



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Greetings North Dakota Auxiliary Members,

I want to thank Districts and their host Units and Posts for their wonderful hospitality and meals served at your 2022 Spring District Meetings. I was fortunate to be able to travel to Minot, Jamestown, Langdon, Park River, and Nome. I apologize for not being able to attend the other District meetings, however, Sandra Petermann was kind enough to share my meeting notes at those meetings. Thank you, Sandra.

The National organization has sent a challenge out to all departments and units. It is called "We Miss You" and a notice will be sent out to former unit members with email addresses. National staff will be tracking the number of rejoined members by department. The rejoining contest is to end on April 20th. The department that has the most rejoins will be recognized at the 2022 National Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

National Headquarters is attempting to cut expenses wherever they can. One of those expenses is postage, printing, and paper. One of the cost cutting measures being considered, is to not send out paper notices to members with email addresses. They are looking at saving resources by cutting down on postage and paper and looking at email as a resource for communication with members. We need to get serious and make the effort to obtain email addresses for all members for future communications.

Currently, North Dakota has 45 units utilizing ALAMIS access. That is 31% of our North Dakota units. I would like to see at least 90% of our units utilize this convenient resource and I encourage all units to sign up for ALAMIS access. Up to two members from each unit may have access to ALAMIS (American Legion Auxiliary Membership Information System).

Contact the Department Office to request access. The department will need, your name, unit number, and email address for each member, as well as payment of \$10 for each member requesting access. The Department Office will in turn send a request to National Headquarters on your behalf. Once National HQ will notify you when you have been set up with your user security codes and instructions on how to use ALAMIS.

Reports available in ALAMIS can assist your unit with information on paid members, unpaid members, deceased members, and unpaid members from the past 3 years (these reports can be used to invite rejoins). Addresses and email addresses can be updated. Magazine subscriptions can be updated to yes or no to receive the auxiliary magazine.

A full, 35 units that have obtained a 100% or more goal for this year. Hats off to those units. Congratulations, job well done!

In other news about membership, North Dakota has a department goal of 95% membership by May



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15, 2022. If North Dakota achieves this goal our department will receive \$250. Our budget could use a few extra dollars. Units, if your unit has a low percentage as listed on the accompanying table, look at collecting those outstanding dues for 2022. Our dues year runs from January 1 thru December 31. A member is not in 'good standing' if their dues are not paid by December 31.

2023 dues notices will be mailed out to our members in July this year instead of September. That will give units two extra months to collect dues so units should be at 90% or more by December 20, 2022, keeping their members in good standing.

Thank you for all you do in support of our veterans, children and youth, and your communities.

Remember, always be kind.

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