

Hello District 2 Members.

It was good to see so many members at the Fall District Meeting in Larimore, especially after all the snow we received in the days before. The roads were not good in some areas. I appreciate the people who were able to attend.

Department President Gloria Covert reported on the National Convention and encouraged communication with all your members. If you have any Honorary Life Members, send this information to the Department Office so renewal notices will go to the Unit and not the member.

President-Elect LoAnn Dick discussed membership and shared an example of "Be The One" by a teacher who assigned essay topics to students. She also is encouraging units to restart their meetings now that we are post COVID. Do not forget the reason you joined; it is to help our veterans. Our volunteer numbers, dollars, and memberships help in much-needed lobbying in Congress on important legislation that impacts veterans such as burn pits and Camp Lejeune.

Thank you to the units whose membership is already at 100% or more. Certificates were handed out to those units present at the Fall meeting. We are coming to the end of the year. If you have not sent in your dues for 2023, your membership expires on December 31, 2023. Please send in your dues. Your membership is important for our 'mission' to support veterans, military, and their families. Membership dues for 2024 should be paid by January 2nd.

Everyone is encouraged to wear RED on Fridays to 'Remember Everyone Deployed.' Spread the word by sharing with your friends, families, and area schools.

With the upcoming holidays, remember our veterans with cards, goodie trays, phone calls, or even a visit. There are so many ways to remember our veterans.

Have you finished updating your Constitution & Bylaws? If not, please complete them as soon as possible. Also, I want to remind all units to fill out your 990-N tax exempt form online to maintain your non-profit status.

Hope to see everyone at the Winter Conference in January!

Shelley Schuster

District 2 President