

The Department Leadership Chairman initiated the program of work at the completion of the 2022 Department Convention. In September, the national Auxiliary website was reviewed for ideas.

District meetings were held in the Fall to update members on Department activities and exchange ideas on how to improve unit management. Department officers attended those meetings to speak with local members and to explain the goals for the year. Department President Sandra Petermann's theme was "Flying Together-United as One." President Petermann focused on the American Legion family in all she did. The Department staff informed units through monthly mailings and the Department's publication "The Message" which is published quarterly with articles celebrating the activities of North Dakota units.

National Auxiliary President Vickie Koutz was an invited guest at our 2023 Winter Conference where she provided ideas on how to maintain energy in our local units.

Four units sent in nominations for 'Unit Member of the Year' award consideration. Although every nominee deserves to be awarded this honor, the committee and I selected Ruth Quam, a life member of Hafner-Miller-Ross Unit 20 of Wahpeton as North Dakota's Unit Member of the Year.

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Leadership Chairman