



THE MESSAGE

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National Auxiliary President Daudistel Visits White Shield

The May 7th visit to our community of White Shield from American Legion Auxiliary National President, Kathy Daudistel, was hosted by Young Hawk/Bear American Legion and Auxiliary Post and Unit 253. The first stop was the Old Scouts Cemetery west of White Shield where flags were carried into the area followed by a short program. National President Daudistel along with Department President Sharon White Bear laid a wreath at the memorial for our deceased veterans. The presidents toured the Young Hawk/Bear American Legion and Auxiliary Post 253 building and the White Shield Arikara Cultural Center where history and artifacts are on display.

A meal was prepared and served by Unit 253 Auxiliary members. Following the meal, MHA Nation Chairman Mark N. Fox spoke to the crowd and presented National President Daudistel with a Satin Star Quilt & Pendleton noting the significance behind the gesture.

Another program was held in the gymnasium of the Ralph Wells Jr. Community Center. The color guard of Post 253 presented the colors. An opening prayer was presented by Danile Henry, Unit 253 Chaplain. Austin Gillette, Past Commander of Post 253, and Mark N. Fox, Chairman of MHA Nation, served as masters of ceremony. Madonna Azure, Unit 253 President, welcomed the guests. The keynote speaker, Kathy Daudistel, presented her 'National Presidents' theme and focus which is "Caregivers for Veterans" and then recognized five families for their display of loyalty and commitment in caring for their Veteran. Department President White Bear and National President Daudistel presented

certificates of appreciation to each of the five families. Drum Group sang for the three Native Dancers Jingle, Chicken, and Traditional as they performed their dances for the crowd. Group pictures of the Legion and Auxiliary attendees were taken with National President Kathy Daudistel. Throughout the program, gifts were presented individually and to our guests. This was a remarkable day spent with American Legion Family members from across North Dakota.

Submitted by Unit 253 White Shield



Placing wreath at Old Scouts Cemetery. (L-R) Unit 253 President Madonna Azure, Department NEC Tammy Ryberg, National President Kathy Daudistel, and Department President Sharon White Bear.

Greetings from Dickinson!

Cheryl Evenson, 2022 Department Convention Chairman, and Matthew Brew Unit 3 of Dickinson, cordially welcome all American Legion Family members and guests to Department Convention on 'The Western Edge'. With headquarters at the Roosevelt Grand Dakota Hotel at 532 15th Street West in Dickinson, the convention will be held Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26. Come join us as we celebrate the next 100 years of service in the American Legion Auxiliary. Enjoy your stay and feel free to explore our beautiful city.



Cheryl Evenson

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American Legion Auxiliary Department of ND 101st Convention Roosevelt Grand Hotel, Dickinson

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (may be revised without notice)
 Changes will be available at www.ndala.org/2022-department-convention/

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

- 9:00 AM Finance Board Meeting – Diane Kraemer, Chariman
- 10:00 AM Auxiliary Registration (closes at 5:30 PM)
- 11:00 AM District Presidents (Incoming and Outgoing – exchange books and flags)
- 1:00 PM Auxiliary Department Executive Committee Meeting
- 3:00 PM Incoming Department Chairmen – (Meet w/Sandra Petermann & dept ofc staff)
- 4:30 PM District Officers Flag Rehearsal (for Joint Session)
- 5:30 PM Auxiliary Installation Rehearsal - Department Officers, District Presidents
- 7:00 PM Joint Opening Session

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

- 8:00 AM Registration (Auxiliary registration closes at 12:00 PM)
- 8:00 AM Auxiliary Opening Session
- 11:00 AM District Presidents (meet & greet with District Commanders)
- 12:00 PM Past Presidents Parley Luncheon
- 1:30 PM Auxiliary Session Resumes
- 5:30 PM Convention Social
- 6:30 PM Department Convention Banquet
- 7:30 PM Dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

- 9:00 AM Joint Memorial Service
- 10:00 AM Auxiliary Session Resumes
- 12:00 PM Installation of Department Officers
- 12:30 PM Installation of Department President (2022-2023)
- 1:00 PM Close of Convention
- 1:15 PM 2022 National Convention Delegate Meeting – Sharon White Bear and Dept Ofc Staff

Department President

Hello Legion Family,

My term is ending too soon. The last few weeks have been extremely busy. I have been closely watching the events going on overseas in Ukraine. I hope and pray for an end to this conflict soon.

I am so proud of the entire American Legion Auxiliary Department North Dakota for pitching in with the planning for the visit from our National President Kathy Daudistel. The entire three days of Kathy's stay was filled with visits to some of North Dakota's greatest treasures. Soon after her flight landed in Minot she was on the road to White Shield, home of the Arikara. Young Hawk-Bear Post 253 lead the parade into the Old Scouts Cemetery Post #1 with their eagle staff and flags, followed by members of the North Dakota American Legion Family from across the state.

The Dead Grass drum group sang an honor song and flag song. Prayer was offered by Arikara tribal member Wayne Flute. National President Kathy Daudistel honored the veterans laid to rest in the cemetery by laying a wreath at the entrance. Kathy toured the White Shield Veterans Center where Bernadette White Bear explained the benefits the Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation have to offer our veterans. Next stop was the Arikara Cultural Center where Austin Gillette gave a brief history of the Arikara tribe. The evening meal was prepared and served by Unit 253 Auxiliary members. The Department of North Dakota provided a delicious cake for dessert.

On Sunday, President Kathy traveled north to the International Peace Gardens. Although the famous flower gardens are not yet in bloom, we were able to tour the grounds including the Sunken Garden Fountain, the 9/11 Memorial Site, the Peace Chapel, and the Conservatory, where we were treated to a Mother's Day brunch. A quick visit to Annie's House and Mystic Gardens, North Dakota's Stonehenge, rounded out the visit in the northern part of our state.

On Monday, May 9, our morning began with a tour of the Minot Air Force Base. Thank you, Linda Siewert, of William G. Carroll Unit 26 of Minot for your hard work and planning to make this tour possible. Our tour guide on base was a very pleasant young woman named Abigail. Our visit began with a short film at the Minuteman missile facility training site. We toured a missile silo where we observed a replica of the warhead and launch equipment. We toured one of the trucks that carries missiles from the airbase to the missile sites. Next stop was the training area for the B-52 bomber planes. We learned about the variety of bombs these planes carry and how they are loaded. I was filled with pride to know how well our country is protected, and especially knowing how well the service people who work on the Minot Air Force base are trained and ready to protect us. Thank you to the men and women of the Minot Air Force base.

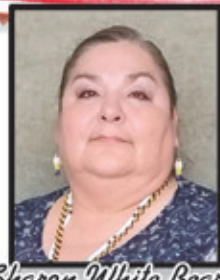
We were treated to a luncheon at the Armed Forces Reserve Center hosted by Minot Auxiliary Unit 26. I want to thank Gary Siewert, who works at the Armed Forces Center, for his gracious welcome and service. I cannot forget to thank Linda and Gary's daughter and granddaughter for preparing the complex for the luncheon and serving the meal.

I have to say the visit from Kathy Daudistel has been one

of the highlights of my term as your Department President. I am looking forward to the Department Convention in Dickinson on June 24-26.

I am proud and honored to have served as your 2021-2022 Department President representing Young Hawk-Bear Unit 253 and the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation.

Nuwah
 Sharon White Bear



Sharon White Bear



National President Daudistel's Visit to North Dakota. Pictured (L-R): Dancer Paloma Ruiz, National Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel, Dancer Lance White, Unit 253 Chaplain Danile Henry, Dancer Sage Bell Casus, and Department Auxiliary President Sharon White Bear.



Tour of Minot Air Force Base. Pictured (L-R): Department President Sharon White Bear, Department Secretary Marcy Schmidt, Department NEC Tammy Ryberg, Department Office Assistant Carol Wolf, Minot Unit President Linda Siewert, National President Kathy Daudistel, and Past Department President Marlys Aubol with 2 USAF members. Photo courtesy of USAF Public Affairs.

Department President-Elect

Greetings American Legion Family.

The words "thank you" do not always express how one truly feels. To some, they are just words. We are all thankful for so many things. Please allow me to express what thank you means to me. To each of you who have mentored me and who have supported me in my past endeavors, those that have seen something in me that I have not always seen in myself – THANK YOU. To each of you for believing in me and giving me a chance as well as those of you who continue to nurture and mentor me as your next Department President – THANK YOU. It is only because of you that I ever considered this path. They say that God works in miraculous ways. Each of you are His guiding light. I need each of you and together we can make 2022-2023 another successful year.

We all know people with disabilities. Some disabilities are easier to recognize than others. For example, when we see someone using a walking device, wheelchair, or other mobility aid. What about the disabilities that are not as visible such as PTSD, visual impairments, hearing loss, or anxiety? These are not noticeable by just looking at someone. We may have noticed that some people talk louder, lean towards someone who is talking, perhaps misunderstand a word, or are quiet; they may be hearing impaired. Those with anxiety may have trouble sitting still. Perhaps someone with a learning disability might take longer to comprehend what is happening. We need to be considerate of them as well as those who do not have a disability. Most people with disabilities do not like sharing this information with anyone. Some might be embarrassed, ashamed, uncomfortable, or just do not wish to talk about themselves. One thing we all need to keep in mind is to speak louder, use a microphone, not to talk so fast. Be

willing to explain or repeat. Many people might not realize that they have a soft voice which does not carry as well without a microphone. We are an American Legion Family and we all need to work together to be kind, compassionate, and supportive.

We have all said or done something that hurt the feelings of someone else. Likely, it was not on purpose, with a vendetta, or for any other reason. One does not set out to intentionally demean or do damage to another person. Many times, something that was said might easily be misunderstood as well as the frustration or excitement that someone is feeling at that time. For me personally, I tend to speak louder than others due to my hearing loss and when it is noisy in the room it is harder to discern voices. My voice may seem rough around the edges, due to the hoarseness in my voice. This is where open communication is so important. We have all been taught to stand up for ourselves, as we are only responsible for ourselves. If we do not let someone know what is bothering us, how can one resolve issues? Before a situation becomes too large to handle, approach that person, one on one, and try to resolve it. To each person who I may have hurt in any way, I sincerely apologize. This was not my intention. There are times when a person may not have a good relationship with someone else. Whether it be a personality difference or something else, this does not mean we purposely try to upset another person.

Just because someone has a different idea, does not make them wrong nor does it mean they should not be heard. Everyone's ideas are important and worth listening to. None of us are going to agree on everything. We all have one goal, which is to support our veterans. Each of you is just as important as the next person, and each of you

has something unique to offer. We are the American Legion Family, and we all need to work together. I cannot do my job without the help of each of you.

One of my goals for 2022-2023 is to increase awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary within our communities. This, in turn, may increase our membership. I have heard from people that they did not know we exist. I will be working with the District Presidents on this with more information to follow later.

I will be holding a raffle to raise funds for my 2022-2023 "Presidents Projects." If you or someone you know would like to donate an item, please email me at bmanna@ndsupernet.com to let me know. I appreciate everyone's support with this. Tickets will be \$1.00 each with a book for \$10.00. (Available after formal installation at Department Convention) The projects that I have chosen are: the "Western North Dakota Honor Flight – Bismarck," which allows veterans to go to Washington DC to see the memorial as well as other scheduled sites, and the "Injured Military Wildlife Project of North Dakota," which is a group of North Dakota citizens that provides hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans who have been injured in the line of duty as well as provides meat to veterans in need.

**For God and Country,
Sandra Petermann**



Sandra Petermann

Department Vice President

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

It has been a learning year and I have enjoyed it immensely. Meeting new members and answering questions from the units has upped my game, too.

I am proud that 38 units are at 100% or more of projected goal. Job well done to those units!

Next year, I am hopeful that our units will seriously review and revamp how they collect membership dues, so the majority of our units are at or near 100% by December 20. A member is not a member for the following year if their dues are not at the National office by the end of December. The first dues notice will be sent out from National in July 2022, so this is not an impossible goal as it is a 6-month period.

We seriously need to begin using our membership resources. The resources I am referring to are: www.ndala.org (ND Department website) and www.alaforveterans.org (National website). We need to update email addresses for all members that have email. The National organization is beginning to utilize email addresses more frequently in order to decrease expenses for paper and postage.

American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALA MIS), the membership database located within the National website, can be utilized to update email addresses, postal mail addresses (permanent and seasonal), name changes, and magazine preferences. Units, please consider a request to the Department Office with name, email, unit # and a check for \$10 per unit member (limited to two users) for access to ALA MIS. Currently, 45 units

have ALA MIS access, which accounts for only 31% of our units. I challenge all units to sign up and get that percentage up to 80% next year.

We have 8 units that have 20 or more Junior members. Kudos to these units!! I know there are many more Junior members eligible to be Auxiliary members. I encourage Units to revitalize and reach out to Junior members living in your communities. Junior members can attend your meetings and help where needed including with projects, events, and serving as tech support.

The unit membership percentage affects the District membership percentage which, in turn, affects the Department's membership percentage. So remember, your unit dues affect more than just your unit. The Department membership percentage that is on the books by July 1, 2022, will determine where the North Dakota delegation is seated at the National Convention. The higher the membership percentage the closer to the stage we could be seated.

Thank you to all the units that reach out and remain positive about maintaining their membership. Our veterans, youth, and communities appreciate your commitment and support.

**Always be kind.
Gloria Covert**



Gloria Covert

Department Chaplain

If you were given life-changing news, how would you share it? Would you call your best friend or maybe post it on Facebook? Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection, we have a wonderful message to share. How many of us have taken that message for granted?

There is a world out there that desperately needs Him. Sadly, many people today do not believe and reject this message or maybe they simply do not know the message. One erroneous message that many people subscribe to is that they will go to heaven when they die because they lived a good, clean life. If that belief was real, then Jesus did not need to die. He could have taught morality without forgiving sin. Scripture tells us the righteous are the ones that go to heaven – or those "in right standing" with God.

Romans 10:9-10 – "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

The message is so simple. Jesus said, He was "the way and the truth and the life." Scripture text from 2 Cor. 5:17 reminds us "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Paul used the word "anyone." He wants us to know that everyone is welcome to be "in Christ," therefore, we can be a new creation. Our sins are forgiven, and we are transformed into someone who is completely new, one who has a new purpose and new future. That is worth shouting about!

Philippians 2:14-15 says "Do everything without complaint or argument, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life." We need to live our lives so we can be the bright lights to people who have not experienced God's love and forgiveness; people who have not invited Jesus into their lives, asking forgiveness of their sins and accepting what Jesus did for them on the cross.

It is a wonderful message of hope, love, encouragement, and thankfulness.

"Heavenly Father, please grant us opportunities and words of grace to share this important truth that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We want everyone to know you! In Jesus name, Amen."

Rose Laning



Rose Laning

Department Secretary

It is nice to feel the warmth of sunshine and hear the birds again. The robins arrived in Fargo in masses a couple of weeks ago and I don't think I have ever seen that many at once.

I want to give a big thank you to host units and posts of the 2022 Spring District Meetings for your excellent hospitality and genuine welcome. Your support and hard work are appreciated by all who attend.

It was nice to see so many turn out for the National President's visit to White Shield and Minot. Thank you to Sharon White Bear, Department President, members of Joseph Young Hawk-Elmer Bear Post and Unit 253 of White Shield, and the community of White Shield for your warm hospitality.

I want to also thank Linda Siewert, President of William G. Carroll Unit 26 for being our boots on the ground and coordinating not only the Minot Auxiliary event but also a tour of the Minot Air Force Base. Thank you, Linda, you are force of nature!

Membership is humming right along. As I write this note, the Department of North Dakota is sitting close to 90% of projected goal. Oh my, we are so close. Let us all push that number to 100% before the 2022 Department

Convention which will be held in Dickinson on June 24-26, 2022. More information on the upcoming Convention can be found elsewhere in this publication and at www.ndala.org/2022-department-convention/.

As I write this article, the Department's Americanism, Education, Leadership, National Security, Poppy, and Past Presidents Parley Chairmen are working to finalize winners of the various contests, scholarships, and "unit members and servicemembers of the year." Thank you, Auxiliary members, for reaching out to your young members and children in your communities. If one of those winners is a young person from your community, give them a shout out and wish them the best in their future endeavors. I know the committees reviewing the applications had a tough time deciding the results because every one of those applicants is a wonderful example of our future leaders.

**For God and Country,
Marcy Schmidt**



Marcy Schmidt

Girls State

**ALA Flickertail Girls State
June 12-17, 2022
UND Campus
www.ndgirlsstate.org
701-314-2460**

Department Treasurer

“Grow Through It”

Wow! It has been nearly a full year for me as your treasurer! As expected, I have learned a lot about the organization and the wonderful people involved in its leadership. There is still a lot to get through and learn as we finish our fiscal year.



Sonnie Otto

I began the year being “pretty green” with all that goes on at the Department level and what is happening in districts and units all across the state. “Growing through it”, I am grateful for the people who have been so patient and have taken the time to mentor me. In the future, I will be better equipped to work beside them more effectively.

I am excited to see all of your faces at the 2022 Department Convention in my hometown. Dickinson is a bit of a road trip for many of you, but the time away with friends is always worth it! I hope that we will see many new faces as well!

I applaud all the new people who have stepped up and entered into leadership roles – at all levels! If your role is something “brand new” for you, and you are feeling a bit “green” with your responsibilities, remember to “Grow Through It”, and let others help you along the way. Remember, you are in your position for your own unique abilities let them shine!

See you at Convention in June!

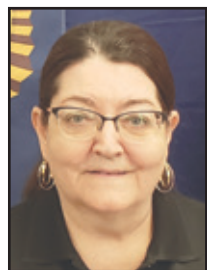
Sonnie Otto

District 1

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.

Berniece Froiland
District 1 President

District 2

Hello District 2!

President Eileen Vondra here.

The recent District Meeting in Park River was a great success. It was a relief both to see everyone and to not travel. I live in Park River, just a few short blocks from the Legion. We were especially happy to welcome Department Vice President Gloria Covert, who spoke to us on topics such as membership.



I want to take a moment to thank all who supported and guided me through both my District Presidency and Vice Presidency. My goal was to provide a fresh outlook and perspective to this position. The pandemic wasn’t easy, but we made it through together as a Legion family and came out stronger.

I wish the best of future endeavors to my successors and look forward to seeing all of you at Department Convention.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

Thank You.

Eileen Vondra
District 2 President

AEF

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

As we watch or listen to the news, we hear about terrible weather-related events in our country, or we hear of fires, floods, tornados, hurricanes, or earthquakes that have devastated our fellow citizens. We wish we could help, but don’t have the funds we would need to assist all those who are hurting. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.



Thanks to all of you and all of the Units which have donated to the AEF this year. Our donations are what keeps the AEF able to provide assistance when people are in need. God bless you for your giving hearts! In Quarter 2 of this fiscal year, the National AEF program awarded \$51,522.07 to 42 grant recipients: 29 Disaster and 13 Temporary Financial needs. All this was doable because ALA members across America were able to generously give.

If you become aware of an ALA member who has suffered a catastrophe, ask your Unit President or the Department Office for an application.

LoAnn Dick
AEF Chairman

McVile Post and Unit 135 Donate to Ukraine

The first four words of the Preamble of the American Legion and Auxiliary are “For God and Country.” The American Legion Family has always been on top of things when it comes to helping military, service personnel, and veterans. When ‘country’ comes to mind, this is the time when we also step up to help those in need elsewhere. This is what happened in March 2022.

Dakota Prairie Elementary and High School collaborated on a plan to help the refugees of Ukraine as they left their war-torn country, most with just what they had on their backs and maybe a small bag. The American Legion Family heard about this effort and decided to step in and help the local collection effort.

The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is dominating the news. Orphan Grain Train, Inc. is working in Moldova, Poland, and Romania to provide relief for the Ukrainian victims, especially women and children. They are in urgent need of funds and in-kind items such as diapers, hygiene supplies, shelf-stable food, blankets, socks, underwear, baby formula, and first aid kits. The McVile American Legion Family stepped up to the plate and provided \$600.00 to purchase more supplies. Members of Ole Semling Unit 135 donated even more supplies and funds in addition to what the American Legion Family had purchased.

On a Friday, Glenn and Candice Phillips traveled to Grand Forks to purchase

Hello Auxiliary members,

As I write this, I am glad to see things turning green and growing again outside. A time for new beginnings and waking from the hibernation of winter. At least I think winter is done?!



I continue to be amazed by all the fantastic things our youth are doing, even during the pandemic. I had the great honor of reading 48 wonderful scholarship applications for the Department Education program. These arrive from all over the state and show the notable projects and high character of our young people.

Five \$500 scholarships were awarded to the following: Lukas Mavity of Dickinson High School, Ashlee Presser of Turtle Lake – Mercer High School, Jady Sandy of Velva High School, Anne Schauer of Lewis and Clark Berthold High School, and Jocelyn Trnka of Central Cass High School.

The Department scholarship committee also received and reviewed 17 applications for National Auxiliary scholarships. Thank you to Department President Sharon White Bear and Department Secretary Marcy Schmidt for helping with the scholarship selection process. The submission process for the Children of Warriors Scholarship changed this year and I believe it encouraged more applicants.

Three scholarship packets were sent to the NW Division for judging. Alexis Kraemer from Grand Forks Central High School, a Junior Auxiliary member was the Spirit of Youth selection. Cassidy Strommen of Flasher Public High School was the Children of Warriors National Presidents’ selection. Sophie Sparrow, a current college student and Auxiliary member, was the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship selection.

We are pleased to share that Sophie Sparrow was recently announced as a National Winner! Way to go!

We wish to congratulate these students on their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academics and their communities. Please continue to support the youth in your area and promote both scholarships and educational opportunities.

Keep in mind, the National Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship is designed to reward Junior members who retain Auxiliary membership after they turn 18. It specifically targets Auxiliary members who are currently college students. Do not lose track of your Juniors after they graduate from high school. Encourage them to apply! They are the future of our great organization.

I sincerely hope you all have a great summer and stay well. As I leave this chairmanship in June, I want to say that it has been my honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. I was truly blessed being able to hear about these wonderful students.

Yours in Service,
Shauna Dubuque
Education Chairman

items on the list recommended by the Orphan Grain Train organization. Monday morning, the items were delivered to Prairie View Elementary School so they could be picked up and taken to Norfolk, Nebraska, where they were shipped by air cargo directly to the countries housing refugees.

Auxiliary members have taken care of the ‘country’ part of our Preamble and are so proud of that accomplishment. Perhaps not our country, but definitely a country in need. It was a great experience to have the American Legion Family working together on this humanitarian project.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...Together we accomplished a lot!

Submitted by Judy Twete, Past NW Division Vice President

Editor’s note – Orphan Grain Train, Inc. is not affiliated with nor is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary

2022 Education Program Scholarships

Sophie Sparrow – National Winner – Junior Member Loyalty

Department Winners

Lukas Mavity - Dickinson High School
Ashlee Presser - Turtle Lake – Mercer High School
Jady Sandy - Velva High School
Anne Schauer - Lewis and Clark Berthold High School
Jocelyn Trnka - Central Cass High School

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Gackle Donates to Ukraine and Holds Fundraiser

When Mayer Morlock Post and Unit 250 of Gackle learned about Dr. Steve English, a National Guard Major, Gackle Ambulance medical director, and ER doctor at Jamestown Regional Medical Center, we knew we had to act. He was being deployed to Poland to work with the displaced Ukrainian people. We sent out a request for supplies and funds to be collected and sent to Dr. English to help the Ukrainian people. The response was simply overwhelming and well beyond our expectations! Supplies and cash donations started pouring in from the Gackle community, surrounding communities, and beyond. The dollar donations were more than enough to cover postage, with extra postage donations used to buy more supplies for shipping. A total of 154 boxes of supplies were shipped. A huge THANK YOU to everyone for your amazing response.

Program Fundraiser

Gackle Auxiliary members sponsored a unit fundraiser on Friday, April 22. In addition to playing bingo, attendees purchased tickets for a 'Bag Raffle,' food, and beverages.

The community support was incredible with over 100 people attending the event. Proceeds from the event will support the unit's programs for veterans, children and youth, and community service.

Article submitted by: Elaine Ackerman



Participants in bingo and raffle fundraiser.

Endorsements for Department Officers

Department President – Sandra Petermann (Bio, not endorsement)

Sandra has been an Auxiliary member since 2003 and is a State Life Member. Her eligibility comes through her husband George's eight years of service in the US Navy and US Coast Guard during the Vietnam War. Sandra has served six years as Chaplain and President of the Dickinson Unit. She also served as District 8 Vice President along with Cheryl Crook and then served as District 8 President for 4 years. In addition to holding unit and district offices, Sandra has also served as a Department Chairman for various Auxiliary programs including: Constitution and Bylaws, Legislative, Americanism, Poppies, and is currently serving as Department President-Elect and Membership Co-Chairman. In addition to Sandra's Auxiliary activities, she is also a member of the Stark County Veterans Memorial Association and is active in her church.

Department President-Elect – Gloria Covert Endorsed by – Unit President Cheryl Gustafson of Fred C. Wagner Unit 235 Rolla

Fred C. Wagner Unit 235 Rolla proudly endorses Gloria Covert for the office of Department President - Elect for 2022-2023. Gloria, whose eligibility is through her father, a World War II veteran, has been an Auxiliary member since 1981. Gloria is a long-time member of the Rolla unit, serving in the capacity of unit officer and in chairmanship roles, as well as serving as District 3 President. She is currently serving as a member of the Department Finance Board and is the current Department Vice President and Membership Co-Chairman.

Department Secretary – Marcy Schmidt Endorsed by – Unit President Carol Wolf of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo proudly endorses Marcy Schmidt for the office of Secretary of the Department of North Dakota for the 2022-2023 administrative year. Marcy's eligibility comes through her husband Fred's service in the US Army, a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. They are the proud parents of two children and four grandchildren and make their home in Fargo.

Marcy is an active member of Unit 2 and is always willing to assist in unit projects supporting our veterans. She has served on the unit level as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and as co-chairman for the Girls State committee. Marcy has served on the Department level as Historian and AEF Chairman and currently serves as Department Secretary, Legislative Chairman, and Public Relations Chairman. We as a unit are proud to continue our support of this wonderful Auxiliary member. We endorse her without reservation for the office of Department Secretary.

Department Treasurer – Sonnie Otto Endorsed by – Unit President LoAnn Dick and Unit Secretary Char Wanner of Matthew Brew Unit 3 Dickinson

Matthew Brew Unit 3 of Dickinson endorses Sonnie Otto for the office of Treasurer of the Department of North Dakota for 2022-2023. Sonnie's eligibility comes through her husband Todd Otto, a Gulf War Veteran. She has been an active member of the Dickinson unit since joining the organization and currently serves as Unit Treasurer. She is also the current Department Treasurer. Her work is efficient and accurate. Unit 3 is proud to endorse Sonnie Otto for the important office of Department Treasurer.

Department Chaplain – Rose Laning Endorsed by – Unit Secretary and Treasurer Lualice Stockert and Carol Kessler of Vernon V. Isaacs Unit 78 Stanton

The Vernon V. Isaacs Unit #78 of Stanton proudly endorses Rose Laning for the office of Chaplain for the Department of North Dakota for 2022-2023. Rose has been an Auxiliary member since 1993 and is a State Life Member. Her eligibility comes through her husband, Vernon Laning's 3 years of service in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

Rose served as President of the Stanton Unit for 23 years and President of District 7 for 2 years. Prior to that, Rose served as Unit Girls State Chairman for 2 years and Americanism Chairman for 2 years.

Since 1991, Rose has served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site at Stanton and assists the park with youth programs and concessions when possible. She is active in her church and served as youth leader for 14 years, pianist for 44 years and worship leader for 12 years.

The Vernon V. Isaacs Unit #78 is confident that Rose will represent the Department of North Dakota well as Chaplain. She currently serves as the Department Chaplain.

Department Historian – Andrea Neshem Endorsed by – Unit President Carol Wolf Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo proudly endorses Andrea Neshem for the office of Historian of the Department of North Dakota for the 2022-2023 administrative year. Andrea is a long-time member of Unit 2 and currently serves as the Department Historian. She makes her home in Minot, ND, and stays active in her community as well as in the Auxiliary. We as a unit are proud to continue our support of this wonderful Auxiliary member. We endorse her without reservation for the office of Department Historian.

This list is current as of publication. Further nominations may continue to be brought forward

In Memoriam

District 1

Carol A Muscha, Hope
Dolores Porter, Hunter
Irene J Lidstrom, Portland

District 2

Lavonne Morrison, Cavalier
Eleanor Aasand, Grafton
Marlene H Gorder, Grafton
Helen Rainsberry, Lakota
Gerry Wagness, Lakota
Kathleen A Braaten, Manvel
Janette Moen, Michigan
Donna F McKenzie, Michigan
Jane Zidon, SLM, Pisek

District 3

Erma Mickelson, SLM, Rolla
Helen V Guilbert-Ryyth, SLM, Rolla

District 4

Mabel Dockter, Goodrich
Mary B Hoyt, Jamestown
Shirley Berg, Jamestown
Shirley A Benson, Jamestown
Janice Lauer, McClusky
Elaine Neff, McClusky
Wendy S Lesmeister, New Rockford
Hildegard Anderson, Wimbledon

District 5

Debra S Anderson, Bismarck
Esther Opp, Napoleon

District 6

Elizabeth Steinberger, SLM, Donnybrook
Pearl A Kling, PUFL, Donnybrook
Lola Hanson, Sherwood
Mary H Linstrom, SLM, Upham

District 7

Janice Olson, Almont
Delma Wilkens, Center
Sharron R. Crowley, Hazen

District 8

Lucille Aasmundstad, Dickinson
Evelyn Brovold, New England

District 9

Ardis A Hart, SLM, Crosby
Evelyn L Colclough, Parshall
Eva F Olson, SLM, Tioga
Bette M Goodson, SLM, Wildrose

District 10

Lorna Sand, Ellendale
Myra C Rada, Ellendale
Ida M Gebhardt, Ellendale
Linda Lunde, Forman
Sandra G Lunde, Forman
Shirley Skovholt, Mooreton
Rochelle A Betsch, Walcott

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.

Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL

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- Past Presidents Parley Luncheon - **\$20.00** per person. Order by **June 10, 2022**. Limited number will be available on-site.

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