

Greetings Auxiliary Members,

I want to start off with a huge thank you to the members who donated to the silent auction held at the 2024 Winter Conference and to the bidders who helped raise \$1,500. The auction proceeds were donated to my President's Projects. I appreciate the wonderful support from the American Legion Family.

Thank you to the Washburn Auxiliary unit who were the hosts for Winter Conference. The members who assisted with registration did a wonderful job with their duties and looked very sharp in their red blazers. We were glad to see and visit with 64 registered attendees, but a better turnout for the event was anticipated.

We presented an ALAMIS (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System) workshop during meetings on Saturday. It was attended by 11 members who said they learned a lot of information that they previously did not know. We also added 3 more members to the full user level. We now have 86 members using ALAMIS from 61 units. 19 members are full users which means they process their dues and update their database at the local unit level. ALAMIS is located on our national website www.alaforveterans.org. A member must request permission through the Department Office to become an ALAMIS user. Send your request along with your name, email address, unit number, and the type of access you would like. The Department Office forwards your request to National HQ and you will receive information from National on how to use the program along with a unique user name and password. The reports on ALAMIS are a great resource for units.

Constant Contact is the new mass email platform utilized by the Department Office. We will be using this email more and more to get information out to members in a timely manner. We currently have approximately 300 email addresses. Our old system had about 1800 addresses. Units, we need your help in obtaining the email addresses of members that would like to receive Department information. We would appreciate any assistance from units and members to get this information platform up and running effectively. Submit email addresses, name, unit number, and unit position (if any) to the Department Office and specifically state it is for Constant Contact.

Department Chairmen need pictures and narratives of events that units have sponsored and organized. This information will be forwarded to our Northwestern Division Chairmen who will publish it in their monthly newsletters. The newsletters can be shared in our monthly mailings as well as through Constant Contact. Remember to send this information to our Department historian, Andrea Neshem, for the President's scrapbook and to the Department Office for publication in "The Message". Visit our Department website at www.ndala.org for chairman contact information.

North Dakota Flickertail Girls State information will be updated the first week of February at www.ndgirlsstate.org . The registration fee for 2024 has increased to \$325. Units, please contact your schools as soon as you have the information as we do need a number boost this year. Information will also be distributed via a paper unit mailing.

Our National Auxiliary President Lisa Williamson will be visiting North Dakota from July 15-18, 2024. We are currently planning a visit to the International Peace Garden, Annie's House adaptive recreation center, and Mystical Horizons. Sharon White Bear, Past Department President, is working on a mini pow-wow at White Shield. We would like to include Medora but haven't got that worked in yet. If you or your unit would like to assist with this visit, please contact me. Any help would be appreciated.

There are several units that have reached their 100% membership goal. Congratulations on your effort!! A second renewal notice has been sent out to members. All units - please follow up right away and get those members' dues paid.

Units are doing a fine job of helping our veterans, youth, and their communities. Keep up the awesome work you are all doing. I appreciate all that members do for their "why".

Always be kind

Gloria Covert