

District 01 – 2025 Spring Meeting

April 7, 2025

Harwood, ND

Carol Wolf, President District 1

04-07-2025 – Harwood, ND – 2025 Spring District 01 Meeting Minutes

Carol Wolf, President District 01, opened the auxiliary meeting at 7:45 PM following the joint meeting with District 01 American Legion members.

Opening prayer was given by Carol Grieve, President Unit 297 Harwood

President, Wolf thanked the members of the Richard E. Nelson Unit 0297, ND for serving as hostesses for the meeting and handling registration for auxiliary. Everyone enjoyed the meal served by members of the Hatton Post and Unit. Thank you ladies.

Carol Grieve, President Unit 297, welcomed all to Harwood, ND.

Minutes of October 17, 2024 District 01 Fall Meeting were read by Marcy Schmidt, Member of unit 2 Fargo.

The registration report was given by Marge Gourde with 13 members registered and 2 guests in attendance.

A memorial service was held for those in District 1 who passed away in the past year. Carol Grieve served as Chaplain with Berniece Froiland and Amelia Tintes assisting her.

President Wolf introduced LoAnn Dick, Department President, and Department Membership Chairman. Sandy Smith. Department Vice President. Both LoAnn and Sandy d Chairman Berg both gave talks on their projects and programs. Remarks by LoAnn Dick, Department President were:

- North Dakota units need to work harder to maintain membership.
- North Dakota has the highest per-capita of veterans to citizens in the nation. Units should use this as a recruiting tool.
- Department President, LoAnn stated that North Dakota has lost no less than 5 units per year to disbandment for the past several years. (This statement is untrue)
- Do not hold dues. When unit is paid dues, pay them in ALAMIS if unit has access or send to Department for accounting.
- Again, LoAnn claimed that if a member happens to have purchased insurance and dues are not paid they will lose the coverage. (This claim is untrue).
- If a member needs assistance through AEF program the member must have continuous membership for 3 consecutive years. (This statement is true)
- North Dakota lost an opportunity to host Trish Ward when the 2025 Winter Conference was cancelled in January. National President, Ward can be inspirational to units who may struggle maintaining membership.

- National President, Ward will be in North Dakota for 3 days, June 9-11 to attend the Girls State Program. LoAnn indicated that she (or someone) is working on arranging for a dinner at a private restaurant in Grand Forks on June 10. She then indicated that all members are invited. (This invitation was given without details and no indication when details would be coming)
- Department Convention will be held in Fargo at the Ramada By Wyndham June 27-29, 2025.
- Department President indicated that everyone (members) should sign up for the National Convention. Loann stated that she was going to choose the delegates herself.
- AEF Chairman is selling bracelets for \$3 – anyone wishing to purchase one should see .
- National Security Chairman would like each unit to nominate someone for the Service Member of the Year Award. This can be done online through the National website. National is looking to having at least one from each state.

Remarks by Sandy Smith included:

- She encouraged units to use a newsletter listing the unit activities and sending this information to all members and especially to those who lived out of state.

Old Business:: None

New Business: Nominate a District Vice President. Berniece Froiland indicated she would attempt to recruit someone for the office. (Later before the meeting was dismissed a member of the Galesburg unit stepped up and volunteered to serve as Vice President of District1. Shaun Miller was approved by the attendees to serve as the Vice President of District 1 administrative years for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

Virginia Satrom, President Unit 0210 Galesburg presented 3 checks in support of “Be The One”, TAPS, and Girls State, all auxiliary sponsored programs. She announced that the unit has also sent checks to 2 other programs; the Honor Flight and North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon.

Teresa Gross, member of Unit 297 Harwood, showed the many wheelchair bags and other sewing projects she had completed for donation to the VAMC-Fargo. They were all unique. If anyone wishes to donated fabric or funds for fabric it would be welcomed so she can continue to do these projects.

Carol Grieve recited a closing prayer.

President Wolf adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Door prizes were drawn for.

Submitted by Marcy Schmidt, member of Unit 2 Fargo, ND