

By the time you read this article, our 2025 Spring District Meetings will be but a memory. I hope your gathering was informative and you had a chance to exchange new ideas and maybe do a little socializing.

I want to thank all District Presidents who passed the hat in my absence in support of the American Legion Auxiliary AEF program (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). North Dakota has far surpassed last year's contributions. Without caring, supportive members like you, this would not have been possible. My hat is off to you!

The amount of grant money that has been awarded nationally by the AEF from October to April is just short of \$400,000. That is a lot of members being helped, and our year is not over yet. Financial and natural disasters can happen at any time to any of us, so do not think your contribution, no matter how small, does not have an effect. We are there for each other. I still have AEF wristbands to sell if anyone is interested. They will be available at the 2025 Department Convention in June. I hope to see you there!

Cheryl Evenson

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