

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 Department total membership is down 472 members compared to 2021. 209 of those members are deceased. The other members didn't pay dues so they will appear as expired or former members in ALA MIS. The Department budget functions from the membership dues that are paid. The Department finances suffer when units do not collect or submit dues in a timely manner. Congratulations to units that have already achieved 100% membership. Great job!

Units, please ensure that your members' personal information is current. This includes addresses, phone numbers, birth date, and email address. Please report deaths in a timely manner as well. Deaths need to be reported to the Department Office as units cannot update that information in ALA MIS. 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 as name, address, email addresses, birth dates, change subscriptions, and add new members.

Level 3- full access to include Level 1 and 2 plus renewals. Units can now pay their dues online to National and Department 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/Members/Resources/ALAMIS. Unit 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 ALA MIS, however, only 1 can have full access. Full access users will need to view a 30 minute video on how to use the program before they are granted full access. Fees will increase in January 2023 for ALA MIS 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 ALA MIS 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!

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