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Dear Unit leaders,

Hello to you! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and that your New Year will be great! I trust you had a great time with your families.

Well, it is time to restart our Auxiliary activities for this new year! Can you believe it is 2022, in 4 more days? Time is whirling by! I hope you are having regular meetings by now. We need to be getting together in order to be able to keep up our enthusiasm and excitement as we continue to support and serve our precious veterans!!! Let's keep them forever in our hearts and minds!

This January 28 - 30 will be our Winter Conference at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Please make your room reservations right away, if you have not already done so. There will be an afternoon Auxiliary activity on the 28th, and the Joint Session will begin at 7 pm. There is a lot planned for us to do, much learning, discussion, and fun, including a poppy painting session. Please plan to come because we are all so much better when we are ALL together!!!!

Have you sent in your Poppy orders and Mandatory Contributions? Thank you for doing so, but if you haven't done so yet, please send them as soon as possible. They are needed to make many programs work.

Please remind your Unit members to track their hours and resources spent as the year progresses. That way we don't miss the many hours and dollars spent that are such a benefit when this is all presented to Congress when they are considering bills that benefit our veterans.

Thank you for all your work in bringing in our Membership numbers, and recruiting and re-recruiting members! Great job! And please keep seeking and finding those we have lost, and finding new ones who need to be involved in our wonderful mission for our veterans.

The VA Programs in Fargo and the ND Veterans Home in Lisbon are in need of a number of things for the veterans. If your Unit can provide any of their needs, it would be a blessing to them.

I would love to attend one of your Unit meetings this year. If I may do so, please call me or text me at 714-334-4798. My phone won't accept messages, and it only rings 2 times, then hangs up. (Sigh. Aahhh technology.) So, if I miss your call, I will call you back. Please note that I have a 714 number.

PLEASE, PLEASE come to the Winter Conference if it is at all possible. Even if you can only come on Saturday, please come!!!! I can't wait to see you!!!

So, please take care of yourselves, keep safe in our lovely snowy weather, keep well, and I hope to see you very soon!!!!

Yours in service to our Veterans,
LoAnn Dick
District 8 President