

**Department President-Elect – Candace Berg**  
**Endorsed by – Sidney Britsch Unit 268 York**

Sidney Britsch Unit 268 York endorses Candace Berg for the office of Department President-Elect for 2024-2025. Candace joined the Auxiliary as a junior member under the eligibility of her father, Harland Berg, a Vietnam veteran. As a junior member, Candace served as the trumpet player (bugler) for Memorial Day programs until graduating from high school. Candace is active with the York unit as well as the Devils Lake Neathery-Simenson VFW Auxiliary, having served as a flag bearer, unit secretary, unit chaplain, and several chairmanships.

Candace is also involved with Ramsey County 4-H, serving as the treasurer and a 4-H leader. She emphasizes community service projects with her group that are veteran-focused, such as learning the meaning of the U.S. flag, flag folding, honoring businesses and homes who display the U.S. flag, putting together veteran food and supply packages, and helping with veteran and patriotic holiday services.

Candace currently lives and works in Devils Lake and is the proud parent of 3 children and a menagerie of pets. She is a licensed foster care parent, and in her spare time she enjoys volunteering at White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, sketching, photography, genealogy, watching hockey, exploring nature, and spending time with loved ones.

We believe that Candace is an excellent candidate for Department President-Elect and will serve the Department and its members with distinction.

**Department Secretary – Marcy Schmidt**  
**Endorsed by – Unit President Carol Wolf of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo**

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo proudly endorses Marcy Schmidt for the office of Secretary of the Department of North Dakota. Marcy's eligibility comes through her husband Fred's service in the US Army, a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. They are the proud parents of two children and four grandchildren and make their home in Fargo.

Marcy is an active member of Unit 2 and is always willing to assist in unit projects supporting our veterans. She has served on the unit level as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and as co-chairman for the Girls State committee. Marcy has served on the Department level as Department Historian and AEF Chairman and currently serves as Department Secretary and Public Relations Chairman.

We as a unit are proud to continue our support of this wonderful Auxiliary member. We endorse her without reservation for the office of Department Secretary.

**Department Treasurer – Jeanine Allmaras**  
**Endorsed by – Unit President Carol Wolf of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo**

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo proudly endorses Jeanine Allmaras for the office of Treasurer of the Department of North Dakota. Jeanine's eligibility comes from her father Daniel Sovell, a veteran of the Korean War. Jeanine has been an American Legion Auxiliary member for over ten years. She has 25+ years of accounting experience, including QuickBooks, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll and Budgets. Jeanine and her husband, Tim, operate their own business in the Fargo /

Moorhead area. Jeanine was an officer of the PTO organization at her children's school for seven years, including four years as Treasurer and is a member of the Parish Council and Finance Council committees at her church. Jeanine and her family live in Harwood,

We as a unit are proud to continue our support of this wonderful Auxiliary member. We endorse her without reservation for the office of Department Treasurer.

**Department Treasurer – Susan Degner**

**Endorsed by – District 2 President Shelley Schuster and members of District 2**

American Legion Auxiliary District 2 endorses Susan Degner for the office of Department Treasurer for 2024-2025. Susan's eligibility comes via her ex-husband, Matthew Degner. Susan has been an active member of the Paul Farup Unit 147 since 2004, and currently serves as Unit 147 Treasurer as well as Vice President of District 2.

Susan is a CPA with over 40 years of experience in accounting and payroll. She currently works part-time as the finance manager for a local independent retail pharmacy. She also has her own small tax preparation & bookkeeping practice. Susan is a daily user of QuickBooks—both for financial reporting and for payroll preparation and reporting.

I believe that Susan is a well-qualified, excellent candidate for office of Department Treasurer, and will serve the Department and its members with distinction.

**Department Chaplain – Rose Laning**

**Endorsed by – Unit Secretary-Treasurer Lualice Stockert and member Carol Kessler of Vernon V. Isaacs Unit #78**

The Vernon V. Isaacs Unit #78 of Stanton proudly endorses Rose Laning for the office of Chaplain for the Department of North Dakota for 2024-2025. Rose has been an Auxiliary member since 1993 and is a State Life Member. Her eligibility comes through her husband, Vernon Laning's 3 years of service in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

Rose served as President of the Stanton Unit for 23 years and President of District 7 for 2 years. Prior to that, Rose served as Unit Girls State Chairman for 2 years and Americanism Chairman for 2 years.

Since 1991, Rose has served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site at Stanton and assists the Park with youth programs and concessions when possible. She is active in her church and served as youth leader for 14 years, pianist for 44 years and worship leader for 12 years.

Vernon V. Isaacs Unit #78 is confident that Rose will represent the Department of North Dakota well as Chaplain.

**Department Historian – Andrea Neshem**

**Endorsed by – Unit President Carol Wolf of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo**

Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 of Fargo proudly endorses Andrea Neshem for the office of Historian of the Department of North Dakota. Andrea, a long-time member of Unit 2, currently serves as Department

Historian. She makes her home in Minot, ND, and stays active in her community as well as in the Auxiliary.

We as a unit are proud to continue our support of this wonderful Auxiliary member. We endorse her without reservation for the office of Department Historian.

**Department NEC – Judy Twete**

**Endorsed by – Secretary Rita Loibl of Ole Semling Unit 135 McVile and Unit Members**

We, the members of ALA Unit Ole Semling 135, strongly recommend and endorse Judy Twete as a candidate for the National Executive Committee position. Judy has been a Life Member in the Ole Semling Unit in McVile, ND for over 50 years. During that time, Judy has been involved in the Unit, District, Department, Division and National level. Judy is currently serving as the Unit President, including program chairmanships on the Unit level. In addition, Judy has served on the Department's Finance Board, and as a Department Chaplain. She served as Department President in 2001-2002 and Northwestern Division National Vice President in 2015-2016. She has also served several Division and National Chairmanships.

In addition to Judy's dedication to ALA, she is well known for her volunteerism in the community. She has taken her leadership to entities such as the NCHS (medical system) where she served as a foundation president for a number of years. Another example is her portrayal of Betsy Ross where she teaches flag etiquette to local elementary students. She has also volunteered as McVile's "Welcome Wagon Lady" for several years. During the Christmas season, Judy makes many appearances as "Mrs. Claus" in various events. She is an experienced public servant and devoted to assisting wherever she can.

Judy Twete has a proven record as an innovative, motivated, and effective leader in everything she does. We, the members of ALA Unit 135 endorse Judy with absolute confidence that her personal character and abilities will ensure her dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary as a member of the National Executive Committee position for the 2024-2026 term.

\*This list is current as of publication. Further nominations may continue to be brought forward\*