



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

The first order of business is to thank the Posts and units that hosted our District meetings. The hospitality was just the best and the meals that were provided were exceptional!

The homecoming social held in Medora for Commander Clarence and me was well attended. We were honored to have so many Legion Family friends, family and guests there to help us celebrate our year that is in progress. The "Million Dollar Quartet" concert at the Medora Town Hall was a fantastic experience. Our group filled up over half of the Hall. And weather-wise we could not have asked for a more beautiful weekend to enjoy Medora especially for those who came from some distance.

I am going to highlight a few things that units should be aware of. All changes to your unit leadership, including ALAMIS access need to be reported to the Department Office staff so the database can be updated to reflect those changes. Deaths cannot be recorded in ALAMIS by unit membership chairs. Please be sure that your unit membership chairman is kept aware of any deaths of members so she can report them in a timely manner to the Department Office.

It is particularly important that SLM (State Life Members) deaths are reported in a timely manner as well because the Department is obligated to pay National dues on behalf of those members.

Honorary Life Members (Honorary Life Members) are members that the unit pays their dues for. Please be sure to notify the Department Office with the name and unit number so the database can be updated. The dues renewal notice will then be mailed to the unit directly for the unit to pay the HLM member dues.

Department Staff is using a new email service called 'Constant Contact.' It will be utilized to send email blasts out to all members with an email address on file. When an email is sent out it will show constant contact at the bottom of the email. I collected email addresses when I attended the district meetings but unfortunately attendance at district meetings was not the best and we probably missed many of you. We are asking units to get emails from their members along with name, unit # and any leadership role that they hold as soon as possible. The Department Office Staff is working on updating email addresses as we get them in. Remember to collect email addresses when a member pays their dues. Email will be used increasingly for communications purposes by the Department and National organizations with the goal of saving time and money for both..

According to Lisa Williamson, National President (2023-2023) this will be a "mission driven" year.. So, let us get "fired up" about our organization. Let us renew our sense of purpose. Let us revitalize our units with new ideas and a new outlook on our mission to support veterans and their families..

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Many blessings to our Legion Family members and their families during this most special holiday season.

Always be kind,  
Gloria Covert. Department President (2023-2024)  
"Veteran The Legend"