



THE MESSAGE

North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary
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Due to space constraints, most articles have been truncated and some submitted photos omitted. Full articles and missing photos are available online at ndala.org/message/ We appreciate all the submissions for the paper!

Department Vice President

Greetings Auxiliary sisters!
Thank you, ladies, for all that you do for our veterans and their families! God has given us a task that will go on for years to come. This task is taking care of our veterans.

Membership! Keep asking current members to renew and continue to recruit new members as well. Keep in mind that membership is to help our veterans and not just for ourselves!

Help wherever you can and whenever you can. Remember we are here 'To Help Our Veterans!' Service not self.

May you have your life in God's Hands, may liberty surround you, may you have good health, may the sun shine in your life, and may you always know a friend is near. May God fill your heart, our country, and the world with freedom, and May God Bless America!

Beverly J. Wolff



Beverly Wolff

Department President

Hello Auxiliary sisters,

I want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement over these past six months. In support of my President's Project and the Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Program, many of you have purchased t-shirts, poppy pins and magnetic emblems and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Your donations will allow veterans and their families the ability to seek help in the event they might be contemplating suicide or are mourning the death of a loved one. With the caring nature and one-on-one mentoring abilities of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), survivors will be able to build a future and understand what has happened to them. Veterans in North Dakota will also benefit from your support as Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines are installed in some of your posts. Since we are all getting up in age, I believe AED machines should be available in the event someone might be experiencing a heart attack. The defibrillation machine is a vital piece of life-saving equipment. Project funds will also be donated to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Fargo and the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon in support of the veterans they serve.

I want to thank the Department of Arizona for its \$50.00 donation toward my President's Project. For those who don't know, the Department of Arizona challenged the Department of North Dakota to a membership race. The idea was that the winner would be the Department with the highest percentage of 2019 paid dues by specific dates. Over the past few years, North Dakota had lagged in membership while Arizona typically came in 1st place. The challenge was accepted, and North Dakota won! A big 'shout out' to all North Dakota Unit Membership Chairmen – you showed

them. Take a bow, ladies, and give yourselves and your unit sisters a big hand. I believe that 'team work' makes the 'dream' work! With our Department Membership Chairman, Sandy Smith, on board with her positive encouragement and wise guidance, I know we have a wonderful successful year ahead.

God Bless and thank you to all who braved the bitter cold weather along with the snow and came to Minot for Winter Conference. Although we missed Marcy Schmidt, our Department Secretary's presence, we were blessed with the talents of many others. Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend a great success!

I especially enjoyed the Winter Conference President's Luncheon where I was able to acknowledge and honor some of our members who I believe help our organization and our veterans in big and small ways. Although these special individuals do so much and are so active, they don't expect or receive accolades or kudos for doing so. Congratulations and thank you to those who received a citation. It's a small token to say "thanks" for your continued support of veterans, their families, but most of all for your encouragement of all of us as members and officers of this organization.

Last but certainly not least – I want to thank each and every one of you for your 'best wishes' and the gifts I've received. I've been so fortunate to have this experience as your Department President and I look forward to serving with all of you for the next six months and into the future.

Sincerely,
Jeannie Román



Jeannie Román

Department Chaplain

Precious Jesus, we lift up our family and friends before You today asking that You meet every need of our lives. Heal them, set them free, and deliver them. Let them see You more clearly. Let them feel You near in every situation concerning their lives. Amen.

In Proverbs 3:3: "Let not mercy and truth leave thee, put them about thy neck, and write them in the tablets of thy heart." Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Thank You Lord for this New Day! We give You Praise, Honor and Glory! We bow in your presence and pour our hearts out to you. We ask that You strengthen us physically and emotionally to face and conquer anything the enemy throws our way today, and during the upcoming week. We bring before You everything that is painful to us, along with our needs, for we know that one touch or one Word from You, will solve everything. Thank You for our families, jobs, daily bread, and for the Precious Blood covering of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Amen.

God's Blessing to each of you and God Bless the USA.
Sandra Petermann



Sandra Petermann

Department Historian

Hello all.

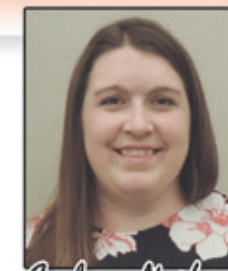
I hope the dreams of warmer weather are close to becoming reality. If the snow doesn't stick around much longer, we will have one of those lovely North Dakota springs we love.

I enjoyed spending time with all of you at Winter Conference, snapping pictures of the activities and learning from the Department Chairmen. I hope everyone got home safely and warm after experiencing that North Dakota blizzard we had on Sunday.

I want to thank everyone for sending me great pictures and articles on what your units and districts have been up to! I also want to remind those who were at Fall District

Meetings to send me any pictures and short write-ups of the activities. I would love to receive information on anything your units and districts do in support of veterans and their families as well as what activities you do in your communities.

Your articles and pictures can be sent to me at home or by email at: historian@ndala.org
Andrea Neshem
1412 5th St SW
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Andrea Neshem

Contests and Scholarships

Americanism Essay Contest

- The topic for this year's contest is: "How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?"
- The deadline to submit your essay is: April 1, 2019.
- Send completed essays by email to: americanism@ndala.org or by mail to: Holly Eslinger Americanism Chairman 1020 N 14th St. Bismarck, ND 58501-4245.

Poppy Poster Contest

- The Poppy Poster Contest is open to students in Grades 2-12.
- Deadline to submit completed posters is: May 20th, 2019.
 - Mail your poppy poster to: Joan Buske, Poppy Chairman 403 S 6th St Oakes, ND 58474-1915.

The essay forms and rules for both contests can be found on the Department website at: www.ndala.org. Click on the Tab 'Programs' and find Americanism or Poppies.

Department Scholarships

- Nursing Scholarship-those pursuing a degree in the nursing field. Deadline is April 1, 2019
- General Education Scholarship-those pursuing higher education. Deadline is April 1, 2019
- Visit the Department website www.ndala.org homepage or education and parley pages for more information and application forms.

What: Girls State Program

When: June 9-14, 2019

Who: Calling all qualified applicants! This means you! High school girls that are completing their junior year this spring.

Where: UND Campus, Grand Forks, ND

Why: To learn about local and state government, make a ton of new friends and have lots of FUN!

How: Fill out an application!! Visit ndgirlsstate@gmail.com, call 701-314-2460, visit with your local Auxiliary unit or your high school guidance counselor for more information and applications.

SPRING DISTRICT/REGIONAL MEETINGS 2019

APRIL 6 AND APRIL 8-13

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Central Region Spring Meeting

- Districts 3,4 and 5
- Camp Grafton (near Devils Lake)
- Time- 8am

Week of April 8-13, 2019

Spring District Meetings (East Region)

- District 1-Apr. 9th, 7 pm Mayville VFW
- District 2-Apr. 8th, 7 pm Larimore Vets Club
- District 10-Apr. 11th, 7 pm, LaMoure

Saturday, April 13, 2019

West Region Spring Meeting

- Districts 6, 7,8 and 9
- Watford City American Legion
- Time-8 am

*Please note that some details still need to be ironed out. Watch for further information to be posted on the Auxiliary website or sent to you by email or in a Unit Packet.

Department Secretary

Greetings everyone!

We sure have experienced 'cold' weather this winter. I promise spring is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. The American Legion and the Auxiliary are already planning for District/Regional meetings. As I write this letter, plans for all Spring meetings have not been completed. More information will come out as soon as those plans are known. Stay tuned for mail, emails and possibly even phone calls!

At Winter Conference, the Department Executive Committee (DEC) discussed, voted on and approved a method that will make it much easier for both the Department Office and the Department Treasurer to manage online dues and reimbursements to units. Our Department Treasurer will issue reimbursement checks to Units for amounts over \$5 for the calendar year of 2018. All other Units owed less than \$5 for 2018 will be issued 'Credit Memos'. Those 'Credit Memos' will be good until they are used as a credit for payment by Units for future membership dues, required contributions or other items units typically pay into the Department. The 2018 dues reimbursements to Units and the 'Credit Memos' will be mailed to the respective Unit Membership Chairmen.

Also related to 'online dues payments' is the issue of how Units find out which members have paid online. If the Unit's Membership Chairman has access to the American Legion Auxiliary

Management Information System (ALAMIS), the

National Membership Database, she can log on to her account and easily find that information. If, however, she does not have ALAMIS access, it can be quite challenging. Beginning April 1, 2019, the Department Office will pull a quarterly report of paid online dues. The quarterly report will be sent to the Department Treasurer and the respective Unit Membership Chairmen. Beginning July 1, 2019, 'Credit Memos' will be issued once a year after the annual Department Convention.

Block your calendars now and make plans soon to attend the Centennial Celebration of the American Legion Auxiliary during the Department Convention in June 2019. The Department Convention will be held June 27-30, 2019, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND. More information will be coming soon to the Department's website, ndala.org, and a mailbox near you.

Do you have a 'Good Will Ambassador' in your midst? If you do, nominate her now and mail your Nomination Entry and Essay to the Department Office no later than March 1, 2019.

Thank you for everything you do to support the Auxiliary's mission. You make this world and the people around you better because of your work and dedication.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

District 1

Greetings ladies of District 1, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Minot Unit #26 for hosting the Winter Conference and the Department Chairmen for the information given at the workshop/round tables.

Ladies, keep working on membership. Don't hold those membership dues and let's try to reach your unit 'goal'. Hats off to Sandy Smith, our Department Membership Chairman, who is doing a fantastic job!

The deadline for Unit Year-End Reports is April 15, 2019. Unit Presidents, remember to report your unit's volunteer hours and dollars spent to support our veterans. Send your Unit reports to me by April 15, 2019, so I can compile the District 1 numbers. I would love to have a 100% reporting in District 1. Even if your unit has nothing to report, send me a short narrative report anyway!

At this time, we don't have an incoming District 1 President or District Vice President. Hopefully by the time the District 1 Spring Meeting comes around, someone will step up to serve as a District officer. It really is a great opportunity to meet people, learn about our organization and find out what other units are up to.

As I write my last article as your District 1 President, I want to thank all the units of District 1 for your dedication and participation in the Auxiliary. Supporting our veterans and their families and our communities is so important. I am looking forward to sharing ideas at the Spring District meeting. A letter will be sent in a few weeks with details about the date and time.

"We Love Our Veterans", so please remember our veterans and their families with cards, food, or a special program.

Susan Lemley
District 1 President



Department Treasurer

Hi everyone!

I hope this finds you and yours well. So far, I have enjoyed being your Department Treasurer. When I took this position, I thought I knew more than enough about bookkeeping and the program "Quick Book Pro" to cruise through this position. Well...I was wrong. I've learned more in the past six months about this program and how bookkeeping is handled than I learned while working with my husband during tax season.

My next big project will start on 2/8/19. National Headquarters has "invited" the current Department Treasurers and Finance Board Chairmen to attend a 2-day conference in Indianapolis. I haven't seen an agenda yet so I can't tell you what we're going to be talking about and learning. One of the nice things about this meeting is that National HQ is paying for airfare and hotel accommodations

— leaving only meals and personal items for us to worry about. I have not had the opportunity to visit Indianapolis, so I am very excited about going. I will fill you in on what happens when I get back.

Last item. It's very important to have a current Employer Identification Number (EIN) on file with the IRS. If your unit doesn't already have one, please register for one now. Also, don't forget to file your Unit's taxes (or tax-exempt status) — either on Form 990 or 990-N. This is required every year. I'm sure you don't want to lose your non-profit status with the IRS.

Keep up the good work!
Annette Zeller



Annette Zeller

District 5

Time is fast approaching for District 5 Units to submit your Impact and Unit Narrative reports. Start working on them now and send those to me no later than the **deadline of April 15, 2019**. I challenge all units in District 5 to submit your Year-End Report. Let's have 100% reporting this year! If you need more information about the Year-End Reports, please give me a call.

The American Legion Central Region Vice President has decided to hold all the **Spring District Meetings in his region on Saturday, April 6, 2019**. Districts 3, 4, and 5 will meet on that day at Camp Grafton located south of Devils Lake. More details will be coming out soon.

The District 5 Commander has sent an email to the Posts requesting the names and numbers of those who are planning to attend the meeting. Please contact your local Post Commander for further information and to let them know who from your Unit will be attending. The deadline to let them know is March 1, 2019. Let's have a great turn out for the first Central Region Spring Meeting.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your District 5 President for the past several years. However, ladies of District 5, I will not be running again as your District 5 President. This is why your attendance at the Central Region Spring Meeting is so very important. A new District 5 President and District 5 Vice President needs to be elected at the Spring Meeting on April 6, 2019. Start talking now with your Unit members to find someone who will step up to be District 5 President or Vice President.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April 6.
Mary Anseth
District 5 President



District 3

District 3 Auxiliary members,

I just returned from the Winter Conference that was held at the Grand International Inn in Minot. Thank you to the Minot Post and Auxiliary for hosting the event. All your hard work was very much appreciated! Attendance for Auxiliary members at the conference was 58 registered members and 1 guest. During our meeting on Saturday, Department Chaplain, Sandra Peterman, organized a memorial service to honor all the members that we lost in the past year to eternal rest. The District Presidents individually read the names of the departed members from their districts. There was a total of 194 members that are no longer with us.

The slate of officers has been endorsed (same as we have now) for the upcoming election at Department Convention. The position of Vice President is still open. If there is a member that may be interested in that position, please contact your unit for endorsement and let the Department Office know so it can be featured in 'The Message' before Department Convention.

If you haven't already done so, please send in your mandatory contributions form soon. If your form was lost,

contact the Department Office for another one. Please be sure your 990-N is filed with the IRS on a yearly basis. Contact me or the Department Office if your unit is having a problem with it.

There will be a resolution presented at Department Convention to increase the Department of North Dakota dues by \$3.00 to go into effect dues year 2021.

I encourage all units to have at least one unit member with access to the ALAMIS system for membership. With a \$10 yearly subscription/access to ALAMIS, you will be able to pull numerous membership reports as well as have the ability to change addresses and names for your unit's members. Contact the Department Office with your email address to subscribe.

The Oratorical contest is always a highlight of Winter Conference. Our youth are exceptional and do an awesome job of presentation. Congratulations to Madison from Dickinson for 1st place, (2nd) David from Beach, (3rd) Hunter from Garrison and (4th) Destiny from Carrington. These individuals have a great future ahead of them!

Thank you to our Department leadership that keeps all of us on track. And thank you to the Auxiliary members who keep our Units active and serving our veterans and our communities.

Gloria Covert
District 3 President



District 7

Greetings ladies of District 7.

The thermometer says 4 degrees below zero and the weather person says it feels like 22 below. Can you say COLD! I find myself wondering if spring will truly come.

I have a plaque in my kitchen that says, 'When the World Says Give Up, Hope Whispers...Try One More Time'. Where would we be without hope? The ability to reach deep inside ourselves and believe that, in spite of life's many challenges, all will be well. Things will improve and we will not only survive, but we will thrive.

The programs of the American Legion Auxiliary offer hope to many. To veterans, to their families and to our fellow community members. Knowing that the ALA will carry on its many traditions brings a sense of stability that helps us and those around us, to stay calm, to stay the course and look to the future.

Here are some of the many things we have to look forward to:

- Spring District/Regional Meetings. Watch your mail for information and details.
- Memorial Day • Girls State
- Centennial Celebration at the Department Convention in Grand Forks

I am sure there are other activities and special dates that you all can add to the list.

So yes, if I listen closely for that whisper of hope to 'Try One More Time', I trust that spring will come, bringing with it a sense of renewal and enthusiasm. Carry on ladies, and thank you for all you do for veterans, their families and your communities.

Candy Schafer
District 7 President



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District 9

Recently, District 9 President Sheri Danks, resigned due to personal reasons. We thank her for her past service and leadership within the Department. Sheri, you will be missed.

We welcome incoming District 9 President Dawn Wilber. You can reach her at district9@ndala.org or by telephone at 701.509.1858. Other mailing information is available from the Department Office or by going to ndala.org/contact-information/. Thank you for serving in this capacity, Dawn! We look forward to working with you.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) Program

When a sudden emergency strikes a friend, we all start thinking of how we can assist that person. Well, it is the same for the American Legion Auxiliary family. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) provides temporary financial assistance to eligible members during time of financial crisis or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Units and individual members who have contributed \$2,659.00 to the Department AEF fund. At the end of the fiscal year, the money raised is transferred to the National AEF fund since they have the committee who oversees and grants the requests. I work with any members and Units who wish to apply for the grants. If you or another Auxiliary member you know is in a crisis situation, please contact me at aef@ndala.org.

More information on this program can be found at www.ndala.org/aef.

Mary Anseth
Department AEF Chairman



Membership Program

Hi everyone,
I am very proud to be your Department Membership Chairman. It is great to see so many ladies at meetings and hear what a wonderful job you all are doing to keep this organization strong. We need more like you so keep up the good work and let us grow.

As I have said before, Unit 271 of Mandaree was the Pasque Flower with a 240% by October 12 and Unit 162 at Tolna the Lady Slippers with 166% by Veterans Day. Now to let you know about the Black Eyed Susans. I didn't get a number on November 22nd but the number I got late says that Unit 117 at Kindred is the winner with 150%. Our next winner is Unit 240 at Hoople our Blanket Flowers with 147% of goal. Congratulations!

I am now looking for our Prairie Roses. Which Unit will be next? Presidents Day is coming up. With the new renewal notices out we should all see an increase in memberships coming in. Let's get out there and find more new and rejoin memberships to send in with them. Remember to sign up those 'buds', Junior members. They are the future of our organization.

I realize that Poppies are not native North Dakota flowers, but I see so many of them springing up on hats, jackets, and purses I decided to make them our last membership award flower. So, everyone put the 'push' on and try to meet or exceed your membership goals by Memorial Day so I can give out another award. This one will go to the unit that has the most new or rejoined members and hasn't won an award as of May 5th.

For God and Country,
Sandy Smith,
Department Membership Chairman

Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State team is gearing up for 2019 Flickertail Girls State, which will be held **June 9-14, 2019**, at the University of North Dakota. Application forms and updated brochures are available and have been mailed to unit Girls State Chairmen.

The registration fee for attendees is \$250 and there is no registration deadline. You read that right – this year there is a flat registration fee regardless of when the registration fee is received, and there is no specific registration deadline. That said, we do appreciate receiving your registrations prior to June 1st!

Last year, Gigi Moore assisted many girls in finding sponsorships for ALA Girls State. If you know of a girl that would like to attend, please let us know. Also, if you have extra funds and are willing to help a girl experience this wonderful program, drop us a line or give us a call.

We are now accepting applications for "City Moms". If you are an American Legion Auxiliary member that would like to help and spread the good word of our organization, then this may be the job for you! Visit ndgirlsstate.org/staff-application/ for applications.

For additional information on the 2019 session please reference the Girls State website at www.NDGirlsState.org, email ndgirlsstate@gmail.com, or call 701-314-2460.

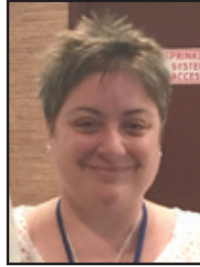
Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Thoreson,
Girls State Director



Americanism Program

Hello Auxiliary members!

My name is Holly Eslinger and I am your Americanism Chair for 2018-2019. I have been a member of the George W. Snook Unit 246 from Elgin since 1981. I am eligible through my father Fred, who is a Vietnam-Era Veteran. In addition to being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, I enjoy reading and quilting.



I wanted to send a gentle reminder; **Americanism essays are due to me by April 1st, 2019**. Please encourage the junior members and other children in your community to write an essay. This year's topic is "**How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?**" (See more information on page 7 of this publication)

I also wanted to remind you to send in your Year-End Reports this year. It's very important to report to National on what we are doing and the dollars spent. Every hour and every dollar counts!

In addition, here are just a few ways you can show Americanism in your communities:

- Teach Flag Etiquette in Schools
- Plan Flag Retirement Ceremonies
- Provide a Place to Purchase Flags and Depository for Tattered, Used Flags
- Preparing and Thinking about Floats in Local Parades for the 100th Anniversary
- Organize Picnics for Veterans and Their Families
- Display Flags on Graves for Memorial and Veterans Day
- Help Organize Veterans Day Programs
- Support ND American Legion and Auxiliary Programs such as Boys/Girls State, International Music Camp and Oratorical Contests

Have a great rest of the year!

Holly Eslinger
Department Americanism Chairman

VA&R Program

Greetings!

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) is going strong in North Dakota. Thank you for all your hard work!! The round table at Winter Conference was fun. I enjoyed visiting with those that stopped by. I had some things to check on when I got back and found some answers.

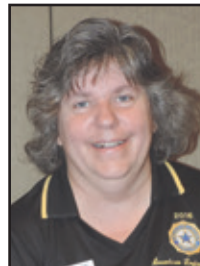
Regarding the Move-in Baskets **through the VA**: I was asked how the veterans in the central and western part of the state can benefit from this program. The Volunteer Service Coordinator at the Fargo Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) told me that rather than putting together baskets and having to transport them throughout the state, it is easier to work with monetary donations. The VA purchases Wal-Mart gift cards and sends them to the social workers at the community-based outreach clinics (CBOCs). The social workers will go shopping with a veteran for items they need.

Please note: **The funds should be sent to the Auxiliary Department office, specifically earmarked for the CBOC Social Workers; the Department Treasurer will then send a check to Voluntary Service at the Fargo VAMC so they can purchase the gift cards.** The VA asks that it be done this way so they can assure accurate tracking and recording of the donations. (They also are audited regarding donations.)

VA bags for children should be sent directly to Fargo and will be distributed to CBOC's from there. Recently, the VAMC in Fargo indicated they have a need for 60" X 80" tie-blankets. Unit mailers from the Department Office have a list of other items needed. For infection control purposes, please send new items only.

Thanks again for all you do through VA&R.

LaVonne Matthews
Department VA&R Chairman



Poppy Program

Greetings Auxiliary members.

I encourage and challenge all units, especially our Junior members, to participate in the Auxiliary's Poppy Poster Contest. The Poppy Poster Contest is open to students in grades 2-12. Information was sent to all units in the January Unit Packet. Contact your local school to ask them to support the Poppy Poster Contest.

The Poppy Poster Contest rules can be found on the Department's website at: www.ndala.org. Click on the Tab 'Programs' and find Poppies.

The **deadline** to submit completed posters to me is: **May 20, 2019**. This timeframe will allow me to judge entries and send North Dakota winners on to Northwestern Division and National for further judging. Send your poppy poster to: **Joan Buske, 403 S 6th St, Oakes, ND 58474-1915.**

I look forward to receiving your poppy poster!

Joan Buske,
Department Poppy Chairman



National Security

Hi ladies,

It's February 9, 2019, and it's 'COLD'! I hope this wintery cold spell ends soon. I'm sure looking forward to spring.

On to National Security. I know many units do different things related to National Security. I am asking that all units complete a Year-End Report that includes National Security hours and dollars spent. Please send your reports to your District President who will forward them to me.

If you have questions about the National Security Program send a message to me at: nationalsecurity@ndala.org.

In my conference call with the Northwestern Division Chairman, I found that units in other states do a lot of the same things for National Security that the Department of North Dakota units do. One of the things that I would like to see a few of our Units do is: take a cloth shopping bag or a similar size bag and fill it with hygiene products for our service women who are serving overseas. The same type of bag could be assembled for the homeless women veterans. They are much needed items. Clean, warm socks are also needed for and welcomed by homeless veterans. There are never enough socks to keep their feet warm.

Thank you, ladies, for all you do for our veterans, especially our homeless veterans and families of our veterans. Keep up the good work!

Mavis Goodroad,
Department National Security Chairman



We mistakenly omitted a picture of our Children and Youth Chairman last issue. Linda Siewert is the 2018-2019 Department Chairman.



Dates for Year-End Reporting

Auxiliary Members

- Submit your –Year-End Report to your Unit President by April 1, 2019

Unit Presidents

- Submit your compilation of members Year-End Report to your District President by April 15, 2019

District Presidents

- Submit your compilation of Unit Year-End Report to all Department Chairmen by May 1, 2019.
- Submit a copy of your Year-End Report to the Department Office by May 1, 2019.
- Submit a copy of your Year-End Report to the Department President by May 1, 2019.

Department Chairman

- Submit a Year-End Narrative Report to your respective Northwestern Division Chairman no later than May 15, 2019.
- Submit a copy of your Year-End Narrative Report to the Department office no later than May 15, 2019.

Department President/Department Office

- Department Year-End Report is due to National Headquarters by June 1, 2019

It's important to report your volunteer hours and dollars spent in support of the American Legion Auxiliary 'Mission'. I know you all do more than you take credit for so toot your horn and let's count it and go for 100% reporting in 2018-2019! Thank you for everything you do for veterans and their families as well as the work you do in your communities.

Jeannie Román,
Department President 2018-2019

Project Funds Dispersed for Past President Mavis Goodroad

Mavis Goodroad, Past Department President 2017-2018, presented checks to three North Dakota establishments that serve veterans. The project money for these donations was raised throughout the year by selling pins, raffle tickets, receiving donation monies from units,



Mavis Goodroad, Past Department President 2017-2018, presented Mark Johnson Director of the North Dakota Veterans Home at Lisbon, ND a \$3000 check from her President's Project funds.

posts, members and individuals.

The \$5,000 in funds raised for the VA Medical Center will be utilized by the Voluntary Services for hospitalized veterans. \$3,000 in funds also went to the North Dakota Veterans Home at Lisbon, ND and \$3,000 to Jan Eliassen,



Mavis Goodroad, Past Department President 2017-2018, presented the Fargo VA Health Care System a \$5000 check from her President's Project funds. Accepting the check are Director LaVonne Liversage (left) and Karinne Davidson, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Director of the Gladys Ray Shelter in Fargo. Under the guidance of Ms. Eliassen, the shelter offers temporary housing and other services to homeless veterans. We are so thankful for the options provided to homeless veterans by the Gladys Ray Shelter.



Mavis Goodroad, Past Department President 2017-2018, presented the Fargo VA Health Care System a \$5000 check from her President's Project funds. Accepting the check are Director LaVonne Liversage (left) and Karinne Davidson, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Awards Available

- * Woman of the Year Award-Due May 10th.
- * Salute to Active Duty Service Woman Award-Due May 10th.

Visit ndala.org/ppp/ for more information

- * Goodwill Ambassador Award-Due March 1st.
- * Member Award: R5-Recruit/Rejoin-recruit or rejoin 5 Auxiliary members-Due April 15th.
- * Member Award: Silver Brigade-Recruit 25 new Auxiliary members-Due April 15th.

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Winter Conference



The table prepared for the Winter Conference Memorial Service. PC-Shauna Dubuque



Jeanie Román, Department President, giving the opening welcome for the joint session at Winter Conference. Department Commander Glenn Wahus and Minot Mayor Shaun Sipma looking on. PC-Gloria Covert

Your unit's reporting matters! The American Legion Auxiliary reported to the U.S. Congress that over 7 million volunteer hours and \$26 million were donated through our programs last year, but it is estimated those numbers would be 12 million hours and \$1.1 billion if we had 100% reporting nationwide.



LaVonne Matthews, VA&R Chairman, doing a workshop presentation on the Creative Arts program. PC-Gloria Covert



Gloria Covert, District 3 President and Susan Lemley, District 1 President got a hug from our Legion family professional Santa, Arne, who is a US Air Force Veteran. PC-Gloria Covert



Joan Lasher, District 4 President, reading the names of the members at eternal rest during the memorial service at Winter Conference. PC-Gloria Covert

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Hallie M Anderson, Fargo
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Barbara A West, Hope
Delores I Amann, Valley City
Josephine Hagglund, Valley City
Patricia Miller, Valley City
Shirley E Offermann, Kindred
Janice Borud (SLM), Galesburg
Julie C. Walker, Harwood

District 2

Marcella Kaufman, Grand Forks
Darlyes J McQuay, Grand Forks
Sally E Gaustad, Grafton
Sandra K Pederson, McVile
Yvonne Walstad (SLM), Park River
Irene Mozinski, Minto
Dorothy Rudnik, Minto
Leona Wysocki, Minto
Lavern Tharalson, Hoople
Phoebe Riske, Forest River

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Drina P Hansel, Langdon

District 4

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Dorothy S. Peterson, Carrington
DeVon M. Allmaras (SLM), New Rockford
Arlys Kuhn, Gackle
Joyce Poykko, Gackle

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Carmen Burgad, Napoleon

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Ione Scholes (SLM), Carson

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Reggie Gentz, New England
Anna J Kathrein, New England
Martha Hlebechuk, Belfield
Rose Hueske (SLM), Richardton

District 9

Mildred Wollan, Watford City

District 10

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Neone E. Hird, Ellendale
Ann M Ham, Wyndmere

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Elaine M Cowles, Mesa, AZ
Mary Ann Holsinger (SLM), Mayville

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