

Our District 4 Spring meeting had a nice turn out for both Legion and Auxiliary members. Department President Sandra Petermann was one of our guest speakers and spoke on the fact that the Department is considering raising dues. Sandra also spoke of the 2023 Department Convention to be held in Bismarck on June 23-25. NW Division Vice President Marlene Boyer spoke on her trip to Washington D.C. for the 2023 Legislative Conference and lobbying for veterans. Department President-Elect Gloria Covert spoke about the American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS) and what a huge resource it can be, especially for tracking membership. ALA Flickertail Girls State will be held at the UND campus June 11-16 in Grand Forks.

We are looking forward to the Legion's birthday parties, Impact Report deadlines, Americanism essays, Poppy posters, Poppy Day on May 26th, and Memorial Day celebrations.

Major Steve English was Post 250 guest speaker at their birthday party. He spoke of his time in Poland and the overwhelming number of packages that arrived for the care of the Ukrainian people. His children wanted to do something for the Ukrainian people and that is how this project came to be.

We are all looking forward to nicer weather, the snow is melting, and the color green is showing through. It is starting to feel like spring has finally arrived.

We were sad to hear that Alfred Steiger, a resident of the North Dakota Veterans Home at Lisbon, has passed away. Alfred was responsible for assembling nearly a half million poppies since he began the project in 2002.

Unit 250 of Gackle lost two of their members this spring, Arlene Rudolph whom we honored at our District meeting, and Darlene Elsner. Darlene had been Unit 250 President for several years and she will be missed by all who knew and worked with her.

Sharon Ludwig, Unit President of New Rockford, is recovering from a serious farming accident and had been hospitalized for over 100 days. Please keep Sharon in your thoughts and prayers.

Make your plans now to attend the 2023 Department Convention in June and be sure to make your hotel reservations by May 22.

God bless our Veterans.

Jane Schoonover

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