

Happy Spring Everyone!

I trust that you are getting near your unit's membership goal of 100%! North Dakota units need to get those last few memberships in. If we want to have growing, active units, Districts, and Department, we must work together as one united team! I encourage each of you to accept the challenge and help me get all of our units to 100% renewal.

May is poppy distribution month. I know how wonderfully all of you work together to get as many poppies out into the community as possible. I am so proud of the hard work you all do! This is such a blessing to our veterans because proceeds from poppy distribution go directly to supporting our veterans projects and programs.

Memorial Day is right around the corner, and I know units across North Dakota are working on their 2024 Memorial Day projects and events. This is an important time to remember those who have gone before us to give us a free country. These programs are a true blessing to those brave men and women and their families.

Make your plans now to attend the Department Convention in Bismarck, June 21-23, 2024. It is so inspiring to get together with like-minded friends who share our passions, sometimes problems, and desires to bless our veterans in countless ways. It is a wonderful time to meet with friends, both old and new, to learn about events happening in our Districts and Department, to learn new things, and perhaps find answers to issues we may be experiencing in our own units. Please attend. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Bismarck.

Back to membership. Remember to review last year's membership list and the year before that to find members that forgot to pay their dues, or maybe thought no one cared whether they were members or not. Let them know how important they are to you and your unit. Remind them of why they became members and encourage them to return as members of the Auxiliary. Do not let them fall away. Invite them back. Love them back to your unit. I know you can. You are loving, caring members. Remind them of that.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Department Membership Chairman for the past year and I appreciate the love and support you all have shown me. I look forward to working with all of you again next year as we continue our mission to serve our veterans.

In service to our veterans!

LoAnn Dick