

Welcome to 2024 Department Convention

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.