



January 2025

Dear Unit Presidents, Officers, Members, and All,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! I hope your Christmas season was wonderful, and blessed with fun, love, and joy spent with family, relatives, and friends! And I wish you an amazing 2025 blessed by God in all you do!!!

Now it is time to get back on the saddle and get to work. As you know, the 2025 Winter Conference was cancelled due to problems at the hotel facility. Although this was a disappointing development, we must continue to work on the 'Mission' of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We are so blessed to have our National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Trish Ward, leading this wonderful organization. Her focus is to teach us, help us, love us, and inspire us. She is an amazing lady who is packed with knowledge, teaching ability, and FUN! I know this, because I learned from her, laughed with her, and enjoyed her immensely at the 2024 National Leadership Conference held in Indianapolis last spring.

She asked us to put as many people in front of her as we possibly could. Her total desire and purpose is to reinvigorate our Units, to teach us what we need to know, to help us solve issues and problems we have in our Units, and to get ALL our Units off to a flying start in this new year. I am working on alternate plans since her visit to North Dakota's Winter Conference was unfortunately cancelled as well.

Sadly, many of us allowed the COVID fiasco to totally stop our activities, and our meetings, and with too many of us, we never started them up again. Trish is willing to help us break that cycle, and heal our ailing Units, and our ailing members!

Remember what amazing work, and what wonderful activities for our Veterans your Units have accomplished? We can do it again!!! Trish will inspire and teach us, and God will bless and help us.

Remember to get your Units registered with the Secretary of State to ensure that your non-profit status is up to date. This protects your Unit's finances..

Please keep reminding your Unit members to keep track of their volunteer hours and donations made on behalf of veterans, children and youth, and your communities. They are critical to our mission to support and help our beloved VETERANS. They are our purpose, our mission, and our dear love. We must NEVER let them feel forgotten!!

I am excited and looking forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming weeks and months.

I LOVE YOU ALL,

*LoAnn Dick*, Department President