

Are you ready to say “good-bye” to summer and “hello” to the fall? I certainly am! One reason I love the fall (besides the weather and beauty it brings) is the season of “thankfulness” it imparts. An important way of thanking our veterans is to support the programs that assist them in a variety of ways!

In September, your Unit President will receive the ‘green’ Mandatory Contribution Form. The completed form should be returned to the Department Office by November 1, 2022. This form lists a variety of programs which are important to our veterans. Your units will need to decide which programs to support and how much you can give – it is a tough decision. There is never enough money to show the “thanks” we really feel. But collectively, your contributions build and can bring a nice gift for programs that desperately need it.

As you complete your Contribution Form, it is important to note that there are a few items which are “mandatory” or “required” for all units to contribute toward. If you have questions regarding your form, please contact me or Marcy for clarification. Please note the back side of the ‘green’ form will tell you what programs your donation supports. This form is also located online at [www.ndala.org/forms/](http://www.ndala.org/forms/)

Another tidbit. Have you completed the North Dakota “Required Charitable Organization Annual Report?” Every charitable organization registered in this state shall file an Annual Report along with a \$10 fee with the secretary of state on or before September 1 of each year. Failure to file the annual report and fee as required will mean the organization's registration will no longer be in effect and the organization may not solicit in North Dakota. Visit [www.sos.nd.gov](http://www.sos.nd.gov) for more information. Be sure it stays on your list of “things to do” for your unit every year.

I hope you will all enjoy the cooler weather headed our way – and GIVE THANKS for all that God blesses us with!

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