



December 1, 2022

Dear Unit Presidents, ALA Unit Members, Department Officers, and Chairmen,

Please share the enclosed information with all members of your units.

- **2023 Winter Conference – Schedule** - Make your plans to attend the 2023 Winter Conference to be held in Minot, ND January 27-29, 2023. National President Vickie Koutz and our very own Northwestern Division National Vice President Marlene Boyer will be in attendance, and they are looking forward to meeting and visiting with you.
- **2023 Winter Conference Registration Form** – Complete this form and mail your registration for the conference in by the **deadline date January 11, 2023**.
- **December 2022 and January 2023 calendars** – these whimsical calendars feature poppy poster entries from 2021.
- **Membership Goal – 90% by December 31, 2022** – Gloria Covert and LoAnn Dick, Department Membership Co-Chairmen encourage units to send in 2023 dues. **Don't hold those dues, send them in!** Let's push North Dakota to the 90% GOAL by December 31, 2022.
- **2023 Unit Goals** – the enclosed report is from the week of November 23, 2022. North Dakota units have done an amazing job and have put collection of 2023 dues to 55.37%. Wow – Congratulations to units that have already hit the 100% GOAL.
- **Department Americanism Program Action Plan** – Shauna Dubuque, Department Americanism Chairman encourages all units to support the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism Program Essay Contest in your local schools and communities.
- **Department Poppy Program Action Plan** – Joan Buske, Department Poppy Chairman and Carol Wolf, Department Poppy Co-Chairman encourage all units to support the Poppy Program by promoting the distribution of poppies in your communities and working with your local schools to coordinate and promote participation in the Poppy Poster Contest. First Place Winners at the Department level are eligible for \$25.00 gift cards.
 - If your unit has not already ordered poppies for distribution in 2023, please do so as soon as possible. The pink 2023 Poppy Order form is available on the Department's website at www.ndala.org
- **Poppy Coloring Book** – Promote the poppy program by distributing the poppy coloring book to elementary school students in your community.