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Dear Unit President,

Good morning! I returned recently from Indianapolis to bring you a message from our National Vice President, Trish Ward. She sends her greetings and her commitment to help us inspire ourselves and our Unit members to rise up and do great things. Each one of you is the leader of your Unit. Your members chose you because they look up to you, they trust you, and they depend on you to lead them forward.

The covid crisis caused a lot of trouble in our country as well as in our Units. People were told to shut down, to not meet, etc. and many people complied with those directives. We now know that it was ill advised. However, now we need to turn it all around, and focus on our units once again.

You can change the mindset of your unit members. It is what we make it! Our Units can meet together again, and work, and dream, and make our Veterans and communities proud of us! I know many of you have one or more members who have not yet paid their 2024 dues. Perhaps you can invite those members who live nearby to come to coffee, bring their checkbooks, and while you are having a great time of fun and fellowship once again, ask them to pay their dues. Welcome those members back to your unit while collecting their dues.

Send the dues into department and “behold” your membership is that much closer to goal! How wonderful for you to have your Unit at 100% and be recognized at the Department Convention as a 100% Unit! What a thrill for your Unit to get to stand and be recognized! You can make that happen.

I know many of you have members who reside far away. They too are an important part of your unit. Do not let them slip away. While they may not be able to come to your meetings, they can still support our veterans program. Their dues help the Unit, the District, the Department, and the National organization to have the amazing programs that make our American Legion Auxiliary so wonderful. Make it a priority to call them, write to them, remind them how valuable they are to your Unit, and how much their membership and their dues help to support our Veterans. Remind them of why they joined the auxiliary and remember from whom their eligibility came, and that they are still representing that veteran whether they are still living or not.

I am sorry this letter is long. I arrived home at 11:30 PM last night, and could not sleep thinking about you, so it is now 4 AM and I have decided to write to you now while you are on my mind. Let us grab hands and move your Units and the Department of North Dakota to the “TOP OF THE LIST!” When we band together we are a mighty, powerful force! We are women, we are strong, and we can do anything we set our minds to. So, hang on! Here we go! It is what we make it!. Let us make it FANTASTIC! Working together for our precious Veterans!

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