

October 2025

Dear Auxiliary Members

2025 Fall District Meetings will be completed by the time you receive this note. Thank you everyone for your warm hospitality and welcoming me to your meetings. It has been my honor to meet so many of you. I am incredibly grateful and thankful for everything you do for our veterans and their families as well as the work you do in your communities. I am so proud to be a member of this great organization.

North Dakota has a membership of over 6,000 and we have a lot to celebrate. But we also have a lot to do to continue supporting our military, veterans, and their families. I ask for your support and positive attitude as we all continue to grow our membership and mentor our future leaders.

I want to motivate and encourage you in various ways. A couple of plans in the works are the following: Any individuals who sign up 10 new members by June 1st will be put in for a drawing for an award. Also, units that achieve 100% membership by June 1st will be put in a drawing for a department award. Lastly, each district that achieves 100% membership by June 1 will also be put in a drawing for an award. Drawings will take place at next year's department convention.

You probably noticed that we are becoming more "visible" through our new FaceBook page, Constant Contact, and other means. The ALA news team wants to hear from you! Please let us know what is happening in your communities, districts, and across the state that you can share on social media. Share your stories with a few short sentences or an article, as well as pictures of your unit and community events. Let us get out there and market ourselves and promote our programs. We have so much to be proud of! And when we see what else is going on around us, it is motivating and encouraging and reminds us why we are part of this organization.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve you as your Department President. I am immensely proud to be a part of the American Legion Family and I know that together we can make **2025-2026** the best possible!

I hope to see many of you at the Joint Department Commander/President Homecoming in Ray, ND on October 25, 2025!

Candace Berg, Department President (2025-2026)

- **PS** – The Department's new **FaceBook** address is: *ND American Legion Auxiliary*
- **PS** – To receive E/Newsletter, sign up for *Constant Contact*: Send an email to Shauna at: news@ndala.org – Please include your first and last name, Unit # and Title if you are an officer.