

To: All Units

From: Susan Degner, Department Treasurer

Re: Annual Required Contributions

It is that time of year already! Your Unit should have received the green Required Contributions sheet and the pink Poppy Order Form. These are due to the Department Office by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have already received forms from a few Units, so thank you! I do want to take a few minutes to review that form with all of you:

The very top of the form is our **MANDATORY** contributions. The first line is for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. The amount due is your previous year's Senior Membership at a \$1 ea. The second line indicates the **Fidelity Bond** which is \$7 per year for each Unit. The Fidelity Bond is meant to insure your Unit Treasurer.

The next section is our **REQUIRED** contributions (lines 3-8). These contributions fund our Department Programs. One hundred percent of Unit contributions are used for these programs. The amount each Unit gives is discretionary. I do encourage each Unit to contribute at least \$1 to each program. If your Unit cannot do that, please make a note on the form, so that we know that it was not simply overlooked. Any contributions from Units are much appreciated to fund these programs.

The next section is **VOLUNTARY** contributions (lines 9-15). Whether your Unit chooses to give to a program or not, is entirely at your discretion. I will say that I was able to hear the ND Legion Band play at the National Convention, and they are amazing! They are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year as a band. From speaking with band members, they are so appreciative of the Auxiliary's generosity in supporting them 😊

The last section is **SPECIAL PROJECTS** (lines 16A – C). This section is so wonderful, because a Unit can show their passion and support for some very worthwhile projects/organizations. New this year to the form is Honor Flight (East or West).

Many thanks to all of you in advance for your continued support. It is SO appreciated!!!