

Greetings North Dakota Auxiliary Members,

The 2022 Winter Conference was a success and now we are already working toward completing Girls State, Year-End reporting, Spring District Meetings, National Poppy Day, Department Convention, and so much more.

From the number of articles and pictures received in the Department Office, it appears that despite the restrictions and health scares of the past two years, unit members across the state of North Dakota have been busy indeed. The mission of the Auxiliary to support veterans, active military, and their families has certainly been accomplished in the past year. I encourage all members to report your volunteer hours and resources spent. Complete your units year-end impact report by the due dates, which can be found in a 'call-out' box in this publication.

Congratulations Membership Chairmen. You have done an amazing job! The Department of North Dakota is sitting at 80.66% paid members for 2022 as I draft this article. Let us have every member work to push North Dakota to the 100% goal line by 2022 Department Convention which is slated for June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson. What a wonderful milestone and huge honor it would be for Sharon White Bear, our Department President, to be able to claim 100% membership in 2022! North Dakota American Legion Auxiliary's 100th year!

Girls State materials have been mailed to unit Girls State Chairmen and to North Dakota schools as well. Encourage young women from your community to apply. This year's event will be held on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks on June 12-17.

The American Legion has shared a tentative schedule for 2022 Spring District Meetings. See the 'call-out' box found in this publication. As more information comes out, District Presidents and Unit presidents will be notified. Schedules will also be available at www.ndala.org/2022springdistrictmeetings/ Plan to attend your District's 2022 Spring Meeting. It is a great chance to meet new people and visit with old friends as well.

Keep our veterans, service members, and their families in your prayers. Remember "Freedom is Never Free."

Marcy Schmidt