

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Message

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Carol Rogan Unit 29 of Watford City celebrated the 99th birthday of Lucille Broderson, a 75-year Auxiliary member. Lucille (seated) is pictured with Sharon Leiseth, Unit Secretary (left, standing) and Jill Carstens, Unit President. Photo submitted by Jill Carstens.

Lynn Helm Named 2025 Unit Member of the Year

American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota is proud to announce that Lynn Helm of McClusky, ND, was selected as 2025 Unit Member of the Year by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota.

Lynn was nominated for this distinguished honor by James Roberts Unit 124 of McClusky. Lynn exemplifies the values and ideals of the Auxiliary to the utmost degree. Her leadership in the McClusky Auxiliary unit is exemplary.

Lynn's accomplishments and activities have been in direct relationship to the values of the Auxiliary. As a true patriot, Lynn supports the Auxiliary's Americanism program. She shares ideas and lessons with the public school from the suggested Americanism project and was instrumental in organizing a community flag retirement ceremony held this spring. Lynn further shows dedication to community as president of her church's ladies group and by supporting projects for her church.

In true leader fashion, Lynn's strength, dependability, and responsibility help get things done in every group she is a member of. Lynn is a retired Sheridan County Recorder and is the wife of a retired rancher/farmer.

As president of the McClusky unit, Lynn remains focused on veterans and leads her unit to support important veterans projects. Always with a 'get it done' attitude, Lynn stays informed on new and existing Auxiliary programs and is helpful in organizing programs to benefit our veterans. Lynn's Auxiliary activities include '10 for Education', American Education Week, recognition of our teachers, the local annual Auxiliary Awards Luncheon, Gift Baskets for Vets, Christmas gifts for veterans residing in nursing homes, and fundraising for the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, as well as many projects benefiting the McClusky community.

Congratulations on a job well done, Lynn!
Excerpts from nomination submission



Lynn Helm

Department President

Thank you all for providing me the honor of serving as your 2025-26 ND American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) President. I am incredibly grateful and thankful to all of you for paving the way for me since this organization began in 1919! Now, 49 years after I began my membership with the ALA, I am here to help make this the best year possible for all of you: Auxiliary members, our military, veterans, and their families.

We are over 6,000 members strong in ND. We have a lot to celebrate! But we also have a lot to do to continue our mission of support. Thank you for your selfless contributions and for serving and keeping your membership with the ALA. I ask for your support and positive attitude as we all work – humbly paying it forward as the ND ALA team, supporting each other and continuing to be inspired by our mission.

I finished my first month and I have already had great experiences. I was able to attend events alongside Mike Weyrauch, our Legion Department Commander – the International Music Camp, the National Commanders visit, and the North Dakota State Fair in Minot. Commander Weyrauch's theme is "We are one" and his goal is to work closely with the ALA.

My theme is: "To serve and protect, you answered the call; Salute to our veterans, we honor you all."

My projects for the year are the Honor Flight Network for Eastern/Western North Dakota and the NDSU Bison Strides Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies Program for veterans and their families. My President's pins, which will raise funds for my two presidents projects, are available for purchase for \$5. Additional donations for my projects are welcomed and may be sent to the Department office.

During my presidency, I want these words to reflect my upcoming year- positive, encouraging, supportive, genuine, uplifting, personalized, impactful, and fun! I am working on ways to incorporate promoting the ALA through supporting our programs, activities, events, and all the ways we support our mission in positive, proactive ways.

I want to motivate and encourage membership in several ways. Award drawings will take place at next year's Department Convention. Those completing the following goals by June 1 will be entered in the award drawings: individuals who sign up 10 new members, units posting 100% membership, and districts posting 100% membership.

Not only do I want us to motivate each other, I want us to take care of each other and work as a team. I am considering forming a "Care and Concern" committee and am looking for a few people who would be willing to serve on this committee. I am also looking for a few people to be on other committees, including a Communication Committee, a Strategic Planning Committee, and a Resolutions Committee. Please reach out to me at 701.740.7144 or president@ndala.org. I am just getting started on my year and look forward to being proactive, innovative, and creative in how we promote the current and future ALA. For anyone waiting for more direction, our team will be bringing information to share with you at the upcoming Fall District Meetings.

You will notice we are becoming more "visible" through Facebook, Constant Contact, and other means. The ND ALA team wants to hear from you! Please let us know what is happening in your communities, districts, and across the state. Please share a few short sentences or an article, along with pictures for posting to social media. Let us get out there and market ourselves and promote our programs. We have so much to be proud of! 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 will proudly make the upcoming year the best possible!

Candace Berg



Candace Berg





2025 Fall District Meetings

*Meetings subject to change without notice.
Please see updated information at www.ndala.org/district-meetings/

District 1 – September 22 - West Fargo
VFW, 444 Sheyenne St Suite 101
5:30 PM Registration/Social • 5:00 PM Meal \$10
• 6:00 PM Meeting

District 2 – September 19 - Lakota
Lakota Till House Saloon, 116 Main Street
5:00 PM Registration/Social • 6:00 PM Meal \$10
• 7:00 PM Meeting

District 3 – September 20 - Rolla
Rolla Post 235, 302 1st Street SE
5:00 PM Registration/Social • 6:00 PM Meal \$10
• 7:00 PM Meeting

District 4 – October 3 - Jamestown
Jamestown All Vets Club, 116 1st St. East
5:00 PM Registration/Social • 6:00 PM Meal TBD
• 7:00 PM Meeting

District 5 and District 7 joint meeting - September 27 - Bismarck
Amvets, 2402 Railroad Ave.
11:00 AM Registration/Social • Food available off AmVets Menu • 1:00 PM Meeting

District 6 and District 9 joint meeting – September 20 - Minot
Moose Lodge, 400 9th St SW
11:00 AM (CDT) Registration/Social • 12:00 PM (Noon) (CDT) Meal \$5 • 1:00 PM (CDT) Meeting

District 8 – September 26 - New England
Memorial Hall, 925 Main Street
5:00 PM (MDT) Registration/Social • 6:00 PM (MDT) Meal \$10 • 7:00 PM (MDT) Meeting

District 10 – October 4 - Hankinson
Hankinson Community Center, 112 Main Ave S
4:30 PM Registration/Social • 5:00 PM Meal (free will)
• 6:00 PM Meeting



Department Secretary

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. Look for information on 2025 Fall District Meetings on pages three and seven.

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.

Marcy Schmidt



Marcy Schmidt

Department Chaplain

Is it really the end of July? The summer of 2025 will soon be history and I wonder what I have accomplished? This is the story of my life. It seems like yesterday I was packing for 2024 National Convention in New Orleans.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says it all. Thank you Lord, for the many seasons of life. Thank you for this very season of our lives that we are enjoying right now, even with the struggles involved. Help us to remember that this season will endure for such a short while, and then a new season—a new fall will come into our lives followed by winter.

We know this is because You are a God of forward movement and as we find some enjoyment in this present season, we know that in the future there will be "a time for" what you have planned for us next.

This all reminds me of the story "The Train Of Life."

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant: our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our lives. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we do not realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery for everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seats empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I sincerely wish all of you a joyful journey on this train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. Lastly, I thank you all for being passengers on my train.

Virginia Satrom



Virginia Satrom

Department NEC

As Department Convention commenced, I was unable to attend as I was hospitalized with pneumonia. I may not have been there in person, but I was there in spirit. I had many caring texts and phone calls from members. I was kept up-to-date on all the weekend events.

Life has gone on and things seem to be going somewhat better. I want to congratulate our new Department President, Candace Berg, for her plans for a better and brighter future for the Department of North Dakota.

I think as members of this great, although not so large, Department of North Dakota, we have so much to offer our veterans, our service personnel, their families, and our communities. We need leadership training to start prior to the first steps on the path to higher leadership positions in our organization. Members need to be willing to find the methods to become more informed about our programs, our governing documents, our history, and all the training the National Organization has to offer.

There are many leadership opportunities to make our job be one we are proud of holding and one that makes our Department better for all involved. The National Organization is full of helpful suggestions. The Department has mentors who are willing to share their experiences and knowledge.

As North Dakota's NEC and a Past Department

President, I hope you are considering making your membership something where you are more involved. Check out what you can do to make your leadership desire be filled with knowledge of what really needs to be learned before you take the very first steps on that path. Seek helpful suggestions from past leaders that have had successful progression to executive leadership.

There are many paths to traverse that have been well traveled by other successful leaders. Seek out a great path and become the best you can in each position you seek, whether it is a beginning step as a Unit Chairman or a higher-level District leadership position. You need leadership skills beginning before any of those steps happen. Experience counts!

I did not get to this position by making my own path. I got involved and informed before I took my first important step on the path I sought to follow. I thank all those important mentors and the leadership training programs I took advantage of to get me here. I am available for anyone interested in my help.

Judy Twete



Judy Twete

Past Department President

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I want to express my deepest thanks to each of you who have made such an impact on my life this past year. I have met so many of you and have loved meeting and talking with you as we traveled from event to event. As many of you know, my husband, Ed, drove me to my events all year. He met so many of you and enjoyed meeting and getting to know you as well. Thank you for your kindness and loving acceptance of us both. You made my year wonderful, fun, and unforgettable! God bless you all! I love all of you!

And to the Officers and Chairmen, you were amazing! You all did everything that could be asked or expected.

Our accomplishments as a group of ladies working for our Department to make it stronger and better were, I believe, blessed by God! Thank you for your efforts, your sacrifices, your tireless work! I am forever in your debt! God bless you! I love you all!

With all my love,

LoAnn Dick, Past Department President (2024-2025)



LoAnn Dick

Department Historian

Good Day North Dakota.

Great day to be alive making memories. We have so many opportunities to make memories in our lives. Memories are just part of our history.

We had Department Convention, making memories for all who attended, which may be shared by sending reports and pictures to me. The shared items may, in turn, be included in 'The Message' or in monthly Unit Mailings.

We have completed 4th of July programs and parades. We have observed veterans traveling on honor flights. We

have visited the North Dakota State Fair and parade which had celebrations for veterans and current service men and women. These are all memory-making events that I want to include in our history for this year. Please send me copies of your reports (small as they may be) and pictures so I can include them in the Department's history.

I want to thank you all for supporting me and voting for me to be your Department Historian for 2025-2026.

Carrie Heinz

Department Treasurer

By the time you receive this, National Convention in Tampa will be over and we head straight into Labor Day weekend. Fall is not my favorite season, but I know that many people love it. I consider it a race against time to get everything cleaned up, cleared out, and buttoned up for the winter months and snow ahead.

Fall means that most units will resume their monthly meetings. Your unit should receive the green required contribution and Poppy Order forms in early September. We ask that those be returned to the Department Office no later than November 1st. Contributions received on time are sent to their respective programs in December. Contributions that are received at a later date are not forwarded to the designated program until June. I urge you to complete the form at your October meetings and get it sent in so that these programs can receive their funding before the beginning of 2026.

I have been working diligently with our units regarding tax-exempt status with the IRS, as well as registering as a non-profit operating in the State of North Dakota. These are completely independent requirements. It is quite simple and straightforward to register with the North Dakota Secretary of State's office. I have done this many times, and am only a text, phone call, or email away to assist your unit. The IRS is a trickier matter. If you have lost your tax-exempt status, you will need to reapply to regain it, and it is a \$600 fee. Otherwise, your unit is required to file an annual tax return, even if you have no income. Please contact a local CPA to help you navigate this requirement. Several units have been successful in regaining their tax-exempt status. Make sure to keep this status by filing your 990-N every year! If you are unsure of whether or not your unit is compliant, check with me and I will look it up for you.

In this season of generosity, I want to thank each one of you for the great things you do for our veterans in North Dakota. Many of you work hard on projects within your units and Districts across the state. Our veterans surely appreciate it.

Susan Degner, CPA
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Susan Degner

District 3



Happy Fall everyone!
I am so excited to start my journey as a District President. It is weird to change my hat after serving as Department Historian for the past 7 years. I am excited for the opportunity to learn new things!

I have paid my membership dues for the year, have you? Log on to www.alaforveterans.org to complete them!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. If I do not have the answer, I do know my resources to get the answer for you! As this next journey of mine starts and moves forward, I know I have new things to learn. I hope that with your support, patience, and guidance, I will have the best time as your District 3 President.

Andrea Neshem
District 3 President

District 5



THANK YOU to District 5 unit members for submitting your 2024-2025 volunteer hours and narrative reports! Six of the twelve units in District 5 reported hours. This included 21,241 hours of volunteer service and \$30,774 spent providing support and services to our veterans, active military and their families, Children and Youth, Community Service, Department Scholarships, and Girls State. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

2025 Fall District Meetings are coming up! It will be great to have as many units represented as possible. District 5 will install Arliss Koski as President of District 5. Keep in mind, we will be looking for a new Vice President for District 5 as well.

Peggy Moran
District 5 President

Americanism

The following students submitted winning 2025 Americanism Essays at the Department level. Congratulations to the sponsoring units for selecting the students who took the time and carefully and creatively crafted their ideas.

First Place winners received certificates and a \$25 gift card. Second Place winners received certificates.



Class	Student Name	Sponsoring Unit
Class I	Amelia Kaufman	Washburn
Class I	Chloe Anderson	Michigan
Class II	Natalia Martinez	Scranton
Class II	Olivia McFadden	Cavalier
Class III	Bennett Mewes	Hope
Class III	Ella Hanson	Donnybrook
Class IV	Hunter Beckett	Hope
Class IV	Allison Ova	Hope
Class V	Annalise Gunderson	Hope

It was my honor to judge the entries and I am proud of the students for sharing their thoughts and taking the time to put them to paper. Thank you!

Gigi Moore
Americanism Chairman 2024-25

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

The 2025 Department Convention is over and we have new elected officers. I am confident that they will uphold the values we strive for as the American Legion Auxiliary. I am pleased to announce that \$284.00 was collected when the hat was passed at convention. My wristband project brought in \$677 and our state contributed a total of \$9767.86 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

I am so proud of the support from all Auxiliary members. I know everyone is always asking for donations, but you really stepped up to the plate. Lynn Helm from McClusky, who was our unit member of the year honoree, was the winner of the giveaway basket on Saturday, which also happened to be her birthday. Congratulations Lynn!

Please support your new AEF chairman. Thanks again for making my chairmanship enjoyable.

Cheryl Evenson
AEF Chairman 2024-25



AEF Chairman Cheryl Evenson (left) presents giveaway basket to winner Lynn Helm at Department Convention.

Community Service

It was good to see everyone at Department Convention in June! There were some excellent ideas and activities reported for Community Service this past year.

- "Be the One" Picnic in the park by Hankinson Unit 88.
- "Stuffed Bears" presented to local first responders by Park River Unit 147.
- Annual Thursday Night Cookouts by Minto Unit 201.
- Helping at church for funerals, choir, special events, teaching religion classes, and cleaning.
- Donations to local food pantries, Salvation Army, Rescue Missions, and Senior centers.
- Donations to Giving Hearts Day.
- Donations to local Legion & Fire Departments for fundraising meals.
- Donations to Designer Purse Bingo. Proceeds support a local non-profit.
- Sponsoring a blood drive
- Sending out greeting cards to deployed veterans and shut-ins.

There are so many ideas that are too numerous to mention. Please continue to do community service projects and send in your reports. We want to continue sharing what amazing work you all do.

Keep up the good work everyone!
Shelley Schuster
Community Service Chairman 2024-25



Education

You probably recognize the name or the "mug shot" from the five years I served as Department Historian. Once again, thank you for all the information you reported that helped me write the Department History and compile the President's Scrapbook. This year, I am serving as the Department Education Program Chairman.



Education is near and dear to my heart. I taught Home Economics for eight years, subbed almost daily for seven years, and taught first grade for nine years as well as serving as a School Counselor for fifteen years. To quote last year's Chairperson, Peggy Moran, "Education helps open a multitude of doors for people in a variety of ways and can drastically change their circumstances." I could not agree more!

To keep this short – the "bullets" to National's ALA Education Program will be enclosed in monthly Unit mailings. Please select one that is suitable for your unit and put it into action letting me know which one and how you are promoting it by dropping me a note or email. Enclose pictures if you have them. If you are able to do more that would be great!

First up is '10 for Education' and National Education Week - November 17-21, 2025.

I am a firm believer in education through reading. Encourage your unit or individual members to purchase used books over a variety of levels and distribute them at a little free library. This could be in cooperation with a local business or in a place of worship.

As the year rolls along, look for more information in Unit mailings and The Message. Promotion of Auxiliary scholarships is important. The Auxiliary offers several scholarship opportunities including: Past Presidents Parley Nursing, Department Education Program, and National Presidents scholarships.

Feel free to contact me at: education@ndala.org or PO Box 1088, Rolla ND 58367-1088 if you have questions, suggestions and/or reports.

Lynn Tomlinson
Education Chairman 2025-26



Flickertail Girls State

Hello everyone,
This year's ALA Flickertail Girls State event was a success! On Saturday, June 7, staff arrived and after getting settled in, the counselors hit the ground running with training and prepping for the week. On Sunday, forty-four students arrived ready to get the week started and worked on community service projects. They assembled poppies and filled and sewed neck pillows for VA patients while getting acquainted with everyone.



Our theme this year was "Our Veterans, Our Heroes, Our Freedom." We were honored to have National Auxiliary President Trish Ward and Northwestern Division National Vice President Deb Albers join us this year.

The Girls Staters enjoyed many activities while attending the annual week-long event. This included electing Minou Babingui as Girls State Governor and Alexia Schaible as Lt. Governor and finally graduating on Friday, June 13.

The Flickertail Girls State Staff thanks all of you for supporting this wonderful program and we look forward to another successful event next year.

Amanda Dinger
Girls State Director 2024-25



Pictured (l-r): Marcy Schmidt, Department Secretary; Susan Degner, Department Treasurer; Rose Laning, Past Department Chaplain; Victoria Babingui, Minou Babingui, 2025 Flickertail Girls State Governor; LoAnn Dick, Past Department President 2024-25; Sandra Smith, Department President-Elect; and Candace Berg, Department President 2025-26

Membership

Department President LoAnn Dick emphasized membership in 2024-2025 and North Dakota units responded in a big way. Fifty-nine certificates were awarded to Units achieving 100% or more membership at the 2025 Department Convention held in Fargo. Thank you to Department and Unit Membership teams for leading the charge to support the "Mission" of the American Legion Auxiliary.



It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This!

On Thursday, July 31st, Eberhard Post and Unit 88 hosted several residents of the Lisbon Veterans Home at our beautiful Legion site located on the shores of Lake Elsie near Hankinson. All branches of our military were in attendance. Glorious!

Our guests arrived around 10:30 am and enjoyed some fellowship and drinks. Included in the price of admission (it really was all free) was a guided tour of the site. Guests were seated on a trailer pulled by two of our very own Legionnaires, Quentin Larson and Harry Emdee. Tour guide was Anne Biewer, member of Unit 88, who has spent countless hours at the site teaching students from the local school the beauty of nature and growing their own produce. The grounds are maintained by volunteers who put in many hours of upkeep and it shows. There is also a huge pentagon shaped building that has walls of plaques

with the names of our servicemen on them. A wall of remembrance.

Once the group returned to the facilities, they were served a picnic meal of grilled burgers and hot dogs, prepared by Legion and Auxiliary volunteers. Shala Krump, Unit 88 President, welcomed everyone and introduced our speakers. Everyone enjoyed hearing the veterans stories, including those of our oldest veteran, Del, who will soon turn 102.

We are planning to promote the Hankinson Veterans Memorial Park so this event will become an annual gathering with other posts, units and the public welcome to visit this beautiful facility. We could not have chosen a better day to honor our vets.

Submitted by Unit 88

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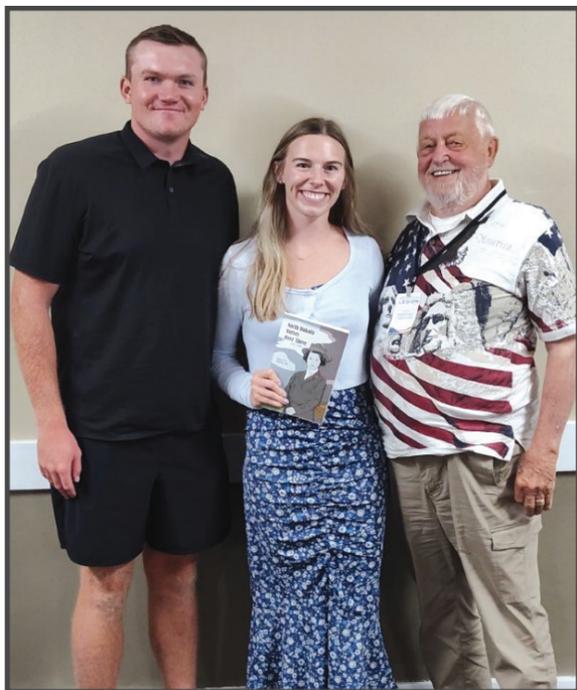
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Mallory Kvilvang of Northwood, ND, was awarded one of four 2025 Past Presidents Parley Scholarships. Mallory is currently studying in the Nurse Practitioners Program at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She is pictured with her husband, Christian Kvilvang (left), and her grandfather, Curt Twete, of McVile, ND.

*Excerpts from Programs
Year-End Reports*

For full report information, please visit www.ndala.org/2025-department-convention/

Past Presidents Parley

THANK YOU!

I want to thank Gilbert C. Grafton Unit 2 Fargo and Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 Harwood as well as Gloria Covert, Past Department President, for donating door prizes for the 2025 Past Presidents Parley Luncheon held on Saturday at the Department Convention. Through your generosity and support, there were many winners.

Sandra Petermann
Past Department President (2023-2024)



2025 Department Scholarship Winners

National Winner - Member Loyalty Scholarship
Annabelle Schauer – Grand Forks

Department Education Scholarship
Jada Rose Bonogofsky – St. Anthony
Nikki Bristow – Williston
Zachary Clark – Hankinson

Past Presidents Parley Grace Holmes, MD Nursing Scholarship
Jada Rose Bonogofsky – St. Anthony

Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship
Mallory Kvilvang – Northwood
Alyssa Martian – Bowman
Emily Williams – Mountain

Public Relations

It was an honor to serve as your Department Public Relations Chairman this year. Thank you to all units and members that shared pictures and articles showing the many activities North Dakota units sponsor and are a part of. I am so proud of Auxiliary members who take the time to record, photograph unit activities, and author these wonderful little articles. It is nice to know that the American Legion Auxiliary as an organization is recognized and continues to remain relevant in North Dakota. Department Certificates were awarded to the following North Dakota units.



- District 1 - Richard E. Nelson Unit 297 Harwood
- District 2 - Ole Semling Unit 135 McVile
- District 2 - Paul Farup Unit 147 Park River
- District 2 - Lavern J. Thompson Unit 11 Cavalier
- District 2 - Tolna Unit 162 Tolna
- District 4 - Ernest D. Robertson Unit 14 Jamestown
- District 4 - Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 Gackle
- District 4 - Adam Job Unit 245 Medina
- District 4 - John Raymond O-Hara Unit 25 Carrington
- District 8 - Matthew Brew Unit 3 Dickinson
- District 10 - Eberhard Unit 88 Hankinson

Marcy Schmidt
Public Relations Chairman 2024-25

2025 Poppy Poster Contest Department Winners

Class I – Paul Farup Unit 147 Park River
Kain Lee

Class II – Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 Gackle
Emma Heller

Class III – Sidney Britsch Unit 268 York
Ashlyn Chavers

Class IV – Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 Gackle
Jenna Homola

Class V – Mayer-Morlock Unit 250 Gackle
Courtney Remboldt

Class VI – Jefferson Steinke Unit 18 Hope
Britan Richards

Congratulations on a job well done!

Carol Wolf and Virginia Stendahl
Poppy Co-Chairmen



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Military and Senior Discounts



In Memoriam

District 1
Carol Elston, Hope
Janice Grotte, Hatton

District 2
Mary Krogh, SLM, McVile
Corrin Molmen, Tolna
Ramona Slivicki, Minto
Corrinne Chapman, Minto
Rosella Anderson, Michigan
Dorine Gerstner, Michigan

District 3
Lyla Bertsch, Rolla

District 4
Shirley Packard, SLM, New Rockford
Helen Bulzomi, Wimbledon
Nedina Denning, Gackle

District 5
Barbara Geffre, Napoleon

District 6
Carol Thoreson, SLM, Velva
Margaret Hass, SLM, Bowbells

District 7
Bernice Rehling, Hebron

District 9
Lenore Hodenfield, Tioga
Mary Nauman, Tioga

District 10
Judith Meisch, Lamoure
Marlys Gira, Wahpeton
Violet Barton, Oakes
Diane Meyer, Oakes
Shirley Daniels, Oakes
Barbara Malmberg, Oakes
Gloria Shelton, Oakes

We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information.

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