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The Message

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Welcome to 2024 Department Convention



Latoya Carpenter



NWDNVP Karen Susag

Latoya Carpenter, President of Loyd Spetz Unit 1 of Bismarck, and her team of convention volunteers welcome all members of the American Legion Family to the 2024 American Legion Department Convention. The event will be held June 21-23 at the Bismarck Hotel and Convention Center in Bismarck. Convention Chairman Carpenter encourages everyone to take in not only the convention events but to get out and enjoy the dining and shopping experiences the community of Bismarck has to offer. Welcome to the area and enjoy your stay.

Northwestern Division National Vice President Karen Susag will be a guest speaker during weekend meetings.

President Susag comes from a strong military family and is a Life Member of the American Legion Auxiliary in the Department of Montana. Karen's husband, Michael F. Susag, is an Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam. She is additionally eligible through several members of her family: son, Christopher Susag, US Navy Veteran; father, Oscar Webster, Army Veteran WWI; brother, Harold Webster, Army Veteran WWII; brother, Alfred Webster, Navy Veteran Vietnam.

Karen is a 52-year member of the Montana American Legion Auxiliary joining Manhattan Unit 87 in 1970. After moving to Townsend in 2002, she transferred to Unit 42 as a PUFL member. Karen has served as Unit 87 President for 25 years and District 7 President for two terms. Currently she is the Unit 42 Secretary and also holds the position of District 6 President and Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson. Karen has served five years as Montana's Department Secretary and twice as Montana's Department President.

Karen is a dedicated Auxiliary member and is active in her community as well. We warmly welcome President Susag and look forward to her visit.

National President Lisa Williamson to Visit N.D.

American Legion Auxiliary National President Lisa Williamson will visit the Department of North Dakota July 15-18, 2024. Although some details for President Williamson's visit are still in the planning stages, she is expected to visit The International Peace Garden and International Music Camp near Dunseith as well as Annie's House Adaptive Recreation-Bottineau Winter Park. Everyone is welcome to come out to greet National President Lisa when she arrives in your community. More details will be sent to Unit Presidents and will appear online as soon as they are available.



Lisa Williamson

Submitted by Marcy Schmidt,
Department Secretary

Medina Unit 245 Shows Community Spirit

The Adam Job Post 245 Legion Hall serves as a community event center as well as an election site for Stutsman County. It was discovered prior to the 2023 primary election that the facility's ramp was not up to code and a temporary ramp was installed at a cost of \$2500. After the election, Joyce Hofmann and Sharon Behm, members of Medina Unit 245, began pursuing a project that would replace the old ramp. With the assistance of Joan Morris, a Stutsman County Commissioner, they were able to obtain a grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation for \$3500. With the assistance of Mitch Gunderson, a Medina city council member, they also received funds from the City of Medina for the remaining cost of \$2600.

A new ramp has been installed and provides the needed assistance for people attending events held at Adam Job Post 245 American Legion Hall in Medina. Members of Post and Unit 245 thank everyone involved in raising funds for the construction and installation of the new ramp. It is a tribute to the community and shows what can be done when people work together for the common good.

Unit Membership - In the past few years, membership for Unit 245 declined. Judy Lytle, member of the Medina Unit, decided to do something about that. Judy made a concerted effort to sign up new members and was able to recruit nine new members. On April 5, 2024, the unit hosted a 'Breakfast Meeting' where the new members were welcomed and presented with Certificates of Initiation and a copy of the explanation of the "Preamble" to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Article Submitted by Unit 245



New Member Breakfast. Pictured (l-r): Brenda Guthmiller, Ardella Rau, Elly Rau, Edith Stoppeworth, Sue Reardon, Sharon Behm. Not pictured: Joey Guthmiller, Val Flegel, Sharon Otto, Kimberly Schmidt.



New Ramp. Pictured (l-r): Back Row: Becky Reich, Ardella Rau, Brenda Guthmiller, Edith Stoppeworth, Sue Reardon, Judy Lytle, Elly Rau, Mitch Gunderson - Medina City Councilman. Front Row (l-r): Adeline Link, Lillian Hofman, Sharon Behm, Joyce Hoffmann.

Jamestown Unit 14 Donates

The Past Presidents Parley of Ernest D Robertson Unit 14 of Jamestown supports several community organizations serving veterans and less fortunate citizens with donations of funds and goods.

In 2023, Judy Hoyt and Betty Geigle, Unit 14 Past Presidents Parley officers collected and delivered supplies to Mary's Safe Shelter. This is a facility serving abused men, women, and children in Jamestown. Items donated included: paper towels, tissues, napkins, laundry soap, dryer sheets, and hand soap.



South Central Human Service Center of Jamestown collected community donations and purchased items to fill 'Blessing Bags' for men, women, and children. Items included in the "Blessing Bags" were stocking hats, gloves, socks, personal hygiene supplies, first aid kits, hand soap, and snack items. SCHS Center put a call out to various organizations including the Jamestown Past Presidents Parley. The unit assisted them with delivery of the bags to various community service organizations including the VA's Community Based Outpatient Clinic located in Jamestown.

Article submitted by Betty Geigle, Past Presidents Parley Unit 14



103rd Department Convention

**Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center
Bismarck, ND**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (may be revised without notice)
Changes will be available at www.ndala.org/2024-department-convention/

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

- 11:00 AM Department Finance Board meeting – LaVonne Matthews, Chairman
- 1:00 PM Auxiliary registration opens (registration closes at 5:00 PM)
- 1:30 PM Auxiliary Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting
- 3:00 PM Incoming officers Meet & Greet with incoming Department Commander and Department President.
- 3:30 PM District Commanders and District Presidents flag/banner rehearsal (for Joint Session)
- 4:30 PM Auxiliary Installation rehearsal - Department Officers, District Presidents
- 5:00 PM Pictures for Department Officers, District Presidents, and Chairmen
- 5:00 PM District Presidents and Department Chairmen (incoming and outgoing) exchange duty books and flags (Meet w/ Gloria Covert and LoAnn Dick)
- 5:30 PM No-Host dinner
- 7:00 PM Joint Opening Session

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

- 7:00 AM Auxiliary Registration resumes (Auxiliary registration closes at 12:00 PM)
- 8:30 AM Auxiliary Opening Session, Memorial Service, Chairman Reports, Awards, Certificates, and Guest Speakers
- 12:00 PM Past Presidents Parley Luncheon
- 1:30 PM Auxiliary Session resumes
- 2:00 PM Registration and Credentials Committees Nominations and Elections of Department Officers (2024-2025)
- 3:00 PM Installation of Department Officers
- 4:00 PM National Convention meeting (Auxiliary Delegates)
- 5:30 PM Convention Social
- 6:30 PM Department Convention Banquet
Dance by ND American Legion State Band

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

- 9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
- Joint Session following Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Auxiliary Session resumes
- Department President's Report – Gloria Covert, Department President (2023-2024)
- 1:00 PM Close of Convention

Department President

Greetings Auxiliary Members,
My first order of business is to give a high five to our Spring District Meeting Legion and Auxiliary hosts. We attended nine District meetings throughout the state. District 1 was held in West Fargo at the Vet's Club with the Fargo unit and post as hosts. District 2 was held in Larimore with the Larimore post and unit as hosts. District 10 was held in Ellendale with the post and unit serving as hosts. District 3 was held in Rolette with the Rolette post and unit as the host. District 6 was held in Kenmare with the Kenmare post and Donnybrook unit as hosts. District 9 was held in Ray with the Ray post and the Tioga unit as the hosts. District 4 was held in Jamestown with the Jamestown post and the Medina unit as hosts. District 7 and 8 was held in Richardton with the post and unit as hosts. District 5 was held in Hazelton with the Hazelton post and unit as the hosts. Thank you District posts and units for your generous hospitality and the meals you served. Small town hospitality was on full and wonderful display in each of these North Dakota communities.

Leadership is the backbone of our organization. Without knowledgeable and competent leadership, our organization does not progress. We cannot survive on "that is the way we have always done it." Change is constant, and we need to embrace new technology and change whether we like it or not.

I have heard that many older members do not use technology. That may be true and to make sure units and members receive information, the Department distributes materials on paper. In addition, unit mailings and other information is sent via email and Constant Contact as well as being available online at www.ndala.org. Invite your Junior members to assist with new technology and perhaps even teach your Senior members. There are other resources that can help as well. Seek those resources out.

The National office changes their policies at times. Is your unit up to date on these changes? Review information sent from the Department or online at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Leadership involves mentors. Are you a good

mentor? Characteristics of a good mentor are patience, kindness, and having the ability to answer questions without judgment or criticism. Be positive, listen, and hear what your member's concerns are. A good mentor does not assume you know; they ask if you know. Find a good mentor if you are interested in a leadership position.

I hope all units took the opportunity to report on all the good work and events you were involved with this year. I am looking forward to reading all those narratives submitted by our impressive North Dakota units.

I cordially invite each of you to attend the 2024 Department Convention in Bismarck June 21-23.

Remember your "WHY" as we end our Auxiliary year and continue to work on our mission to support veterans, military and their families.

Always be kind.

Gloria Covert



Gloria Covert



Donnybrook Auxiliary Junior members presenting memorial service at the District 6 meeting.

Department President-Elect

Happy Spring Everyone!
I trust that you are getting near your unit's membership goal of 100%! North Dakota units need to get those last few memberships in. If we want to have growing, active units, Districts, and Department, we must work together as one united team! I encourage each of you to accept the challenge and help me get all of our units to 100% renewal.

May is poppy distribution month. I know how wonderfully all of you work together to get as many poppies out into the community as possible. I am so proud of the hard work you all do! This is such a blessing to our veterans because proceeds from poppy distribution go directly to supporting our veterans projects and programs.

Memorial Day is right around the corner, and I know units across North Dakota are working on their 2024 Memorial Day projects and events. This is an important time to remember those who have gone before us to give us a free country. These programs are a true blessing to those brave men and women and their families.

Make your plans now to attend the Department Convention in Bismarck, June 21-23, 2024. It is so inspiring to get together with like-minded friends who share our passions, sometimes problems, and desires to bless our veterans in countless ways. It is a wonderful time to meet with friends, both old and new, to learn about events happening in our Districts and Department, to learn new things, and perhaps find answers to issues we may be experiencing in our own units. Please attend. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Bismarck.

Back to membership. Remember to review last year's membership list and the year before that to find members that forgot to pay their dues, or maybe thought no one cared whether they were members or not. Let them know how important they are to you and your unit. Remind them of why they became members and encourage them to return as members of the Auxiliary. Do not let them fall away. Invite them back. Love them back to your unit. I know you can. You are loving, caring members. Remind them of that.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Department Membership Chairman for the past year and I appreciate the love and support you all have shown me. I look forward to working with all of you again next year as we continue our mission to serve our veterans.

In service to our veterans!

LoAnn Dick



LoAnn Dick

Department Secretary

Greetings Auxiliary Members.
Make your plans soon to attend the 2024 Department Convention to be held June 21-23, 2024, at the Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center (former Ramkota Hotel) in Bismarck. You will find the registration and banquet ticket order form and schedule for the 2024 Department Convention elsewhere in this publication.

The annual year-end reports are coming in and from the information that has been compiled, units and their members continue to be active in their communities supporting veterans and their families. Congratulations and thank you for all the work you do on behalf of veterans, children and youth, and your communities across the state of North Dakota. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

Thank you to Unit Membership Chairmen for your work gathering dues from your current members and new and rejoined members as well. By now, all officers and chairmen should be paid for 2024 and no unit should be experiencing a 'goose' egg.

I was invited to a poppy assembly event held in Forman on April 25. The event was coordinated by Lisbon Unit President Ginny Stendahl with the help of Amber Hazard,

Administrative Assistant and 4-H Program Assistant for the NDSU Extension Service in Sargent County. The event was well attended by unit members from the Forman area. The attendees heard the story of John McCrae, author of 'In Flanders Fields' and how American veterans service organizations came to adopt the poppy as a fundraiser to help support our veterans and their families. There was plenty of visiting and laughs as we met old and new friends, and yes, we did assemble a lot of poppies! Thank you Ginny, Amber, and Forman Auxiliary members for your participation. You made us feel welcome and we enjoyed the time spent with all of you.

I wish each of you good health, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Bismarck in June. Keep our veterans, active military, and their families in your prayers. Take care of yourself and others.

God Bless America.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department NEC

Mark your calendars for the upcoming patriotic celebration dates, June 14 (Flag Day), and July 4 (Independence Day). Fly your U.S. flag and be thankful that living free is a gift and an honor! Plan a program for the public at your local community center, American Legion hall, or another facility in your community. Help people in the community remember the reason for these dates and why we as Americans enjoy them.

With summer months upon us, I encourage you to continue to record your volunteer hours and donated funds in support of our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Volunteering at the VA system counts for all members for your reporting.

Beginning in August, gear up for membership by making phone calls or texting your members, sponsoring potluck luncheons or suppers, and planning unit fundraising projects. Include all of your unit members and enlist their assistance to help recruit and rejoin members who may have dropped out previously. Make this a venture with your Legion Post members.

When volunteering in your community, be sure to wear your Auxiliary brand and be ready to answer questions about our organization. Wear "RED" on Fridays to show support for deployed military and veterans, past and present. We will never forget what they have sacrificed to keep our country free.

The 2024 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 23-29. If you cannot be there in person, I encourage you to watch the proceedings online at www.ALAforVeterans.org/meetings/national-convention.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy time with family and friends.

Tammy Ryberg



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Department Treasurer

Spring is such a busy time for the Auxiliary units - Thank you for your dedication and support for our veterans! It is always so important to remember and revisit why we are here - what our purpose is - as we plan for activities and supporting programs for the year. It is easy to let things get in our way. It is a great time as units begin with new officers and rededicate our commitment to the ALA mission statement and what it really means and to keep your units "on track."

The 2024 Department Convention is quickly approaching. I encourage all unit officers and Auxiliary members to attend the 2024 Department Convention in Bismarck this summer. It is a fun time as we gather and talk about how we support our veterans, hear the Legion Band, enjoy great food, vote on Department leadership, and meet new people. It is *so important* for unit leaders to understand how the Department works and who your Department Officers are. It is especially important if you need assistance from them during the year.

As I mentioned in the last edition, I am retiring from my position. This brings me some excitement and sadness at the same time. I have met so many new people and

have learned so much about the Auxiliary since becoming your Department Treasurer. For that, I am grateful. I have new friends that I know will always be there. I will be moving to Nebraska, my home state, this summer - about which I am excited! There is no place like "home." I am saddened that I will be leaving my friends and will not be attending upcoming meetings and conventions where we typically gather. I want to thank all of the Department Officers I have had the privilege of working with for their support and patience during my learning curve! I know that we will continue to be in touch on social platforms - and perhaps at National Conventions.

I invite all of you to attend the 2024 Department Convention in Bismarck for the fun, for the future of the Department, and for the future of your unit. It is a great time - you will not regret it!

Hope to see you there!

Sonnie Otto



Sonnie Otto

Department Chaplain

What does it mean to Fear the Lord?
I had a conversation with an old high school friend. We were discussing the lack of respect our society has for any kind of authority. Whether it is defunding the police, watching rioters burn our cities, or seeing more teachers retiring because they have a hard time coping with unruly kids.

I told her I thought it was because most people do not fear God. She stated that many religions do not use the Bible as their Holy Book, and many do not use fear as a motivator like my version of Christianity. Her response surprised me because I had been taught that God is love and I never thought of fear as being the motivator of Christianity. She made it sound like God has a giant flyswatter in the sky ready to swat and discipline at any time.

The word "fear" actually means "awe" or "to revere." To fear the Lord means to worship Him in awe and reverence. It is also respect. There is godly fear marked by awe and reverence. There is also bad fear marked by anxiety.

The gospel frees us from fear and also gives us fear. That is a fear and trembling which should be our response to the great and mighty God who blesses us with all good things. However, there are so many people who have no respect or godly fear.

God loves us so much that He gives us the opportunity

to go our own way and ignore Him if we so choose. We show no godly fear. However, He waits lovingly for us to call out to Him, usually at a point of desperation and then He is there quicker than a heartbeat.

There are so many blessings associated with fearing the Lord. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." This is the very first thing which should be instilled into all men's minds because without it they will not make progress in true wisdom. We all need to fear the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: Fear God and keep His commandments because this is the whole duty of man." We need to fear God so we can inwardly worship Him out of reverence, love, and be truly devoted in our hearts to serve and please Him. Keeping His commandments is the evidence of a true and genuine fear of God.

Let us pray: Dear God, help us to better understand the fear of the Lord. We ask You to instill in us a godly fear so we may honor, respect, and truly worship Your Holy Name. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Rose Laning



Rose Laning



District 2

Hello District 2 Members!
It was good to see everyone at the Spring District Meeting in Larimore. Thank you to the members of Ted Valerius Unit 97 Larimore for your generous hospitality.

We welcomed Department President Gloria Covert, Department President-Elect Loann Dick, Department Vice President Candace Berg, as well as other Past Department Presidents and Officers.

District 2 Vice President Susan Degner has decided to step down from her position to pursue the position of Department Treasurer. Please attend the Department Convention and vote for Susan! We wish her well and know if elected she will do an amazing job for our organization.

Thank you for your trust and support for me for a second term as District 2 President. I am truly honored. With that being said, we need a Vice President for District 2. If you are interested in serving the members of District 2 or know someone who might be interested, please let me know. We would like to have a candidate in place by the 2024 Department Convention in June.

It was good to receive and review all of the Unit Impact Reports this year. I would like to remind members how important it is to keep track of your volunteer hours in your communities and especially for our veterans! A suggestion was made to produce a list of ideas for volunteering for veterans and your communities. Please email me or bring your list to our 2024 Fall District Meeting.

I encourage all District 2 units to send a representative to the 2024 Department Convention to be held in Bismarck June 21-23. More information is available elsewhere in this publication. I am looking forward to seeing you in Bismarck.

Shelley Schuster
District 2 President

Children & Youth

Hello Auxiliary Members!
Summer is here and the Department Convention is right around the corner. I hope that many of you are planning to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you there. Is your unit doing great things for youth in your community? Remember to post your events and pictures to the National American Legion Auxiliary Children and Youth Facebook page!

I am excited to announce that the Children and Youth Chairmen of the American Legion Family are teaming up to, once again, bring you a great door-prize raffle at the Department Commanders banquet! Our goal is to raise money for our Children and Youth projects. It is necessary to fund our Comfort Teddy Bears and Puppies that are distributed to children at hospitals and by first responders around the state. There is nothing better than having a good time while helping out a great cause.

We need your assistance to make this project a huge success. Spread the word within your units that donations are needed for the Children and Youth Raffle. Donations can be any new items such as candles, dish towels, garden items, or even a homemade quilt. The possibilities are endless! Bring the donations with you to the Department Convention in June.

If you are unable to attend the convention, please reach out to me at 763-639-5221 and I will make sure that your donation makes it to Bismarck.

Thank you for your support!
Jill Carstens
Children and Youth Chairman



Judy Twete, President Unit 135 McVillie and Past NW Division National Vice President, is shown with local school children at the April 15 Military Kids Appreciation Day event.

District 4

Hello District 4 Units.
The 2024 Winter Conference was informative, and I learned a lot. We ended up postponing our Spring District 4 meeting because of weather from March to April. At our rescheduled Spring meeting, we invited some of the staff from The Service Dogs for America to speak. They brought two service dogs with them: Dolly, a 1-year-old black Lab and Major, an older rescue mixed breed. Ryan is the owner and partner to Major who is trained for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). We were informed that dogs pick their people, which is amazing in itself. We want to thank Vickie, Ryan & Major, and Zoey & Dolly for coming to our meeting. There were a lot of questions and information shared. District 4 collected funds to donate to the Service Dogs program and I encourage you keep them in mind when you do your yearly budget. They invited us to visit their training facility in Jud, ND.

Our second guest was Department President Gloria Covert. She reminded us that April was Military Children and Purple Up Day and National Poppy Day is Friday, May 24th. Gloria wants us to be aware of the Legislature bills pertaining to veterans. The first Friday of each month is "Be the One." She also encourages units to sign up for American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS) access as a tool to maintain your membership. LoAnn Dick, Department Membership Chairman and President-Elect, joined Gloria at our Spring meeting and stressed the importance of your Auxiliary membership.

District Vice President Gail Marsolek and I were nominated to serve as your District Officers for 2024-2026. We are hoping to visit all units in District 4 in the upcoming months.

Make your plans to attend the 2024 Department Convention in June. I look forward to seeing you in Bismarck.

God Bless our veterans.
Jane Schoonover
District 4 President



District 8

Greetings District 8 Auxiliary Members.

First, I want to thank you for the support and encouragement you have all shown me the past two years as your District President. It was an honor and a privilege to serve, and I know you will give your full support to future District Officers as well.

Our 2024 Spring District Meeting was held in Richardton recently and among the guests attending were Department President Gloria Covert and Department Membership Chairman and President-Elect LoAnn Dick. Jason Anderson, Commander District 8, reminded everyone that we need to be conscious that our meetings have a quorum of posts and units. It was nice to see so many American Legion Family members in attendance.

Department President Covert has appointed a committee to review the Department's Standing Rules and those revisions will be voted on at the 2024 Department Convention. I encourage all District 8 units to send a representative from your unit to the Department Convention slated for Bismarck, June 21-23, 2024. More information can be found on the convention elsewhere in this publication.

If your unit is struggling with membership or other issues, I urge you to contact your District President, the Department Office, or the Department Membership Chairman for assistance. Together, we can be effective to hopefully help save units and their members from the decision to disband. Do not be afraid to reach out. We are available to assist you.

Thank you for everything you do for our veterans and their families. Stay true to the Auxiliary mission. God bless each and every one of you.

Barbara Fulton
District 8 President



Richardton District 7 and 8 Meeting. Pictured (l-r): LoAnn Dick, Department President-Elect and Membership; Rose Laning, Department Chaplain; Lualice Stockert, District 7 President; Gloria Covert, Department President; Beverly Wolff, District 8 Vice President; Barbara Fulton, District 8 President.

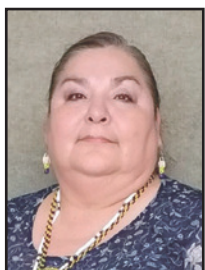


Rolla Auxiliary members with vendor display at local school showcasing Military Child Appreciation Month in April. Department President Gloria Covert (left) and Sandra Smith, Past District 3 President, explained the display to parents and students.

Past Presidents Parley

Greetings everyone. On behalf of the Department of North Dakota Past Presidents Parley, we want to take this opportunity to thank our North Dakota American Legion Family for your support and generous donations to the Department's Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship program. It is because of each of you and your continued support for this educational program, that we were able to grant three \$500 scholarships to help nursing students achieve their goal of becoming a nurse. Thank you for making a difference.

Sharon White Bear, President Past Presidents Parley Committee
Sandra Petermann, Secretary Past Presidents Parley Committee



In Memoriam

District 1
Beverly Brummond, PUFL, Department
Ione Werner, SLM, Department
Vetta F Loveland, Fargo
Susan E Kadrie, Finley

District 3
Sandra L Lindberg, Cando
Lorraine Peterson, SLM, Dunseith
Martha Schepp, Dunseith
Janet Nybo, York

District 6
Irene G. Knutson, Donnybrook
Jill D Gillette, White Shield

District 7
Leona Stern, HLM, New Leipzig

District 8
Cleo Kulish, Dickinson
Charlene M Honeyman, Reeder
Sallee A Carlson, Regent

District 10
Lorraine C. Kennedy, Oakes
Diana M Speidel, Wahpeton

District 2
Muriel Paulson, Edinburg
Josephine M Kelly, Edinburg
Phyllis Campbell, Grafton
Cecilia M. Durand, Grafton
Judy Marie Jiskra, Grafton
Irene Meiers, HLM, Grand Forks
Rosalie D. Naas, McVile
Lori Larson, Michigan
Irene Janda, SLM, Pisek
Cynthia V Schienbeck, Pisek

District 4
Magdalena Presler, SLM, Gackle
Grace Vannett, Jamestown
Dorothy Somsen, Jamestown
Marian Bold, McClusky
Gail Bischoff, Wimbledon

District 5
Claryce Johnson, Garrison
Frances Becker, HLM, Napoleon
Stephanie Holznagel, Washburn

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.
Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL

Education

Greetings Auxiliary Members
Happy Spring!

I had the honor of reviewing Department scholarship applications. It was difficult to narrow the selection to three (3) \$500 Department Education Program Scholarships. Every applicant was worthy of the scholarship. The committee selected Jayden Bondy from Petersburg, Jayden Pederson from Valley City, and Andaleen Nelson from Mandan.



The Department scholarship committee also received and reviewed applications for National Auxiliary scholarships. Thank you to Department President Gloria Covert and Auxiliary Member Carla Bickert, retired Bismarck State College instructor, for helping with the scholarship selection process. Four (4) scholarship packets were sent to the Northwest Division for further judging. Grace Burgess of Monument, Colorado (sponsor's Home of Record is North Dakota), was the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship selection; Brenna Martin of Grand Forks, was the Spirit of Youth Scholarship selection; Ellen Feuerhelm of Beach, was the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship selection; and Madison Lippert of Aneta was the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship selection. Final winners of the National scholarships will be announced in May. It was wonderful to have applications for all four (4) of the National Scholarships this year! Congratulations to these student for their hard work and dedication.

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is available for eligible students attending our Girls State and Boys State programs. Applications are restricted to high school juniors who attend the current sessions of American Legion Boys State or the Auxiliary Girls State programs and are direct descendants of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Visit the website: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung> so the students know what information they need to have to apply before they attend Girls/Boys State..

Take an opportunity to thank educators in your community. Let them know how important and vital they are for all of us. Happy Spring/Summer!

Peggy Moran, Department Education Chairman

Auxiliary Membership Benefits

The Department Office has recently received several inquiries from Auxiliary members' families regarding insurance benefits their loved one may have acquired as an Auxiliary member. I did some research, made some calls, and want to share what I found.



In the past, there was a program called free travel accident insurance included with Auxiliary membership. That travel accident program has since been suspended and is no longer available.

The American Legion Auxiliary does not sell insurance through the organization. However, the Auxiliary has partnered with various insurance companies that offer discounted services as a benefit to our members. Some of you may have heard of the 'ALA Service Years Plan' that was offered by The Hartford Company many years ago. AmWins Group Benefits absorbed those policies and is currently in partnership with the Auxiliary.

AmWins absorbed all Auxiliary members policies, if they had one, and the company currently offers a wide variety of insurance packages at discounted rates for current members. If you or a family member have questions about a plan that your loved one may have purchased, please contact AmWins at (844) 363-1726.

For more information about our current member benefits, visit the National website at: www.ALAforVeterans.org/Member-Benefits

Marcy Schmidt – Department Secretary

Randys

University Diner
2130 S. University Drive

(701) 280-0414

Military and Senior Discounts



Honor Flight Presentation



Sandra Petermann, Past Department President (2022-2023), presents a check for \$6877.72 to Dennis Burdolski, (SMSgt USAF Ret), President of the Western North Dakota Honor Flight. Petermann's 2022-2023 Presidents Project funds were pledged to the Western ND Honor Flight and the Injured Military Wildlife Project ND, an organization that donates meat to veterans and their families.



2024-2025 Endorsed Officers

- Department President-Elect – Candace Berg
- Department Secretary – Marcy Schmidt
- Department Treasurer – Jeanine Allmaras
- Department Treasurer – Susan Degner
- Department Chaplain – Rose Laning
- Department Historian – Andrea Neshem
- Department NEC – Judy Twete

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

For full endorsement information see May Unit Mailing or www.ndala.org/2024-department-convention/

103rd Annual Department Convention – June 21-23, 2024

Auxiliary Registration Form

Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center, 800 South 3rd St., Bismarck, ND
Hotel Direct Phone: **701-660-8063**

Reservation Block Rate Deadline is May 21, 2024.



Please use this **Auxiliary Registration** order form to register for the 2024 Department Convention and to order Convention Banquet tickets and Past Presidents Parley Luncheon tickets..

- Advanced Department Convention Banquet Tickets – **June 7, 2024**, is the deadline for the \$35.00 (advanced price). Orders received after June 7, 2024 are \$40.00 per ticket.
- Auxiliary Registration fee is **\$15.00** per person. Advanced registration by **June 7, 2024** is encouraged.,
- Past Presidents Parley Luncheon - **\$20.00** per person. Order PPP tickets by **June 7, 2024**.. A limited number of PPP tickets may be available on-site.

Member Name	Auxiliary Registration \$15.00	Past Presidents Parley Luncheon - \$20.00	Convention Banquet \$35 by June 7 / \$40 after June 7	Total Amount Submitted

Make Check Payable to: **American Legion Auxiliary Dept of ND**

Mail Payment to American Legion Auxiliary Dept of ND, 1801 23rd Ave N., Room 113, Fargo, ND 58102-1047