Greetings District 1 Auxiliary Members.

As I write this, April is nearly spent and I can see summer with celebrations just around the corner.

District 1 held its 2022 Spring District Meeting in the quaint little community of Nome. Our guest speaker was Gloria Covert, Department Vice President and Membership Co-Chairman. Gloria presented information on the American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALA MIS) and membership. Thank you, Gloria.

After the meeting, we were treated to a guided tour of the "Old Nome Schoolhouse." It is a beautiful structure and now is home to a 'wool manufacturer' and features an eleven-room hotel and event center. If you have not visited Nome in a while, make plans to do so. You too will be impressed.

Are you weary of what seems to be perpetual COVID lockdowns? Are you feeling a bit left out? Then be a part of our American Legion Family again.

I hope many of you took advantage of the opportunity to come out and meet our National President, Kathy Daudistel, when she visited the Department of North Dakota. On Saturday, May 7, National President Kathy was in White Shield at an event coordinated by Joseph Young Hawk-Elmer Bear Post and Unit 253 and members of the community. On Monday, May 9, she appeared at an event coordinated by William G. Carroll Unit 26 of Minot.

Plans are under way for the 2022 Department Convention to be held June 24-26, 2022, in Dickinson. Make plans to attend and perhaps even take a day or two to make your way to Medora. Sounds like a great vacation idea!

Remember 'Freedom is Never Free.' Let us all be a part of improving our communities and continue to support veterans, military, and their families. Let us all pray for peace and our active-duty soldiers, marines, and sailors. Let us pray that our country's leaders will find the courage and be given the wisdom to lead America, this great country we call home.

I am proud to be a member of the American Legion Family.

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District 1 President