

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

Make plans soon to attend the 2025 Department Convention to be held June 27-29, 2025, at the Ramada By Wyndham (formerly known as Doublewood) in Fargo. You will find the registration and banquet ticket order form for the convention elsewhere in this publication. Members of Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo and Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 of Harwood have teamed up to co-host the 2025 Department Convention. We welcome you all to Fargo and hope you will be able to explore our beautiful communities while you are here.

As I write this article, North Dakota has forty-five units and one district with 100%+ membership dues paid. Thank you to Unit Membership Chairmen for your work gathering dues from your current members and new and rejoined members as well. By now, all officers and chairmen should have paid their current dues for 2025. Members who have not paid their 2025 dues are not eligible to hold office in a unit, district or department and those names will be removed from the officer list. This may result in your unit not receiving important information and materials from the Department Office.

The annual year-end reports are coming in. From the information that has been compiled, units and their members continue to be active in their communities supporting veterans and their families. Congratulations and thank you for all the work you do on behalf of veterans, children and youth, and your communities across the state of North Dakota. I am so proud to be part of this wonderful organization.

I wish each of you good health, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Fargo in June. Keep our veterans, active military, and their families in your prayers. Take care of yourself and others.

God Bless America.

Marcy Schmidt