

April 19, 2023

Hello to all District 5 American Legion Auxiliary Unit Officers and Members,

Is it SPRING yet? As I write this, I think there are areas of North Dakota that may see some white stuff in the next couple days. We all know it will be short lived!

Thank you to the Auxiliary members that took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Spring District 5 Meeting on March 25th. We were honored to have the Department President Sandra Petermann, Department President-Elect Gloria Covert, and State Chaplain Rose Laning. We are reminded to keep working on updating our Unit Constitutions & Bylaws and Standing Rules, and send them to Diane Kraemer. ALAMIS is very helpful in keeping membership information updated for Units that have members with computer knowledge. However, the Department Secretary must be notified of any deaths as that is one thing that cannot be updated on ALAMIS.

Gloria Covert also touched on Honorary Life Members. Dues notices come to the Unit and are paid by the Unit. Some Units already do this but do not refer to the member as an Honorary Life Member. This is important for those that struggle to pay dues and may drop their membership. It is a way for Units to honor members who have dedicated much of their life to being a member and now struggle to pay dues.

A Memorial Service recognized 21 District 5 members that have passed in the last year.

Some dates to remember are **April 15** is when Unit Presidents were to have **Impact Reports** to the District President. Thank you to those who have already done so or have them in the mail. It is not too late, please email them to me or get them in USPS as soon as possible. Poppy Posters are due May 1, 2023; Unit Dues Verification due May 1, 2023; Unit Member of the Year Award due May 15, 2023; Girls State Registrations due May 15, 2023; Unit Officer Verification due June 1, 2023; and the Department Convention is June 23-25, 2023, in Bismarck. Hope to see many of you at the Department Convention. Watch for Unit mailings from the Department with the details.

REMINDER to send Unit Impact reports to me!

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