

## District 4

We combined Districts 3 and 4 for our fall meeting in Jamestown. Our attendance was down for a number of reasons. The weather was not in our favor, travel distance was another issue, and many had made other weekend plans. However, we understand the need to combine districts and cut down on travel expenses.

Our joint meeting with the Legionnaires began at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct. The auxiliary began their meeting at 5:00. Many thanks to the Medina ladies for hosting this meeting and providing bars. Another thank you to Jamestown All Vets Club for preparing the meal and opening their facility for our use.

Commander Steve Anderson from Cando spoke to us about the need for PTSD knowledge in our communities. He related his own struggles with the debilitating affliction and encouraged us to invite him to speak at our post/unit meetings. He also has a website set up. If you are aware of any veteran needing resources, please contact Commander Steve. Department SAL president, Dan Sauerwein from Mandan, advocated for membership in the Sons of the Legion, one of our fastest growing auspices of the American Legion.

Dept. President Sharon White Bear outlined her program for the year and regretted that her pins were not yet available. Membership Chairman, Gloria Covert, gave numerous tips on using technology to keep posted on state and national ALA news.

District 4 president elect, Jane Schnover, from Gackle was unable to attend the meeting, but we have been in contact sharing information. She has accepted the two-year position and will be installed at State Convention in Dickinson, June 24, 25, 26. As incoming president of an even number district, she will be our delegate to National Convention in Milwaukee, if she chooses to attend.

Many thanks to Dolores Klundt from the Gackle unit for filling in as secretary for our meeting. Our Department Secretary, Marcy Schmidt, joined us for the meeting. Thank you for making the trip, Marcy. The surprise of the evening was seeing Minnie Flynn, Dist. 3 Past Dept. President from Dunseith. When we talk about commitment and love for country, we need look no further than Minnie Flynn. Try as we might to talk her into staying overnight because of rainy, foggy weather, she left after supper to drive the 180 miles back home by herself. God bless Minnie and her great passion for the American Legion and its auxiliary.

Let's do all we can to support President Sharon and her projects. Continue with the wonderful work you do for our military and their families.

Blessings for a gentle winter.

Marlene Boyer/ Acting Dist. 4 President.