

Greetings Auxiliary Members.

Time goes quickly when you are busy. I hope your summer was fun and eventful. By the time you read this article, 2025 National Convention will be history. 2025 Fall District meetings will be planned, harvesting will begin, and North Dakota schools will be in session.

Our new administrative year is just beginning and I know units are already planning activities in support of our veterans, communities, and children and youth. I encourage units to promote the Auxiliary's Americanism Essay Contest, Poppy Poster Contest, Education and Scholarships, Children and Youth, and so many others. Look for program information coming to you in monthly Unit Mail Packets. Pick a favorite program and make it your own. I encourage everyone to continue to track the hours and funds you spend volunteering and then report those to your District Presidents next spring.

Be sure to look for that special unit member who exceeds expectations as a volunteer and nominate her/him for 2026 Unit Member of the Year. That application is under 'Leadership' and more information can be found at www.ndala.org/leadership/. If you need information on Auxiliary programs, go to the National website at www.alaforveterans.org or the Department website at www.ndala.org.

Keep our veterans, active-duty military, their families, and our country in your prayers. Take care of yourself and others. God Bless America.

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