

THANK YOU to District 5 Unit members for submitting your 2021-2022 volunteer hours and narrative reports! Seven of twelve units in District 5 reported hours volunteered, dollars spent, and veterans served. A total of 15,989 hours of volunteer service and \$42,349 was spent in providing support and services to veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Programs involved in this reporting included Children and Youth, Community Service, Department Education Scholarships, and Girls State. These numbers are awesome and were included in the Department report to National Headquarters. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

As we begin a new service year, we have renewed excitement coming off the 2022 Department Convention. At convention, the voting body chose to support the Veterans Outdoors Adventures of ND with funds from the Auxiliary Memorial Fund. There was discussion on the potential future increase in National dues. We were reminded that all Unit Constitutions, Bylaws and Standing Rules need to be reviewed with 17 out of 144 Units having completed this task.

Units need to be sure to notify the Department Office of any State Life Members that have passed away so the Department doesn't accidentally send dues to National for deceased members. We had the pleasure of hearing the North Dakota State Legion Band several times during the Convention. The State Legion Band organization will be 100 years old in 2024 - AWESOME!

I am interested in visiting District 5 Unit meetings this year so let me know when and where you meet.

Preliminary plans for the District 5 Fall Meeting are in place. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, in Washburn. Stay tuned for more details. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fall District 5 meeting and more of you at your unit meetings as well.

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