

MEMBERSHIP GOAL - 90% by December 31!!

If your 2023 membership dues are not paid by December 31, 2022, beginning January 1, 2023, you are no longer a current member. You may attend meetings, but you cannot make motions, or vote until your membership dues are paid. It is important that your dues are current. Unit membership affects not only the District but the Department membership as well.

To date our membership is down 472 members from 2021. 209 of those members are deceased. The rest of the members didn't pay their dues so they will appear as expired or former members in ALAMIS. The Department budget functions from the membership dues that are paid. The Department financials suffer when the units do not collect or submit dues in a timely manner. Congratulations to the units that have already achieved 100% membership. Great Job!

Units, please ensure that your members' personal information is up to date. This includes addresses, phone #, birth date, email address and yes report deaths in a timely manner as well. Deaths need to be reported to the Department Office as units cannot update that information in ALAMIS. Email addresses are important too, because National Headquarters and the Department Office will utilize email communications more in the future in an effort to cut costs.

ALA MIS (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System) has a new structure this year:

Level 1 – view only and print reports.

Level 2 – same as the access you now have. View and print reports, change profile info such name, address, add email addresses, birth dates, change subscriptions and add new members.

Level 3- full access to include Level 1 and 2 plus renewals. Also new units can now pay their dues to National and Dept online with a debit or credit card. The National office will reimburse the Department Office every 2 weeks for their share of the dues.

More information is available on the National website: www.alaforveterans.org. ALA MIS access must be requested from the Department Office. When making your request for access please include your email address, and your unit #number. Two members from each unit can have access to ALAMIS but only 1 can have full access. Full access users will need to view a 30 min video on how to use the program before they are granted full access. Fees will increase in Jan 2023 for ALAMIS access: Level 1 = \$10, Level 2 = \$15, Level 3 = \$20.

Junior members are a great asset to your unit. Invite them to attend your meetings. They probably are tech-savvy and could assist with finding information in ALAMIS or use email. They are more than willing to help with your events.

Community organizations are a great resource for extra help at your events, especially if you are a small unit. Reach out and ask! Volunteer hours can be recorded for their assistance at your event.

I attended 2022 Fall District meetings in Belcourt, Oakes, Jamestown, Minto, Williston, and Mayville. I want to thank members of those units for the genuine hospitality shown me. I enjoyed visiting with members from around the state. I can say without a doubt that our North Dakota members are the BEST!

Gloria Covert, Department President Elect and Department Membership Chairman