

Hello Auxiliary Members.

Congratulations and thank you for all the work you performed for veterans and their families and your communities. Following are just a few of the projects and works submitted for the 2019-2020 year-end reports.

- Participation in Memorial Day and Veterans Day Programs which included readings and placing bouquets of poppies on veteran's graves.
- Sponsorship of students for Boys State and Girls State programs and International Music Camp.
- Generous donations to local Food Pantries.
- Fundraising for the "Warm Hearts" program to support Minot military airmen and their families during the Christmas holidays.
- Sponsor an "Adopted Veteran" residing at the North Dakota Veterans Home at Lisbon.
- Assembled "Heart Pillows" and donations of linens, towels, and toiletries for patients at the VA Medical Center in Fargo.
- Collections of gently-used purses and backpacks filled with toiletries, socks, and gloves for local homeless veterans and women's shelters.
- Lovingly assembled homemade quilts for veterans.
- Prepared and served community Christmas Eve dinners and delivered Meals on Wheels for shut-ins.
- Participated in and assisted Legion Posts with local fundraisers such as pancake feeds and charity breakfasts.
- Distributed poppies in your communities on National Poppy Day.
- Participation in community based activities including: shoveling snow for elderly neighbors, baking bars and cakes in support of the Gold Star Mothers Banquet, assisting with flag retirement ceremonies, cleaning your local American Legion Post, presenting programs to veterans and residents of local nursing homes, and working concession stands in support of your local school district.
- Unit members in a number of communities also took part in the following: parades, sponsored community blood drives, made face masks in response to the recent pandemic crisis, donated gift cards from local restaurants to thank frontline health care workers and first responders, made tie blankets for the comfort of cancer patients, donated platters of goodies to local schools for American Education Week, and promoted wearing purple in April to show support and thanks to military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

This list shows just some of the projects the Auxiliary members were involved with. You can see that we are collectively a busy group. I am so proud and honored to be part of this great organization. Thank you for all that you do. You are valued and you are important.

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