

Dear Auxiliary Members of the Department of North Dakota,

It has been my greatest honor to be your Department President this year! And it has been my great joy to serve you and our wonderful Veterans! What an amazing experience it has been as I have traveled around North Dakota to all the District Meetings to have had the privilege to get to meet so many of you! I have loved every minute of it! You are priceless people, and I love you all! I am so proud of you for all the fantastic projects, and meals, and events you have carried out as you work for your Veterans in your Posts, Units, and communities! What a blessing you are to them all! And what a blessing you are to me! May God richly bless each one of you!

Keep up the tremendous job you are doing on getting all your members renewed, and in recruiting new members, and in going back and rejoining any who have fallen away! Please do everything you can to not let any of your members fall away! They are such an important part of your Unit! They enrich your Units with their ideas, their participation, the Veterans they represent, and their very presence in your midst, and for those far away, with their increasing the scope of your work! They are all part of the National American Legion Auxiliary! What a blessing we all are to the United States of America!!! God bless us all!

Our Department Convention is coming up on June 27 to 29 at the Ramada by Wyndham in Fargo. Please come to the Convention and bring as many of your members as you possibly can!!! It is the perfect place to meet our long-unseen friends, to meet new friends, to talk to others who are having similar experiences in their Units, to get new ideas, to learn new innovative things, and just to get a little time away. I so hope you will all come! I am eager to see you again!

Our National President, Trish Ward, will be in North Dakota to attend Girls State in Grand Forks from June 9 to 11. I am so excited that on the evening of Tuesday, June 10th, that we will be able to have dinner with her and get to have her talk to us, to encourage and inspire us. She is a wonderful lady with so much wisdom and so many useful ideas that we can use in our Units. Please bring as many people as you can to hear her, and to let her know that we in North Dakota are glad to have her here to learn from her. We will have the meal at a restaurant in Grand Forks on that Tuesday night. We will send out the time and place as soon as it is finalized. Please come! Let's make Trish feel really loved and welcome North Dakota style!

The American Legion is planning two Chairmanship programs at the Convention that will be held at times that can include the Auxiliary members as well. These

are VA&R on Friday at 4:00 pm, and Children and Youth on Saturday at 7:00 am. If you can attend them, please do. The AL Commander, Mamie Havelka, has planned these specifically at times that we are not in session so we can attend without having to leave our meetings.

So, in closing, let me again thank you for your love and friendship to me this year. It has meant so very much to me! You are wonderful ladies! Your kindness has been amazing and precious to me. Thank you with all my heart!! May God bless you richly and abundantly!

Yours in service of our Veterans,

LoAnn Dick