

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!

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