

Auxiliary Members,

A huge thank you to the Minot Post and Auxiliary for their fine hospitality during Winter Conference held at the Grand in Minot.

National Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz attended our conference. She shared her pin with all the members that were in attendance. Vickie was just a lovely lady to visit with. Her attendance and socializing were very much appreciated.

The second membership renewal notices have been emailed and mailed out from National. Please follow up with dues collection and get them sent in to the Department in a timely manner. DO NOT HOLD DUES!! Our membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31. If your dues are not paid by Dec 31 for the following year you are not a member in good standing. When you attend a meeting or an Auxiliary function you will be a guest with no benefits or privileges. That is why your dues need to be paid on time.

If your unit is struggling, please look at reorganization to keep your unit viable. We cannot keep losing units to disbandment each year or we will not have a Department in the future. Please consider using ALAMIS (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System), which is a great resource for your unit to use for information on your members. You can keep information up-to-date as well as run numerous reports that can make your job a lot easier. One or two members from each unit can have access to ALAMIS. You may contact the Department Office if you are interested in obtaining this access.

We have 16 units that have obtained 100% or better for their unit membership. An awesome job for sure for these units. Job well done!!

Members birth dates are listed in ALAMIS info. This would be a good communication tool to use for reaching out to your members on their special day with a card, phone call, social media, and just to make them feel appreciated.

The North Dakota Auxiliary website (www.ndala.org) has "The Message" as well as the unit mailings archived so this information can be accessed at any time by our members. Scholarship applications are also on the website.

North Dakota is lagging behind in 7th place among 7 states in the Northwestern Division. We have been at this spot most of the year. Let's get those dues in so we can boost our ratings!!

Thank you to all our members that give so much of their time to help our veterans, youth, and your communities. You all are just the best!!

Always be Kind,
Gloria Covert