

Greetings to all American Legion Auxiliary members.

We have now started the new Auxiliary year. We are aiming to make this an "It Is What We Make It" year! We will go back to monthly or maybe quarterly Auxiliary meetings. We will work hard to get every unit to 100% membership.

It makes me sad that the COVID lock downs and concerns caused so many of our units to stop meeting and gathering for projects. This has had a devastating effect on our units, our friendships, our veterans projects, and in some cases, a massive loss in memberships. I would like to ask each of you to remember why you joined the Auxiliary. Remember the veterans through whom you joined and let us get excited about what we can do to honor them. We have big things to accomplish for our veterans! Let's never let them think or feel that we have forgotten them or our mission in supporting them. They are our purpose! They are our heroes! They are our heart! Let us stand up and wholeheartedly support them.

Most of the 2024 Fall District Meetings have been set. Let us all surprise our District President by showing up in large numbers to support them, to learn all that they have planned to teach us, to gather with old and new friends alike. It is so much fun to get together and talk about our units, our successes and maybe our challenges, our lives, our kids, and all those things friends love to talk about. You will find more information on District Meetings elsewhere in this publication and online at [www.ndala.org/district-meetings/](http://www.ndala.org/district-meetings/). Your leadership teams are working hard to make the District meetings as informative and fun as possible. Please join us! See you there.

By the time we have our District meetings, all those who represented you at the 2024 National Convention in New Orleans will be back in North Dakota. Their heads will be full of new things they learned, fun things they experienced, and all the things they want to share with you. They will bring you ideas on how to excite your units, teach your members, and help you make your units run better than ever.

It is my greatest honor to serve you as your Department President this year. With God's assistance, I will strive to lead with the best of my ability. With God on your team, who can be against you. Let us work together to make the Department of North Dakota a department we can be proud of. Let us work together to excite and inspire every unit to be the best it can be. Let us work together and make our 2024-2025 theme and purpose "It Is What We Make It." Let us make it great!

Yours for our veterans.

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