Hello to our District 2 members.

I would like to thank the members that made it to the Fall District Meeting held in Minto on October 1. I was pleased with the attendance, especially considering that harvest was still in full swing.

A message was read from Department President Sandra Petermann concerning membership, dues increase, ALA Emergency Funds, and more. We also heard from Department President-Elect and Membership Co-chairman Gloria Covert. She spoke on some of the same subjects and is encouraging members to get their dues paid by December 20, 2022 to keep membership current. She also discussed the membership database American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALA MIS). It is a good way to check on your unit members and keep them current. Now is the time to sign up for system access as the rate will be going up in 2023. Department Parliamentarian Diane Kraemer discussed the Constitution & Bylaws program and reminded units to get documents updated and sent to her.

Remember to get your memberships dues sent in and encourage people to join. Borrow a roster from your Legion post. You could be missing out on a number of great potential memberships.

In response to the hurricane in Florida, the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman has encouraged donations to help affected Auxiliary members. A suggestion was made to have a special collection of AEF donations. Members and guests donated \$125. Thank you for your generous donations.

Remember to honor your veterans on Veterans Day and every day.

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