

2023 Year-End Report

My experience serving not only as Department Secretary, but as co-editor of our Department's quarterly publication 'The Message' has given me an insight into the workings of many of our most active units.

I received numerous articles along with countless photos submitted by unit presidents and members-at-large from across the state. Those articles include the dates and times of unit activities submitted for publication as well as the names of those in photos. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions, we are unable to publish all of the photos and articles received, however, the editing team utilizes as many as possible.

Units with hometown newspapers regularly submit articles and pictures of American Legion Family events held in their communities. Americans live such a fast-paced lifestyle that we sometimes forget how it feels to be part of a community and just gather for camaraderie and fun. The pictures show that age does not matter. Young and old gather to enjoy meals, play bingo, participate in flag burning ceremonies, distribute poppies, march in parades, and work veterans programs.

I am proud of the Auxiliary members who take the time to record, photograph the activities, and author those little articles. It is nice to know that the American Legion Auxiliary as an organization is recognized and remains relevant in North Dakota.

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