

Auxiliary Members,

First of all, I want to thank all the members for their vote of confidence in me. This title is a team effort so your participation in helping me out with any concerns or suggestions would be very much appreciated. My phone is always open and I text.

I participated in three parades to start my year off. The Ragtop parade was held July 1st in Rolla. The annual 4th of July parade was held in Park River. National Legion Commander Jim Troiola also participated in this parade. The Deuce of August parade was held in Mountain and it showcased their Icelandic heritage. The crowd participation was huge at all the events and a good homemade meal was a must. I enjoyed the great hospitality from each of these small towns. Small towns are what life is all about!!

The first dues renewals were emailed in July. Dues can be paid online so units need to check their ALAMIS (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System) computer reports so they know who has paid online. Members that have paid online will receive their membership card from the National Office. The paper dues renewals will be mailed out in September. Units need to start collecting 2024 dues ASAP. The 2024 membership dues need to be paid by Dec 31 for the following year. If you don't have your membership card for 2024 in hand by Jan 1st you are considered a guest at meetings and events. You do not have privileges such as voting or making motions at your Auxiliary meetings. Please, please, members get your membership dues paid as soon as you receive your notices, whether it comes by email or snail mail.

District Presidents need to communicate with their District Commanders so you both know the correct information about the District Meeting schedules. Please let me know of any changes in a timely manner.

I will be attending all the District Meetings barring any unforeseen circumstance. I am looking forward to meeting with members and hearing what their units are busy doing in "their neck of the woods".

Commander Clarence and I will be having our "homecoming" together this year. It will be held in Medora on Saturday, October 21. The social will begin at 5:00 PM followed by a buffet meal. The program will end by 7:00 PM so guests can attend other evening events. We look forward to everyone attending and helping us celebrate our coming year with the Legion family!! More information is available elsewhere in this publication.

Please keep membership renewals and recruiting at the top of your priority lists this year. Our members are our future for our veterans, youth, and community.

Always be kind,

Gloria Covert