

Auxiliary Members of North Dakota,

Following is a list of activities reported at mid-year by units across North Dakota. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions, members were not attending meetings or large gatherings. However, that did not stop members from supporting the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

- Sponsored community blood drives through local churches.
- Sponsored a Christmas party for senior citizens at the local senior center.
- Sent holiday greeting cards to deployed troops.
- Donated canned goods, produce, and funds to local food banks.
- Volunteered at local libraries and schools.
- Purchased school supplies for children.
- Made pillowcases and donated personal care products to local shelters.
- Made face masks, tie-blankets, and quilts for the VAMC in Fargo.
- Donated funds and food bags to benefit the homeless veterans' program through the VA in Fargo.
- Assisted their home posts with veterans' programs, flag ceremonies, and retirement of old flags.
- Provided yarn to a volunteer who made helmet caps that were sent to deployed troops.
- Served as volunteers at local hospitals, day cares, and ambulance services.
- Delivered Meals on Wheels and drove veterans to their medical appointments.
- Assisted with the annual clean-up of trash around their local communities and parks.
- Purchased new chairs for a local legion post.
- Served meals at funerals.
- Donated funds to assist with the remodel of local legion posts.
- Raised funds to sponsor delegates to Girls State.
- Served as poll workers during the 2020 national and local elections.
- Made bags of Christmas goodies and delivered them to veterans at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, ND.

As you can see from this list of activities, North Dakota unit members were busy in their local communities. All this, despite restrictions and precautions necessary for our nation, state, and communities to keep our country safe from the spread of COVID-19. I am enormously proud to serve with all of you fine members who give so much of yourselves for your families, friends, neighbors, and strangers.

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