

Thank you to District 5 unit members for submitting your 2023-2024 volunteer hours and narrative reports! Ten of the twelve units in District 5 reported, which included 28,656 hours of volunteer service and \$41,906 spent in providing support and services to our veterans, active military, and their families. This also included supporting Children and Youth programs, Community Service, Department Scholarships, and ND Flickertail Girls State. These numbers are awesome and were included in the Department's report to National Headquarters. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

As we begin a new service year, we have renewed excitement coming off the summer 2024 Department Convention. There were 96 members from 40 units registered at this June event. At the June Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting, it was voted to approve splitting the Memorial Funds 50/50 to support both the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN and the Western ND Honor Flight programs. We were reminded that all unit constitutions, bylaws and standing rules need to be reviewed and updated, with copies to be sent to Chloe Weyrauch, Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman.

Once again, we had the pleasure of hearing the North Dakota State Legion Band several times during the Convention. The State Legion Band organization is now 100 years old and they will be attending the 2024 National Convention in New Orleans, LA, in late August!

I am interested in visiting with members of all District 5 units and would love to attend one of your meetings this year. Let me know when and where you meet.

Check elsewhere in this publication for information on the Fall District Meeting. It will be great to have as many units represented as possible when the time comes. See you soon!

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