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Nicole Clapp, ALA National President to Visit North Dakota

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota is proud and honored to have Nicole Clapp, National President, visit our great state. President Clapp will be in Dickinson, ND, to attend the 2021 Winter Conference.

Nicole Clapp of Gladbrook, Iowa, was elected American Legion Auxiliary National President at the 99th National Convention held Aug. 23-29, 2019, in Indianapolis. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that struck the entire world in the early months of 2020, this is the second year President Nicole is serving.

A 44-year Paid Up For Life member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Clapp joined the Auxiliary at the age of four, receiving eligibility for membership through her grandfather, Roger Schroeder, who served in the Navy during World War II. She has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, department, and national levels. At the national level, she served as 1987-1988 ALA honorary national Junior president and chaired many committees and served special appointments, including national Finance Committee chair, national Children & Youth Committee chair, national Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee chair, Future Focus Committee member, and ALA Centennial Strategic Plan Committee member. She also served as national vice

president in the 2018-2019 administrative year.

Clapp, who currently resides in Gladbrook, Iowa, graduated with honors and distinction from The University of Iowa, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing followed by a master's degree in nursing administration. She then relocated to Wisconsin for a 22-year career at Grant Regional Health Center. She is board-certified in healthcare management and an American College of Healthcare Executives Fellow. In 2004, Clapp was named the Wisconsin Chapter's Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. She was also recognized as one of Becker's 'Hospital Review's 50 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know in the United States'.



Nicole Clapp
National President

Welcome to Dickinson

Unit President LoAnn Dick and members of Matthew Brew Unit 3 of Dickinson, ND, extend a warm welcome to all potential attendees of the upcoming 2021 Winter Conference. The event, hosted by members of Post 3 and Unit 3 of Dickinson, will be held January 28-31, 2021. Meetings will be headquartered at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel. Make plans now to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you in Dickinson.

Note-all events subject to change under pandemic guidance from the State of ND and the CDC.



Department Chaplain Seeks Prayers for Department Book

Hello Auxiliary members.

I hope all of you have remained safe and healthy over the past few months. As this pandemic continues to affect so many of us, I pray that we will all get through this together, yet apart. If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed, reach out to your friends by Facebook, phone, or email. They may be feeling the same way and together, perhaps, you can make each other laugh. Reach out to your Auxiliary sisters and brothers as well as shut-in veterans and continue to support each other.

I am collecting prayers for a **Department Chaplain Prayer Book**. If you have a favorite prayer, story, song, or picture, please share it with me and I will add it to the 'book'. You can send them to me by email at chaplain@ndala.org or mail it to me at the address listed.

Thank you in advance for helping make the **Department Chaplain Prayer Book** a reality. Blessings to you and yours.

Sandra Petermann, Department Chaplain
621 1st St W
Dickinson, ND 58601-5004



Barry Hoof Unit 72 Napoleon Holds Veterans Day Contests - Heroes are Stars

I am part of the American Flag that has flown over the USA. The sun and wind have caused me to become tattered and torn. I can no longer fly. Please carry me as a reminder that "heroes are not forgotten".

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, Barry Hoof Post and Unit 72 of Napoleon sponsored Veterans Day art and essay contests for students at the Napoleon Public Schools.

The 2020 Veterans Day 'Thank-a-Veteran' project began with coloring a page decorated with 'stars' cut from American Flags or writing an essay about 'Heroes are Stars - They Are Not Forgotten'. Students in grades K-6 shared their artwork and writing with veterans by mail and friends at the Napoleon Care Center. First-prize winners of the Veterans Day essays were James Moch, 5th grade and Addyson Erbele, 6th grade. The 2020 challenge question was "What is the newest branch of the military?". An all-school drawing of correct answers, which is 'US Space Force', was won by fourth grader, Hunter Schumacher. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone for your participation and sharing your talents.

We enjoyed sharing the pride we have in our country, our flag, our veterans, and our active military members. We thank the teachers, school staff, and parents for their support as they encouraged their children to learn about

our heroes.

Article and photo submitted by Unit 72 President Ann Knecht, Napoleon



Pictured is a star cut from an American flag. Stars were presented to Napoleon school children to attach to their Veterans Day "Heroes are Stars" artwork.

American Legion
Auxiliary
2021

Winter Conference
(tentative schedule)

Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel
Dickinson, North Dakota
Phone: 701-483-5600

Thursday, January 28, 2021

No Auxiliary program/events planned

Friday, January 29, 2021

Conference Rooms - TBD

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration Table Open

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Department Executive Committee meeting

6:00 pm – Department Commanders Banquet

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Conference Rooms - TBD

9:00 am – 9:30 AM – Nicole Clapp, National Presidents Address to Auxiliary

9:30 am – 11:00 AM – District Presidents Meeting with Department President Wolff

11:30 am – 12:00 AM Selection of Delegates to National Convention

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Conference Rooms - TBD

8:00 am – 11:00 AM – Auxiliary Meetings

11:00 am - Noon – Memorial Service

Please note: Due to COVID-19 protocols and restrictions, meetings and attendance will be limited on a first come/first served basis. Be aware that time and rooms could change without advance notice.

Department President

“Veterans Magnify Freedom!” is the theme I have chosen for 2020-2021 as I serve you as Department President. The American Flag is the symbol and the VA program, ‘Wishes on Wings’, is the project I have chosen as my President’s Project.

You might be asking how we can build our future in these ever-changing times and especially while we all endure the ongoing pandemic that has affected so many of us. We, as members of the American Legion Auxiliary, have a responsibility to continue to recruit new members to join our dynamic organization.

There are many prospective members in our communities. Perhaps they have never been asked to join before. Reach out to them and invite them to a meeting or ask them to assist you with a project. They probably have

a talent that would fit right into your unit’s plans and activities. Visit with them and let them know about the benefits of joining the American Legion Auxiliary. If we continue to work hard for membership, our future will be strong.

The Legion and Auxiliary Department Offices are working on plans for the Winter Conference scheduled for January 28-31, 2021, in Dickinson, ND. Keeping in mind your own personal health and safety, plan to attend if you can.

Beverly Wolff



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Department Secretary

Where has the time gone? It seems to have just flown by. It is just a few days until Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, and just weeks until Christmas and New Year’s Day. We have experienced a lot in the past few months, including the COVID-19 pandemic and a national election.

I hope you and yours remain safe and healthy. Thank you for continuing to work our mission of supporting veterans and their families. Now is more important than ever to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Although you may not be meeting in person, there are projects we can all do. It is called good old American ingenuity and means thinking outside the box.

The usual activity of the Auxiliary has been greatly modified due to the ongoing pandemic which includes the gift shops at both the VA Medical Center in Fargo and the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon. The in-person events have been canceled for December 2 and 3, 2020. Gift Shop Chairmen LaVonne Matthews (Fargo) and Carol Jentz (Lisbon) have designed virtual Gift Shops tailored to each facility. The Department Office staff and chairmen extend a heartfelt “thank you” to all units and individual members who donated greeting cards, postage, envelopes, and funds for this year’s Gift Shops. This could not have

been achieved without your wonderful, generous support and donation of materials and funds.

The Legion and Auxiliary Department staff are still working on details for the 2021 Winter Conference set for January 28-31, 2021, in Dickinson, ND. Due to ongoing concern for the health and safety of attendees, safety protocols including face coverings, hand sanitizing, and social distancing during meetings will be followed and enforced.

Due to the limited number of attendees allowed in the conference facility and banquet, each person who plans to attend is highly encouraged to register early. The conference registration form and tentative Auxiliary schedule can be found on another page of this publication.

May you all be able to celebrate the upcoming holidays with family even if you must celebrate a bit differently this year.

For God and Country
Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department Chaplain

Find Joy in the Small Things.

“Everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving.” - 1 Timothy 4:4

We all tend to take things for granted – the songs of birds, the smell of fresh flowers, sunsets, music. Some people barely notice these things. When we think about life without these blessings, we realize how dull and boring life would be.

We can cherish every blessing. Appreciate the small things in our lives. We can learn to appreciate all of God’s gifts to us. Big or small. So, the next time you see a beautiful sunset, smell a fresh flower, see a beautiful sky, thank God. He has been so good to us. His grace has made this a beautiful world we live in.

“Dear God, thank you for the everyday things in my life. Your gifts are wonderful. Because of You we have a beautiful world. I find joy in small things because of you. Amen.”

Every day God thinks of you. Psalm 68:16

Every hour God looks after you. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

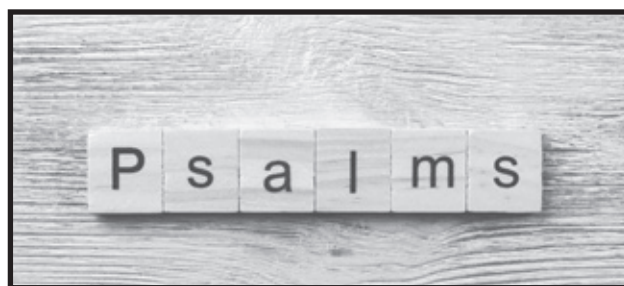
Every minute God cares for you 1 Peter 5:7

Because every second He loves you. Jeremiah 31:3

Sandra Petermann



Sandra Petermann



Education Program

Greetings Auxiliary members, First off, I am hoping that you are all coping with the stress of these trying times. Each day we have is precious and I am reminded of that now more than ever. Remember to take some time to destress during your day.

I am excited to again be your Department Education Chairman. This year, as always, the program is promoting student education through scholarships. The four scholarship applications available this year through National are:

- ☐ Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship
- ☐ Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- ☐ Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
- ☐ Junior Auxiliary Member Loyalty Scholarship

These applications are due to your local unit no later than March 1st, 2021. More information is available at www.ndala.org/education/ or at www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships/. These scholarship applications were included in an October mailing from the Department Office to units and ND schools. Thank you, Marcy!! Please share the applications with eligible students within your families and communities.

The program has the Department Education Scholarship application available. This year, the finance board approved an increase to \$500 for each award given. These applications were included in the mailing and are available at www.ndala.org/education/.

The Education Program is promoting the ‘Give 10 to Education’ program. Organize a school supply drive in your area or donate money to local schools for education supplies and safety items. Helpful resources for accomplishing this will be available in an upcoming unit mailing and online.

This article will come to you after American Education Week (November 16-20). However, any time is a good time to support your local schools, educators, and staff. Consider a COVID-safe treat donation, a thank-you card brigade, or maybe sending special flowers to honor those that give so much.

Just a reminder to report about any education items during mid-year reporting in December. I want to hear about the great things you all are doing!

Yours in service,
Sauna Dubuque, Department Chairman



Volunteer Department Archivist Requests Recipes

The Department Office was recently blessed with the arrival of Carol Wolf who volunteered to assist with archiving and recording the historical caches of Auxiliary mementos, pictures, and articles. Carol and the Department Office staff had no idea how much history had been collected and stored over the past 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota. There is still more work to do, but the archive project has become a labor of love thanks to Carol’s interest in history and detail.

Carol is a paid up for life member of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo, ND, and recent retiree from the VA Medical Center, where she served as lead chef. Although she is still an active member of the North Dakota National Guard, she plans to retire and become a full-time volunteer and world traveler in January 2021.

Carol is writing a cookbook in her spare time and would like all of you to share your favorite family recipes with her so she can include them with her collection. Carol would like her book to include recipes from the American Legion Family Department of North Dakota. Send your favorite recipe to the Department Office, attention to Carol Wolf. Include your name, address, and unit/post/squad number so she can credit your recipe. With no name for the book yet, Carol will hold a contest for the winning title. Please submit a name for the book and the winner will be randomly selected.





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Clarence Larson Unit 23 Rugby Honors Tootie Fueller, Past Department President

Tootie Fueller, Past Department President, was recently honored by the Clarence Larson Unit 23 Rugby, ND for her 50 years of service to her unit and community.

People serving in any organization for 50 years will leave an influence behind and Tootie Fueller is no exception. After five decades of service, this energetic Unit President stepped down and was honored on October 13, 2020 with a celebration hosted by members of Unit 23 at the Rugby Village Arts Center.

Tootie's Auxiliary eligibility comes through her father's military service during World War I. She also has five brothers who served in the military, two of them overseas.

Fueller became Unit President at Rugby in 1970, just four years after joining the Auxiliary. After serving in all the chairmanships in the Rugby Unit, Tootie went on to serve as District 3 President, Department President 1998-1999, and then as Northwestern Division National Vice President 2008-2009.

Besides being involved with the American Legion Auxiliary at the local, district, state, and national levels, Tootie recently retired from teaching in the Rugby Public Schools. Tootie says she will still be around but is looking forward to spending time with family and friends.

Congratulations Tootie and thank you for your service to veterans and their families. Thank you too for your dedication and support of American Legion Auxiliary programs.



Photo and article courtesy of Sue Sitter, Pierce County Tribune, Rugby, North Dakota.

VAMC Voluntary Services Receives Large Donation

On Monday, October 19, 2020, Myrna Ronholm, Past Department President (2019-2020), arrived in Fargo to present funds from her President's Project to the Voluntary Services Staff at the VA Medical Center. The funds were raised during Ronholm's tenure as Department President. Donations, big and small, were made by individuals and units across North Dakota. Accepting the check on behalf of the VA Medical Center was Voluntary Services Specialist Jaid Nelson.



Jaid Nelson, VAMC Voluntary Services Specialist (left) and Myrna Ronholm, Past Department President (2019-2020). (Photo courtesy of Jaid Nelson)

Quarne Honored for Service

Alvin T. Larson Unit 116 of Grenora, ND, wishes to honor Oscar Quarne, Post 116 member, for his dedicated service to the post, unit, and community of Grenora. Oscar, who has not missed a Memorial Day observance in 70 years, was disappointed when COVID-19 altered those plans this spring. Never one to dwell on a missed opportunity, Oscar

organized a little 'coffee stop' at the post so people could stop by to look at the memorial and say hello. It was easy to observe social-distancing recommendations with people arriving at various times throughout the day.

Article submitted by Joy Rasmussen, Unit 116 Membership Chairman



Path to Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary

Relationship to Veteran:

- * Mother
- * Daughter
- * Sister
- * Grandmother
- * Granddaughter
- * Self-Female Veteran
- * Spouse-Male or Female

Please note: "Great-granddaughters are no longer eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, however, if they are current members they can remain so if their dues are current at all times."

Two paths for ALA eligibility:

- * **Path One** – the potential member is related to a living veteran by one of the relationships stated above and the veteran is 'living AND a current member of the American Legion.' If the potential member is a female veteran, she only needs to have served during the eligible time periods to be eligible for ALA membership.
- * **Path Two** – The potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served during the eligible time periods and was honorably discharged.

Eligibility Periods

- * April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- * Any time after December 7, 1941

Membership applications are available online at www.alaforveterans.org or by contacting the Department Office.

Article courtesy of *American Legion Auxiliary* magazine, November 2020 edition


New Leipzig Unit 211 Donates Books

Baesler-Achtenberg Unit 211 of New Leipzig, ND, donated four copies of the book "My Lonely Walk Through Hell" to New Leipzig Public School library. The book, written by William E. Eisenbarth, is a first-hand account of his experiences during World War II. Eisenbarth, a member (now deceased) of Baesler-Achtenberg Post 211 at New Leipzig was drafted into the war effort on March 24, 1941 and served in the European theater during his military service.

Article submitted by Unit 211 President Jane Alt



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2021 Winter Conference

Registration, Banquet Ticket and Contact Tracing Form
January 29-31, 2021 at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel in Dickinson
 Please call the Roosevelt by 1/7/2021 to get a discounted room rate of \$79 per night.

The Department and hotel are following the ND Smart Restart protocols to ensure a fun safe Winter Conference. Each attendee and their guests must register due to the ND Smart Restart contact tracing protocols. Each attendee must register individually and are limited to one banquet ticket. Your guest must complete a separate registration form to attend the banquet. **All registration and banquet ticket fees increase by \$10 after 1/5/2021.**

Post/Unit/Squadron Location _____ Post/Unit/Squad # _____ District # _____

<p>Banquet Tickets - Limit 1 Banquet Ticket per Form</p> <p>Date: Friday, January 29, 2021 Time: 6:00 pm Menu: Roast Beef Cost: \$25 before 1/5/2021 \$35 after 1/5/2021</p> <p>Banquet ticket sales are stipulated by the COVID seating capacities and are sold on a first come first served basis.</p>	<p>Which registration fee(s) are you paying?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Banquet ticket (\$25 before 1/5/2021 and limit of 1 ticket) <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion (\$25 before 1/5/2021) <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion Auxiliary (\$15 before 1/5/2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Sons of the American Legion (\$25 before 1/5/2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Guest of a Legion Family Member (\$0)</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$10 late fee for all registrations and tickets paid after January 5, 2021.</p>
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ONLY ONE PERSON ALLOWED PER FORM

Name _____
 Phone # _____
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 Are you staying at the Roosevelt Hotel? Yes / No _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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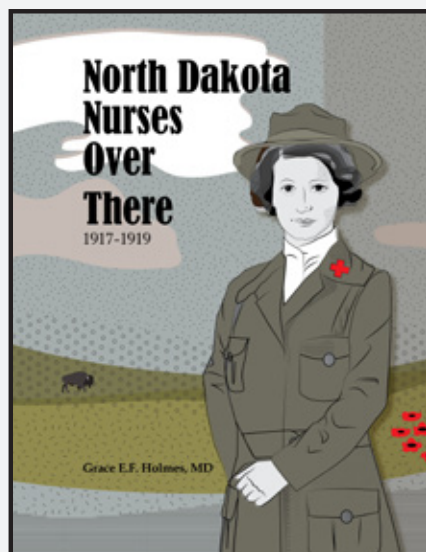
ALL EVENTS FOR THE WINTER CONFERENCE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH SHORT NOTICE.

Alternatives to in-person meetings are being discussed. Pandemic guidance from the State of ND and the CDC will be adhered to as we have the safety of all our attendees in mind. Check online and with the Department Office for future developments
www.ndala.org and
 701.253.5992



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