

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Message

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New Members and New Ideas in McVile

A young couple moved into McVile about a year ago. They both found jobs in the area and settled in. It was discovered that the young man was a veteran. Quickly, he became a Legionnaire, and the Auxiliary gained a new active member as well.

Morgan attended meetings and listened carefully and took in a lot of information. Soon, this new member became a new mother. Well, the unit decided we would pay for a Junior Membership for baby Sophie, thus gaining two new members. Good for us! Two new members and one interested in being active.

During our unit's January meeting, we discussed asking the elementary school in town to make valentines for local veterans in the nursing home and the assisted living facilities in McVile. We had asked them before and so appreciated the efforts of all the children.

Rather than just having students create cards this time, Morgan excitedly floated a great idea. Morgan thought if the children had a different venue and a different project, that we could get valentines made and delivered to the veterans easily. We could just see the ideas circulating in Morgan's head! The ideas just kept coming! Make it a Saturday project at the welcoming McVile Library/ City Auditorium. Ask a veteran to share stories and answer



questions such as "What is a veteran?" We would invite parents or other interested adults to take part and serve valentine cookies and treats! Morgan was just bubbling over with ideas for this new project.

Morgan envisioned inviting local children and anyone else interested to come to the library/auditorium on February 8th and create Valentines for Veterans. Unit members thought this was a wonderful project. One member would make treat bags for the children in a Valentine's theme, we would invite a veteran to speak about just what a veteran is, craft items were lined up, the advertising was ready to

be posted, and the cookie recipe was ready to be used to make cookies.

It is so exciting to have this local project come together so quickly for the community in support of our children and youth and veterans at the same time. Thank you, Morgan, for your fresh ideas and welcome to Ole Semling Unit 135 of McVile.



Last fall, I received information from the Department Secretary on some of the many members of Unit 500 (the Department Unit). I wrote letters to 148 members in that inactive unit, and we are delighted that our unit has over 10 members that transferred into Unit 135. Where there is incentive, there is a way! We are so excited to gain these new members and new transfers.

Submitted by: Judy Twete, Unit 135 President and Department NEC (2025-2027)

Cavalier Spreads Holiday Cheer with "Taste of Home"

In a heartwarming display of community support and holiday spirit, Cavalier Auxiliary Unit 11 kicked off its third annual "Taste of Home" project. They prepared twenty-one Christmas packages for active-duty military service members who have ties to the Cavalier community.

This project aims to bring a taste of home to those serving our country, ensuring they feel the warmth of the holidays. This year, the packages included not only two issues of the Cavalier Chronicle, the local newspaper that connects service members with their hometown, but also an assortment of delicious treats. Recipients enjoyed homemade candy, savory beef sticks, the locally-beloved Widman's Chocolates, and crunchy Dots Pretzels, all designed to evoke cherished memories of home and family gatherings during the holiday season.

The success of this year's project was made possible by generous donations from Auxiliary and community members and a generous donation from the local thrift store by covering the postage expense. Their support underscores the community's commitment to honoring and supporting brave men and women in uniform. "We are thrilled to continue this tradition and provide a little piece of home to our service members during the holidays," said Kaye Furstenuau, Unit 11 President. "It's a small gesture of gratitude for their sacrifice, and we hope it brings them joy and comfort."

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages community members to continue supporting this initiative and others like it, as they work to foster connections

between those at home and the brave men and women serving in the military. The "Taste of Home" Christmas packages serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by service members and the enduring connection between them and their communities back home.

Article submitted by: Kaye Furstenuau, Unit 11 President



Pictured (l-r): Denise Papenfuss, Kaye Furstenuau, and Jackie Klein.

Carrington Helps Veterans During Christmas

John Raymond O'Hara Unit 25 of Carrington sponsored a Christmas Gala Supper for veterans, national guard and their families at the Chieftain Conference Center in December. With assistance from the Carrington VFW Auxiliary, they served over 50 attendees. Skylar Patzer entertained the audience with music and Christmas melodies. Marlene Boyer, Unit President, served as hostess for the evening and enjoyed visiting with and welcoming everyone who attended.

The ALA and VFW Auxiliary members teamed up for another community project. They prepared Christmas packages for the ten veterans/spouses at Golden Acres Nursing Home. Homemade cookies, candies, muffins, dried fruit and other yummy goodies filled the packages. Marlene Boyer, Bernice Sandvol and Judy Keller delivered the packages and enjoyed visiting with everyone.

Article Submitted by: Judith Lee Helton Keller, Unit Secretary



Skylar Patzer entertains guests at the Gala Supper.



Carrington Gala Supper.



Pictured (l-r): Bernice Sandvol, Marlene Boyer, President Unit 25 and Past NW Division National Vice President; and Gayle Kuss.

2025 Department Convention

June 27-29 in Fargo at the Ramada by Wyndham. Call 701-235-3333 for reservations.

More information will be available at www.ndala.org/2025-department-convention/

2025 Spring District Meetings

Tentative and subject to change without notice. Also available at www.ndala.org/district-meetings/

DISTRICT 1

Monday, April 7th Harwood American Legion
 5:00 PM Registration/Social, 6:00 PM Meal (\$8.50), 7:00 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 2

Saturday, April 26th Park River American Legion
 5:00 PM Registration/Social, 6:00 PM Meeting, Meal to Follow (\$10)

DISTRICT 3

Saturday, April 26th Cando Towner County Armory
 11:00 AM, Registration/Social, 12:00 PM Meal (Free Will), 1:00 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 4

Friday, April 4th Carrington Chieftain Conf Center
 5:00 PM Registration/Social, 6:00 PM Meal (\$20), 7:00 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 5 & 7 (JOINT)

Saturday, April 12th Bismarck AMVETS Club
 12:30 PM Registration/Social, Amvets Menu, 1:30 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 6

Saturday, April 5th Velva American Legion
 5:30 PM Registration/Social, 6:00 PM Meal (\$10), 7:00 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 8

Saturday, March 22nd Dickinson Veterans Pavilion
 11:00 AM, Registration/Social, 12:00 PM Meal (\$20), 1:00 PM Meeting NOTE: Mountain Time

DISTRICT 9

Saturday, April 5th Powers Lake American Legion
 11:00 AM Registration/Social, 12:00 PM Meal (No Charge), 1:00 PM Meeting

DISTRICT 10

Sunday, March 30th Fairmount Community Building
 2:00 PM Registration/Social, No Meal, 3:00 PM Meeting

Department President

Hello North Dakota Auxiliary Members,
How glad I am to get to talk to you today! I SOOO missed getting to be with you, to see you, to talk to you at Winter Conference!!!! What a weird eventuality to have to cancel our meeting due to plumbing and heating at the hotel. But, God is in control. He will help us to recover our time together in other ways.

So, what is coming up that we need to work on? NUMBER ONE: MEMBERSHIP!!!! We NEED to get our Membership dues all paid!!! Membership is our lifeblood!!!! Without members, our Units, our Districts, our Department die. Our goals this year were not set as high as other years. Because of that, some of the Units have hit, or gotten close to, their goals, and then stopped there. PLEASE KEEP ON WORKING!!! Go after those members that you haven't gotten renewed yet! Go after the hard ones to access, or hard ones to get to renew! WE NEED THEM ALL!!!! Their eligibility Veteran still wants to know that they are part of the ALA. And if they have passed on, the remembrance of their service is still TOTALLY VALUABLE to the Veteran's family, to the Unit, to the Department, to National, AND TO AMERICA!!!! WE MUST NOT FORGET THEM, OR LET THEIR SERVICE BE FORGOTTEN!!!!

Every Department is striving to achieve the Auxiliary Medallion Award, the foremost part of which is the achievement of 85% Achieved Membership by March 15. We are 272 members short of our goal. We are at 76.79%. We are just over 9% short of our goal. But, if every Unit, and every member of our Auxiliary work together and get every member of your Unit to get their dues paid, we could achieve an award that North Dakota has never achieved before. Let's all work hard to make that happen. I know when we put our minds and hearts together, WE CAN DO ANYTHING!!! Let's show the entire country what North Dakota ALA members are made of. We are strong, capable people who can attempt and achieve great things!!!! I KNOW WE CAN!!!! This is not a competition. It is for each Department to receive the honor of having achieved a massive honor, and being recognized nationally for it.

Our Education Chairman, Peggy Moran has sent out

all the information on scholarships that are coming up in the next few days. Some of them are:

The JUNIOR LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP has been changed to the MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is for members who were Junior members and have maintained their membership over the years. It is for seniors in high school who are going to college. This one is time sensitive, as the application has to be to the Unit by March 1st, and the Unit has to get it to National by March 15th.

The SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The CHILDREN OF WARRIORS SCHOLARSHIP for anyone who is the descendant of a Veteran.

The CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION has been changed to the CHILD WELLBEING FOUNDATION by the American Legion because they believe the name is more suited to what they actually do for children.

April is CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH when we work to honor and bless the children and youth in our Units and communities. April 15th is Purple Up Day to honor the children of our military families. So, wear purple that day as a remembrance and honor, and do creative activities with the children around you.

I talked with our Northwest Division Chairman, Deb Albers, and she told me that in Nebraska they do March Birthday Parties to honor the Veterans in the Legion because March is the Legion Birthday month. They have parties involving the Legion and Auxiliary where they just have a fun time of food and fellowship to celebrate. And some of the older and maybe smaller Units have Soup Dinner for the Veterans where the Unit members prepare soup, crackers, and cookies which they deliver to the homes of the veterans, visit with them for a while, then go back to the Unit and have soup and fellowship together before finishing the night. WHAT A GREAT SET OF IDEAS!!!! Perhaps this is something we could do in our Units in North Dakota!!! Great for our Veterans! And a great way for us to bless our Veterans.

Remember that it is always time to be remembering and recording the time and activities we do to honor our Veterans, our Youth, and our Communities. It is SO

VERY IMPORTANT!!!! It is the time, donations, and activities that we do that cause Congress to listen to us when we ask them to do something for our Veterans. So, please don't devalue your service, your efforts, your hours, and your donations!!!! They are VALUABLE AND CRUCIAL!!!!

Remember to pay the Secretary of State the \$10 to keep your Non-Profit status up to date! It is VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Well, my dear ones, I will see you at the Spring District Meetings that the Legion and the Auxiliary will be holding in the months of March and April! Please be sure to attend the one in your District!!!! Then I will get to see you there!

I love you all,

LoAnn Dick



LoAnn Dick

2025 Year-End Reporting Deadlines

Forms and information available online at:
www.ndala.org/reporting/

Department Chaplain

We have just finished with the Christmas season, which is a season of warm fuzzy feelings and learning how much God loves us by sending His Son Jesus. Now we are getting ready to celebrate Easter and the death and resurrection of Jesus. First Jesus came as a baby and now he has died and risen from the dead. What happened between those times?

We know Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple to offer sacrifices and dedicate him according to the customary rituals of the time. While there, they encountered two faithful servants of God and Simeon declared that this baby was not only for the Jews, but for all of humanity.

The next time we hear of Jesus, he is 12 years old and is traveling with his family to Jerusalem for the Passover. As they were heading home, Mary & Joseph assumed he was with their group. When realizing they had left him behind, they hurried back to the city.

Can you imagine what was going through their minds? God entrusted them with His Son - and they lost him! Thankfully, they found him in the temple, talking as an equal with the rabbis. They were amazed at his wisdom.

Everyone who met Jesus never forgot their encounter... Jesus' parents, Simeon & Anna, and the temple rabbis. Have you had an encounter with Jesus? What is your story?

Many times, we get depressed because of a health problem, a financial situation, a family struggle or things totally beyond our control, and we ask, "Why me, Lord?" Is it possible that God is using this situation to bring you closer to Him?

What is your story? Is God trying to draw you closer to Him? Maybe someone walks with a limp and as a young child was made fun of in school. Does someone have a major scar?

Some people have scars we do not see. A terrible childhood? Abused? Rejection by family? The wounds in our hearts are more damaging than those on our physical bodies. Those hurts change the way we see the world. What is their story?

God heals - especially when we come to Him with a broken spirit. He heals the wounds in our hearts which may have broken our spirits. We may be disappointed because we cannot physically do things that others easily do but the wounds in my heart led me to the foot of the cross. God has a perfect plan and purpose for our lives. Our value comes from the life we have in Him. As God heals our pain, He creates a new heart of hope within us which leads us to praise Him in all things. So what is your story?

Prayer - God, help us remember that "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) We know you have a perfect plan and purpose for our lives. Help us come to you and surrender our dreams so we can see our true value and your vision of wholeness in us. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Rose Laning



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Department Secretary

Greetings Auxiliary Members,
I am thankful for the mild winter we have had so far. I am pretty sure a 'wolf ate the groundhog' so we will see a few more weeks of winter. Spring will be welcome whenever she arrives. Although it was disappointing that the Winter Conference was canceled, I was glad to see that so many made the trek to Minot to witness the Oratorical Contest.

Information on 2025 Spring District Meetings is available elsewhere in this publication. Look for updates via email, unit mail packets, and on the Department website at www.ndala.org/district-meetings/.

I want to remind all members to turn in your volunteer hours and donations to your unit presidents so it can be compiled and sent on to District Presidents and Department Chairmen. It is important to report your activities so the National American Legion and Auxiliary organizations can report to Congress on the vital work we accomplish for our veterans, military, and their families.

Do you know a special unit member that can always be counted on for unit activities but does not seek office

beyond unit president? Consider them for the 'Unit Member of the Year' award and submit a nomination.

Unit members: remind your juniors and local students to enter the Americanism Essay Contest, Poppy Poster Contest, apply for National and Department scholarships, and apply to attend the Flickertail Girls State event to be held on the UND campus, June 8-13, 2025.

You are all aware that many people, including Auxiliary members, have had their lives turned upside down due to devastating wildfires and hurricanes. I encourage all units to collect change at your unit meetings. Send the proceeds to the Department Office or bring them to your 2025 Spring District Meeting to be donated to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department Treasurer

As you may already know, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on February 2nd, so he is predicting 6 more weeks of winter! For most of us up here on the frozen Tundra, this is not news. I have lived in North Dakota since 1995, and I am sure that I have never experienced an early spring.

While we are hibernating and awaiting spring, it is the perfect time to review your unit's finances. If your unit is no longer tax-exempt under 501(c)(19) for failing to file your annual 990-N with the IRS, you still need to be registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State as you are a non-profit organization operating within the state. I sent out instructions for registering in a unit packet last fall. It is a \$40 fee to register with the North Dakota Secretary of State, and an annual report is due February 1st of every year. The annual fee for that report is \$10. If

you have any questions, the staff there are ready to assist you. You can contact them at (701) 328-2900. You will be registering as a new business.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I have been working in accounting for over 40 years and am ready to assist you in complying with state and federal laws. You can reach me on the Department email treasurer@ndala.org or call or text me at (701) 331-9328. I look forward to hearing from you and getting everyone in compliance.

Susan Degner, CPA



Susan Degner

District 5



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!
Peggy Moran
 District 5 President



National Security

Greetings Auxiliary Members, Did you know that you can submit the American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Servicemembers Award NOW?



This year it is much easier to submit for the Salute to Servicemember Award! An ALA member or unit simply makes the nomination rather than the service member, to effectively tell the story of why they feel this person is "head and shoulders" above their peers and worthy of this award. A simple narrative (no more than a 1000 words), a picture of the service member (preferably an official Department of Defense photograph) and the endorsement from their command group are the only requirements!

You can submit NOW! And right up until the June 1, 2025, deadline. The nomination form is live now. Simply visit the webpage: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicewomen-Award>

This award acknowledges the servicemember's contributions that go beyond their military career, displaying their impact on their community. Our US service members are exemplary examples of our nation, but when you find one that also goes above and beyond- both within the military and as an integral part of the community where they are stationed-they are more than admirable and should be acknowledged for this. It's this "can do" attitude that we should all strive for!

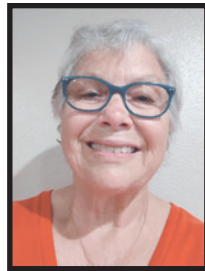
For example, all recipients of last year's Salute to Servicemembers Award are tremendous assets to their military community, thriving in their professional careers with awards and decorations to prove it, but all demonstrate the spirit of volunteerism.

The goal is to have at least one submission from every Department and ensure that every branch of the military is represented – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force and the National Guard. With our military installations that we have in North Dakota and the recruiters that serve each branch, we have a huge number of service members to choose from. Let's be North Dakota proud this year and search out a service member to fill one or all of these branches of service. I know we can do this!

If you have any questions, please contact me. Always be kind.

Gloria Covert
 National Security Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund



Since my last article, we have witnessed fires that devastated many California communities. This means your help is needed more than ever. They cannot do this without your help. Just imagine evacuating your home with your family, pets and the clothes on your back, and watching the news to see if you still had a home to go back to.

At our last AEF zoom meeting, we were informed that \$219,000 has already been awarded for disaster and financial aid, which far surpasses the total of last year.

This benefit is open to all Auxiliary members in good standing. If you are aware of a member needing assistance, please make them aware of this program. Dean Sanders, ALA Development Manager, has issued a challenge to all units to give \$100 over what they gave last year. I am aware that this may be difficult for smaller units, but whatever you can give is more than they had. Bake sales, collecting change at meetings, auctions, and other types of fundraising are just some ideas to help raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

I had wristbands made with "Auxiliary Emergency Fund" along with the slogan "members helping members" on them. I am selling them for \$3.00 each and I hope to raise \$1,000. Think creatively. You can do this!

Cheryl Evenson
 AEF Chairman

Americanism

I hope this finds you all well, enjoying these nice days. I have been a bit under the weather for a while now and just cannot seem to shake it.



I hope you are all working on promoting Americanism in your communities and in your schools. Please let me know what you are doing to promote the program so I can share it with the Northwestern Division.

Essays are due to your local unit no later than March 1, 2025, so they can be judged at the local level. Please contact your local unit president so that you have the correct cover sheet. Unit winners need to be sent to me no later than March 15, 2025.

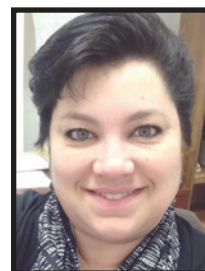
I am having issues receiving messages through the Department email system, so please email me at gigi@drtel.net. Americanism winning essays can also be mailed to me at: 317 South 5th Street, Oakes, ND 58474-1907

I am looking forward to receiving many Americanism Essays.

Gigi Moore
 Americanism Chairman

Leadership

The National Leadership Committee shared that the word of the month is "Confidence." We believe confidence is fundamental to effective leadership and personal well-being. It is characterized by a steadfast belief in one's abilities and the resilience to navigate challenges. This self-assurance fosters a proactive approach, empowering us to pursue goals with determination and overcome obstacles with perseverance. Confidence is not arrogance; instead, it is a balanced understanding of our strengths coupled with a commitment to continuous learning and growth. It is crucial for both personal and professional success, encouraging us to embrace opportunities outside our comfort zones. As we review February's achievements, let us consider how to further cultivate confidence within ourselves and our teams. This involves acknowledging successes and identifying areas for improvement. Reflect on the significance of confidence within your leadership role.



ALA Academy is offering several classes and webinars to enhance our units and Departments. To find those webinars and classes visit www.legion-aux.org/ala-academy

Nominations for Unit Member of the Year are due no later than May 1, 2025. Nominations forms are available at www.ndala.org/leadership/. Send complete nominations to me:

Heidi Wakefield
 1352 38th St NE
 Larimore, ND 58251

ND ALA Flickertail Girls State will be held at UND Campus June 8-13, 2025. Deadline for units to submit their application is May 15. Applications and medical forms are available at www.ndgirlsstate.org/registration/. Applications along with the \$325 fee should be sent to:

Chilly Goodman
 1599 S 38th St
 Grand Forks, ND 58201

If units have specific questions they can contact ND ALA Flickertail Girls State by email at NDGirlsState@gmail.com or by phone at 701-314-2460.

Heidi Wakefield
 Leadership Chairman

Membership



As membership co-chair along with Sandy Smith, we want to say thank you to all units working towards their 100% membership goals and continuing to advocate for our veterans and their families. The latest reports show a lot of units now at 100%. We want to congratulate you on the great work you are doing and thank you for all the volunteer hours you are putting in to keep our membership strong in North Dakota.

Congratulations to the following units who have achieved 100% membership:

- District 1: Buffalo, Hannaford, and Fingal
- District 2: Park River and Thompson
- District 3: Knox and York
- District 4: Carrington, New Rockford, Medina, and Gackle
- District 5: Washburn and Wilton
- District 6: Plaza, Bowbells, and Butte
- District 7: Carson
- District 8: Reeder and Halliday
- District 9: Crosby, Powers Lake, Wildrose, Grenora, and New Town
- District 10: Lisbon, Ellendale, Edgeley, Milnor, and Forbes

To add to this list of 29 units that have reached 100%, we have an additional 50 units in ND that are at 85% membership or greater! To everyone who is working on membership this year- keep going! Keep it up! We know you can all reach 100%!

If you are not at 100% membership for your unit, please reach out to your District President to see how they can help. Have phone calls been made for membership? Are all the membership applications and renewals being sent in as soon as they are received?

Encourage new people to join the Auxiliary. Share your story of why you are a member. Encourage them to invite others to become members. If they have children or grandchildren, discuss membership benefits. Everyone has a part in keeping our membership strong and keeping our Auxiliary units going.

Keep in mind - membership matters, and every moment is a membership moment! Every single membership matters to our units, our Districts, our Department, and our nation. North Dakota is now at nearly 80% toward reaching our goal of 100% for the state and 80% also in the NW Division at the national level.

Your Department Membership Team.
Candace Berg and Sandy Smith

Comfort Bears



Penny Brown, member of Williston Unit 37 is presenting Legion Family comfort bears to Marcia Benway of CHI St. Alexis Health Center located in Williston. Submitted by Gloria Covert, Past Department President

Girls State Program

American Legion Auxiliary Flickertail Girls State will be held June 8-13, 2025, on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks. Information has been sent to all ND units and schools. Registration is \$325 and is due by May 15th. Visit NDGirlsState.org or call Director Amanda Dinger at 701-314-2460 for more information and applications.

Park River Donates to Children in Crisis

Paul Farup Auxiliary Unit 147 of Park River met on January 7 to enjoy a holiday celebration. Members ate a potluck meal and donated comfort items, including a variety of stuffed animals and fleece blankets, to be distributed to the Walsh County Sheriff's Department. The items will then be donated to children experiencing trauma. Stuffed

animals and related comfort items can help calm children during emergencies and can bring a sense of normalcy in times of trauma. This was a successful community service project on behalf of the organization.

Article submitted by: Katie Thompson, Unit Secretary



Pictured (from l-r) are: Shelley Schuster, District 2 President; Larissa Schmitz, Unit 147 President; Marquita Novak; Denise Bata; Katie Thompson, Unit Secretary; Susan Degner, Department Treasurer and Candace Berg, Department President-Elect.

Dickinson Donates Flag

Matthew Brew Auxiliary Unit 3 of Dickinson presented an 8' X 12' American flag to Trinity Catholic Schools. The presentation took place on November 15 between basketball games for fifth and sixth grades. The event included reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mandy

Wilson, Unit 3 President. The flag is now on permanent display in the school's new auxiliary gymnasium near a statue of the Risen Jesus.

Submitted by: Cathy Logosz, Unit member



Pictured include members of Trinity Catholic Schools Administration, the Trinity Athletic Booster Club, and Unit 3 Auxiliary. Photo courtesy of Trinity Catholic Schools (Dickinson).

Hankinson Bingo Fundraiser

BINGO!

That was the sound I heard the afternoon of Saturday, January 18. Members of Eberhard Post 88 of Hankinson along with Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary teamed up to serve over 100 people with fun and food.

People started pouring in around 11 AM for the opportunity to enjoy a bowl of hot chili and dessert prepared by members. This was followed by Bingo games, meat raffles, and 50/50 raffles. While people were concentrating on winning that \$4500 grand prize, the Auxiliary was busy serving food and visiting with all who came through the line. A table to promote membership was set up with several people picking up the information and inquiring about how to join. We are excited to find out how many will decide to join the Legion and the Auxiliary.

This was a great event that promoted our mission and helped raise funds.

Submitted by: Bev Bozovsky, District 10 President and Unit 88 member



Pictured (l-r): Lucy Bladow, Nancy Geesey, LouAnn Lee, and Donna Berg.

In Memoriam

District 1

Stella A Olson, SLM, Fargo
Lillian Von Bank, Buffalo
Phyllis Erdmann, Hope

District 2

Gunhild Schmidt, Lakota
Josephine R Deitz, Grafton
Delphine C Hutson, Grafton
Frances O. Schuster, Grafton
Oma M Hebert, Larimore
Shirley Carlson, HLM, Lankin

District 3

Betty Dendinger, Rugby

District 4

Inez C Pendergrast, SLM, New
Rockford
Patricia M Cherney, Wimbledon

District 6

Patricia L Eide, Lignite
Bernice Hysjulien, Lignite
Janet F Leet, Bowbells
Jane Horntvedt, Columbus
Jody Olson, Donnybrook
Michelle L. Schock, Donnybrook
Linda K Rostad, Donnybrook

District 7

Pam Hatzenbuhler, Flasher
Ellen Lange, Center
Leona Stern, Elgin

District 8

Margaret A Blickensderfer, SLM, Mott
Natasia R Crow, Belfield
Betty Aman, Richardton
Delores Hoff, Richardton

District 9

Eva Sanford, Watford City
Jeanette Anderson, Watford City
Agnes Lucy, Powers Lake
Donna Miller, Powers Lake
Connie M. Wilburn, Tioga
Jewel M. Suddreth, Tioga
Betty Pepple, SLM, Tioga

District 10

Connie M Johnson, Wahpeton
Diana Skjefte, Oakes
Viola Nell, Ellendale
Loretta R. Dingwall, Ellendale
Kristie Johnson, PUFL, Milnor

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.

Key: HLM - Honorary Unit Member; SLM - State Life Member; VIM - Life Member/PUFL

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