



Gloria Covert, Department President (2023-2024)

While many of you have met Gloria at District Meetings, Department Conferences, and other Legion events around the state of North Dakota and know her from her “Message” articles, we would like to further introduce Gloria by giving you a little more information about our 2023-2024 Department President.

Gloria Covert, a resident of Rock Lake ND is a 48-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Fred C. Wagner Unit 235 Rolla, ND. Gloria’s eligibility is through her father, Virgo S. Manning, a World War II veteran who served in the US Army/Air Force. Her brother, Neill was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the Army. Both are now deceased.

Gloria is the mother of three adult children, Devin lives in Wisconsin and is the owner operator of a contracting business. Shantel lives in Drake and works with special needs students in the Anamoose school district. Tyson recently completed a project in the North Dakota oil fields. She is the doting grandmother of four of her favorite people; Siage, Mariah, Korri and Koltyn.

Veterans, youth and the community are all important aspects of the American Legion Auxiliary mission and Gloria is enthusiastic in her commitment to supporting veterans and their families. Gloria continues to be an active member of the Rolla unit, having served as Unit Treasurer, Girls State Chairman, Poppy Chairman, and on many fundraising committees and projects. She has also served as President District 3, Department Finance Board, Department Vice President, President-Elect and Department Membership Chairman for the past two years.

Gloria is active in other local organizations. She is a member of the Rock Lake Boosters and assists with annual fundraising activities. She is currently serving on the board of the Towner County Historical Society and assists with their summer fundraising activities. Gloria is a member of the Towner County Medical Center Auxiliary and assists with their fundraising efforts as well.

Gloria is an active 48-year member of the VFW Auxiliary of Rock Lake and currently serves as its treasurer/membership chairman and is 3-year trustee for the VFW’s District 8. Gloria has been active in her Rock Lake community for many years and served on the Rock Lake Development Board for 9 years, five of those as its president. She served as the secretary for the Rock Lake Methodist Church for thirteen years. She was a coach for the Horizons program sponsored by the NDSU Extension agency, an 18-month program geared toward economic development in rural communities. Rolla was selected to be a participant in the Horizons program and when Rock Lake was selected she participated in that 18-month program as well.

Not one to let any grass grow under her feet, after retiring from a 25-year career with the USDA/FSA agency, Gloria has participated in numerous beautification programs in the Rolla community. In her spare time Gloria enjoys gardening, photography, reading and relaxing on her home's patio when the weather allows.

As part of her commitment and support of veterans and their families, Gloria has chosen to raise funds via her President's Project for the following: Annie's House at Bottineau veterans physical rehabilitation program , hyperbaric treatments for veterans suffering health issues related to military combat, and International Music Camp's special instrument program.