

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT 5 & 7 FALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024; BISMARCK, ND

Hosted by: Unit 1 Bismarck at 7 p.m. at the Amvets in Bismarck.

The joint 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> District Legion and Auxiliary meeting was called to order by District 5, Vice Commander Russ Kroshus, . The Advance of Colors, Invocation, POW/MIA Remembrance, Pledge to the Flag, and Preamble were performed in a joint opening session. Latoya Carpenter, Unit 1 Auxiliary President, performed the POW/MIA Remembrance. Colors had been posted prior to the meeting.

Greetings were given by Peggy Moran, District 5 Auxiliary President and LoAnn Dick, Auxiliary Department President. Information was also provided by Legion Members on the Oratorical Contest, Boys State, Girls State and the Teddy Bear Program.

Auxiliary relocated to another room in the building to continue the Fall Meeting.

Presidents Lualice Stockert and Peggy Moran called the meeting to order. Peggy Moran provided the greeting and Lualice Stockert gave the response.

Opening Prayer provided by Rose Laning, District 7 Unit. Three guests in attendance-LoAnn Dick, Department President; Candace Berg, Department President-Elect and Sandra Smith, Department Vice President; current Department Parliamentarian, Holly Eslinger (also member of District 7) and Department Chaplain Rose Laning (also member of District 7); Past Department President in attendance: Lualice Stockert; Past District Presidents in attendance: Arlene Davis, Rose Laning, Holly Eslinger, Annette Zeller, and Lualice Stockert. There were 9 Unit Presidents present.

Registration Report for District 5— Peggy Moran

Hazleton-1	Washburn-1	Wing-1	Bismarck 1
District 7-4 Attendees	Guests -3		
Total-11			

Minutes from the April 20, 2024 Spring District Meeting were read. President Peggy Moran made a motion and LaToya Carpenter seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

Financials in the program indicate a District 5 balance of \$220.11.

Guest Speaker, LoAnn Dick spoke about the National Convention and current National President Trish Ward's goal to Reinvigorate the ALA. She will be attending the North Dakota Winter Conference and will be speaking on Saturday. LoAnn would like to have as many people as possible attend. Department President LoAnn Dick's theme for her term is "It is What We Make It".

Other reminders provided by President LoAnn Dick:

- 5 grants available for each department every year for projects (creative arts festival, tents, etc. )
- "Be the One" (suicide prevention): Wear Red on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month as a reminder about Suicide Prevention.

- Suicide Prevention course: [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Member number required
- On Friday's wear red to support armed forces
- Gold Star mother-(banner-child died in the war)
- Blue Star mom (banner-active duty person or persons)
- Reminders on Nonprofit Status  
Discussion on what is required. LaToya Carpenter will check on this provide information to the District presidents.
- Reminder on updating standing rules & by-laws by each Unit
- Project "Troopathon". Sending care projects to deployed soldiers all year long
- Move America Forward
- Hyperbaric chamber

President-elect Candace Berg spoke on the following:

- Branding and visibility. Use social media and constant contact.
- Send news to: [news@ndala.org](mailto:news@ndala.org)
- If membership reported on December 7<sup>th</sup> is 75% or higher, the Unit receives \$75.  
Continue to reach out to others to join.
- Do NOT hold on to membership dues. Send them in right away.
- Flyer about Candace also provided with information.

Vice President Sandra Smith's comments:

- National theme: Earth, Wind and Fire
- Some preliminary membership statistics provided. Will be updated soon.
- Contact information:

Unfinished Business:

- Peggy Moran reminded those in attendance that Unit Constitutions and Standing Rules need to be updated.
- Reminder-Non-Profit Status, State/Federal (990-N Form, online)
- Reminder to complete required contributions form (green) and Poppy Orders (pink)

New Business:

- Postcard from Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman, Cheryl Evenson. (On 9/21 email-\$91 was collected)
- Arlene Davis made a motion to give \$20 from District 5 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, LaToya Carpenter second, motion carried

Dates to remember:

- Homecoming-LoAnn Dick-September 28, 2024, Bismarck
- 2025 Winter Conference-January 24-26, 2025, Minot
- Holly Eslinger announced that the Elgin Turkey Shoot will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.

Presidents Lualice Stockert and Peggy Moran thanked everyone for coming.

Rose Laning, District 7 performed the Closing Prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Arliss Koski, District Vice President.