

AUXILIARY

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Good morning wonderful members of the American Legion Auxiliary,

It seems that some of us are having spring-like days, while others are facing winter times. You just never know what to expect, but it is all God's gift to us. I would prefer to be in the winter part, but I happen to live in the spring part. It is so funny how all that works. I will love it all, and hope that is the same for you.

We are rapidly heading toward the end of our Department year. Our Impact reporting is now past. I truly hope that you reported all of the wonderful activities you did for our precious Veterans. They are our pride and joy! They are our purpose! May God bless each one of them, and may He bless each one of you who advocate faithfully on their behalf.

Our Legislative team from the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the Sons just came back from their trip to Washington D. C. where they met with our Legislators and all the Legislative teams from around the country, and of course, with the National Leaders who allowed them to see into the inner workings of our National Defense. They returned inspired and informed in how we can all advocate for our Veterans legislatively. There is a way we can all be actively involved in working for our Veterans with bills going through Congress. The Link is: grassroots action center. You can go to that and sign up and receive daily, weekly, regular notifications about which bills the Legion needs us to tell our Legislators how we want them to vote. We can make our wishes known as often as we like because the more they hear from us, the more we motivate them to consider our bills. So, let's join The Legion in their fight to get all the benefits that our Veterans need, and what was promised them when they signed up. Let's go to work for our Veterans!

By the time you get this, most of our Spring District Meetings will have already happened. I trust that you took advantage of the learning, fellowship, and interaction with your fellow members, your District leaders, and any Department leaders who were at your meetings. I am very grateful for all of you who attended! It is our times together that keep us inspired, motivated, and eager to go back to our Units and get things done! Please do everything you each can do to get every single member of your Units to get their Membership dues paid. There are members who didn't get renewed last year, and the year before, for whatever reason. But DO NOT LET THEM FALL AWAY!!!! Please call them, visit them, write them, whatever contact you can use to get ahold of them. LET THEM KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO YOU, TO YOUR UNIT, TO THE VETERAN FOR WHOM THEY ADVOCATE. Sometimes they just need to know that we remember them, that we care about them, that we WANT them. It is so very important that we NEVER FORGET THEM OR LET THEM JUST GO AWAY!!! Our Membership is our Lifeblood! Without members, we die. NEVER SHALL THAT BE TRUE OF OUR AUXILIARY!!!!

Our Department Convention is right around the corner. It will be held at the Ramada by Wyndham in Fargo on June 27 – 29. Please get as many of your members together as you can and come to the Convention! It is our time together that helps us grow, keeps us encouraged, keeps us informed about all that is happening in our Department, and in our Units. PLEASE COME!!!

The National Convention will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida from August 22-28. If you could go to the Convention and would like to be a delegate for the Department of North Dakota, please let me know as I will be putting a list of delegates together. The delegates will be finalized on the last day of the Convention.

Our National President, Trish Ward, will be coming to North Dakota to attend Girls State. She will be here from June 9 to June 11. We are working on plans to have dinner and meeting time with her on the night of Tuesday the 10th. If you can possibly get to Grand Forks for that night with Trish, I promise you will love it!!! She is



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FABULOUS!!!! Please do everything you can to get a group of members together to come to meet and listen to this absolutely wonderful lady!!! She will inspire and uplift you!!!

I love you all and look forward to seeing you at the District Meetings, at a Night with Trish, and at the Department Convention!!!
Yours for our Veterans,

LoAnn Dick, Department President