

Hello District 2 Auxiliary Members,

We had a good turnout for our 2024 Fall District meeting held in Park River. Thank you to our members and guests that attended.

Department President LoAnn Dick attended and reported on the National Convention. The theme was "BE THE ONE." There was a class on suicide prevention at the convention. More information can be found on the national Legion website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

Other topics at the convention included encouraging Units to apply for grants to help with projects they may be working on. The goal is to award five grants from National for each Department. More information can be found on the national Auxiliary website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

Candace Berg, President-Elect/Co-Chair membership, spoke about membership. She distributed member benefits brochures. Renewals for 2025 are due December 31, 2024. Encourage your members to renew by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Units whose membership is already at or over 100%. Certificates were presented to the following District 2 Units: Cavalier, Lankin, Mountain, and Tolna. Others that received their certificates at the 2024 Department Convention were Park River and Pisek.

Judy Twete, NEC, spoke about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) that responds to member needs during a disaster. She also mentioned Leadership Workshops. If you get a chance to attend, do so. You will not regret it.

A motion was made and approved to send \$150 of our District funds to the AEF program to assist the hurricane victims in the southeast United States.

At our spring meeting someone suggested compiling lists of ways to volunteer. We had several wonderful suggestions including: Halloween gifts, May baskets, Socks of Love, beautification of their Legion and town, Pocket flags, and Purple Up Day for military children. Please keep the suggestions coming.

I asked for nominations for District Vice President. Larissa Schmitz has accepted the position of District Vice President. Thank you, Larissa. You will do a wonderful job.

Have you finished updating your Constitution & Bylaws? If not, please complete them as soon as possible. I also want to remind every Unit to fill out your IRS 990-N tax-exemption form online to maintain your non-profit status.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2025 Winter Conference in January!

Shelley Schuster

District 2 President