

Greetings to all District 4 ALA Members.

Our District meeting was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the All-Vets Club in Jamestown. At the joint opening, we enjoyed a medley of American songs preformed by Tim Metz, District 4 Commander Jon's brother. Tim received a standing ovation. We thanked Carol, the banquet manager, for her years of service. Carol had already retired but came back just to do the District 4 dinner.

Our guest speakers were Department President Gloria Covert, Department President-Elect and Membership Chair LoAnn Dick, and Past NW Division National Vice President Marlene Boyer.

President Covert reminded us that we need to make sure we have a quorum before we start our meetings. She suggested maintaining communication with our members by using Zoom meetings, letters, texting, and emails.

Some other topics that came up included: reviewing and updating our Unit Constitution and Bylaws, sending pictures to our Department Historian of our events, including Junior members in events and meetings, campaigning for Suicide Prevention, and utilizing Land's End Business for ALA logo clothing (<https://www.legion-aux.org/lands-end-business>).

Membership Chairman LoAnn stated that membership is our lifeline. LoAnn opened with "Remembering why we became a member of the ALA." Numbers count. Even though we may have only a few members that go to meetings or physically work, the greater number of members speak to our Legislators when making decisions for our veterans. Year-end Reports are important in showing how much time and money is donated in support of our veterans.

Marlene Boyer, Past NW Division National Vice President, spoke on her travels during her time in office. Marlene discussed a new project with military children which is called Dandelion Children. They have a very important role in our veterans lives.

I want to thank Unit President Betty Geigle and other Unit 14 Auxiliary members of Jamestown for hosting the District meeting. Thanks to Shirley Knapp for repairing the flagpole. There is no need to purchase a new flagpole due to her efforts.

God Bless our veterans and best wishes for the upcoming holidays.

Jane Schoonover

District 4 President

