

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Call for the One Hundred-Third Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA, IS HEREBY CALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1, OF THE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND WILL BE HELD IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA on June 21-23, 2024.

#### **Purpose:**

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing Department Officers for the ensuing year, receiving reports of Department Officers and Committees, electing DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES to the 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION of the American Legion Auxiliary, amending the Department Constitution and Bylaws, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Convention.

#### Representation

Representation in the Convention shall be in proportion to the number of paid 2024 members in a Unit, according to the following articles of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of North Dakota: CONSTITUTION - "ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2, DELEGATES TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: The Annual Convention shall be composed of the Department Officers, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Past Department Presidents, as long as they remain members of a Unit in this Department, Presidents of Units and one delegate for every thirty members or major fraction thereof whose dues have reached Department Headquarters by midnight thirty (30) days before such Convention. Each delegate whose Convention registration fee has been paid shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from her Unit. Department Officers, Chairmen, and Past Dept. Presidents shall be entitled to vote with their Unit delegation, provided they are present at said Department Convention." "ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3. UNIT DELEGATES: All delegates and alternates shall be elected at a regular or special meeting of the Unit at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Convention, and the names of such delegates shall be certified to the Department Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior to the Department Convention. In case of the inability of all the duly elected delegates and alternates to attend the Department Convention, the Unit President may appoint one or more delegates to fill vacancies. If the delegates and alternates are elected at a special meeting of the Auxiliary Unit, the meeting must be specifically called for the purpose and members duly notified of the purpose of the meeting."

### **Expenses of Unit Delegates**

The payment of expenses of delegates and alternates from the various Units must be determined by each local Unit. Some Units reimburse travel of their delegates, some pay all expenses, and some pay only part. If the Unit's finances do not permit paying all expenses of delegates, we suggest that expenses of your Unit President be met by the Unit, if at all possible, and that each Unit pay the Convention registration fee (\$15.00) for each member of their entire delegation. The newly elected (incoming) President is referred to in ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3, of the Department Constitution.

#### **Convention Registration**

American Legion Auxiliary registration will begin on Friday, June 21, 2024, at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center (formerly known as Ramkota), 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Bismarck, North Dakota 1:00 PM. Registration continues on Saturday, June 22, 2024, 7:00 AM until 12:00 PM. All meetings of the Auxiliary will be held at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Gloria Covert, Department President

Marcy J Schmidt, Department Secretary