

Even though the Winter Conference had to be canceled, let's be reminded of programs/awards that we can promote annually – Americanism Essay contest in March, National scholarship applications due online March 1, Department scholarship applications due April 1, Youth Hero and Good Deed awards and Unit Member of the Year nomination due May 1, Poppy Poster contest entries due May 1, Memorial Day/weekend activities, and Flickertail Girls State in June.

Spring District meetings will be coming up before long. Watch for details and let us try to for representation from all units to be in attendance! Beyond that, let us look forward to the Department Convention in June at Fargo to socialize and renew our statewide friendships!

Members, please report your volunteer hours/expenses to your Unit President by April 1 so Unit Impact Reports can be sent to the District Presidents by April 15. Something to keep in mind, if the caregiver lives with the veteran, they may report 10 hours a week. If the caregiver does not live with the veteran, then they may report 5 hours a week. Activities performed by the caregivers include medical appointments; daily living assistance with bathing, dressing, feeding, managing prescriptions; errands; and activities that positively impact the health and welfare of the veteran.

These are volunteer hours so the volunteer must not be compensated for providing assistance, etc. Reporting of volunteer hours/expenses is very important so that information can be compiled all the way to National to help show the need for continuing veterans programs.

Strive for 100 percent renewal of membership and attracting new members to keep our organization alive and thriving!

**SPRING IS COMING!**

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