

FEBRUARY 2023

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S LETTER

So much information, despite the cold – that was the WINTER Conference! It was great to meet our National President Vickie Koutz. She talked about the “Walking with Purpose” article in our February 2023 “Auxiliary” magazine, as well as other things. Check it out!

The Auxiliary Memorial Program acknowledged 155 members have passed in the last year. The Department President Sandra Petermann put together a nice display of the Four Chaplains of which we learned there is a statue at Bottineau, North Dakota.

Don Weible, Legion Children & Youth Program, has a goal of getting bears in all 57 hospitals in North Dakota. The National Auxiliary Emergency Fund has paid out over \$137,000 in the first quarter this year, while only paying out \$119,000 for the whole last year.

There is new refreshed branding on clothing for the whole Legion family through the Emblem Sales catalog. There are 118 bills in the North Dakota Legislature that are being watched.

National scholarship applications are due March 1 and Department scholarship applications are due April 1. Units are being asked to continue working on updating their Bylaws and Constitutions and Standing Rules – only 2 of the 12 from District 5 are under review in the process.

There were 54 in attendance at the Winter Conference for the Auxiliary, including three guests.

Unit members, please get your volunteer hours and expenses in to your Unit Presidents by April 1, so the Unit reports can get to the District President by April 15.

A couple other deadlines to keep in mind are the Americanism Essay contest entries are due to the Department Americanism Chair by March 15, 2023; and Poppy poster entries are due May 1, 2023.

Watch for more details for the Spring District 5 Meeting in Bismarck on March 25, 2023.

SPRING IS COMING!

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