

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I was able to attend seven Fall District Meetings and would like to thank Harwood, Jamestown, Hazen, and Dickinson posts and units for their exceptional hospitality.

Membership dues are being collected timely, so numbers on our reports are looking good. Keep up the good work units! If we have dues paid at 75% by Dec. 7th, the Department of North Dakota will receive a \$250 reward.

ALA MIS (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System) is a resource that is not used to its full potential. It is a great place to check on memberships, change addresses, and update unit information. ALA MIS is available online through the National office. Two individuals from each unit can have access to the ALA MIS system. A \$10.00 fee per user per year will be assessed by the Department. To sign up for ALA MIS access, send a request to the Department Office at secretary@ndala.org with the contact individual's name and email address. The Department will contact National Headquarters on your behalf and they will contact you by email with a username, password, and system instructions.

Unit reports on ALA MIS can be accessed to assist the unit with membership. One of the best system applications is the membership chair can simply change a members address without the time lag it takes to mail those in. Two handy reports are 'paid' and 'unpaid' members report. The unpaid report could be distributed at a unit meeting so all members can help collect dues. Membership is everyone's job.

There are three more reports that can help with your membership. They include: members who did not renew in 2021, members with expired membership in 2019, and former members that expired before 2018. These former members could be contacted and invited to rejoin your unit. Communication is an important tool as it informs and makes individuals feel included.

Another source for members is your Legion post's membership roster. You can ask the Legion if you can borrow their roster and check out the Legion members that do not have their family members enrolled in the Auxiliary. Make a list of family members to contact and invite them into your unit.

I hope members will seriously consider upgrading their units resource system. If you need more information or assistance, please contact me or the Department Office.

Our organization cannot survive without members, so recruiting when we can is so important.

Our American Legion Family is the absolute best!!

Gloria Covert