

Children and Youth 2023-2024 Report

The Legion Auxiliary of North Dakota works hard year-round in every District and Unit. Here are some examples:

UNIT 166 WALCOTT -Donated money to charities such as St. Jude's, Shriners, and Toys for Tots. Supplies were also donated to the elementary school in Kindred.

UNIT 29 WATFORD CITY-Delivered poppies and coloring books to all 1st graders in town. Legion/Auxiliary members sponsor a field trip for 2nd graders teaching the importance of Veterans, and their service to our country and community. The students are involved in flag folding and the meaning behind each fold. Several area youths were awarded the opportunity to attend International Music Camp.

UNIT 6 GRAND FORKS-Donated money to the Northland Rescue Mission Backpack program to insure that children won't go hungry over the weekend. They also donated to the Safe Kids Program. Members have also worked at Legion baseball tournaments where an auxiliary member awarded a senior player the Rudy Kraemer award and \$100.00 in honor of her late husband.

UNIT 135 MCVILLE-Leading up to Memorial Day, poppies were distributed door to door by a young junior member and her brother. A poppy poster contest was held. The unit fulfilled requests for items for their school through the 10 for Education Program. For Veterans Day, area children made cards to be given to the local care and assisted living homes as well as sending some to the Fargo VA and the Lisbon home. Local children are also encouraged to do the same for Valentine's Day.

UNIT 235 ROLLA-Due to this unit's fundraising efforts including a raffle, 3 juniors were awarded scholarships, and 2 others were sponsored to attend the Peace Garden International Music Camp. Poppy poster contest winners were awarded with monetary prizes for 1st-3rd places for local 3rd-6th graders.

UNIT 14 JAMESTOWN-Visits to their local elementary schools where the Legion held a flag folding presentation and then quizzed the children about flag etiquette. Afterwards, all the children left with a flag of their own.

UNIT 270 BUTTE-This unit is a real blessing to their local youth at Christmas. Not only do they supply gifts for children from the Angel Tree, but they also make up Christmas bags to deliver to children in their area.

UNIT 127 BOWBELLS-Taking part in Education Week is important to this unit. During this week, every teacher received a Hershey bar. Needed items were also brought for the classrooms. On Halloween, apples and candy were handed out at school.

UNIT 121 PARSHALL-The Give 10 to Education Program presented the school with needed items. Patriotic comic and coloring books were passed out and a bouquet of poppies were given to school staff members.

UNIT 116 GRENORA-This unit proudly sponsors the poppy poster contest at their local school.

UNIT 180 RICHARDTON-Donated to International Music Camp as well as Camp Recreation. Their poppy coloring contest is open to youth in 1st-4th grades. The auxiliary also participates in the RTHS booster club burger night.

UNIT 201 MINTO-Donated to the after-prom party as well as Santa Day. 23 Boy and Girl Scouts attended a flag etiquette presentation. Several scholarships were awarded to help a student attend International Music Camp and another to join a youth symphony. Poppy coloring books were also handed out to local students.

UNIT 156 EDINBURG and UNIT 240 HOOPLE-Hoople and Edinburg co-sponsored a poppy poster contest for grades 3-4, with monetary prizes awarded. Edinburg also awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to a local young woman to further her education.

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