



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Unit Presidents, Auxiliary Members All, Department Officers, Department Chairs,

As I write this note, 2022 Spring District Meetings have all taken place. The Department is now preparing for 2022 Department Convention to be held in Dickinson, ND at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Conference Center at 532 15th St, June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson. Make plans now to attend the 2022 Department Convention. Please share this information with all unit members.

American Legion Auxiliary National President to Visit North Dakota – See the flyer enclosed from the March 25, 2022, mailing for information on National President, Kathy Daudistel' s visit to North Dakota. She is looking forward to meeting many of you at one or all of the planned events. A headcount for each event is needed, so please call, text, or email the Department Office to let us know if you plan to attend.

Unit Member of the Year – Enclosed is a form to use when submitting your nomination. Send the form and your narrative to Mary Anseth, Department Leadership Chairman.

Servicewoman of the Year - Enclosed is a form to use when submitting your nomination. Send the form and your narrative to Beverly Wolff, Department National Security

Poppy Program – Joan Buske has again included the Poppy Poster Contest rules.

- **Poppy Poster Deadline – May 1, 2022**
- **National Poppy Day – Friday, May 27, 2022** – best wishes on your poppy distribution.

Children and Youth – Madonna Azure, Department Children and Youth Chairman invites all units to participate in the 'Project Stuff Sack' project.

Junior Members – Does your unit have active junior members, who assist with unit projects? Remember those young ladies can be full of ideas. Perhaps they can assist you or even take the lead with the Poppy Poster Contest, Americanism Essay Contest, Children and Youth (Project Stuff Sack).

Membership – Gloria Covert, Department Membership Chairman, is encouraging all units to get those memberships in. She is projecting that North Dakota will have 100% membership by Department Convention. The National organization has sent reminders to former members and members who may have missed a reminder. This is your chance to rejoin those former members and get them active once again. Let's celebrate 100% membership at our 2022 Department Convention.

National Dues Increase – Enclosed is material from the National organization. The NEC (the Auxiliary's Board of Directors) has been asked to sponsor a dues increase of the National dues. If approved at the 2022 National Convention, the initial dues increase of \$6 for senior members, will begin with the 2024 dues year with additional increases of \$1 in 2026, \$1 in 2028, and \$1 in 2030. Junior dues will remain at \$2.50 until 2026 with \$.50 increases in 2026, 2028 and 2030.

The National organization has already made a number of cost saving measures and have shared the "Dues Increase Q&A" which may answer many of your questions.