



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY • DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I hope the holiday season was one of the best that you have had with family and friends. And may many blessings be yours in the 2024 year.

Our winter conference is coming up at the end of January in Bismarck at the former Ramkota Hotel. We would like to see a large turnout of Auxiliary members attending this event. We will be having an ALAMIS (American Legion Auxiliary management information system) workshop on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM. Members attending the workshop may bring a tablet or laptop to do the hands-on exercises as we go through the ALAMIS program.

We have SLM (State Life Members), and the Department pays National dues of \$18 for each of those members. Those dues for approximately 550 members are paid in late November to National. It is important that Units stay in close contact with their SLM members and keep their status updated in our database, especially their addresses. In the past, the Department has paid numerous dues for deceased members because those deaths were not reported and the records corrected.

Our membership numbers in the Northwestern Division has North Dakota at the bottom of the seven states of the division. We have been maintaining this position for the past 2 years. We need to get everyone “fired up” about collecting membership dues. Units should decide the communication method to get this project done in a timely manner.

The 2023 dues year expires Dec 31, 2023. If 2024 dues are not paid as soon as possible after that date, your members are not in good standing. Dues can be paid either by the membership chair with “Full Access ALAMIS” or the Department Secretary. Membership dues are what constitutes the Department’s Annual Budget for Department operations, so it is important to collect and pay dues in a timely manner. Share your unit’s membership goals with all of your members. It would be impressive to have all North Dakota units at 100% for the 2024 year! Units that are revitalizing their purpose are shown in the membership reports so keep up the great work!

Is everyone wearing RED on Fridays? RED (***Remember Everyone Deployed***) on Fridays is a show of support for our military. You can get your community and schools involved in the movement. You can wear or display anything red to show your support.

Remember to send the pictures and articles on your unit events to Department Historian, Andrea Neshem so she can archive our happenings. What units do to complete the mission statement needs to be in newspapers and on social media. I am looking forward to visiting with everyone at the 2024 Winter Conference so make plans now to attend.

Always be kind.

Gloria Covert, Department President (2023-2024)