we can make this a great year. We, as Department chairmen and Department officers report the Programs Action Plan that we are going to utilize to continue the Auxiliary's great work in supporting our veterans and their families. If there is anything I can do to assist you in any way, please feel free to call me.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for what you accomplished in 2017-2018. Each of you helped in some way supporting and assisting veterans and it was much appreciated. Thank you for making my year as Department President so wonderfully memorable.

May this year bring each of you much happiness and good health. God Bless all of you and God Bless our veterans and our country.

Mavis Goodroad
Past Department President 2017-18



Mavis Goodroad

Department Secretary

Secretary's Corner

I want to thank all Department Officers, Chairmen, and Unit Members for your support as Shauna and I worked to keep the Department Office and all of you up to speed on everything that's going on. Things can be a bit hectic at times but we always seem to get through it.

The National Convention will be over by the time you read this article and we'll officially have a new 2018-2019 Department President. I urge everyone to give your wholehearted support to Jeannie and her vision for our organization.

Jeannie's theme for 2018-2019 is 'We Love Our Veterans'. It's a timeless theme when you reflect on why you joined this great organization in the first place. Did you join the Auxiliary because someone you love or someone who loved you served in the armed forces of our country?

There are many activities and events coming up in the Department Calendar including the Fall District Meetings. Look for more information about your District's meeting elsewhere in this publication. Plan to attend your District's Meeting and invite and encourage other Unit members to join you.

Watch for these special events and make plans now to volunteer to help at and/or attend them:

- **Saturday, September 8, 2018** - 125th Anniversary Celebration at the North Dakota Veterans Home-Lisbon, ND. ALA National President Kathy Dungan will be on hand for

the festivities. Come, join her in Lisbon.

- **Tuesday, September 11, 2018** – Patriots Day – Remember 911
- **Saturday, October 6, 2018** – American Legion Auxiliary Mission Training and Junior Activity – Sioux Falls, SD. Register now to attend this informative conference.
- **Sunday, November 11, 2018** - Veterans Day – Celebrate with your Post and in your community
- **Week of November 12-16, 2018** - Education Week
- **Wednesday, December 5, 2018** - Gift Shop – VA Medical Center – Fargo, ND
- **Thursday, December 6, 2018** – Gift Shop - North Dakota Veterans Home-Lisbon, ND

If you have a special event you want to spread the news about, contact the Department Office or the Communications Committee Chairman.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

District 1

Dear District 1 Unit Presidents and members, I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. It always goes by too quickly.

Congratulations to all the new Department, District and Unit Officers. On behalf of District 1, I would like to thank the Gilbert C. Grafton Post 2 and the ladies of Unit 2 Fargo, for being such gracious hosts for the 2018 Department Convention.

The Department Organizational Meeting held in July was well attended. Jeannie Roman, our Department President 2018-2019 conducted a very informative meeting.

The office of District 1 Vice President is still vacant. If you are interested in volunteering for this position I encourage you to do so. It would be a great opportunity to learn more about the programs of our great organization. This will be on the Fall District meeting agenda.

Thank you for your continued support for our veterans, service men and women and their families. The American Legion is celebrating their 100th anniversary, so this would be a great opportunity to plan and host a special event in your community.

I hope your unit has a memorable and rewarding year!

Susan Lemley
District 1 President



District 3

District 3 Auxiliary Members;

I was able to attend the Department Convention in Fargo in June. It was a great time with the Legion Family to kick off the 100th celebration for the American Legion. I encourage all units to support their posts in this celebration year.

We had a nice turn out at Girls State from our District: We had 1 attendee from Cando, 1 from Rolla, 1 from Maddock, 1 from Langdon and 4 from Belcourt. Thank you to the units that sponsored these young ladies for this awesome leadership program. There were a total of 119 girls at Girls State this year. It's never too early to start recruiting for June 2019.

Units must retain 10 or more members to remain a viable unit. Please do whatever you can to maintain your members and to recruit new ones as well. So some of our smaller units have to keep 10 members in order to stay active.

It is 990 time again. Please make sure your unit has filed the 990 so you are current with IRS regulations. A unit must have their own EIN number and cannot use the post's EIN number. If any unit is having an issue with this please contact me or the Department Office.

Our Department Organizational Meeting was held in Bismarck in July. There was a lot of old and new business discussed and transacted so it was very informative and productive meeting. A new mandatory contribution payment form will be coming out with a due date for payment by October 31. Look for that form in the August Unit Mail Packet.

I was honored to attend the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial in Maddock in July. About 500 people attended the dedication. It was a very warm day but no one melted. I did feel bad for the men who were wearing black and brown uniforms as well as the speaker who was in full dress uniform. But they are our veterans and they can probably survive just about anything. This beautiful monument is located in the Maddock City Park and is under lit up at night. Visitors are welcome to stop by anytime, day or night.

Just a heads up reminder that our District meeting will be held in Rugby on Sept 26, 2018. Watch for more information in this publication or in the mail.

Thank you Auxiliary members for all your hard work in helping our veterans and our youth as well as your communities.

Sincerely,

Gloria Covert

President District 3



District 5

A great big **Thank You** to District 5 Unit members for submitting your 2017-2018 volunteer hours and narrative reports! Seven of the twelve units in District 5 reported hours, which included; a total of 14,184 hours of volunteer service; and \$18,436.00 was spent in providing support and services to our veterans, active military and their families, Children and Youth, Community Service, Department Scholarships and Girls State. These numbers are awesome and were included in the Department's report to National Headquarters. Congratulations! Great job everyone!

If you would like more details on these numbers or have questions on how you can track and report hours and donations, please give me a call. I'm always happy to visit with you.

This year, the 2019 dues increase on the National level goes into effect, so I'm expecting questions on the value of your membership. I use the Unit Impact Report numbers to explain how your dues help support programs to assist our Veterans/Military and your Community.

I plan to visit more District 5 Units this year and will be asking a fellow Auxiliary member to join me on those trips. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and hope many more of you will attend your Unit meetings.

Make your plans now to join us at the Fall District 5 Meeting to be held in Bismarck on September 19, 2018. I will send more information to District 5 Units as they are finalized. It's important to have representatives from every Unit at the District meeting. This is a wonderful chance for you to meet our new Department President, Jeannie Roman, and learn about her vision and ideas for projects for the upcoming year.

District 5 needs a Vice President and until we elect a person for this office, I'll ask for a volunteer to take minutes during the District 5 Meeting. This has worked well in other Districts.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the District 5 Meeting and meeting more of you at your Unit meetings as well.

Mary Anseth

District 5 President



District 7

Greetings.

Founded in 1919 to support the work of The American Legion and to serve the needs of American veterans and their families, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest, nonprofit, patriotic women's service organization in the world. Today, nearly 100 years later, we continue to promote the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, including the welfare and education of children and young people; funding scholarships, supporting community service projects and providing vital information to the public on local and national issues that affect veterans and their families.

We are a privileged group of women, eligible for membership in this Auxiliary because we are immediate relatives of veterans of war. As ALA members, we collectively donate millions of dollars and millions of volunteer service hours because we believe in America and because we care about our fellow human beings.

If you think about the many changes that have occurred over the last 100 years, it is comforting to realize that the American Legion Auxiliary's basic philosophy of "Service not Self" has not changed. That philosophy inspires us to continue to carry out the good works begun by our ancestors and motivates us to serve as positive examples for the next generation of women who have the privilege of being members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Don't forget to keep your fellow members informed about what you are doing in your Units. Let's share ideas and inspire each other to do what we do best: Support and Serve Veterans.

Candy Schafer

District 7 President



District 8

Hello District 8 Auxiliary Members,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District President for the coming year. I am excited about once again working with all of you on making 2018-2019 another wonderful, successful year. LoAnn Dick of Dickinson is your new District 8 Vice President and she is excited as well to learn more about all of you and working with our Legion Family.

It's hard to believe that our Fall District Meeting is just around the corner. District 8 Fall Meeting will be held in Dickinson, North Dakota on Friday, September 21, 2018. The meeting is tentatively slated to be held at the Stark County Veterans Pavilion at 801 5th Ave W., Dickinson. Watch for a mailing for more information and make plans now to attend the District 8 Fall Meeting.

I was able to attend this year's Department Organizational Meeting held in Bismarck in July. It is always great to share ideas with the other District Presidents and Department Officers and Chairmen. Membership and support of the Auxiliary Mission are always a big topic. I encourage all Units in District 8 to work on your membership and continue your wonderful work supporting our veterans and their families. It is such important work.

Sonja Groll

District 8 President



District 9

Greetings District 9

Where has this summer gone?

I am happy to report that we have a vice president, Dawn Wilber. Please come and meet her at the District 9 Fall Meeting that will be held in Williston. More information as to time and location will be sent out when it's available.

Make sure to check your paperwork as some changes were made at our organizational meeting and hopefully they are easier to understand.

Let us strive to increase membership and show your pride by branding/advertising.

If you have any questions please call or email.

Sheri Danks

District 9 President



The military honor guard unfolded and refolded the memorial flag, then presented it to the Maddock Auxiliary for the Veterans Memorial dedication. (Submitted by Gloria Covert)

Poppy Program

Hello Auxiliary Ladies,

Wow. By the time you read this article the 2018 National Convention will be a memory. Where has summer gone?

Soon we will need to order poppies for distribution. The deadline to order poppies is October 31, 2018. The Poppy Order forms will be coming to the Unit Presidents in a Unit Mailing the week of August 20, 2018. Unit Presidents watch for the Poppy Order and Contributions forms in the packet sent to you from the Department Office.

The two of the veterans who make our poppies were recognized earlier this year. Leo Hecker who resides at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City received a prestigious award from the Daughters of the Revolutionary War and Alfred Steiger, a resident of the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, ND, was honored by WDAZ TV of Grand Forks, and the Fargo Forum.

Congratulations Leo and Alfred. We are so fortunate to have these devoted veterans assemble poppies year around.

Joan Buske

Department Poppy Chairman



Girls State

Greetings from American Legion Auxiliary North Dakota Flickertail Girls State!

The 2018 session Flickertail Girls State hosted 117 young ladies. This was a wonderful group of girls that did a fantastic job during the week.

Throughout the week they were greeted by letter from Congressman Kevin Cramer, by recorded video from Senator John Hoeven, and in person by Senator Heidi Heitkamp. The attendees also had an opportunity to meet many wonderful officials from across the state during the Women in Government Town Hall Meetings.

American Legion Skit Night was another success as 2017-2018 American Legion Department Commander Karen Meier brought greetings to the group. The Girls Staters were also greeted by the North Dakota Legion 2017 Boys State Lt. Governor Jacob Mehrer, 2017-2018 Department President, Mavis Goodroad and Senior Counselor, Dakota Anne Sipe, as well as Girls State Board Member Gigi Moore, who also took greetings to American Legion Boys State on Thursday.

The week was wonderful as Preeti Chemiti and Astrid Axtman, both of Fargo, were elected by their peers to attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington D.C. Their week at Girls Nation was packed with activity including, service projects, mock Senate activities, and visits to the Holocaust Museum Tour and other National monuments, meeting with North Dakota Senators on Capitol Hill Day, and much more.

Dana Thoreson, Girls State Director and Lauren Hillebrand, Girls State Board Member, were also in attendance at Girls Nation, Thoreson in her 5th year as PR Staff and Hillebrand in her 2nd year as Government Staff. North Dakota is well represented on the National American Legion Auxiliary level and we are honored to be part of such an amazing program.

All girls who attended the American Legion Auxiliary 2018 Girls State program in Grand Forks will receive a 1/2 credit and letters are being sent to their respective schools. In the past, many letters are lost in the summer mail so those letters will be sent out next week.

If you have questions or would like more information about the North Dakota Girls State Program, please feel free to reach out to: ndgirlsstate@gmail.com or call 701-314-2460.

Dana Thoreson, Director

Flickertail Girls State Program



Communications Committee

Last year was busy for all of us. The Communications Committee worked on securing a video camera and tripod for use at Department functions. We are so blessed and grateful as we were gifted both items. Now we can easily record our Department Conventions and meetings.

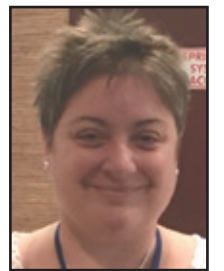
We also worked on media release forms so we are able to use the pictures or video as tools to promote our organization.

It's so important to let other units know when your Unit or District has a function. The Communications Committee wants to help you get the word out so members from other units can attend and participate with you. Examples include your Memorial Day programs and the Streeter Steak Event. Please let us know about any Unit activities you would like published on your District's webpage found on the Department's website.

Many units have special programs and events scheduled, so let's get the word out there. Contact any one of us on the Communication Committee by emailing: communications@ndala.org or call the Department Office at 701-253-5992 for more contact information.

Holly Eslinger

Chairman 2017-2018



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Unit 26 of Minot Hosts Children and Youth Events

The American Legion Auxiliary William G. Carroll Unit 26 hosted their first Children and Youth event on April 28, 2018. This event featured Mother's Day and Earth Day activities, and was very well attended. The children made Mother's Day cards, potted petunia plants, and made "pen flowers" and were given a packet of wild flower seeds with a sticker that said "Grow with the American Legion Auxiliary" to plant at their homes. They made bird houses out of plastic bottles, and painted them as well. With the assistance of the Ward County Soil Conservation District, each child was given a coupon for a tree to plant in celebration of Arbor Day. Unit members served "dirt cups" for a snack, which tied into our theme of 'Earth Day'.

The unit hosted its "Salute to Dad" event on June 10, 2018. This event featured activities that were centered on Father's Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day. The children made Father's Day cards and painted "My Dad Rocks" on rocks to be used as paperweights. Each child was given a

booklet with the Flanders Field poem inside. This booklet had six pages of pictures to color inside and had a poppy on the back of the booklet to signify the importance of the poppy. In addition to the other activities, the children also painted styrofoam cups that said, "I am nuts about my Dad, which were filled with peanuts, and painted styrofoam cups with a patriotic theme that said, "My Dad is a Hero" and "My Dad is a Super Star" that were filled with red, white, and blue tootsie rolls, and an American flag. Each child was presented a pin with an American flag on it. Members of Unit 26 served the children cupcakes decorated with red, white, and blue icing. This event was a tremendous success, and members look forward to other such events in the future.

**Linda Siewert,
Unit 26 Children and Youth Chairman**



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