

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota  
Department Legislative Report  
2020-2021 Mid-Year Report**

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North Dakota unit members were very responsive to calls for letters and phone calls regarding specific veteran related legislation that comes up. Unit members were contacted via mail and email when issues arise.

Armed with information from the American Legion and following print, television and radio media regarding issues impacting veterans not only in North Dakota but across the nation, our members wrote letters and made phone calls to their state officials and Congressmen. With a highly contested national election and some controversial issues at the local and state levels, members seemed to find it more important than ever to make their voices heard and their votes count in 2020.

North Dakota auxiliary members do not shrink from their commitment to our veterans and their families, many served as poll workers in their communities.

North Dakota units supported programs that assisted children of deployed military personnel including the 10 X 10 education program. Units raised funds for various American Legion Auxiliary programs such as Girls State, Honor Flights, Welcome Home events honoring deployed military returning on home bound flights, supporting veteran specific programs both financially and donating personal care items and move-in baskets for homeless veterans.

North Dakota units also raised funds for scholarships including the Department of North Dakota's education program and Past Presidents Parley organization to be presented to children and grandchildren of veterans. Units will soon receive and judge dozens of applications for those scholarships.

North Dakota unit members and members of their families serve on school boards, advisory panels, and in the North Dakota State legislature and countless other community boards and counsels. Collectively North Dakota unit members are a productive and significant segment of our society and I couldn't be prouder to be part this amazing organization.